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ARCHAEOLOGICAL TOUR IN THE DAUNIA MOUNTAINS

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Bovino – Ortona –Ascoli Satriano - Deliceto

4 days - 3 nights

1st day

Thursday

Tour participants are picked up from the airport or from the railway station in Foggia. Then they are transferred by bus to one of the hotels in the area of Bovino, where the welcome cocktail is served. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd day

Friday

Bovino – Ortona

Breakfast in the hotel and departure.

Bovino

The ancient *Vibinum* was a Roman colony in the 1st century a.C. The town was continuously influenced and dominated by different populations such as the Lombards, the Byzantines and the Normans, as well as by Federico II and the Angevins. The Castle was built on the ancient ruins of a Roman fortified defensive structure. Later on, it was enlarged by Federico II and turned into an aristocratic palace in the 17th century by Guevara duke. The 18th- century palace Pisani hosts the **Museo Civico "G. Nicastro"**, which safeguards archaeological finds dating back to prehistoric times as well as to the Middle Ages. The Dodge Palace, instead, was turned into the **Museo Diocesano**, where the great part of the Cathedral's treasures and objects are preserved. The most interesting

church of the old town is the **Duomo**: the main part of this sacred building was erected between the 8th and the 9th century. Later on, the church was renovated in the 13th century. It is worth visiting the small Romanesque church of **San Marco**, which was constructed near the Cathedral. It preserves the relics of San Marco di Eca or Ecana, the main patron of Bovino together with Santa Maria di Valleverde. The church of S. Pietro, instead, was built on the ruins of an ancient pagan temple in the 12th century.

Lunch in the restaurant.

Ortona

The origins of the town were discovered only recently in the 17th and 18th century, when the Jesuits and then a small community of farmers decided to construct the first buildings giving life to the modern town. Ortona developed on the ruins of the ancient town centre of **Herdonia**, which was accidentally discovered thanks to the excavations made in this area made starting from the early 60's of the last century. The archaeological area takes up a great part of the town. It was a Roman borough in the 1st century a. C. which grew strongly between the 1st and the 3rd century. The rapid development of the town was made possible because of the construction of the Via Traiana. Then it was partially destroyed by the earthquake, which took place in the 4th century, but never died. It flourished

until the 6th century. It is worth visiting the following archaeological finds: the Roman amphitheater, which was constructed on the ruins of an ancient defensive building, the remains of dwellings dating back to the Roman period, the basilica and other buildings such as the *tribunal*, the *aerarium* and the *curia*. Other archaeological sites, which cannot be missed, are the remains of two ancient temples and the *macellum*. Moreover, it is possible to admire a short track of the *via Traiana*. Recently a large complex of thermal baths with beautiful decorations has been discovered.

Return in the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

3rd day Saturday Ascoli Satriano - Deliceto

Breakfast in the hotel and departure.

Ascoli Satriano

The town centre is located on the top of the hill which overlooks the Carapelle Valley. It was already inhabited by Daunians in the 8th and 9th century. Then it became a Roman *municipium*. At present Ascoli Satriano preserves a great variety of evidences of the Daunia and Hellenistic Era. The **Parco Archeologico dei Dauni** preserves different archaeological finds with pride. The **Parco di Faragola**, instead, safeguards remains of an ancient Villa. The **Museo Diocesano** displays works of art and objects dating back to the Daunian Period and coming from the surrounding area: sacred medieval and modern objects. The permanent exhibition "**Policromie del sublime**", displays highly estimated marble furnishings such as the famous **Grifoni**. It is worth visiting the Romanesque Cathedral dedicated to the

Virgin Mary. It was entirely renovated during the Renaissance and Baroque period. The **Palazzo Ducale**, whose origins date back to the 13th century, seems to have been continuously renovated and rebuilt, too.

Lunch in the restaurant.

Deliceto

The town preserved its authentic character of a medieval borough but its origins date back to the prehistoric era. Such conclusions can be made while visiting the underground caves spread along the spur where the town is situated. The Castle, which was built by the Normans in 1073, is the most characteristic building in Deliceto. The old town is worth visiting: the **chiesa Madre**, which has ancient origins (7th -8th century) dedicated to S. Salvatore. There is a small and simple chapel of **Madonna di Loreto**, which was built in the 16th century just outside the medieval wall surrounding the town. At the distance of about 4 kilometres from Deliceto, tourists have a possibility to visit the **Sanctuary of Madonna della Consolazione**, whose origins are still unknown and whose former name was very different. In fact, it was dedicated to San Pietro in Vincoli.

Return in the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

4th day Sunday return

Breakfast in the hotel. Participants are taken to the airport or to the railway station in Foggia. The end of all services.

- Individual participation without bus transport € 210,00
- Individual participation with bus transport € 280,00
- Single room supplement: € 45,00

1 person free in a single room for every 25 paying persons

PRICE INCLUDES

- Accommodation in a 3*/4* hotel for 3 nights
- HB (breakfast and dinner)
- 2 x lunch in selected restaurants
- ¼ l of wine + ½ l of mineral water for each meal
- Welcome cocktail
- Tourist guide during excursions
- Bus service (on request)
- Taxes ad provision for the services

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Extra drinks
- Admission fee
- Tips in restaurants
- Everything which is not mentioned in "PRICE INCLUDES"

N.B. Offer is valid for a group of min. 25 paying persons