



CALABRIA TO CALABRIA

7 nights /8 days, 3 hotel transfers 4* - For groups, minimum 25pax
Validity: September, October, November 2011
May, June, 15/15 July, October, November 2012
Friday to Saturday

FIRST DAY: Friday. Arrival at Lamezia Terme Airport and transfer to Amantea, check-in at the hotel (4*), meet your guide, welcome drinks, breafing, dinner and overnight stay.



SECOND DAY: Saturday. Amantea/Fiumefreddo/Amantea. After breakfast, departure for **Fiumefreddo Bruzio**, beautiful Medieval village, included in the club of the most beautiful villages of Italy. The village stands on a rocky promontory from which you can enjoy the view of the volcanic island of Stromboli, Capo Vaticano and Capo Palinuro. Fiumefreddo Bruzio was a source of inspiration for the Italian artist, Salvatore Fiume, who was fascinated by its extraordinary beauty. Here he created many of his masterpieces, some of which he donated to the local Community. These frescoes are exhibited in the *Room of Desires (Stanza dei Desideri)* in the Castello della Valle Dimora. We will visit churches, palaces and the castle, that was in part destroyed by the French



Army in 1806, to capture the last of the *bandits*. Since 2007 it has been declared "**Monumento Contro Tutte le Guerre**" (Monument Against All Wars). In the main church, we will admire, one of Solimeni's masterpieces, that the most famous Italian art critic, Vittorio Sgarbi, judged as one of the finest exhibits in Calabria. After the tour, transfer to a small local farm, situated



on the surrounding hills to watch the "**Rite of Homemade bread**", a custom still well rooted in **Costa dei Borghi Antichi**, while elsewhere it's just a memory. The bread will be served with **Pitta avanti o' Furno**, accompanied by the specialty of the house: bacon, homemade local cheese and salami, pickles, wine and spring water.

In the afternoon, on the way back, stop at the **Colavolpe Farm**, to taste the world famous specialty: **dried figs from Cosenza**. Back to the hotel, free time to watch the sunset or spend some time at the hotel swimming-pool. Dinner at the hotel, overnight stay.



THIRD DAY: Sunday. Amantea/Santa Severina/Amantea. After breakfast, departure for Santa Severina, behind the Sila highlands. Santa Severina, also called *Agorà della Sapienza: a real Stone Book*, is evidence of thousands of years of history from the Roman Empire up to recent times. Lunch at the *Locanda del Re* restaurant, where you can taste the *cavatelli del marchesato*, a Medieval dish. After lunch, visit to the Diocesan Museum, home to an exclusive exhibition of Byzantine manuscripts. Back to the hotel, typical Calabrian dinner, overnight stay.

FOURTH DAY: Monday. Amantea/Riace. After breakfast, check-out and departure for the **Archeological Site of Scolacium**. The site represents a bridge between classical Greece and Medieval times. Later on, transfer to Riace, check-in at a 4* hotel, lunch at the hotel. In the afternoon free time to spend on the beach or at the hotel swimming pool. Dinner accompanied by Calabrian Music in the background.



FIFTH DAY: Tuesday. Riace/Gerace/Locri/Riace. After breakfast, departure for **Gerace**, the Norman city par excellence. Here you will visit the Cathedral and other important historical sites dating back to the Norman era. Lunch at a local restaurant, where you can taste the specialties of the area. In the afternoon, visit to the **Paolo Orsi Museum** and to the **archeological excavations of Locri**. Back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

SIXTH DAY: Wednesday. Riace/Scilla/Reggio Calabria. After breakfast, departure for Scilla, also called the *Venice of the South*. Visit to the Ruffo di Calabria Castle, a powerful military fortress, and Chianalea, a beautiful and picturesque village that fascinated world famous poets and artists. Lunch at a local restaurant and see view of Sicily from **Baia delle Sirene Beach** (The Mermaid Beach) where you will taste the local specialty: swordfish.



In the afternoon, transfer to Reggio Calabria, check-in at the hotel (4*), free time for your shopping, dinner at the hotel, overnight stay.



SEVENTH DAYS: Thursday. Reggio Calabria/Reggio Calabria. After breakfast, guided tour of Reggio Calabria. Visit to the Cathedral, to the Archeological Museum, which displays the most precious historical artifacts of Calabria, including the famous "**Bronzi di Riace**". Walking tour of the waterfront, defined by the great Italian poet and writer G. D'Annunzio, "**The most beautiful Kilometer in Italy**". Afterwards, visit to the private **Bergamot Museum**, where we will enjoy a lunch based on bergamot, the famous citrus fruit that grows only in this land: Calabria Greca.

In the afternoon, free time for your shopping. Farewell dinner in the evening, overnight stay.

EIGHTH DAY: Friday. After breakfast check out, farewell, transfer to the airport.

PRICE: € 840,00 P.P.