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Must be valid for 6 mos.
beyond return date



MTA BENEFITS *presents...*

10 Days/8 Nights

CALABRIA & PUGLIA

APRIL 12-21, 2019

\$2899* if group size is 25-29 passengers

\$2839* if group size is 30-34 passengers

\$2789* if group size is 35-39 passengers

\$2749* if group size is 40 plus passengers

*Rates are for payment by cash/check. See reservation form for credit card rates. Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$400 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 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, the Grand Hotel President. 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) Hotel website:

<https://www.grandhotelpresident.com/en/>

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. 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 in at the four-star Park Hotel San Michele for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D) Hotel website: <http://www.parkhotelsanmichele.it/en>

DAY 8 – CASTELLANA GROTTA & 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 meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight. (B)

OUR CALABRIA & PUGLIA TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- ✈ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Representative.
- ✈ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Intermediate City-Calabria and Bari-Intermediate City-Boston with 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 \$469 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 travel accessory and complete packet of required documentation.

A \$400 DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE: We encourage the purchase of the travel protection plan. Trip insurance protects against the unexpected! No one signs up for a trip thinking they are going to have to cancel or have an accident or illness and have to return home early. Do you have children or elderly parents? Trip Mate will get you home if something life threatening happens to an immediate family member, or, will refund you for canceling in advance of departure and or for missed portions of your trip for the same reason or for illness or accident. Trip Mate's travel protection plan covers all of these possibilities. Optional trip insurance is a small price to pay for the peace of mind knowing you and your tour arrangements are insured against the unexpected. We will pay your insurance premium out of your initial deposit and add the cost of your insurance plan to your final bill so that you do not have to pay this additional expense now!

All persons traveling with Durgan Travel 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 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 to change the air (additional \$100 for land arrangements), must 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 Durgan Travel at the time of reservation. Download form at <http://www.durgantravel.com/forms/Deviation.pdf> or contact Durgan Travel at (800) 234-9959 to request a deviation form.

RESPONSIBILITY: Durgan Travel and their agents, in accepting bookings for this tour, clearly stipulate that they are not liable for faults or defaults of other companies and persons that may be used in the carrying-out of the tour services, also for accidents, baggage losses, delays, or cancellations, strikes, political unrest, riots, and acts of God and war, and changes in schedules. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable, for the comfort or well-being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operator. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw the tour due to insufficient participation or for any reason whatsoever; also, to decline to accept or to retain any person as members of the tour. The airlines and bus lines concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not onboard. The pass contract in use by the airlines or bus companies concerned constitutes the sole contract between the company and purchase of this tour and/or passengers. The issuance and acceptance of receipt tickets and/or tour membership coupons, along with making the initial deposit, shall be deemed to be consent to and acceptance of the foregoing terms and conditions. Durgan Travel is not responsible for any disruption or cancellation of services due to erroneous identification information provided to Durgan Travel by clients.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL NAMES ARE FILLED IN AS THEY APPEAR ON PASSPORTS. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requires the following information: You are responsible for filling out this form correctly and completely, and failure to do so will result in the denial of boarding at the airport and/or financial penalties (upwards of \$125). You are responsible for any expenses, inconveniences, or loss of trip stemming from providing incomplete or incorrect information. Additionally, airlines are refusing to do "name changes" if information is not provided properly in the first place, resulting in the passenger losing their seat. Any missing or outdated information **MUST** be provided to Durgan Travel no later than 75 days prior to departure. Plan to renew your passport in time to submit all pertinent information by 75 days prior to departure. Your passport must be good for a minimum of six (6) months after your return date.

BOOK NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE! RESERVATION FORM IS LOCATED ON REVERSE.

COMPLETE & MAIL TO:

**MTA TRAVEL DESK
C/O DURGAN TRAVEL
125 MAIN STREET
STONEHAM MA 02180
(800) 234-9959**

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Rates are per person, double occupancy, and INCLUDE \$400 in air taxes, fees & fuel surcharges.

Single, add \$469 (Single rooms subject to availability at time of booking) Twin Triple

We offer **Trip Mate Travel Protection** to insure your trip (see policy inclusions on previous page). Please choose **YES** or **NO** below:

YES, insure my trip with Trip Mate Travel Protection! Insurance will be added to the package at \$239 premium per person twin/\$289 single and will be prepaid from my deposit. (See *policy inclusions on Page 2.*) **The insurance premium is non-refundable and non-transferrable.**

NO, I do not wish to include the premium for **Trip Mate Travel Protection Insurance**. I realize that I am **NOT** covered by **Travel Protection Insurance**.

Please find enclosed a deposit of \$400 per person for ___ person(s) due as soon as possible, as space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Make your check payable to **DURGAN TRAVEL SERVICE**. I/we understand that the balance is due 75 days prior to tour departure and that full refunds, minus a \$25.00 service fee and the cost of insurance, will be returned to passengers if cancellation is given up to 90 days prior to tour departure date. Between 89 – 76 days prior to departure, the full deposit is non-refundable. Between 75 – 60 days prior to departure, 25% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 59 – 45 days prior to departure, 50% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 44 – 36 days prior to departure, 75% of the total tour price is forfeited. Within 35 days of departure – no refund.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & COMPLETELY

Please remit a photocopy of the photo page of your passport with your reservation form, if possible, for purposes of clarity.

Name (as it appears on passport): _____ M F

Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____ Citizenship: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/20__

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Best Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK Alt. Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK

Date of birth: ___/___/___ City & State of birth: _____ E-mail: _____

In Case of Emergency, Notify: _____ Phone # _____

Roommate #1: Name (as it appears on passport): _____ M F

Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____ Citizenship: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/20__

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Best Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK Alt. Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK

Date of birth: ___/___/___ City & State of birth: _____ E-mail: _____

Roommate #2: Name (as it appears on passport): _____ M F

Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____ Citizenship: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/20__

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Best Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK Alt. Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK

Date of birth: ___/___/___ City & State of birth: _____ E-mail: _____

Credit Card #: (if depositing on card): _____ VISA MC DIS Exp. Date: _____

Name (as it appears on credit card): _____ Signature: _____

****Please Note: Payment by cash or check is discounted.****

I have read and understand the policies listed on this flyer. Prices on this flyer were effective on the date listed below. At the time you purchase your tour, prices may be higher because of an increase in carrier charges. Any rate changes would be advised at time of final billing. I understand that the airline tickets or air tours I am purchasing are subject to supplemental price increases after the date of purchase due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. I acknowledge that I may be charged additional sums by Durgan Travel to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, fluctuation in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof. I hereby consent to any post-purchase price increases and authorize Durgan Travel to charge my credit card for such additional amounts. Additionally, I have provided all information as accurately as possible and with the understanding that I may be subject to a cancellation or change penalties of at least \$125 if they are incorrect.

Signature: _____ Date: _____