

MATERA AND THE BASILICATA REGION

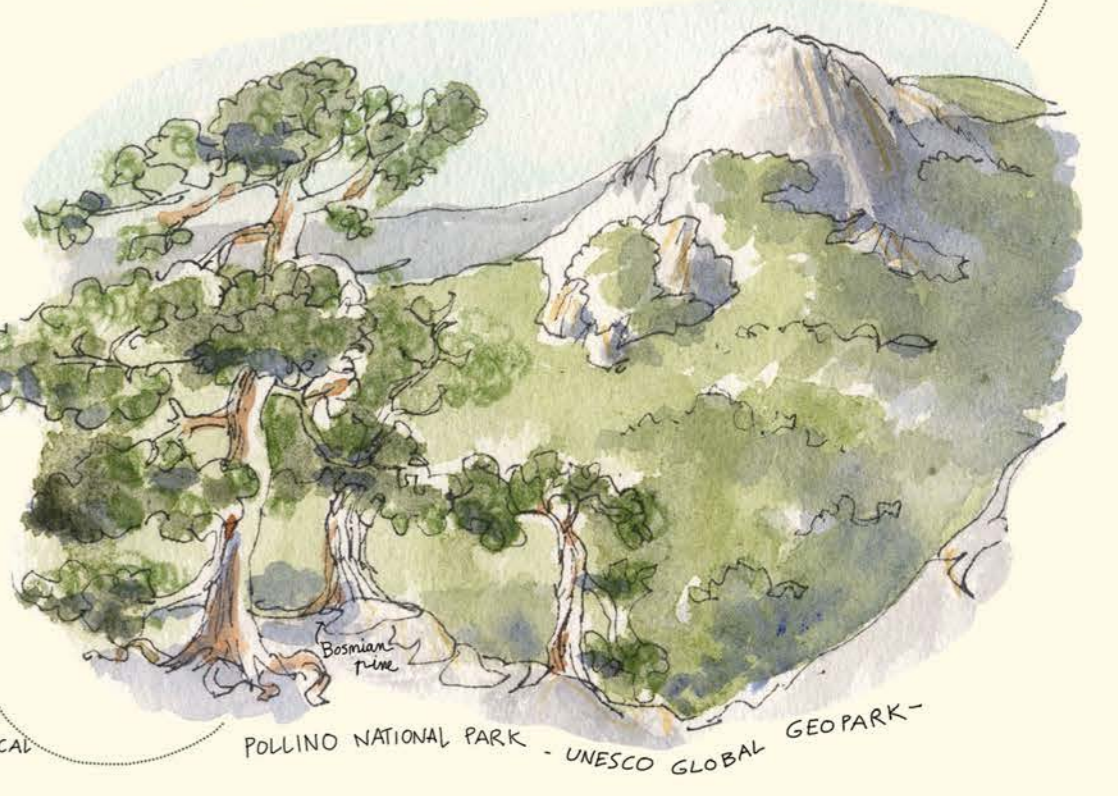
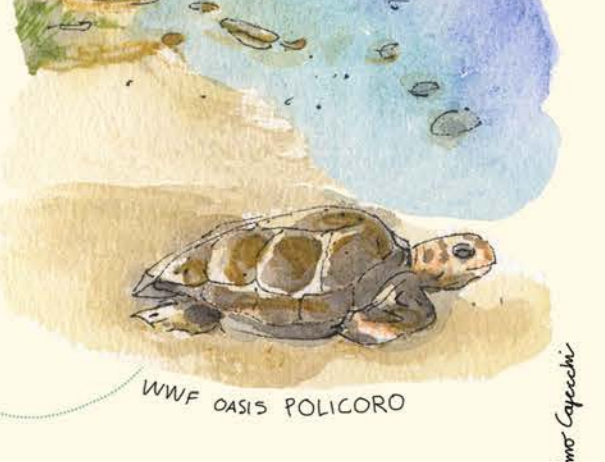
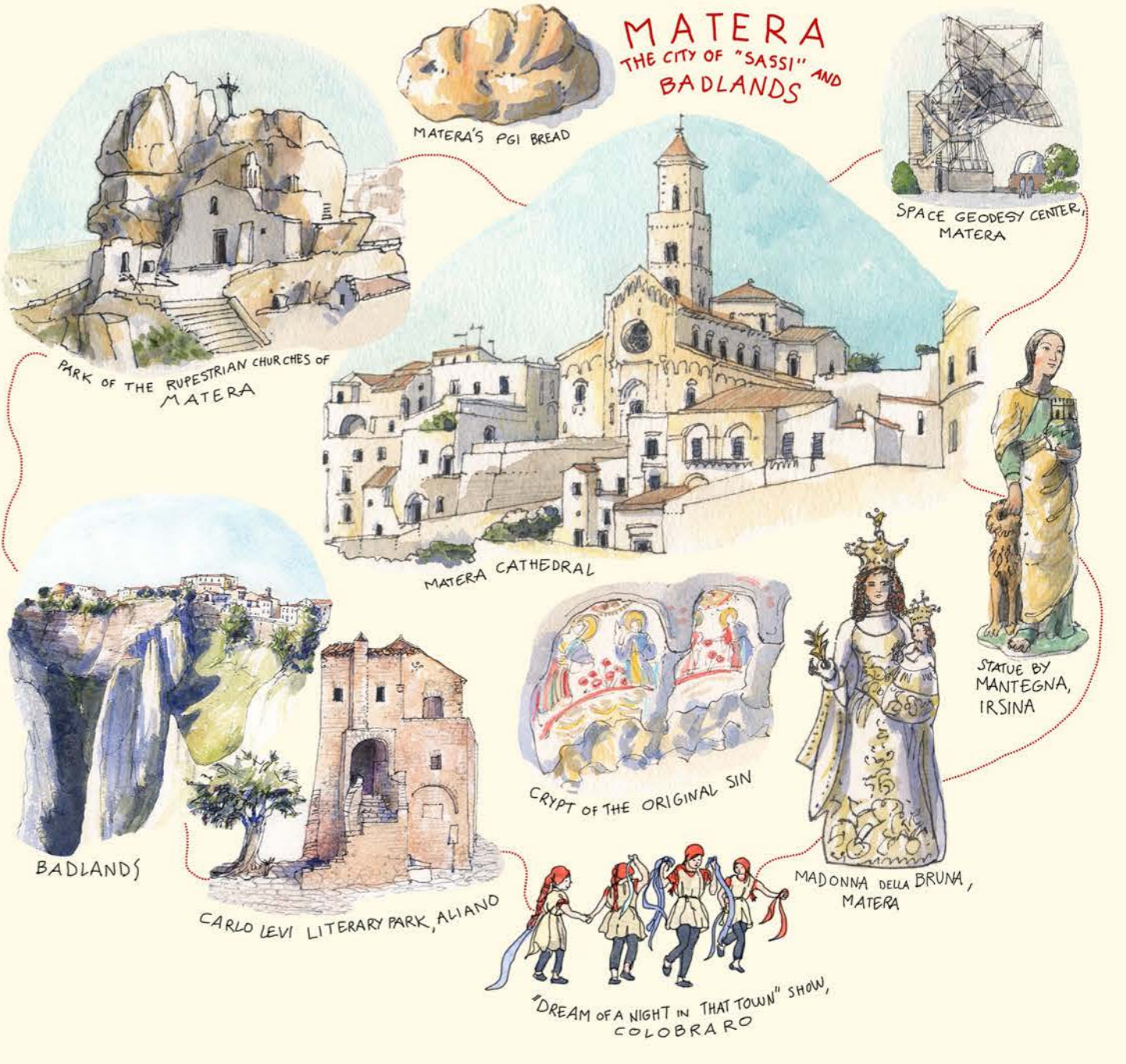
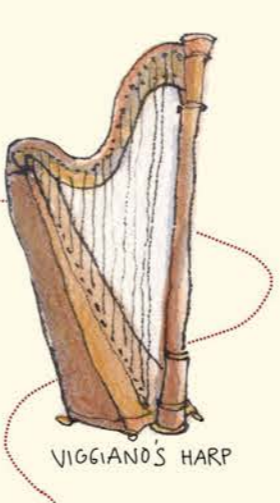
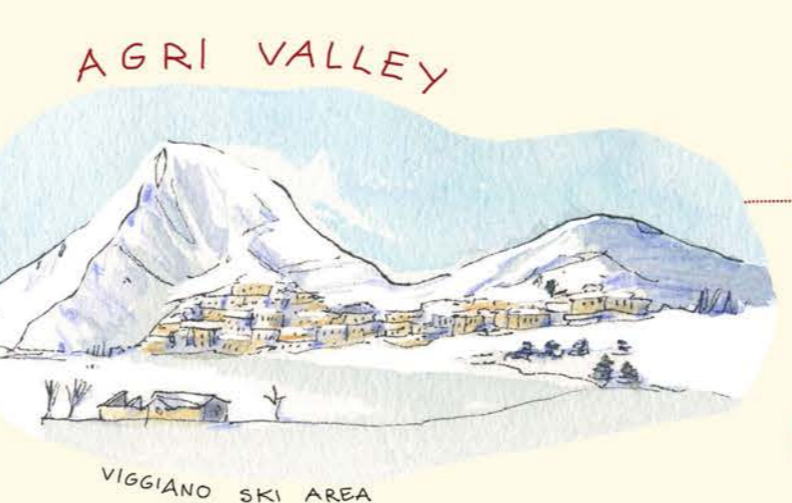
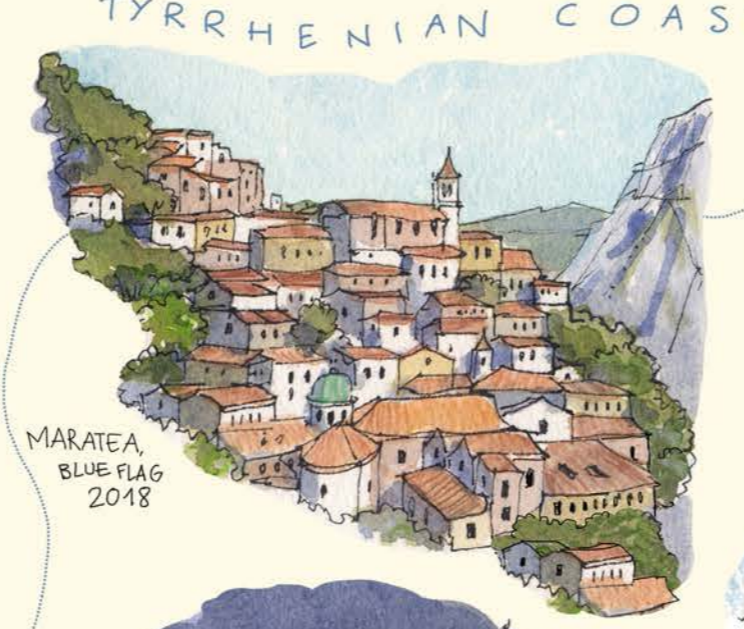
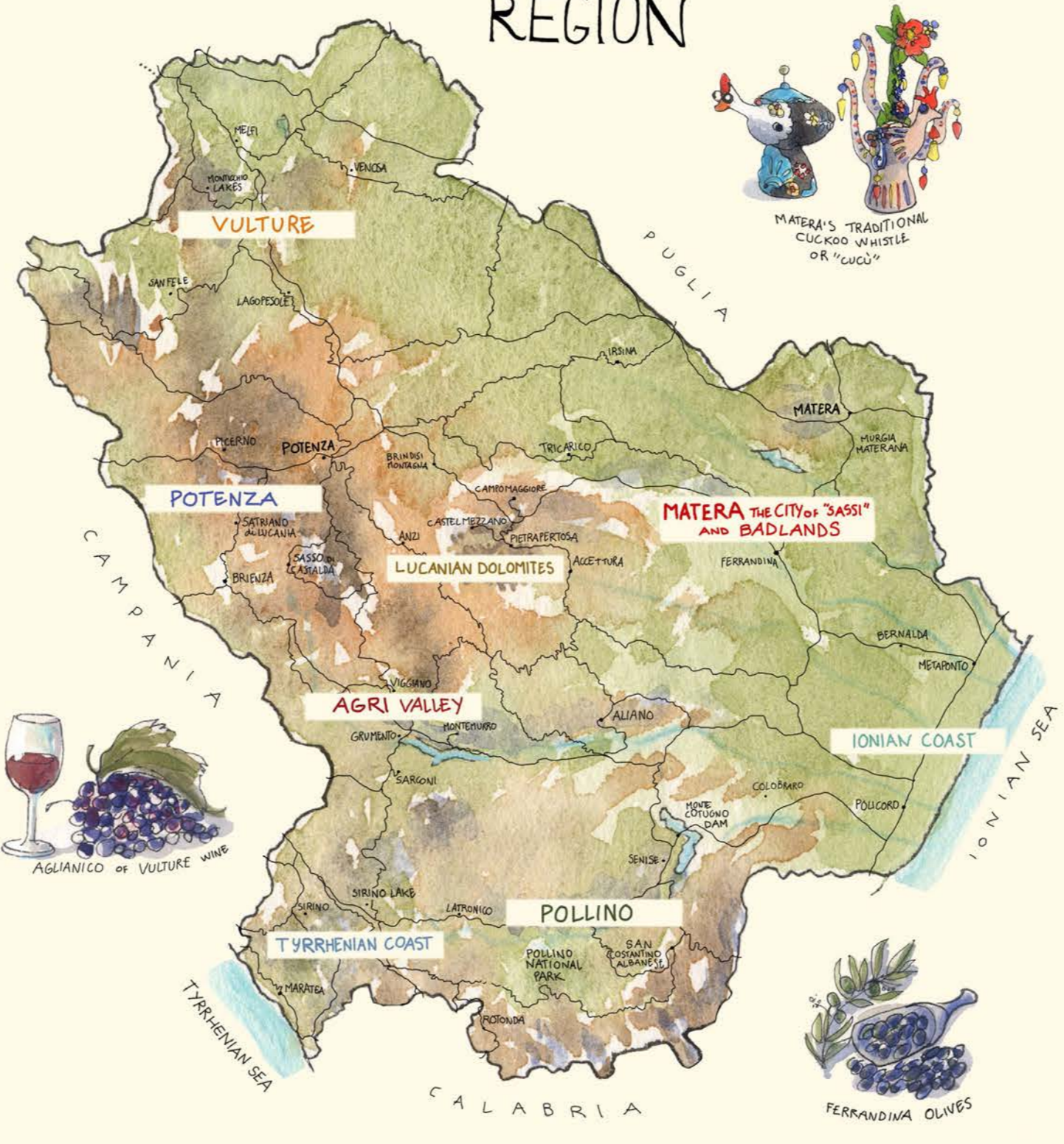
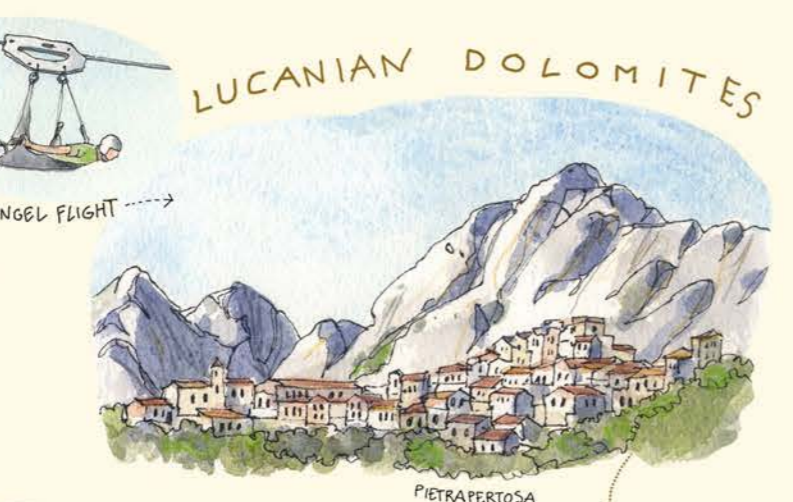
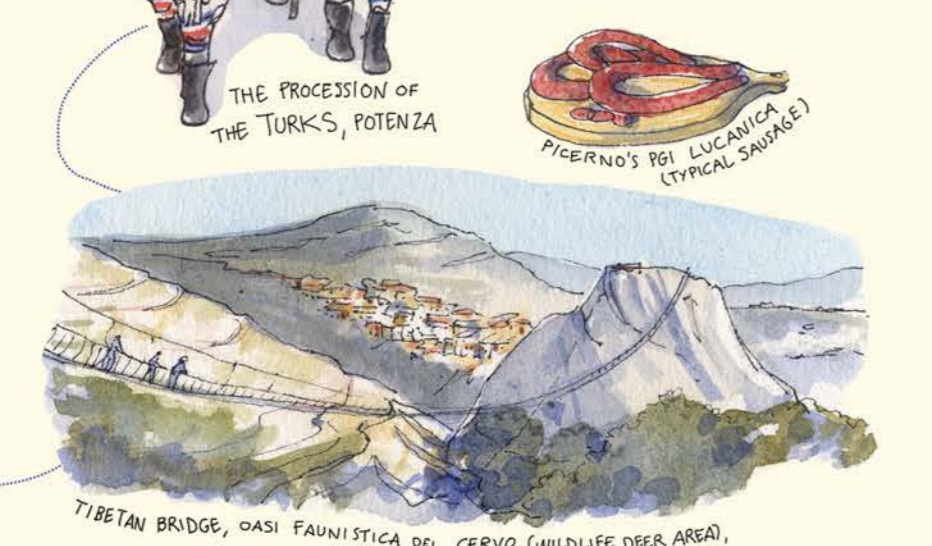
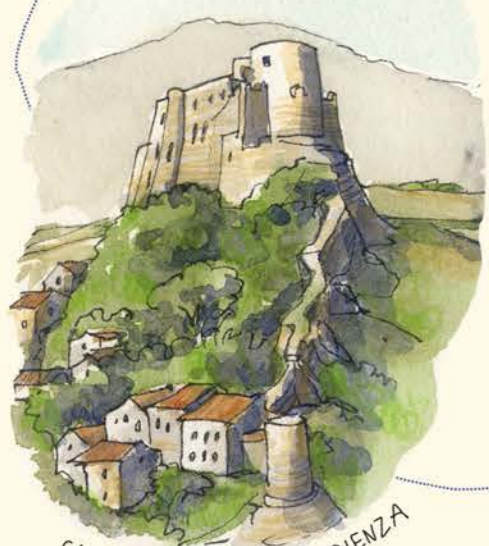
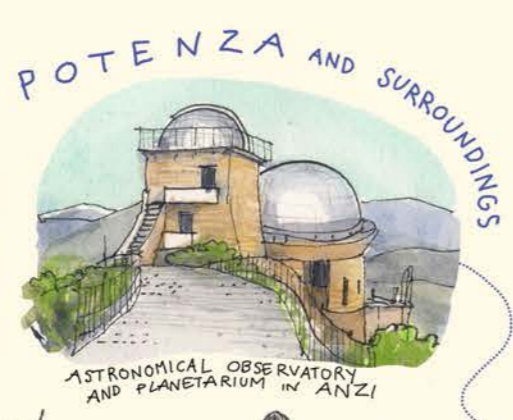


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The City of "Sassi" and its treasures
In years past, Matera's unique charm has seduced photographers and directors like Henri Cartier-Bresson...



This highly eventful year is an invitation to discover Matera and the history and fascination of its Sassi.

From January 19 to December 20, the ambitious agenda for Matera 2019 is packed with appointments. Dove has selected the ones that are not to be missed.

The musical tradition of brass bands is a main feature of Matera 2019's opening ceremony.



Contemporary spaces
Take a foray into modernity by visiting Musma, the Museum of Contemporary Sculpture inside Pomarici Palace...

In the Park of the Rupestrian Churches
In the Murgia Materana, at the Archeological Park of the Rupestrian Churches, traces of a millenary human presence can be found in chapels, apses and tabernacles carved into the rock and frescoed by monks and hermits.

A year of exhibitions, music, festivals and events
In 2019, the year of its nomination as European Capital of Culture, Matera is the place to visit, a privileged observation point from which to admire the best international artistic production...

The South focuses on Mediterranean routes and meetings between peoples by comparing works of art, artifacts and world maps from April to August.

Concerts and gourmand itineraries
For two nights in July, the Gran Concerto per Matera will feature Rai (Italian national public broadcasting company) National Symphony Orchestra, directed by James Conlon...



Info and complete events calendar: matera-basilicata2019.it

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Around the 2019 European Capital of Culture there's a whole, exciting region. Nature, art and taste: the pleasure of a surprising discovery



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At the center, a big green heart made of parks and protected oases. And then the fertile hills of Mount Vulture, the rugged summits of Lucanian Dolomites, the moonlike scenery of Murge and Badlands.

The parks. The region boasts two national parks and three regional ones. The first, the Pollino National Park, established in 1993, is a Unesco geopark and the biggest park in Italy...

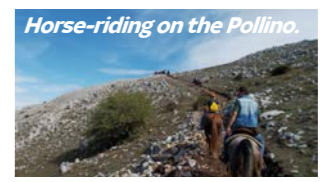


The Lucanian Badlands. A lunar landscape, drawn over the centuries by water digging into the white clay. The Badlands area lies between the communes of Pisticci, Montalbano Ionico and Craco...

The coasts. Although mainly mountainous, Basilicata has two accesses to the sea and beaches that have been repeatedly awarded a Blue Flag. The Ionian Coast from Metaponto to Nova Siri...

In a land that's still preserved and only slightly marked by human presence, it's easy to surrender to the call of nature while enjoying both spectacular landscapes and great opportunities to practice open-air sports.

At a leisurely pace. Hiking and nordic walking lovers head towards the Pollino National Park while walking on the brink of ravines and among rock churches and healthy villages in the Murgia National Park.



Mountain biking at Craco. Horse-riding on the Pollino. Paragliding in Maratea. Diving and water sports. Rafting canyoning and water trekking are practiced among the streams of the Pollino...

Downhill and cross-country skiing: fun on the snow. In a region where 70 percent of the territory is mountainous, it's not difficult to imagine yourself going around with skis and snowshoes on the snow-covered peaks.

Guides about cycling tourism, hiking, mountain biking and winter sports can be downloaded from the website basilicataturistica.it



A journey into the history and great beauty of Basilicata appeals to seekers of pristine, mysterious places, and unravels through old villages (7 are members of the association Borghi più Belli d'Italia or Italy's Most Beautiful Villages)...



Potenza and surroundings. The Lucanian capital grows vertically. The historic center overlooks the modern part of the city and can be reached through elevators and stairways like the Hundred Steps Staircase from viale Manzoni to via Marconi.

Matera province and Badlands. The visit to Matera can be part of a broader itinerary including the nearby hills and extending towards the Badlands. At Iršina check out the statue of Saint Euphemia...

The Lucanian Dolomites. A paradise for sports enthusiasts, the Lucanian mountains also preserve interesting historical testimonies. In the woods between Accettura and Oliveto Lucano stand the ruins of the ancient fortified town of Crocchia Cognato...

The Agri Valley. A historic valley, where echoes of great battles can still be heard. Like in the Archeological Area of Grumentum, with its National Archaeological Museum hosting the remains of the ancient Roman city that fought against Hannibal...

The Pollino. In the Pollino area, after peaks and landscapes drawn by Bosnian pines, you can discover the beauty of Lucanian Baroque in towns like Castelluccio Inferiore, with its historic center made of churches and palaces...

The Ionian and Tyrrhenian Coasts. There are 7 historic coastal towns in Basilicata: Maratea, Bernalda, Metaponto, Pisticci, Scanzano Ionico, Policoro, Nova Siri and Rotondella. All ideal destinations for tourists in search of uncomtaminated places with a great history.



The Castle of Venosa. A unique structure, built in the 12th century, it is the only castle in Basilicata that still has its original structure...



Made in Basilicata. It is said that there is a "civilization of the hands" in this region. A heritage of ancient crafts handed down to new generations and sometimes reinvented by artisans and designers in a modern way.

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The pleasure of good cuisine. Also at the table, Basilicata is a great discovery. The variety of the land translates into a gourmet basket of typical products and a genuine cuisine, capable to preserve knowledge and flavors of the past.

Some numbers. 114 are the Traditional Food Products (TFP) recognized by the Italian Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies and Tourism; 17 are products labeled as DOP, DGI and TGI...

Events: Festivals and fairs to put on the calendar. During the summer, in palaces and castles of the Vulture Melfese, the Aglianico Wine Festival offers tastings, meetings and concerts to celebrate the pairing of wine and territory.

Info e altri eventi: basilicataturistica.it/evento

Through re-enactments, multimedia museums, theater performances and panoramic flights, Basilicata offers many opportunities to discover the territory and its history in innovative and involving ways.

The City of Utopia goes on stage in the ghost town of Campomaggiore Vecchio. A theatrical performance that brings back the origins of monasticism. Here, the Scenographic Museum evokes a spiritual journey in the ancient Basilicata...

Sognò di una notte "a quel paese". (Dream of a Night in "That Town"). The town of Colobraro, in the Matera province, brings back luck, at least according to an ancient rumor that spawned an amusing tradition.

Festivals, rites and myths: a dialogue between sacred and profane. The Lucanian Carnival brings back to memory a faraway world, tied to the rhythms of nature and populated by legends. It is a celebration expressed differently in different towns.



leafy branch (the bride), grafted together and lifted to the sky. Among Christian celebrations, Easter is certainly one of the most deeply felt, particularly in the Vulture area. Sacred Representations of the most significant moments in the life of Christ - like the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross and the Passion - are brought to the stage by hundreds of extras in costume...

USEFUL INFORMATION

For updated information about the territory, the events and the accommodations, check the website: basilicataturistica.it.



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