

Planning your Flight to Italy

Destination - Gioia Tauro, Reggio Calabria, Italy

What time should you plan to arrive and depart at our villa?

Arrival/Departure Times:

The acceptable arrival times for our villetta are: **Saturday 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

The mandatory departure time for our villetta is: by **Saturday 9:00AM**

(We take pride in maintaining our villa. It takes 6 solid hours of careful cleaning and preparation to turnover our villa for the next rental client...plus Italians are serious about their lunch break between 1-4pm and dinner at 9pm...*sorry no exceptions*).

Which airport should you choose?

There are 5 destination airports to choose from when researching your flight schedule:

Flying internationally:

Fly into Rome (FCO) <http://www.adr.it/> or Milan (MXP) <http://www.sea-aeroportimilano.it/>

Take a connecting flight to Reggio Calabria (REG) or Lamezia Terme (SUF)

(both these airports are approx 1 hour flights from Rome or 2 hours from Milan).

The Airport at Reggio Calabria (REG) is 50 min driving distance from the villetta.

The Airport at Lamezia Terme (SUF) is 1:15hr driving distance from the villetta.

Here is the website for the Lamezia Airport- <http://www.sacal.it/sacal/enstoria.html>

(you will find that you can fly into Lamezia Terme from several other European cities as well).

Other airport considerations:

Fly into the Airport in Catania, Sicily (CTA) <http://www.aeroporto.catania.it/1024/index.htm>

is 3hrs driving distant from the villetta. Suggestion - fly in 1 day earlier and discover a little of Sicily along the way to Calabria if you wish.

Fly into the Airport in Palermo, Sicily (PMO) <http://www.gesap.it/> is 5 hrs driving distant from the villetta. Suggestion- fly in 1-2 days earlier and discover a little more of Sicily along the way to Calabria.

Fly into the Airport in Naples (NAP) <http://www.gesac.it/en/index.html> is 5 hrs driving distant from the villetta. Suggestion- fly in 1-2 days earlier and discover Naples and the Amalfi coast along the way to Calabria.

Review the URL below to get a visual where the airports are located in relation to the town of Gioia Tauro.

<http://www.informadove.it/easymap/navigatore.asp?SessionID=&ContextName=8020972a-f50f-4b55-a1816c945057a260-3f80b5f7&Nation=ITALIA&optye=3&PIUVICINO=OK>

All Major Car rentals services are available at all airports.

We recommend Auto Europe. Please visit our photo gallery website at

www.villettamimmavittoria.com/ **click on Auto Europe Logo. Note...** *Once you confirm your car rental, contact us and we'll show you how to get Auto Europe to lower your price, saving you even more money.*

FYI...A Map of Italy & Gioia Tauro and great driving directions to the villetta are given with the final booking voucher, when final payment is made. (we give great directions...no one has ever been lost getting to the villetta... yet!)

Source of information on Mapping & direction services:

http://www.map24.com/map24/mailMap24.php?mlid=villetta_mimma_vittoria

<http://www.maporama.com/share/default.asp>

Type in: Italy, Gioia Tauro zip code 89013

If arriving by train from Rome (A seven hour trip to Gioia Tauro): Gioia Tauro's train station is only 550 meters distant from the villetta (a short 6 min walk). <http://www.regionale.trenitalia.it/> Ask us for more info if you plan to take the train. We will arrange to have you picked up at the train station.

If arriving by Bus from Rome (a 7 hour trip to Gioia Tauro): Gioia Tauro's Liroli bus station is 1km distant from the villetta (10 min walk). <http://www.italybus.it/> Ask us for more info if you plan to take the train. We will arrange to have you picked up at the train station.

If you are adventures and want to take the ferry from Salerno (near Naples) check out this website:

http://www.traghetti.com/traghetti/trg.taf?_lang=UK&_UserReference=7F00000146B49C39CEC5D2657B2E3F80BC9F It takes approx 7.5 hours to reach your final destination of Messina, Sicily (which is 1 hour driving distant from Gioia Tauro).

FYI... our final voucher package contains over 100 pieces of info, tips, maps, itinerary's, brochures etc. to help you plan for a successful, positive and safe vacation.

Note of caution:

[If arriving into the Naples or Palermo airports]

As stated above- Naples & Palermo are 5 hours distant from Gioia Tauro.

Driving directly to Gioia Tauro after arrival is strongly discouraged. Our fear is that after a long flight into either of these cities, you'll be jet lagged and tired to drive another 5 hours. (Italian drivers are ...let's just say...extremely fast and aggressive drivers). **So you need to be awake and alert on the Italian Autostrada. Ok.**

Both the Lamezia Terme and Reggio Calabria airports have auto rentals. Driving 1 hour to the villetta from either of these airports is manageable after a long trip.

Having said the above, if you fly into Naples on a Thursday and then decide to stay there for a few days (check out the Amalfi Coast...it is very beautiful) and then drive to Gioia Tauro on Saturday morning leaving at 11am ...then you'll be getting in to Gioia Tauro between 3-4pm pending on road conditions.

We recently had an airline pilot from US Airways that stayed at the villetta and he flew into Rome on a Thursday. Then he drove to Naples, (2.5 hour drive) stayed 2 nights on the Amalfi coast and then left for Gioia Tauro on a Saturday morning. I recall that he was very exhausted when he got in at approx 4pm. He mentioned that there were road repairs driving down on

Autostrada A3 from Naples into Calabria. Check out this site to get road repair updates on the A3 Autostrada. <http://www.edidomus.it/auto/servizi/infotrafic/TestiA.cfm?tipostr=1&codstr=A3>

Our suggestion is to fly into Reggio Calabria and then drive up the A3 to Gioia Tauro (less than 1 hour) there are no road repairs going on the highway in this direction.

If you fly into Palermo, Sicily find a hotel in Cefalu (a beautiful town on the northern coast heading towards Calabria) for a few nights then make your way to Gioia Tauro by crossing over on the ferry from Messina, Sicily to Villa San Giovanni, Reggio Calabria. From Villa San Giovanni it's only ½ hour drive to Gioia Tauro. We had rental guests from Norway this summer who did this route. They seemed to be very refreshed when they arrived.

FYI...Italian Holidays

New Year's Day - Epiphany (Jan 6) - Easter Monday - Liberation Day (April 25) - Labor Day (May 1) - SS Peter and Paul's day (June 29) - Ferragosto (August 15) - All Saints (Nov 1) Immaculate Conception (Dec 8) - Christmas Day (Dec 25) - Santo Stefano (Dec 26)

ONLINE AIR-TRAVEL SITES

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www.travelocity.com
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www.airlineconsolidator.com
<http://www.cheapairfares.com/exitG.php?GID=2>
<http://www.attitudetravel.com/lowcostairlines.html>
<http://www.whichbudget.com>
<http://buy.volareweb.com/index.html>
<http://www.ryanair.com/>
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<http://www.airsafe.com/>
<http://www.consumerreports.org/travel/>
<http://travel.ian.com/airlines/index.jsp?cid=54332>
<http://www.flyairone.it>
<http://www.en.alpieagles.com/>

Here is the Tel # of a travel agent we use. They are based in NJ and do a lot of business with Alitalia airlines and consolidators. Call them up and see if they can find you a good deal.

International Travel (ask for Fillipo or Rosa)

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Good luck with your travel plans!

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