February 15-22, 2020

Maximum attendees: 12

Airfare not included

Breakfast: every day at Villa Velia

Lunches: On your own in Monterosso or daily location

​Dinners: 6 at Villa Velia / 2 on your own at local restaurants

Transportation (mini bus) provided for dinner or walk to lunches in town.

Artists visits, gratuities and 2 museums included.

**Saturday, February 15: Arrive in La Mezia**
**AM**: We will pick you up in a mini-bus at LaMezia airport and bring you to Villa Velia

**PM**: Settle in at Villa Velia

and enjoy a relaxing dinner with a view from the mountain overlooking Monterosso

**Sunday, February 16: Walking Tour Monterosso**
**AM**: Breakfast at Villa Velia​

Sightsee leisurely in Monterosso. Stroll the streets and bring your camera.

Visit the churches (attend a service if you wish)

​**PM**: Visit the Farming and Handicraft Museum.

Learn about olive pressing, wine, chairmaking, pottery, traditional Calabrian costumes , woodworking, blacksmithing and more​

Return to Villa Velia for Dinner

**Monday, February 17: Woodcarving with Pasquale / Tour Pizzo**

**AM** Breakfast at Villa**:** Velia​

Woodcarving with Pasquale. Learn how to carve with local indigenous woods and create a small carving.

Lunch on your own in Monterosso or Pizzo

**PM**: Discover Pizzo and enjoy Tartufo (a local ice cream delicacy)

Visit local museums and shops.

Dinner on your own in Monterosso

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**Tuesday, February 18: Clay Sculpting / Visit Tropea**
**AM:** Breakfast at Villa Velia​

Clay sculpting classes with Pasquale. View a demo, or try your hand at it yourself.

PM: Afternoon Excursion to Tropea, the most famous medevial town in Calabria.​

Dinner at Villa Velia

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**Wednesday, February 19: Dyeing with Natural Graphite / Cooking Lesson at Villa Velia**
**AM**: Breakfast at Villa Velia​

Learn to dye with graphite and natural materials with Nella Morano, following the ancient tradition dating back to Roman times.

**PM**: Cooking lesson with Velia; learn ancient recipes of her family. Then enjoy the dinner you made, complete with local homeade wines and apertifs.

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**Thursday, February 20: Blacksmithing / Tour of Filadelfia**

**AM:** Breakfast at Villa Velia​

Visit Maestro Ciccio, 5th generation blacksmith for a demo on the ancient craft of forging with iron. He will also demnstrate turning on a wood lathe.

**PM:** An excursion to Filadelfia 8 (a new city of the 17th century, a replica of our own Philadelphia)

Visit an ancient water wheel that is still working.​

Dinner at Villa Velia

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**Friday, February 21: Sightseeing in Tirolio / Free time in Monterosso**

**AM:** Breakfast at Villa Velia​

**PM:** Sightseeing in Trilio, an ancient town famous for the handivraft and the most beautiful costumes of Calabria.

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**Saturday, February 22: Excursion to Serra San Bruno**

**AM**: Breakfast at Villa Velia​​

Excursion to Serra San Bruno. See the ancient monastary and visit the museum

**PM:** Return to Villa Velia for a farewell dinner.

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**Sunday, February 28: Bus to La Mezia…farewell!**
**AM:** Breakfast at Villa Velia

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Transfer to airport, Fly Home

**Grazie!**

**Arrivederci!**