



DESTINATION ITALY

LA CALABRIA
8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS

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Day 1

Arrival at Lamezia Terme airport, meeting with the local representative, transfer to the hotel in Catanzaro and accommodation in the reserved rooms. Free dinner and accommodation.

Day 2 Capo Colonna - Catanzaro

Breakfast at the hotel - After breakfast, transfer and visit the archaeological area of **Capo Colonna** with the remains of the temple of Hera Lacinia, and **Le Castella** with its Aragonese manor house, located on an islet, now peninsula, which dominates the entire bay. Lunch in a farmhouse or restaurant. In the afternoon, transfer and **visit the city of Catanzaro** with Piazza Matteotti, fountain of the Cavatore, monumental complex of San Giovanni. Return to hotel. Free dinner and accommodation.



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Day 3 Cosenza

Breakfast at the hotel - After breakfast, transfer and visit to **Cosenza**, town of Federico II and the myth of Alarico. Stroll through the historic city centre, one of the largest in southern Italy. On the way we will visit the Cathedral, the Stauroteca, a reliquary donated to the city by Federico II, the cloister of San Domenico, the Svevo Castle and the National Gallery, which houses - among others - some paintings of the caravaggista Mattia Preti. In the new part of the city, we can walk through the Open Air Museum (MAB), located in the pedestrian area of Corso Mazzini, which has a collection of works of art of the most important contemporary artists, such as Dalì, De Chirico, Rotella, Emilio Greco, Manzù. Lunch break in an affiliated restaurant. After lunch, continue the visit to the city. Return to the hotel. Free dinner and accommodation.



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Day 4 Reggio Calabria - Gerace

Breakfast at the hotel - After breakfast and leaving the rooms, transfer and visit the **Roman Villa of Casignana** (RC). The structure has an area of 8,000 square meters and is divided into 20 rooms and 7 swimming pools, with a central courtyard around which are the bathrooms, a garden and a fountain. It was discovered in 1963 and, according to scholars, it reached its maximum splendour between the 3rd and 4th centuries A.D. Lunch break in a farmhouse. After lunch, visit to the city of **Gerace** and walk through the **Borgo delle Cento Chiese** (Village of the Hundred Churches), including the visit to the Basilica Concatedral of Santa Maria Assunta, a precious testimony and an opportunity to know the different cultures that have profoundly marked Gerace; the wonders of the Church of San Francesco, the Church of San Giovannello and the Church of the Sacred Heart, to reach the Piazza del Tocco (a must for those who want to taste an excellent granite). Just a few steps from the square, the famous Porta del Sole (Puerta del Sol) opens to the wonderful view of the Riviera del Jazmín: from the terrace of Bombarde, in fact, you can see kilometers and kilometers of the Ionian coast at a glance. Return to hotel. Free dinner and accommodation.



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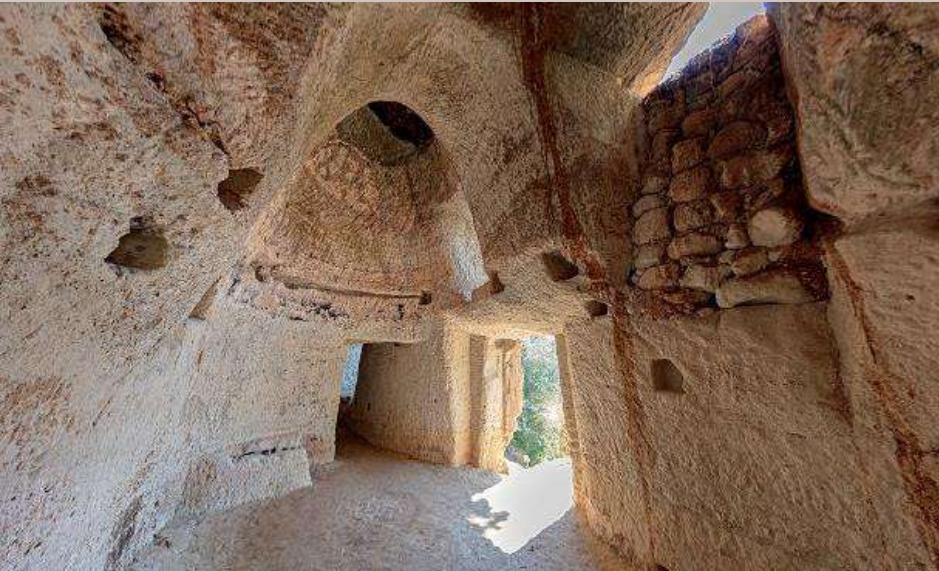
Day 5 Costa degli Dei - Pizzo

Breakfast at the hotel - After breakfast, transfer to the port for a **mini-cruise to the three most beautiful bays of the Costa degli Dei: Riace Bay, Grotticella Bay and S. Maria dell'Isola**. We will introduce you to the myths and legends of the Costa degli Dei: from Hercules to Ulysses, immersed in the history of Homer's Odyssey. Food in a restaurant. In the afternoon guided tour of Tropea with its cathedral, churches, aristocratic palaces and its viewpoints from the rocky promontory with stunning views of the white beaches of the city. Continuation to **Pizzo** and accommodation in reserved rooms. Free dinner and accommodation.



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Day 6 Zungri – Pizzo

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer and visit to Zungri, the city of Piedra, a cave settlement that occupies an area of approximately 3,000 square meters and on whose origin studies are still being made.

Two hypotheses have been put forward: a colony founded by eastern populations, or a production/depot post in nearby Kastron di Mesiano. Built and modified over time, the oldest vestiges of the site seem to date back to the 8th-12th centuries. It consists of dozens of rock units, partly excavated in the rock and partly built, for housing, shelter for pets, production of wine and lime, and grain storage. Zungri caves are immersed in a magical and fascinating natural environment. Lunch break with tasting of the famous "nduja", a typical Calabrian sausage of soft consistency and particularly spicy flavor. In the afternoon, transfer to Pizzo and visit the historic center and the Murat Castle, a precious testimony of the Aragonese era in Calabria. Dedicated to Joachim Murat, who was taken prisoner and shot here in October 1815, the castle offers an interesting museum tour between historical reconstructions and testimonies of the dramatic events related to the French general, among furniture, paintings and period clothes. On the way back, stop to visit the small church of Piedigrotta, carved entirely in the tobaceous rocks.

Return to hotel. Free dinner and accommodation.



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Day 7 Reggio Calabria

Breakfast at the hotel - After breakfast, transfer by bus and visit the city of **Reggio Calabria**. Visit to the National Archaeological Museum of Reggio Calabria, main Italian museum of Magna Grecia and guardian of the Riace Bronzes. After the visit and the typical lunch in a partner restaurant, unmissable walk along the promenade of Falcomatà (legend says that D'Annunzio called it the most beautiful kilometer in Italy) and by Corso Garibaldi, the street of shopping. Return to hotel. Free dinner and accommodation.

Day 8

Breakfast at the hotel - After breakfast, transfer to Lamezia Terme airport.



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