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Be amazed by this delightful region in Southern Italy!

Basilicata - sitting in Italy’s instep, it is a masterpiece waiting to be discovered. Basilicata is one of Italy's lesser known regions - meaning miles of unspoilt white sand beaches, and fishing villages where tourists are still rare. There is no better time to discover Basilicata if it is the real Italy you love and want to explore. Basilicata is a truly enchanting place with a fascinating past. The region has lain undiscovered by tourism for many years, with its unique culture and wonderful landscapes, and it is this ‘hidden’ reputation that is attracting visitors.

Basilicata has all that you could wish for in a destination. Miles of unspoiled vine covered cliffs and beautiful blue azure coves, lining white sand beaches reaching out to the seas make the splendid coastlines of Maratea and Metapontino unforgettable. The mountainous backdrop makes for truly breathtaking scenery combined with the two coastlines along both the Tyrrenian and Ionian Seas. The city of Matera is famed for the Sassi - homes carved out of the city’s two ravines that were inhabited until the mid 20th century and are now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Some parts of the city are over 2000 years old, and its ancient, spiritual atmosphere lead to it being chosen as the setting for the film The Passion of The Christ.

Basilicata has a thriving culture with many traditions and lively festivals, the Carnevali Lucani is not to be missed and the Bruna Festival is unlike any other. The region has been described as a gastronomic melting pot with many local specialities, from Matera’s traditional comet shaped bread, to sweet ‘taralli’ biscuits or ‘Mischiglio’ fresh pasta dishes. The region’s wine Aglianico has also been highly praised and takes it’s flavours from the volcanic soil in which the vines grow.

Basilicata, what a discovery!
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