



ITALY'S LAST UNDISCOVERED GEM

BASILICATA HAS ROMANTIC BEACHES, PRESERVED-IN-TIME VILLAGES, LUSCIOUS CUISINE, UNFORGETTABLE WINE, AND THE HOTTEST BOUTIQUE HOTEL ON THE BOOT. GO THERE BEFORE EVERYONE ELSE DOES.

For all its charms, Italy can feel like the most familiar—or at least most traveled—place in Europe. But what if there was an under-the-radar region that claims to have given the world orecchiette pasta? And what if it was also home to the Aglianico grapes that produce some of Italy's finest full-bodied reds? You'd want to go there and sip espresso in a mountain town next to shepherds or lie beside azure waters. Well, it turns out there is a place like this: It's called Basilicata, and it's about the last spot where you can experience the pure, unspoiled dolce vita.

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IT TAKES A VILLA:
Le Grotte della Civita
hotel in Matera, in
eastern Basilicata.

GETTING THERE

FLY INTO ROME, MILAN, OR NAPLES AND TAKE A SHORT FLIGHT TO THE AIRPORT IN BARI (ON A BUDGET AIRLINE LIKE EASYJET OR RYANAIR), THEN RENT A CAR FOR THE JUST-OVER-30-MILE TRIP TO MATERA. THE OTHER TOWNS ARE ALL WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE.

