

Hand Written Guest Book Comment #16

7-1-05

TO MICHAEL & FOLLOWING GUESTS; WE HAD AN ABSOLUTELY MARVELOUS TIME EXPLORING CALABRIA FOR THE PAST WEEK. PUT A LOT OF MILES ON THE CAR & HIGHLY RECOMMEND VISITS TO TROPEA (BEST BEACH & VERY QUAINT BUT TOURISTY TOWN), SCILLA, BAGUARA (ALSO GREAT BEACHES & VERY FRIENDLY TOURS-FOLK) & MY PERSONAL FAVORITE, GERACE (THE III HWY TO THE IONIAN COAST @ LOCRI). A MUST STOP IN GERACE IS THE GALLERY OF LOCAL ARTIST JOE COMMISSO; A CHARMING EX "ENGLISH" TEACHER & NOW FULL TIME PAINTER. ROCCO & SYLVIA, PROPRIATORS OF THE LITTLE STORE AROUND THE CORNER WERE ALWAYS HELPFUL EVEN WHEN MY LIMITED ITALIAN FAILED COMPLETELY. THE "IL BRACE" ROSTICERIA JUST DOWN THE STREET FROM THE DUOMO IS THE PLACE TO GO FOR A GREAT POLLO AROSIO (AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP @ 7:30 P.M. - SUGGEST YOU RESERVE WITH YOUR NAME IN THE AFTERNOON). THE ENOTECA RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM IL BRACE HAS NICE WINES. WE WENT A FLYER FROM "IL VECCHIO MATRONE" A KITTLE BAR/PIZZERIA ON THE S-18 BETWEEN CIGIA TAURO & ROSARNO. THE PIZZA IS THE BEST & THE PEOPLE EVEN BETTER. WE WERE MORE THAN IMPRESSED BY THE FULL COMPLEMENT OF AMENITIES @ THE (18) VILLETTA MIMMA VITTORIA. MICHAEL HAS THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING TO MAKE

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HIS GUESTS COMFORTABLE & READY TO MAKE THE MOST OF
 A STAY HERE. WE REALLY APPRECIATED THE BEACH UMBRELLA
 & CHAIRS IN THE CLOSET OUTSIDE THE BACK DOOR. IT WAS
 VERY HOT THIS WEEK (37-38°C) SO THE COMFORT OF THE
 AC WAS MOST WELCOME ON RETURN FROM LONG DAYS.
 WE DID OUR N. ITALY TOUR A FEW YEARS AGO & HAD A
 GREAT TIME ALSO, BUT THE TRUE FLAVOR OF ITALIAN
 HOSPITALITY IS MUCH MORE EVIDENT IN CALABRIA. WE'RE
 HEADED BACK TO SICILY TOMORROW & CAN ALSO HIGHLY
 RECOMMEND A TRIP THERE TO VISIT TAORMINA - WOW!

CIAO BELLA!

MARK, MARY & MEREDITH DENOVAN
 BEAVERTON, OREGON & AMY, DEISEL
 (D.D) SCHOOL TEACHER, SINGOLA, Sicily

P.S. THE FROZEN "LIMONCELLA" GLASSES IN THE FREEZER & A 7.5 DE
 BOTTLE OF [↑] IS NO DOUBT PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS
 LENGTHY TONE! SALUD! (19)