

Castello dei Paleologi e Museo Archeologico

Category: Castles, Fortresses

business description: The Paleologi Castle (second half of the 15th century), the historic residence of the Marquises of Monferrato, houses the Civic Archaeological Museum. The building has very ancient origins; legends tell of an earlier structure dating back to the late Roman era, destroyed by the Huns in 452 AD. It was later rebuilt in the Middle Ages as the seat of temporal power and the residence of the bishop-count. During the siege of Charles I of Anjou, it was partially destroyed and passed into the hands of the Aleramici Marquises. In 1430, the city of Acqui Terme and its castle were conquered by the Sforza family. With the return of the Marquises of Monferrato, the castle was rebuilt and used as a military stronghold. It was besieged by the Spanish in 1647 and by the French in 1747.

Today, the castle is home to the Civic Archaeological Museum. The new exhibition dates back to 2001 and allows visitors to follow a historical journey from prehistory to the Middle Ages. It is impossible to reconstruct its ancient appearance; after several sieges that severely damaged it, it was completely destroyed. The exhibition is divided into three sections (pre- and protohistoric, Roman, and medieval) with numerous artifacts documenting the history of the settlement of the Acquese area. The first two rooms are dedicated to prehistory and protohistory, with chipped flint artifacts (Paleolithic and Mesolithic: 120,000-8000 years ago), polished greenstone axes (Neolithic: 5750-3500 BC), ceramic finds, and metal tools from the Bronze Age (2200-900 BC) and the Second Iron Age (475-173 BC); the latter illustrate the indigenous culture of the Liguri Statielli and the process of Romanization of the area. The Roman section is the museum's most important section, illustrating the many facets of life in ancient Aquae Statiellae (1st century BC–3rd century AD). The rooms display grave goods from tombs discovered along the ancient Via Aemilia Scauri; stone stelae and funerary markers, such as that of Caius Mettius, portraying the young deceased with his parents; architectural decorations (capitals, antefixes, cornices), mosaics, sculptures, and frescoes from public buildings and private homes, as well as a selection of the dozens of amphorae discovered on Via Gramsci, which testify to the city's intense commercial traffic. At the center of the room dedicated to urban planning and architecture is a reconstruction of the large Bollente fountain, carved from blocks of white marble and unearthed in the late 19th century. The Late Antiquity and Medieval period is illustrated by the funerary epigraph of a Christian magistrate (early 5th century AD), by funerary objects from the Lombard period and by a selection of ceramic materials (13th-14th century) from investigations recently conducted in the historic centre of Acqui Terme.

tag: Castelli Aperti, exhibition spaces

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Admission fee: Yes

other: OPENING TIMES FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER
from Tuesday to Sunday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
CLOSED MONDAY

OPEN EASTER SUNDAY 20/04, EASTER MONDAY 21/04 from 3 p.m.
to 7 p.m.

AND ALL THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 25 APRIL - 1 MAY AND 2 JUNE

WINTER OPENING TIMES FROM NOVEMBER TO MARCH



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Wednesday to Saturday 9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm;
Sunday from 11 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.
CLOSED MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Guided visits: Yes

Services for the disabled: Yes

other: Disabled visitors or visitors with impaired mobility or physical disabilities can avail of free transportation by suitably equipped vehicles to reach the entrance to the Museum and the Anthological Exhibition at the Castello Alto, with departure from the entrance of Via Morelli 2 or from Via Al Castello. Visitors requiring this service must book it at least 24 hours in advance via email at the address info@acquimusei.it or by phone at 0144 57555, indicating time of arrival, meeting entrance, possible use of wheelchair.
Bathrooms available for disabled people.

Animals welcome: No

Catering services: No

educational facilities: Yes

informative publications: Yes

other notes: "Castelli Aperti"

Assessment

Prestige of the place: High

Periods opening

Always valid

Rabatt: Reduced (between 18 and 26 years of age) euro 2; Travelling parties and groups euro 4; under 18 and over 65 years of age no charge. In the morning on weekdays only by reservation Tel. culture office 0144 770272 or Museum 0144 57555

Monday:	-	closed
Tuesday:	-	closed
Wednesday:	09:30 - 13:30 / 15:30 - 17:30	
Thursday:	09:30 - 13:30 / 15:30 - 17:30	
Friday:	09:30 - 13:30 / 15:30 - 17:30	
Saturday:	09:30 - 13:30 / 15:30 - 17:30	
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