

## Civita di Bagnoregio and Viterbo

### The dramatic "dying town" and the "Pope's town"!

The charming little town of Civita di Bagnoregio was founded by the Etruscans around 2,500 years ago on top of a hill formed by "tufah" stone. The area must have been really different in those days: the natural erosion and earthquakes have, in fact, changed the town into a smaller area on top of the hill than it originally had been. The natural erosion hasn't stopped and the sides of the hill keep crumbling down, and therefore they call Civita, "the dying city".

Viterbo's historic center is one of the best preserved medieval towns of central Italy. Many of the older buildings (particularly churches) are built on top of ancient ruins, recognizable by their large stones, 50 centimeters to a side.

The main attraction of Viterbo is the Papal Palace (visit inside), which served as a country residence and retreat in time of trouble in Rome. The columns of the palace are made of spolia from a Roman temple. The second most important monument of the city is the Cathedral of S. Lorenzo. It was established in Romanesque style by Lombard architects over a temple of Hercules. It was rebuilt from the sixteenth century onward, and was heavily damaged in 1944 by Allied bombs. The notable gothic belfry is from the first half of the fourteenth century, and shows influence of Siennese artists. The church houses the tomb of Pope John XXI, and the picture, "Christ Blessing with Four Saints" by Girolamo da Cremona (1472).

A partire da: euro

Servizi inclusi:

- Transfers by car, minivan or GT coach as per scheduled itinerary
- English speaking tour leader for the whole tour

Guided visit of the borgo of Civita di Bagnoregio (1.5hrs) with english speaking guide (\*) only for groups of minimum 8 people up, independent visit for individual clients

- Guided visit of Viterbo (2,5hrs) with English speaking guide

(\*) only for groups of minimum 8 people up, independent visit for individual clients

- 1 Lunch with local cuisine in a traditional restaurant in Viterbo
- Entrance ticket to the Palace of the Popes (\*) only for groups of minimum 8 people up)
- VAT and Taxes

Servizi non inclusi:

- Admission fees to monuments, churches and historical sites
- Ticket to cross the bridge In Civita di Bagnoregio and reach the village (to be paid locally □ 1.50 per person)
- Gratuities and personal expenses
- Anything else is not listed under "Services included"

Partenza:

Arrivo:

Mezzi di trasporto:

Min pax:



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