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Basilicata



A quiet place to live free of tourists and life's stress. Basilicata is in the arch of the foot and offers a truly authentic and affordable lifestyle.







IRSINA

Irsina was founded as many towns in the south by the Greeks and today with barely 5000 inhabitants is a town perched 1,800 ft above sea level. It enjoys amazing panoramic views of the surrounding countryside overlooking a grain plateau that produces much of the pasta used across Italy. The economy is mostly based on agriculture, with the production of cereals and wine.

As almost all the Italian villages the town is dominated by the bell tower of the Cathedral and the historical center is still untouched with typical medieval narrow lanes and ancient palaces and humble houses. Irsina is a member of the Association of the most beautiful villages of Italy and is less than 45 minutes away from the famous Matera.

Population 5,000





PIETRAPERTOSA

Pietrapertosa is a small village on a mountain top. The elevation is about 3000 ft.

We are in the heart of the Lucanian Dolomites that reminds us a lot of the scenery of the famous northern Italian mountains. If you look for an authentic atmosphere, a place not contaminated by human activities, this area is perfect for you, and yes you need to love the cold winters as it snows pretty often in the winter even though we are in the deep south of Italy.

The neighboring town Castelmezzano can be reached "flying", tied in total safety whit a harness, attached to the steel cable, you will live the thrill of flying some minutes in a fantastic adventure, one of the best in Italy and the world for the beauty of the landscape.





CASTELMEZZANO

This little town is for nature lovers as it's inside a protected area called "Dolomiti Lucane", yes, you read right, there are the Dolomites in the south too.

The altitude is almost 3000 ft so if you are a mountain and winter lover in Castelmezzano you will experience a proper cold season even though people think that in the south of Italy the temperatures are always mild.

Castelmezzano is a small and charming borgo, with the unique magic that only small mountain villages have. Its houses of soft, pastel colors follow the lines of the rocky ridge of the mountain they are clustered on. The Dolomite mountains of Basilicata protect this little village from the rush of traffic and the chaotic noise of city life, the ideal place for people looking for peace, quiet and pure mountain air. The city of Potenza is one hour drive away.

Population 700



MARATEA

Maratea has a reputation for challenging diving, superb boating and fishing, diverse street art galleries and theatre, and of course, perhaps the most appealing characteristic, fantastic year-round weather.

The coast, high and jagged, is covered by Mediterranean vegetation and rushes to the sea, creating a series of small headlands and beaches of fine sand.

The town of Maratea is composed of several hamlets: a satellite system of villages that gravitate around the original urban core of Maratea center called Centro Storico (Old Town) located on the south side of the valley, at an altitude of 1000 ft. above sea level.

Tourism here is important but the area has not been affected by mass tourism thanks to the restricted size of the village.

Population 5,000



POLICORO

Policoro rises up a few steps away from Heraklea's ancient ruins, an important Greek city several centuries ago.

A pristine landscape, crystal-clear water so much that sea turtles have chosen this shore to lay eggs...so we can trust it and sometimes it is possible to catch sight of groups of dolphins swimming in the open sea. Policoro's beaches are made of sand and pebbles.

Matera, the most attractive city in the area, is about 40 miles away. Policoro is also a summer destination but never extremely packed. Like many towns on the coast, there is the old part rich in history and the new part by the shore with more facilities.

Population 17,500



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