

THE CRACO SOCIETY INVITES: FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR AN ADVENTURE BACK TO CRACO

April 30 – May 8, 2009 - 9 Days

\$ 1,949 from New York JFK [plus taxes and current fuel surcharge]

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Day 1 - Thursday Apr 30: Depart from JFK to Bari, Italy.

Day 2 - Friday May 1: Arrive in Bari Italy, transfer to Hotel

Arrive in Bari, Italy. We will take our bus to the hotel in Policoro, the Oro Hotel, a 4 star superior facility. Along the 1.5 hour journey through Puglia to Policoro, witness the countryside of our ancestors. Check into the hotel and relax enjoying a welcome drink and dinner.

Day 3 - Saturday May 2: Old Craco -- Peschiera – Pisticci

Breakfast at the hotel and then leave for Craco where we will have a short orientation meeting in the former monastery. We will meet with the President of the local tourism office and walk through the nearby cemetery as well as passable streets in Craco Vecchio. In the early afternoon we will drive to Craco Peschiera to meet with the local authorities and enjoy a light lunch sponsored by the Comune and Pro-Loco di Craco. After lunch we will have time to perhaps visit relatives, or just walk around Peschiera, visit the new church, etc. Time permitting, we will stop for a short visit of Pisticci. Return to hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 4 - Sunday May 3: Bernalda – Craco - Festa Madonna della Stella

Breakfast at the hotel and then leave for short tour of Bernalda including the castle renovation (if opened to the public) by Francis Ford Coppola, whose ancestors were from Bernalda. Lunch in Bernalda. After lunch we leave for Craco to celebrate the Feast of Madonna della Stella, Mass, procession. Return to hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 5 - Monday May 4: Lakes of Monticchio - Melfi

Breakfast at the hotel and then leave for tour of the lakes of Monticchio. Visit to the Abbey of San Michele in Monticchio. Leave approx 12:30 pm to enjoy lunch in Melfi. In the afternoon, we visit the archeological zone. In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 6 - Tuesday May 5: Caves of Castellana – Alberobello

Breakfast at the hotel and then leave for tour of the caves of Castellana. Visit the caves, lunch in a typical restaurant. In the afternoon, visit Alberobello and see the unique Trulli homes. In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 - Wednesday May 6: Metaponto – Matera

Breakfast at the hotel and then leave for tour of Metaponto. Visit the Museum of Magna Grecia. We depart about 11:30 am for Matera where we will have lunch. In the afternoon visit the ancient town famous for the Sassi caves and movie, “The Passion “ by Mel Gibson. Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 8 - Thursday May 7: Craco – Aliano

Breakfast at the hotel and then leave for a good-bye stop in Craco Vecchio. (Lunch along the way- on your own) We continue for Aliano a small and very old village built up on a mountain, made famous because Carlo Levi wrote “Christ Stopped at Eboli” there. In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 9 - Friday May 8: Italy – USA

Breakfast at the hotel, check out and then leave on our bus for airport in Bari. Return flights home.

Included:

- Bus for the week, including airport transfers and all day tours
- Whisper boxes included so group members can hear the English speaking tour guide
- 7 nights at the Oro hotel in Policoro
- Half board and beverage (wine) with dinners at hotel
- Lunch in restaurants while on tour: Bernalda – Matera – Melfi – Castellana



Reservation Form – Craco Society Return Trip to Craco

Mail to: Marianna Pisano – Unitours, 3010 Westchester Ave – Purchase, NY 10577

Please reserve ___ seats on this trip to Craco – April 30 – May 8, 2009

Enclosed please find deposit of \$300 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT

Name(s) as appears on passport) _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

My Roommate: _____

City, State & Zip _____

___ please assign a roommate (if available)

Telephone: _____

___ I prefer a single room - \$250 supplement and limited in number.

Day _____ Evening _____

Credit Cards: Charge my deposit to ___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ Amex

_____ Card #

_____ Exp. Date

_____ Signature

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect December 15, 2008. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Neither refunds can be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 30 passengers participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International flight reservations are being held on Alitalia. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued, carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON REFUNDABLE. Additional non-recoverable airline penalties of up to \$100 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure

DOMESTIC AIRFARE: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$250 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

MEALS: Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

TIPS AND TAXES: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$103 plus current fuel surcharge of \$264.00 are not included. Actual cost of fuel surcharge to be determined at time of group ticketing. Tips to Tour Manager/Guides, drivers and dining rooms staff are not included. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth is permitted throughout the trip.

NOT INCLUDED: Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS: A deposit of \$300 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received at Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made after 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Visa and Mastercard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - - \$100 processing charge plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 8 days of departure - - \$150 processing charge plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. There can be no refund for any services for cancellations received within 7 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

CHANGE FEE: All changes not received in writing at least 30 days prior to departure will incur a \$35 change fee per person for each revision.

DEVIATIONS: A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Unitours, Inc., the organizer, and their representatives act only as agents for the tour members in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, sightseeing, restaurants or any other services in connection with the itinerary. They will exercise reasonable care in making such arrangements, however, they do not assume any liability whatsoever, for any injury, damage, loss, accident or delay to person or property because of any acts of war or terrorism, any act of default of any hotel, carrier, restaurant, company or person rendering any of the services included in the tours. The tickets, coupons, tariffs, rules or contracts currently in use by any carrier, hotel, restaurant or other contractor rendering services shall constitute the sole contract between such contractor and the tour member. **Unitours Inc., or the organizer, accept no responsibility for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or any other cause beyond their personal control.** No carrier shall be responsible for any act, omission or events during the time passengers are not on board its own conveyance. The right is reserved to cancel or change itineraries, or substitute services without notice and to decline to accept or retain any passenger at any time. In view of statutory or contractual limitations that may apply to personal injury or property damage losses the purchase of accident and baggage insurance is strongly recommended. Optional travel insurance offered by Unitours must be paid with your final payment

