



A Taste of Calabria and more

*Organized & accompanied by the professor of Italian Studies
Dr. Basile (a native of Italy).*

When: (in Italy May 31 to June 7, 2027 - 16 people max)

Cost: \$4,300 that includes the following:

- Outstanding 4 and/or 5-star resort hotels by the beach. Double occupancy.
- Private Bus with A/C + Driver for the entire trip
- Breakfasts
- Dinners with prosecco/wine...
- Welcome Italian Cocktail
- Trip to Paestum, enjoy the beautiful Paestum coastline, visit the exceptionally well-preserved ancient Greek temples and archeological museum (a UNESCO World Heritage site).
- Trip to San Nicola Arcella famous for an absolute gem: Arcomagno Beach.
- Trip to Tropea, (our hotel is here by the beach) considered the most beautiful city in Calabria, known for its stunning cliffside views, crystal-clear turquoise waters, and charming historic old town. Boat tour along the so-called "Coast of the Gods".
- Trip to Reggio Calabria to visit its world-class museum (world-famous national museum of Magna Graecia that houses the gorgeous Riace Bronzes), stunning seaside views, and relaxed southern charm
- Trip to Pizzo, Tartufo ice cream tasting, visit the unique Chieda di Piedigrotta cave church, and historic Castello di Murat.
- Trip to Diamante, the chili-pepper capital, to discover the beautiful street murals, taste its prized chili products and citrus fruit.
- Trip to Caserta for a stop to the majestic Royal Palace of Caserta with its 1200 royal rooms, the 3-kilometer-long gorgeous garden path with grand fountains, and the hidden English garden. (A UNESCO World Heritage site).
- Drive through the Pollino National park (UNESCO Global Geopark).
- Trip to our second hotel in Eur-Rome. Shuttle/taxi to the airport the next day. (Rome is a UNESCO World Heritage Site).

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Dr. Paola Basile has organized and led 18 successful study trips abroad for LEC students, alumni, and for the community at large. See her few recent trip albums (Ctrl + Click):

Student Trip to Italy spring 2026: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:4ae9dfbd-76f3-443c-b07c-4d208e4e57e8>

Trip to Italy March 2025: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nxhlbTQWLkILJPvybGzvd-CZGCBAuTGd/view>

[Study Trip to Italy 2024](#)

[Alumni Trip to Italy Fall 2023](#)

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Payment Schedule

Seats are limited to 16 for this trip. To secure your spot, a deposit of **\$1,000 is required to be paid by credit card or check**. If paying by credit card, call Pamela Dorazio Dean, the Italian American Museum (IAMCLE) Director, at: 330-285-2950; email pddean23@gmail.com

If paying by check, make it payable to IAMCLE and bring it to Pamela, IAMCLE, 12111 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland, OH 44106, or mail to Pamela Dorazio Dean, WRHS, 10825 East Blvd, Lakeline OH 44095.

The full amount (\$4,300) is due by March 2nd, 2027. The deadline for the full reimbursement is March 3rd, 2027. The deadline for the reimbursement (excluding the deposit of \$1,000) is March 16th, 2027.

Itinerary

- 1) **Day 1 – May 30 – (It is better to depart on May 29):** Departure from the US to arrive in Italy on the following day. Paola recommends leaving a couple of days earlier and spending one or two nights in Rome, preferably at a hotel near the airport, to recover from the journey before the tour begins. Paola recommends the following accommodation: “La Gaura Guest House” in Casal Palocco, Rome. 15-20 minutes by the airport: <https://www.lagaura.com/>
- 2) **Day 2 – May 31:** Departure at 11:00 am close to the airport of Rome (most probably at La Gaura Guest House). Private bus to Paestum. We will stop for lunch, Paola suggests Agriturismo La Colobaia in Capua. Dinner at 8:00 pm at our hotel.
- 3) **Day 3 – June 1st:** Departure at 9:15 am for San Nicola Arcella. Drive through the Pollino National Park (a UNESCO Global Geopark). Visit the town and the famous beach. After lunch, departure for Tropea. Cocktail at 7:30 pm and Dinner at our hotel 8:15 pm.
- 4) **Day 4 – June 2nd:** Full day in Tropea, enjoy the resort town, our resort hotel, and boat tour to see the “Coast of the Gods” (weather permitting). Dinner at our hotel at 8:00 pm.
- 5) **Day 5 – June 3rd:** Departure at 9:15 am. Trip to Reggio Calabria. Explore the city and visit its world-class museum, the world-famous national museum of Magna Graecia that houses the gorgeous Riace Bronzes, dinner at 8:15 pm at our hotel.
- 6) **Day 6 – June 4th:** Departure at 9:15 am for Pizzo for Tartufo ice cream tasting, visit the unique Chieda di Piedigrotta cave church, and historic Castello di Murat. Dinner at 8:15 pm.

- 7) **Day 7 – June 5th:** Departure at 9:00 am. Trip to the chili-pepper capital, Diamante, discover the beautiful street murals, taste its prized chili products and citrus fruit. In the afternoon, we are heading back to our hotel in Paestum. Dinner at 8:00 pm.
- 8) **Day 8 – June 6th:** Departure at 9:00 am. Trip to Caserta to visit the majestic Royal Palace of Caserta with its 1200 royal rooms, the 3-kilometer-long gorgeous garden path with grand fountains, and the hidden English garden. (A UNESCO World Heritage site). In the late afternoon, drive to Eur, Rome. Dinner at 8:15 pm.
- 9) **Day 9 – June 7th:** Departure for the airport at 7:00 am.

Description & Pictures of these Places:



Paola recommends arriving in Italy one or two days before the tour begins to recover from the jetlag. The suggested accommodation is **La Gaura Guest House**, located in the quiet residential neighborhood of **Casal Palocco**, about 15–20 minutes from Rome's Fiumicino Airport. The guest house offers a peaceful setting with gardens and comfortable rooms, making it an ideal place to relax before the journey south begins. While staying here, visitors can also enjoy nearby cafés, restaurants, and easy access to the cosmopolitan city of Rome if desired.



The journey begins with a scenic drive from Rome toward southern Italy. An optional lunch stop at **Agriturismo La Colombaia** near Capua offers an authentic farm-to-table experience featuring traditional Campanian cuisine.

The day's destination is **Paestum**, one of the world's best-preserved ancient Greek archaeological sites. Founded around 600 BC, Paestum is famous for its magnificent Doric temples dedicated to Hera, Neptune, and Athena. The site is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and offers visitors an extraordinary glimpse into ancient Magna Graecia.



Drive through **Pollino National Park** is Italy's largest national park, spanning the regions of Calabria and Basilicata. Recognized as a UNESCO Global Geopark, the park is celebrated for its extraordinary geological formations, rugged mountain landscapes, deep gorges, forests, and exceptional biodiversity. Arriving at the charming hilltop town of **San Nicola Arcella** overlooks the Tyrrhenian Sea and is renowned for the spectacular **Arcomagno**, a naturally formed stone arch sheltering a secluded beach often considered one of Italy's most beautiful coastal gems.

After lunch, continue to **Tropea**, Calabria's most famous seaside town. Perched dramatically on cliffs above crystal-clear turquoise waters, Tropea is celebrated for its historic center, narrow medieval streets, stunning beaches, and the iconic Sanctuary of Santa Maria dell'Isola.

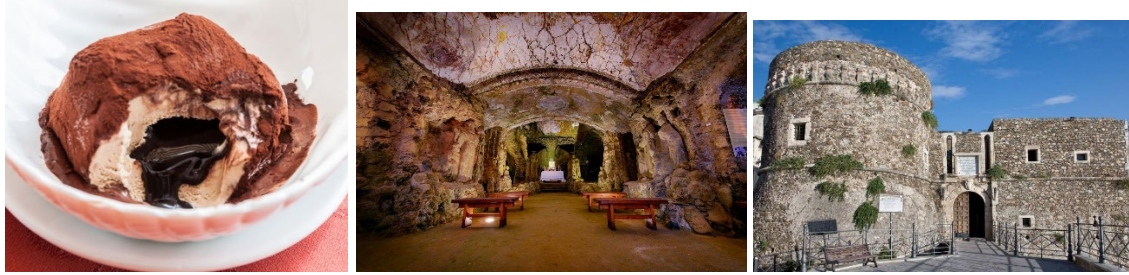


Spend the day exploring Tropea and relaxing at the resort. Weather permitting, enjoy a boat excursion along the spectacular **Costa degli Dei (Coast of the Gods)**, named for its breathtaking scenery. The coastline features dramatic cliffs, hidden coves, sea caves, pristine beaches, and remarkably clear waters that rank among Italy's finest.



Located at the southern tip of mainland Italy overlooking Sicily, **Reggio Calabria** is famous for its beautiful seaside promenade, often called "Italy's most beautiful kilometer."

The highlight is the **National Archaeological Museum of Magna Graecia**, home to the legendary **Riace Bronzes**—two extraordinarily preserved Greek bronze warrior statues dating from the 5th century BC. These masterpieces are considered among the greatest surviving works of ancient Greek sculpture.



The picturesque fishing town of **Pizzo** is celebrated for several unique attractions: **Tartufo di Pizzo**, Calabria's famous chocolate and hazelnut gelato with a molten chocolate center. **Chiesa di Piedigrotta**, an extraordinary church carved entirely into seaside rock by sailors during the 17th century, filled with hand-carved religious sculptures. **Castello Murat**, where Joachim Murat, Napoleon's brother-in-law and King of Naples, was imprisoned and executed in 1815.



Known as the "**City of Murals**," **Diamante** features more than 300 colorful murals painted throughout its historic streets by artists from around the world.

The town is also Italy's **chili pepper capital**, producing premium peperoncino products celebrated each year during its famous chili festival. The surrounding region is equally known for fragrant citrus fruits, especially the prized **Calabrian citron**, used in traditional cuisine and confectionery.

In the afternoon, return to Paestum.



Visit the magnificent **Royal Palace of Caserta**, Europe's largest royal residence and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built for the Bourbon kings of Naples, the palace boasts: Approximately 1,200 lavishly decorated rooms. A grand 3-kilometer (1.9-mile) garden avenue. Spectacular fountains and cascading waterfalls. A romantic English Garden filled with rare plants, temples, and lakes

In the late afternoon, continue to **EUR**, Rome's modern architectural district, originally designed for the 1942 World's Fair. Its broad boulevards, elegant plazas, and striking white marble buildings provide a fascinating contrast to ancient Rome.

After breakfast, depart early for **Rome Fiumicino Airport** for your return flight to the United States, concluding an unforgettable journey through Campania and Calabria featuring ancient Greek temples, UNESCO World Heritage sites, spectacular coastlines, charming villages, world-class museums, outstanding resort hotels, and authentic southern Italian cuisine.