



Matera & Basilicata



Basilicata, the instep of Italy's boot, briefly touches the Tyrrhenian Sea and borders the Campania and Puglia regions. It is an interesting and varied region of forests, mountains, sleepy villages and dramatic scenery.

This dramatic coastline is home to the historic town of Maratea, twenty beaches and a towering statue of Christ (70m) - the tallest in Europe. Inland, the ancient city of Matera – awarded the title of 2019 European Capital of Culture, with its prehistoric houses dug into the local tufa rock, remains one of the most admired cities in Italy.



1 Pollino National Park

Covering 1,960 sq.km across the regions of Basilicata and Calabria, Pollino is Italy's largest national park. It offers a variety of things including prehistoric cave drawings and burial sites and thermal springs in Latronico.



2 Christ the Redeemer

This Rio-esque statue of Jesus Christ, created in Carrara marble in 1965, is perched 70m high on a mountain in Maratea - the tallest in Europe. The location also affords fantastic views of the surrounding countryside.



3 Pietrapertosa

This ancient village, situated at the foot of a Castle, is considered one of the most beautiful hamlets in Italy along with Acerenza, Castelmezzano and Venosa. It is also home to Europe's fastest zip line between Castelmezzano and Pietrapertosa. Not for the faint-hearted!



4 Casa Noha, Matera

This is a cave dwelling set up as it once might have been. The visit to Noha's House includes a short documentary which reveals the story of the Sassi and the people of Matera.

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Maratea is a quaint coastal town, with a historic centre and over 20 white sandy beaches and pebbled coves. Matera, the city of stones 'Sassi', is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

La Locanda delle Donne Monache, Maratea

La Locanda delle Monache Donne is a charming property housed within the walls of an 18th century monastery originally occupied by the Visitandine nuns. Located in the hilltop town of Maratea, the hotel's interior is modern and bright with intimate seating areas and filled with fascinating and unusual artwork. The restaurant 'Il Sacello', which opens on to a panoramic garden with large swimming pool and solarium, offers its guests many gastronomic and culinary delights drawing on regional flavours.

Accommodation: 27 air-conditioned rooms including classic rooms, superior rooms, deluxe rooms and suites.

- Airports: 200km Naples
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Hilltop location – 5 minutes walk to the centre
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£869 per person***



Palazzo Gattini Hotel, Matera

The hotel is set in a 15th century stone palace in the historic centre of Matera overlooking the Sassi di Matera caves and situated in Duomo Piazza opposite the cathedral. Guests will be immersed in the history and glories of one of the oldest noble families of Matera. Due to the age of the building there is a myriad of corridors and staircases leading off the rooms which are all different sizes and shapes. There is a formal restaurant 'Dom Matteo' serving regional cuisine, a sophisticated cafe bar and an upscale spa in the converted cellars.

Accommodation: 20 air-conditioned rooms including deluxe rooms, junior suites and suites.

- Airport: 74km Bari Airport
- 5-star luxury hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Historic city location
- Spa

Guide price from **£801 per person***

Sextantio Le Grotte Della Civita Hotel, Matera

A unique hotel built into the pre-historic caves of the Sassi which form part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. The hotel took ten years to be converted from its former stone settlement (Sassi) to the remarkable boutique hotel it is today. The rooms are beautifully crafted using the natural features of archways, vaulted ceilings and stone flooring to provide comfortable and unique accommodation.

The restaurant is set within an ancient 13th century church with stunning views over the town of Matera.

Accommodation: 18 cave rooms including classic rooms, superior rooms, executive suites and suites.

- Airport: 75km Bari Airport
- 4-star boutique hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Historic city location

Guide price from **£763 per person***



* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a leading room type (3 nights in Matera and 7 nights in Maratea), flights from London Gatwick to Bari (Matera) or Naples (other airports on request) and car hire. Note: We cannot guarantee that any of our featured properties are suitable for all levels of disability so please ask if you have specific issues. Please visit our website for further information on these and other featured properties.