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About Cosenza

Rende and Cosenza are located in Calabria, in the south of Italy. They are very close cities, even if the main city is Cosenza.

This is one of the most dynamic areas in Calabria if we think about socio-economic, urbanistic and cultural aspects, thanks also to the presence of one of the biggest campus in Italy: Università della Calabria.

Cosenza is located at the confluence of two ancient rivers, the Busento and the Crati. Almost completely surrounded by mountains, Cosenza is subject to a microclimate scarcely influenced by the Mediterranean Sea, with cold winters and hot summers.

The ancient Consentia, capital of the Italic tribe of the Bruttii, was a bulwark of the Italic people against the Hellenic influences of the Ionian colonies.

In 410 AD Alaric I, king of the Visigoths sacked the city of Rome and reached Cosenza, where he died. It is said that he was buried with his treasure at the confluence of the Busento and Cratis rivers..

After that, bitterly disputed between the Saracens and the Lombards, Cosenza was destroyed, then rebuilt around 988.

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By the first half of the eleventh century, Lombard Calabria became a feudal dukedom of the Normans, with Cosenza as capital. The town soon rebelled against the rule of Roger Guiscard and was only recaptured after a long siege. Subsequently, under the Hohenstaufen rule, the town became the seat of the Court of Calabria (Curia Generale). The Emperor Frederick II had a particular interest in the town: he promoted construction and economic activities, organising an important annual fair.

In 1500, in spite of resistance, Cosenza was occupied by the Spanish army led by Captain Gonzalo Fernández de Córdoba. During the sixteenth century the town experienced a period of expansion as the seat of the Viceroy of Calabria. At the same time its cultural importance grew thanks to the foundation of the Accademia Cosentina; among its most renowned members were Bernardino Telesio, Aulo Gianni Parrasio, the Martirano brothers, Antonio Serra and others. In 1707 the Austrians succeeded the Spanish in the Kingdom of Naples, followed by the Bourbons.

From 1806 to 1815 Cosenza fought hard against French domination. Cruel suppressions characterised that period and in 1813 the town, a cradle of the Carbonari secret societies, saw many rebels executed. The local riots of 1821 and 1837 heralded the Risorgimento.

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Main sights

CHURCH OF SAN DOMENICO

Founded in 1448, the church combines Renaissance and Medieval elements. Its most interesting feature is the rose window defined by 16 little tuff columns. The wooden portal (1614) is inlaid with floral motifs, figures of saints and coats of arms.



THE CATHEDRAL

The exact origins of the Duomo are unknown; it was probably built during the first half of the 11th century. An earthquake destroyed the cathedral on 9 June 1184, and rebuilding was completed by 1222 when the cathedral was consecrated by Emperor Frederick II.

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HOHENSTAUFEN CASTLE

The Castello Svevo ("Swabian" or Hohenstaufen Castle) was originally built by the Saracens on the ruins of the ancient Rocca Brutia, around the year 1000. The castle was restored by Frederick II, Holy Roman Emperor, adding the octagonal tower to the original structure, in 1239.



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OPEN AIR MUSEUM

In the modern part of Cosenza, in an area stretching from the pedestrianized Corso Mazzini to Piazza Bilotti, lies the open-air "Museo MAB". The museum hosts a wide range of modern art sculptures that stand in the street for residents and tourists. The sculptures were donated to the city by the Italian-American entrepreneur and art collector, Carlo Bilotti.



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How to reach Cosenza/Rende

The nearest airport is in Lamezia Terme "Sant'Eufemia", about 40 minutes driving to Rende-Cosenza.

It is connected to Cosenza and Rende by "Al-volo" shuttle service (www.al-volo.eu). The single ticket is 20 euros per person, but for groups of more than 4 people is 12,50 euros per person.

Accommodation

The best option is Hotel San Francesco (www.hsf.it) in Rende, very near to our headquarter, also reachable by walk.

- Single room is about 52 euros per night.
- Double room is about 59 euros per night.

Breakfast included for all solutions

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