

Festivals in Calabria

Two Types of Festivals

Calabria has two principal types of festivals: religious and gastronomic. Calabria's traditional festivals have religious origins based on art, spirituality and plain entertainment. Given its origins of Ancient Greek and Roman, Norman and Byzantine, French and Spanish..., the events combine the orthodox with ethnic rituals creating a colorful, festive and dramatic atmosphere.

Gastronomic festivals, or *sagre* in Italian, are based on a certain crop or farming at a given time of year. In January, when pigs are slaughtered, entire towns have "La Sagra di Maiale", Pork Feast, where every imaginable type of pork based dish is prepared in town squares by numerous families and the entire population spends three days feasting together. There are many others as well for those who don't eat pork!

CALENDAR OF FESTIVALS	
January 20	Cropani, San Sebastiano
April 2	Paola, San Francesco
April 23	Stilo, San Giorgio
Good Friday	Laino Borgo, la Giudaica. Catanzaro, Naca . Nocera Terinese, i vattienti.
May 1 -4	Paola, San Francesco
May 3	Cutro, festa del Crocefisso
May 7	Squillace, S. Ignazio
May 12	Monasterace, <u>S. Andrea Avellino</u>
Pentecost	Gimigliano, M. di Porto
Last Sunday in May	Acquaformosa, M. della Misericordia
June 12	Stignano e Laino Borgo, S. Antonio
June 13	Lamezia Terme, S. Antonio
June 29	Lamezia Terme, SS. Pietro e Paolo
Last Sunday in June	Monasterace, Maria SS. di Porto Salvo
First Sunday in July	Girifalco, Madonna del Monte Covello.Maida, S. Francesco di Paola. Monterosso, S.Maria del Soccorso. Roccella,
First Sunday in August	Aprigliano, Madonna di Jesu. Bova Marina, Madonna del Mare,Carlopoli, Madonna del Carmine. Condofuri, S. Domenico, Ioppolo, S. Sisto Papa. Squillace, M. del Ponte.
August 5	Tiriolo, Madonna della Neve
Second Sunday in August	Bagaladi, Madonna del Carmine. Parghelia, Madonna di Porto Salvo.
August 10	San Lorenzo, San Lorenzo.
August 14	Seminara, Madonna Nera
August 15	Acquaro, Madonna dell'Assunta. Bova, S. Rocco. Briatico, Maria Assunta. Cardeto, Madonna di Mallamace. Luzzi, Madonna dell'Assunta in Sambucina. Montalto Uffugo, Madonna della Serra. Palmi, Processione della "Varia". San Nicola da Crissa, Madonna di Mater Domini. Soveria Simeri, Festa della Madonna.
August 16	Gioiosa Jonica, <u>San Rocco</u> . Si festeggia pure a: Acquaro, Caccuri, Calamera, Dasà,Dinami. Filogaso, Gerocarne, Girifalco, Longobardi, Maierato, Mileto, Montauro, Pazzano, Roccaforte del Greco, San Sostene, Soverato.
Third Sunday in August	Plati, Madonna di Loreto. Marina di Gioiosa Jonica, Madonna del Carmine
August 22	Gerace, <u>festa in onore dei Santi patroni</u>
Fourth Sunday in August	Badolato, Festa della Sanità.
September 1 -2	Polsi, <u>Madonna della Montagna</u>
September 6 -9	Torre di Ruggiero, Madonna delle Grazie
September 8	Curinga, Madonna del Soccorso Rota Greca
Second Saturday in September	Reggio Calabria, Madonna d. Consolazione
September 27 -28	Riace, <u>SS. Cosma e Damiano</u>
October 30	Acri, Beato Angelo
November 6	Lungro, S. Leonardo
November, 9	Laino Castello, S. Teodoro
December 6	Lungro, S. Nicola da Mira