

Said to be “founded by Hercules” and made infamous as the “city of the devil”, being the location for the religious council, sponsored by the Count of Fondi; Onorato I Caetani in 1378 which resulted in the Great Schism of the West. This tour will appeal to those who wish to engage with spiritual and environmental factors and discover local historical treasures within these fields. The area is regarded as an area of international interest for research purposes, as Fondi offers the rare opportunity of a settlement with a centuries old continuity of development. Fondi is an ancient city and to look for its sources you need to investigate the myths. The initial stage of the tour will cover a small portion of the **Roman Baths**, where you will also hear about the legends and birth of the city.



Old Town Thursday and Sunday 09.30 am

Excursion always guaranteed with official tourist guide. Departure from Palazzo Caetani Colonna 2 hours tour, at the end of tasting local mozzarella cheese on request



The Palazzo

was the Fondi residence of the Lords of Fondi, including the Counts of Aquila, passing to the Caetani/Gaetani di Aragon families and then the Colonna family including the beautiful Countess Guilia Gonzaga Colonna. The Palace is now a restored and striking building used for multi-purpose exhibitions.



Castello

The fortress or castello of Fondi is now the seat of the civic museum. Housed in this medieval and renaissance fortress one can appreciate the historical heritage of Fondi. Where where from a rooftop terrace accessed by both lift and stairs wonderful views of the city can be taken appreciated.



St Peters Cathedral

The new façade is attributed to Arnolfo di Cambio and the new mosaics by the artist Domenico Furificato. Inside is the papal throne where the antipope, Clement VII, received the papal crown from the hands of Count Onorato I Caetani of Fondi in 1378. The pulpit is an example of perfectly preserved cosmatesco, with geometric design. There is also an 8th Century wooden crucifix featuring a painting of Christ crucified which could possibly be the oldest on original wood. Two Triptychs by 15th Century masters Christoforo Scacco and Antoniozzo Romano are also present on the walls

Food and Wine Tasting



The Tour ends with the opportunity to taste the dairy products of the local Mediterranean Buffalo. The farms of today reflect the ancient traditions of cheese making and with innovative new production techniques they now produce an exceedingly high quality of milk. The exceptional quality of the local milk gives the Buffalo Mozzarella its rich creaminess which is then collected into the traditional ball shapes of varying sizes including the small bocconcini and larger plaited designs for special occasions. The same quality of milk production in cows, sheep and goats milk affords similar opportunities to taste local cheeses including a stretched curd cheese called Caciocavallo.

Price : euros 16 per person and euros 20 per person tasting included (Free for children up to 12 years. Discount 50% for children aged from 13 to 18 years)

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