

# Discovering Calabria

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**Day 1 – DEPART** - Leave New York JFK on Alitalia. In flight dinner and movie. Breakfast served before landing in Rome.

**Day 2 – VIBO VALENTIA** - Connecting flight to Lamezia Terme, where you will be met and assisted by your tour director. Transfer by private motor coach to our hotel; your residence for one week. Room assignment. Rest of the day free. Welcome drink at hotel with dinner & overnight.



## **Day 3 – CAPO VATICANO/TROPEA/PIZZO CALABRO** -

Morning departure for Tropea, our first stop will be breathtaking from the panoramic terrace above Capo Vaticano. Continue to Tropea an ancient town, said to have been founded by the Phoenicians who used its sea port over 2000 years ago. Stop at the Cathedral, built on top of an older church. Enjoy the view from the balconies overlooking the sea and the church of Saint Mary of the Island. The Historic centre. Continue toward Pizzo Calabro, view this famous Castle from the outside, where Joaquin Murat was executed by his brother-in law Napoleon, King of Naples. Stroll into the old borough and marina, and if you wish sample a special truffle ice cream called “tartufo”. Return to the hotel, for dinner & overnight.

**Day 4 – CROTONE/CATANZARO** - Morning departure for Crotona, visit to museum. City tour of Crotona, known as Kroton, was once the most powerful Greek town in Calabria. Mathematician Pythagoras and many prominent men of science were born in Crotona. Continue for “Le Castella” for a brief stop to view an Aragon’s Castle, built in the middle of the sea, and linked to the mainland by a thin strip of land. Continue on to Catanzaro, Calabria’s regional Capital, for a downtown stroll and panoramic view the Norman Castle. Return to the hotel, for dinner & overnight.

**Day 5 – REGGIO CALABRIA** - Morning departure for Reggio Calabria. Visit the National Museum, housing two of the most important findings in the World, the “Bronzi di Riace” two well preserved statues of Greek warriors retrieved from the sea by fishermen in the early 70’s. Continue with a motor

coach city tour of Reggio Calabria. Afternoon free for shopping. Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight.

**Day 6 – VIBO VALENTIA** - Morning tour of Vibo Valentia. Available visit to the castle where there are any typical shops. Continue to the Vibo Valentia city centre. Stop at Filippo’s and enjoy a wine tasting complemented by local appetizers. After the lunch little tours by the historic city center. The rest of afternoon is yours for shopping or personal adventure. Return to the hotel by yourself for dinner & overnight.

**Day 7 - GERACE/LOCRI** - Morning departure for Gerace. City sightseeing of Gerace. City tour with a particular train. Visit the Cathedral. Free time for lunch. Continue to Locri. Visit one of the most important ancient Greek colonies in Italy. We will explore the museum near the excavations. Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight.

**Day 8 – ALTOMONTE/PAOLA** - Morning departure for Altomonte. Upon arrival, we will view the Cathedral of Santa Maria della Consolazione with the civic Museum. Panoramic visit to the Old Tower and city tour in bus. We will then visit an oil mill followed by lunch at the agriturismo farm Le Farnie. After lunch, departure for Paola. Visit Saint Francis Sanctuary Christian center of Calabria built around the 1400’s. Early evening return to the hotel for dinner & overnight.

**Day 9 - USA** - Departure for Lamezia Terme airport, for return flight to the USA. Arrival in New York JFK the late afternoon.

