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Durgan Travel Service *presents...*
10 Days/8 Nights

CALABRIA & PUGLIA

VARIOUS DATES

\$TBA*

for payment by credit card

\$TBA*

for payment by cash/check

* Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (subject to change).



OUR CALABRIA & PUGLIA TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~CALABRIA: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Italy (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight.

DAY 2 – CALABRIA~SIDERNO: “*Benvenuti in Italia!*” Upon arrival at the airport in Calabria, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us transfer. After boarding our private motorcoach, we will enjoy a leisurely morning drive to Siderno for check-in at our 4-star hotel. We'll have the afternoon at leisure to familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. We'll enjoy dinner this evening at our hotel preceded by a "Welcome Drink" with our Tour Escort and the hotel manager. Overnight. (D)

DAY 3 – LOCRI~GERACE: After breakfast at our hotel, we'll enjoy a full day of sightseeing, beginning at the archaeological park in the ancient Greek city of Locri Epizephiri. Our guided tour of the excavations includes the remains of the Ionic Marasa Temple of Aphrodite, built around 470 B.C. by Syracusan architects. At noon, we will be hosted by a local family at their farm for a typical Calabrese lunch! In the afternoon, we will tour the medieval hilltop town of Gerace, perched high above the sea on a 1,600 foot vertical cliff of marine fossils. Inhabited since Neolithic times, this enchanting town's history includes Saracen, Byzantine, and Norman periods. As we explore the narrow streets, we'll see small squares and churches, including the Norman Cathedral (which we'll visit), formed with columns from Greek temples. We'll also see the Church of St. Francis, with its beautiful inlaid marble altar. We will have some leisure time to continue exploring this old world town. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 – REGGIO CALABRIA~SCILLA: After breakfast, we'll take a guided sightseeing tour of the city center of Reggio Calabria, the largest and oldest city in the province. We'll visit the Palazzo Campanella, home to the famous "Bronzes of Riace," two statues of warriors that date from the 5th century BC. We'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant upon arriving in legendary and picturesque Scilla, then take a guided tour. Founded by the Greeks, Scilla is on the Strait of Messina, and offers panoramic views of the Tyrrhenian Sea and beautiful beaches. Scilla is famous for swordfish, which has been fished there since Greek times. We'll visit the impressive Ruffo Castle (*pictured*), a medieval fortress perched on a hill overlooking the sea. Then we'll tour the historic fishing district before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 – STILO~BIVONGI: After breakfast, we'll have the morning at leisure. After lunch at our hotel, we'll take an excursion to the town of Stilo, one of Italy's most interesting Byzantine centers. Our visit includes a tour of the Byzantine-era temple, *La Cattolica di Stilo*, dating from the 10th century AD. Then we'll continue on to Bivongi, founded during the era of Saracen raids (9th century), which caused the inhabitants to move inland from the coast. Here we will taste one of the local wines and cheese the town is known for! Return to our hotel to prepare for our special Calabrese dinner with traditional folklore entertainment, including that colorful Southern Italian icon – the "Dance of the Tarantella"! Overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 – MAMMOLA~CIMINA: After breakfast, we'll visit the Museum Santa Barbara. This open-air museum is located just outside of town, and each year attracts hundreds of artists from all over the world to participate in exhibitions. We'll continue to the village of Mammola, where time seems to stand still. We'll stop at a small company specializing in hand-made and traditional “soak” (cod stock). We'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant where the cod is cooked in various ways, then head to Cimina. This small medieval village is home to a company that produces a typical cheese that has been recognized by Slow Food. We'll enjoy a tasting then visit a farm which is planted with citrus, olives, nuts, fruit trees, roses, and more. The farm also owns a small pig farm for the production of their traditional Calabrian salami. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 – TROPEA~MARTINA FRANCA, PUGLIA: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll head to Martina Franca and Puglia. First we'll stop in Tropea, a quaint seaside town with one of the best-preserved and most beautiful historical centers in southern Italy. Tropea sits on top of an imposing cliff that rises up dramatically behind the turquoise sea and golden beaches for which this town is also famous. Houses seem to cling precariously to the cliff – a view we'll not soon forget! We'll take a guided tour of the city center and its Norman cathedral, known for its architecture and various beautiful decorations and impressive works of art. We'll enjoy lunch at a local farm and then drive along the coast, passing through many beachside towns, until we arrive in Martina Franca, where we'll check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 – CASTELLANA GROTTO & CAVERNS~ALBEROBELLO: After breakfast, we'll take a morning excursion to the Castellana Grotto and Caverns, a fantastic underground world carved out of limestone, with strikingly transparent stalactites and stalagmites. Then we'll enjoy

lunch at Masseria Priore. This afternoon, we are off to Alberobello, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the famous "Trulli of Alberobello," curious white cone-shaped houses that recall a simpler country life from long ago. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 – LECCE~OSTUNI: After breakfast, we'll head to Lecce, known as "the Venice of the South" for its many beautiful Baroque buildings and monuments. Our guide will tell us about many of the local landmarks before we stop for lunch at a local restaurant. Then we'll visit Ostuni, a unique, fairy-tale vision of white-washed buildings standing against an azure sky! Our guided sightseeing in Ostuni includes the historic city center and a visit to an olive-oil manufacturing facility. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 10 – MARTINA FRANCA~BARI-INTERMEDIATE CITY~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the Bari Airport to board our return flight to Boston (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight. (B)

OUR CALABRIA & PUGLIA TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- ✦ Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ✦ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- ✦ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Intermediate City-Calabria and Bari-Intermediate City-Boston with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight. The identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date.
- ✦ All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- ✦ 7-nights' at 4-star hotels, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ✦ Porterage of luggage at the hotels. (Limited to one large piece per person.)
- ✦ Breakfast (B) each morning, 7 lunches (L), and dinner (D) every evening, including a special Calabrese dinner with traditional folklore entertainment on Day 5.
- ✦ Complimentary Welcome Drink our first night in Siderno.
- ✦ Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- ✦ Full-time professional Tour Escort, who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ✦ Expert English-speaking guides, where required.
- ✦ All room and meal taxes and gratuities to bellmen.
- ✦ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of required documentation.

A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE: All persons traveling with **Durgan Travel Service** are automatically enrolled in **Travel Protection Insurance** through **Trip Mate (1-800-888-7292)** if they checked off the "YES" box on the Reservation Form. Please **ONLY** call **Trip Mate** if you have questions about your insurance or your eligibility. The plan covers trip cancellation or pre- or post-trip interruption, and tour operator/cruise line/airline bankruptcy up to the cost of the trip and travel delay up to \$750 (*max. \$150 per day*). Emergency evacuation is covered up to \$50,000. Accident or Sickness Medical Expense is covered up to \$25,000. Lost or stolen baggage/personal effects are covered up to \$2500. Baggage delay (24 hours or more) up to \$250 reimbursement, and death or dismemberment benefit \$25,000 max.

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TRIP DEVIATIONS: Any request for tour deviation will be subject to availability at the time of booking. The *maximum* extension permitted is 10 - 14 days, depending on the airline. A deviation form, along with the surcharge fee of \$150, *should* be submitted at the time of initial payment, but will be accepted up to 120-days prior to departure. After processing, the request, any additional deviation expenses (car rental, train, hotel, etc.) must be paid, in full, to the Retail Department of Durgan Travel Service at the time of reservation. Download form from www.durgantravel.com or contact Durgan Travel toll-free at 1-800-234-9959 to request a deviation form.

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