

# WELCOME TO BASILICATA



Basilicata is one of the smallest regions in Italy.

It is especially hilly and it is touched by the Ionian and Tyrrhenian seas.

It has enchanted towns, beautiful beaches and uncontaminated landscapes.



Among the most beautiful places in the southern Italy (and perhaps in the world) there is MATERA, that will be capital of culture in 2019.

Matera with its "Sassi", with its Roman and baroque churches, precipices and calandras is a unique place in the world. This town is under the protection of UNESCO's world heritage.

In Matera we can visit: Palazzo Lanfranchi, the ancient rock church Chiesa del Santo Spirito, Chiesa della Mater Domini, the Duomo that is a cathedral built during the eighth century.



Another beautiful place in Basilicata is Metaponto.

It is an ancient name stolen from the Greeks who used it to indicate the flat ,fertile Lucania land near the limpid Ionian sea.It was one of the most important cities of the Magna Graecia.

It was here that Pitagora established a school . In Metaponto there are different temples : the Temple of Apollo Licio; the Temple of Hera; the Temple of Aphrodite; and also the necropolis of Crucinia and the Tavole Palatine with fifteen of its columns.