

Social Excursion

Departure: at 9.00 by bus in front of the conference venue

Return: by 18.00-18.30

Cost: EUR 10

Leaving the Hotel and transfer to Tropea. Visit of the city.

A packed lunch will be provided by the hotel Eurolido.

After lunch, transfer to Pizzo. Visit of the city.



Tropea lies in a stretch of coastal rocks, cliffs, bays often accessible only by sea. This stretch of coastline on the Tyrrhenian Sea is called the Costa degli Dei (the 'Coast of the Gods').

The heart of town is up on the headland and if you explore the streets you'll find traces of the old

medieval town wall and fortifications which defended the landward side. Nowadays Tropea is known and appreciated for its beautiful coastline, the balconies overlooking the sea, the 'Isola di Tropea', a distinctive rocky outcrop which rises up from the beach a few hundred metres from the town. At the top is the monastery, Santa Maria dell'Isola, creating a wonderful image with the clear blue sea stretching behind it. Other buildings worth visiting are the beautiful Norman Cathedral and the churches of San Francesco and Santa Maria della Neve.

Pizzo, sometimes called Pizzo Calabro, is a lovely country located on the slope of a hill in a picturesque area. The historic heart of the town is on a headland above the sea; newer settlements spread along the seashore in either direction. There are beaches nearby and Pizzo is both a busy 'local' town and a holiday destination. Pizzo has two main tourist attractions: the Chiesetta di Piedigrotta, a bizarre cave-chapel on the shore, and the renowned *tartufo di Pizzo*, a chocolate truffle ice cream. It also has a historic castle and a pleasant town centre where there is a tourist information office in Piazza della Repubblica, the main square.

