



The Craco Society

Craco 2008

The Craco Society proudly invites people interested in visiting the historic southern Italian hill town of Craco and the Province of Matera to register for our inaugural Craco Trip June 14-21, 2008.

The week-long event opens with an informal cocktail reception on Saturday evening, followed by a visit the next day to Craco with a meeting at the historic monastery of the Observant Friars of St. Peter. On Tuesday, the group will again return to Craco and visit Craco Peschiera. Friday evening, the last night of the Society's trip, will be highlighted by a group event in Craco. There is plenty of free time to explore the region, its people and your heritage.

See Craco and its people: This trip provides a unique opportunity to see Craco and meet its current residents- maybe even long lost family! Everyone attending will leave the session with an information packet about the town, and have an opportunity to see the land that nurtured generations of ancestors. There will be plenty of time to share information, pictures, addresses and stories with your "Cracotan" cousins.

The Craco Society's Inaugural Craco Trip: In an effort to keep costs as low as possible and to allow for maximum flexibility for our members who wish to travel before or after our organized events, trip participants will make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. The Craco Society has researched local options and proudly offers discounted accommodation rates at the Magna Grecia Village Resort in Metaponto. For an easy airport transfer, the Craco Society suggests arrival at the Bari, Italy airport as the resort offers shuttle pick up from this airport for about €20 per person one way.

Traveling to Italy & Craco: The Bari airport is served by many European airlines, including budget airlines such as RyanAir. Connections from overseas are easily arranged through Rome, Milan, Venice or other European cities. Expect about a 1.5 hour ride to the resort from the airport. For those arriving in Rome or other cities, the Italian railway system is highly efficient and the station in Metaponto is virtually across the street from the resort. You may also consider a rental car as the Italian roadways are well marked and easy to navigate.

Where to Stay Near Craco: Magna Grecia Village has provided us with a special rate of € 54 per person double occupancy for full board (breakfast, lunch & dinner included). This resort has its own beach shuttle, sports activities, pool, entertainment and other resort amenities included in the price. Booking can be made directly with the resort at: www.magnagreciavillage.com or by phone at +39-0835-745661. A deposit will be required with settlement on arrival. Single supplement is 20%. Children receive discounted rates. Hotel style rooms as well as larger apartments and villas are available. The special Craco Society rate is valid only until February 10, 2008.

Craco Society Group Gatherings: Craco Society gatherings will be held at several locations including the Magna Grecia Village and the town of Craco. Transportation to Craco will be provided from the Magna Grecia Village for all Society sponsored events. Anyone staying at another facility will need to provide their own transport to meeting sites.

Sightseeing Options: Lounging by the pool/beach or playing tennis not your thing? Magna Grecia Village offers daily sightseeing adventures to nearby places including Matera, the Metaponto temple and museum and the incredible trulli (beehive houses) in Puglia. When not participating in Craco Society events, you can choose your own adventures and book directly with the resort or just enjoy the slow paced resort lifestyle. Several quality golf courses are also located nearby.

Count Me In! What Do I Do?

Ready to commit to the Craco 2008 trip? You can get there in three steps:

1. Book your flight to Italy. If you would like to use the resort's shuttle, be sure to book your flight into Bari.
2. Book your accommodations at Magna Grecia Village at www.magnagreciavillage.com or by phone at +39-0835-745661. Be sure to mention The Craco Society to take advantage of the group discount.
3. Return your registration for the Craco Society Group Gatherings (see form attached).

Within the Craco Society, we have a wealth of information on traveling to and within Italy. If you should have any special requirements or need assistance with locating services, please let us know. Email Lena Camperlengo: lenacamperlengo@hotmail.com or call 850-212-6993.

SATURDAY JUNE 14 ARRIVE IN ITALY AND MAGNA GRECIA VILLAGE HOTEL

Travel to Magna Grecia Hotel Village, Metaponto. Free afternoon. 5:30pm – 7:00pm Cocktail reception at hotel

SUNDAY JUNE 15 AFTERNOON VISIT TO CRACO VECCHIO (OLD CRACO)

Sleep in or enjoy the morning by utilizing some of the resort's many amenities. Eat a leisurely breakfast and lunch at the resort and gear up for our Craco Society Group Gathering: Old Craco.

Afternoon: Hop on the Craco Society bus* and enjoy the Craco Society greeting held at the San Vincenzo Monastery in Old Craco. We will be welcomed by current Craco officials and enjoy a presentation and overview of historic Craco, a bus tour around accessible areas of old Craco and visits to St. Angelo, (housing the San Vincenzo relic), the water well, & cemetery. We are also welcomed to join Mass at the Chapel of Madonna della Stella, on the outskirts of Old Craco.

After our first venture into Craco, we're sure you'll find lots to talk about during and after dinner at the Magna Grecia resort. The resort often has scheduled evening entertainment- check the listings at the resort.

MONDAY JUNE 16 LEISURE DAY

A built in day of pure enjoyment. Relax by the pool or on the beach; play golf or take a scheduled sightseeing tour with the resort. Today is all yours to explore or play hooky. You set the tone for the day. Don't forget: all meals are included in your resort fee.

TUESDAY JUNE 17 VISIT TO CRACO PESCHIERA (NEW CRACO)

Another leisurely morning and lunch at the resort.

Afternoon: This afternoon our Craco Society Group Gathering takes us to Craco Peschiera (New Craco). The Craco Society bus* will take you from the resort to New Craco where we will be welcomed at the Town Hall and enjoy a tour of the Town Hall (and the new conference table gifted by Mel Gibson) and walking tour of New Craco. Here in the new town we will find the modern day inhabitants of Craco – no doubt you will find some distant relatives! New Craco has also preserved many of the old church fixtures and records, so save some time for family history research!

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18 LEISURE DAY

After digging around your family tree you may have discovered new connections! Why not meet poolside with your family tree? Today is yours for the asking. With no scheduled activities, you decide what to do: sightseeing? tennis? family research by the pool? It's all up to you.

THURSDAY JUNE 19 LEISURE DAY

One more day of leisure as you soak in the atmosphere, the food and the history of your ancestors. No planned activities mean that you set the pace today. With lots to choose from, you may decide to visit local museums, work on your family tree or just work on your tan!

FRIDAY JUNE 20 TOUR OLD CRACO AND CELEBRATE IN NEW CRACO

Our last full day in Southern Italy starts slowly as we enjoy breakfast and lunch at the resort. The afternoon holds the promise of special memories as we gather in New Craco with our Italian cousins for a group celebration of the new and lasting bonds formed on our trip. The Craco Society bus * will first bring us to Craco Vecchio (Old Craco), where we can explore the safe areas of the old town at leisure. After hiking on the old Craco hillside, we'll bus it back to New Craco for a cocktail reception.

SATURDAY JUNE 21 GROUP FAREWELL

Make your arrangements with the resort if you plan to use their shuttle back to the Bari airport. We're sure that some Craco Society members will enjoy their time at the Magna Grecia resort so much that they will extend their stay!

*Bus transfers to Craco and back are included in your Craco Society Group Gathering registration.



The Craco Society Group Gatherings

Registration Form

Craco 2008 Trip

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Included in your registration: Bus transfers to and from the Magna Grecia Village resort to Craco, bus tours of Old and New Craco, walking tours of Old and New Craco, Craco welcome and historical presentations, Group Gatherings on Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday organized by The Craco Society (see itinerary in brochure), a travel tote (with the Craco stemma) and a small take-home souvenir of your time in Craco. Children under the age of 6 are free. Overseas travel, accommodations and daily meals are not included and must be booked separately.

Instructions:

Please complete and return this registration form as soon as possible, but no later than February 10, 2008 along with a check made out to The Craco Society (Inc.), mailed to the address below. A registration acknowledgement will be sent along with updates about the meeting.

The Craco Society (Inc.), 14 Earl Road, East Sandwich, MA, 02537 USA

Name: _____			Total Payment Enclosed \$
Address: _____			
City: _____			
State: _____	Zip: _____	Country: _____	
Tel: _____		Email: _____	

Indicate below the names of people registering for The Craco Society Group Gatherings

NAME	COST/PERSON	TOTAL COST
	X \$175US/person	\$

I (we) plan on using the Hotel shuttle service from Bari Airport to the Hotel (€20.00 per person) YES NO

If yes, please indicate the approximate time of arrival at Bari airport _____

Cancellation Policy

All requests for cancellation of the Society's portion of the trip must be made prior to May 15, 2008 for a full refund. Requests after that date are subject to a partial adjustment for expenses incurred by the Society in making arrangement.

Release of Liability

By returning this Registration form I acknowledge having read the Release of Liability terms on the reverse of this form and agree to abide by them.



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I/we hereby acknowledge that I/we have voluntarily applied to join this tour (The Craco Society Craco 2008 Trip) and to engage in activities conducted during the tour by the Craco Society, their associates and agents, and with this registration I/we certify that I/we have no physical, mental, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for me/us or other tour participants.

I/we am aware that participation in this tour and its activities involves the risk of injury and property damage from any cause whatever arising from my/our participation in the tour. I/we understand that baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the tour participants.

By the act of joining the tour and participating in its activities, I/we, my/our heirs, personal representative and assigns will not make any claims, actions, or demands against or sue The Craco Society (Inc.), its associates and agents in connection with any cause whatsoever arising from my/our attendance and participation in the tour, including matters involving injuries or property damage.

The Craco Society (Inc.), its associates, and agents act only as agents for the suppliers of transportation, lodging, meals, sightseeing activities, and other tour activities, and have no responsibility for any damages, injuries, or accidents that might occur in relation to the use of these suppliers. Neither are they nor the suppliers to be held responsible for damages, injuries, or accidents that occur due to Acts of God, natural disasters, weather conditions, terrorism, or any other matters beyond their control. They retain the right in their sole discretion to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of a tour. They are not liable for any penalty cost of a nonrefundable air ticket purchased in connection with this tour.