

## “THE CAVE OF SAN MICHELE”

Olevano sul Tusciano (SA)

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The cave is not far from Mount Raione, in the pretty town of Olevano sul Tusciano. It is one of the most evocative places of worship in Southern Italy. Of profound archaeological, historical-artistic and anthropological interest, there are a series of independent architectures, equipped with their own roofs. There are seven chapels, five of which are still intact, dating back to the 9th century which together constitute a real monastery complex. The chapels are more properly martyryas, that is martyrs' sepulchres, made up of the triclìa, the space intended for the celebration of the funerary banquet, and the cubiculum that is the actual tomb. These are Byzantine-style structures as suggested by both the dome shape and the marvellous cycles of frescoes of refined execution. The approach path is a bit challenging in the final stretch but allows for a suggestive immersion in the Apennine woods.

Sources: Cultural Heritage Section of the Institutional Site of the Municipality of Olevano sul Tusciano.

**Dates:** from 25 October to 1 November

**Maximum number of participants:** 25, We will enter in small groups to allow a better guided tour inside the cave.

>> **N.B.** Any anti-covid measures will be considered if still in force (mask, spacing, quota entrances and limited number of people for closed places).

**Cost per person:** free.

**Time:** appointment at: 09:00 A.M. in the square of the hydroelectric plant. Google Map ref. (UTMWGS84) 502321.00 E - 4500607.00 N

**Maximum punctuality is required so we can give a short briefing before leaving.**

**Departure** from the parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

**Arrival:** at the San Michele Sanctuary

**Return:** alternative route

**Total Time about** 4 hrs – return expected approximately around 13:00



**Distance:** about 4 km going + 4 km return

**Difference in altitude:** approx. 470 m

**Equipment:** mandatory hiking shoes - optional sticks

**In backpack:** Water, raincoat, spare T-shirt, packed lunch.

**Type of route:** hiking/trekking.

**Rating:** E (Hiking)

Photo:



*Overall view of the interior (photo [www.edizionipolis.it](http://www.edizionipolis.it))*



*One of the chapels (photo: [www.vesuviolive.it](http://www.vesuviolive.it))*



*The exterior (photo: [www.vesuviolive.it](http://www.vesuviolive.it))*



*View towards the entrance (photo [www.edizionipolis.it](http://www.edizionipolis.it))*