

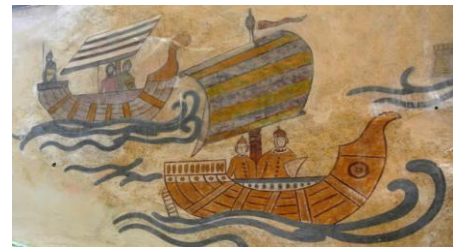
A quaint fishing village that is perched on the promontory of San Magno – a spur of the Aurunci mountains. The town was built in a defensive style against the incursions of the Saracens, with dwellings built into the headland overlooking the sea. New private homes and hotels front the main promenade and beach.



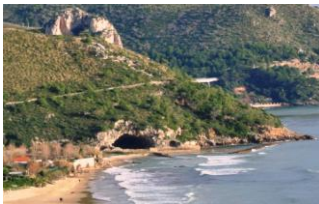
Sperlonga has mythical origins linked to the Amyclae and the legendary city founded by Laconi. The town reached its peak during the Roman era when large mansions were built. The most valuable evidence to this development, being the ruins of a villa left by the Emperor Tiberius. Next to the villa, the museum houses some exceptional marble statues depicting the exploits of Ulysses which were uncovered from a large sea Grotto adjacent to the Villa ruins.

Sperlonga and the National Museum

4 hour tour FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. Departure from the entrance of the National Archaeological Museum at 09.30 am



Andro di Tiberio



This magnificent seaside villa stretched over several acres. The Emperor created the so called nymph cave or Cave of Tiberius for fish farming. In the 1950's some large pieces of marble were discovered which lead to the National Archaeological Museum being created in 1963. Here they reassembled thousands of fragments from the excavations. The museum now currently houses four imposing statuary groups which recount the adventures of Ulysses: Ulysses' ship between Scylla and Charybdis, The Rape of the Palladium, The Blinding of Polyphemus and the so called Group of Pasquino. Theatrical masks, Herms, marble heads,

including the head of Odysseus, the Ganymede are all displayed in another four rooms.

Reconstruction l'Antro di Tiberio



After the Roman period, the town was returned to the county of Fondi. In the Middle Ages it was important to create a system of watch towers against the danger of Turkish invasion and testified by the creation of the imposing Torre Trulia' and other remains. Never the less Sperlonga fell along with Fondi, when on 8 August 1534. The pirate Kair-to-Din, called Barbarossa who arrived and devastated the country, killing and deporting the inhabitants during an attempted kidnap of the beautiful Countess Giulia Gonzaga Colonna of Fondi as a gift for Sultan Suleiman II

Sperlonga



The tour begins with a visit to the National Archaeological Museum of Sperlonga and the natural cave of Tiberius. Then we take a walk to the lovely historic centre of Sperlonga – not far, with a lovely viewpoint, the typical narrow streets and local shops and bars are the perfect place for a break. After exploring the historic centre we descend the wide stone stairway to the sea where you can appreciate views of the Circeo peninsular and the Pontine Islands.

Ticket Entrance to National Museum: Euros 5 per person (child free up to 12 years old and senior from 65 years old)

Price : Euros 22 per person
(always guaranteed) child free up to 12 years old, up to 18 50% of discount



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