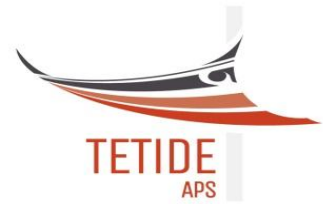


“GROTTO of SAN MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL”

Sant’Angelo a Fasanella (SA)

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The small town of Sant’Angelo a Fasanella boasts two UNESCO World Heritage sites. The first is “Il Guerriero di Costa Palomba” (The Warrior of the Palomba coast), along the road that leads to Petina village. The second Unesco site is the cave which, like many others in southern Italy, is dedicated to the cult of the Archangel Michael. The cave / church is located a short distance from the town of Sant’Angelo a Fasanella, at the foot of a 25 m high wall near the valley of the Melicupo Torrent. The entrance has a large and artistic portal of the fifteenth century and leads directly into the main hall from which two passages branch off; the first was used in the past as an ossuary, the second is situated immediately behind the side altar. It is interesting to note the crosses engraved by pilgrims on the rock, the frescoes dated to the 16th century and an enigmatic 12th century Madonna and Child. In the past, a small abbey was leaning against the cave of which only a few ruins remain.

Dates: from 25 October to 1 November

Maximum number of participants: there are no limits, eventually you will enter in small groups to allow for a better guided tour inside the cave.

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

Cost per person: free.

Time: appointment in Sant’Angelo a Fasanella (SA) at 09:30 A.M.

Departure from Ortale Square, in the town center at 10:00 a.m.

Arrival: at the church of the Archangel about 500 m from the start (15-minute walk from the town).

Return: the same route

Total time 1 h and 30 'approximately - The visit to the church takes about 45 minutes.

Distance: about 1,5 km

Difference in altitude: 10 m approx.



Equipment: comfortable footwear.

In backpack: Water (but there are public fountains and a bar in the village), bring a raincoat in case it rains.

Type of route: urban hiking.

Rating: E - Escursionistico (Hiking) suitable for children.

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Photo:



The exterior with bell tower and portal (Photo G. Marchione)



View of the interior (Photo G. Marchione)



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The 12th century Madonna with Child. (ph.Turistavagamondo.it)

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