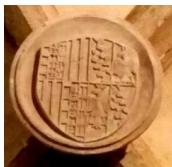


Said to be “founded by Hercules” and made infamous as the “city of the devil”, being the location for the religious council, sponsored by the Count of Fondi; Onorato I Caetani in 1378 which resulted in the Great Schism of the West. This tour will appeal to those who wish to engage with spiritual and 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 Official tourist guide. Departure from Palazzo Caetani Colonna 3 hours tour



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 Giulia 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 Peter's 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



Santuario della Madonna del Cielo

This renaissance gem is located on the site of the Roman Forum and was constructed at the wish of Count Onorato II, Caetani d'Aragnon in 1490. Inside the church are pictorial masterpieces by Giovanni da Gaeta, a tabernacle and two original pulpits with the coat of arms of the Gaetani family, including elements of the Aragon Kings of Naples. The former Church of Santa Maria Assunta was elevated to that of a Shrine in 2013 in the presence of the venerated statue of the Madonna del Cielo. The statue, created in 1613 is revered as responsible for several local miracles.



The Jewish Quarter

A rare example of an authentically preserved Jewish neighbourhood that has been modelled on the rules laid out in the Hebrew sacred texts. Rabbi Elio Toaf described it as ‘more evocative than that of Jerusalem’. The synagogue here is referred to as the ‘Casa degli Spiriti’ or ‘House of Spirits’.

Price: euros 19 per person. Free for children up to 12 years. Discount 50% for children from 13 to 18 years olds)

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