

Did you know?

Interesting factoids about Calabria

The classic dramatic opera, "I Pagliacci," (The Clowns) by Ruggiero Leoncavallo is set in an Italian village of Calabria during a religious holiday, the plot is based on a true story of love, jealousy and revenge.

Basketball star Ben Wallace became the NBA's best defensive player for two straight years, a towering force on the Detroit Pistons team. Ben played in Calabria, Italy, in the mountains between two seas and a short hop from the shores of Sicily. He was playing for Reggio Calabria and living in a dorm-like apartment, eating pasta "every meal" before he was called back to the USA.

VINITALY: AWARD TO CALABRIA FOR 'GAGLIOPPO' - Catanzaro, Italy, April 6, 2004 - In occasion of the 38th edition of Vinitaly, the international wine exhibition organized in Verona, Calabria received an award for the autochthon wine yard Gaglioppo from the Enoteca d'Italia.

The new proposed super bridge spanning the straight of Messina (4 km in length) between Calabria and Sicily will honor Italians abroad. Recognizing the luster they gave and continue to give to Italy.

Calabria and Puglia produce more than 50% of Italy's olive oil.

Calabria has approx. 800 Km of sea coast – more than any other mainland region in Italy.

The name Italia came from Calabria.