

Durgan Travel Service

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CALABRIA

Featuring *Siderno, Reggio Calabria,
Scilla, Tropea, Pizzo, Stilo, Serra San
Bruno & a Bergamot Plantation*



Departures



MARCH at \$TBA*

APRIL, EARLY MAY & OCTOBER at \$TBA*

NOVEMBER at \$TBA*

*Rates are for payment by credit card. See reservation form (on back) for discount cash and check rates. All rates are per person, twin occupancy and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (subject to change).

OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT CALABRIA TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 – BOSTON~ITALY: Depart Boston on a transatlantic flight to Reggio Calabria (via Rome), with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

DAY 2 – REGGIO CALABRIA~SIDERNO: We will arrive at the airport in Reggio Calabria where we will be met by our Tour Escort. Transfer by private motorcoach to Siderno in Calabria for check-in at the 4-star *Grand Hotel President* (or similar). *Hotel website: www.grandhotelpresident.com* Lunch at our hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. This evening, we will gather for a "Welcome Drink", orientation meeting, and dinner at our hotel. Overnight. (L, D)

DAY 3 – SIDERNO: Breakfast at our hotel. The morning is at leisure to explore on our own. Lunch at our hotel. In the afternoon, we will tour the ancient village of Siderno and the local area. First, we will visit a private home to see how the famous local embroidery is fashioned and exhibited. Next, we will visit a nearby farm to see how olive oil is made, and enjoy a wine tasting and some of the local fare. Back in Siderno, we will experience the village's warm hospitality with the entertaining, folkloric "Dance of the Giants". Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 4 – REGGIO CALABRIA~SCILLA: Breakfast at our hotel. Depart on a full-day excursion to Reggio Calabria, for a guided tour of the city center, followed by a visit to the Palazzo Campanella to see of the world-famous "Bronzi di Riace", two bronze statues over 7-feet tall, dating back to the period of Magna Grecia, 5th century BC. The Bronzi, which were discovered in the Ionian Sea off the coast of Riace in 1972, are certainly the greatest treasure of Calabria! Noontime stop for a box lunch. Then, an afternoon visit to legendary and picturesque Scilla, described in Homer's *Odessey* as the site of the two monsters Scylla and Charybdis. We will see Scilla's magnificent Medieval Castle, which was erected in its dominating position to guard the Straits of Messina. Next, we will tour Scilla's Fisherman's District, known as "Chianalea" where the quaint houses are built right down to the water's edge. Return to our hotel in Siderno for dinner and overnight. (BB, BL, D)

DAY 5 – BERGAMOT PLANTATION: Breakfast at our hotel. The morning is at leisure for independent sightseeing. Lunch at our hotel. This afternoon, we will visit one of the region's well-known Bergamot plantations, where the famous Bergamot citrus fruit, indigenous only to Calabria, is grown. Our visit to the plantation will include observing the growing process and learning about how this citrus is utilized in perfume, candies, pharmaceuticals, and many other varied products. We will also have an opportunity to sample the fragrant Bergamot liqueur which is flavored with extract from this citrus fruit. Return to our hotel in Siderno for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 6 – TROPEA~PIZZO CALABRO: Breakfast at our hotel. Depart our hotel for the beautiful seaside town of Tropea, which has existed since the time of the Romans, was developed under the occupations of the Normans and Argonese, and is said to be "the prettiest town on the Tyrrhenian Coast". We will be hosted on a guided tour of the town's center, including its lovely Norman cathedral. Noontime stop for our box lunch. Our tour continues this afternoon as our motorcoach winds its way along the coast road, through small seaside villages, to Pizzo Calabro, most famous for its Castle where Joacchino Murat, brother-in-law of Napoleon, was executed on the 18th of October 1815. Do not forget to taste the wonderful local gelato called "Tartufo"! Return to our hotel in Siderno for dinner and overnight. (BB, BL, D)

DAY 7 – STILO~SERRA SAN BRUNO: Breakfast at our hotel. Morning visit to Stilo, one of the most interesting and important Byzantine Centers in Calabria. Our tour includes the famous Byzantine "Cattolica", which dates from the 10th century AD and is situated on a hillock halfway between the Castle and the town. Stop for our box lunch. Continue-on to Serra San Bruno in the Aspromonte Mountains to see its beautiful churches and visit *Certosa di Santo Stefano del Bosco*, a Carthusian monastery and place of mystical beauty. Return to Siderno for a night of excitement, with a fabulous "Calabrese Dinner" and traditional entertainment including that colorful icon of Southern Italy – *the "Dance of the Tarantella"!* Overnight. (BB, BL, D)

DAY 8 – DAY AT LEISURE: Enjoy a full day at leisure today with breakfast, lunch and dinner at our hotel included. Overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 9 – SIDERNO~CALABRIA~ROME~BOSTON: Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the airport in Calabria for our return Alitalia flight to Boston (*via Rome*) with fully meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight. (BB)

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