
PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS OF THE SPANISH FORTRESS: SUBMERGED MEMORIES AND SHIPWRIGHTS

LA COSTA D'ARGENTO - MONTE ARGENTARIO



Porto Santo Stefano, Piazzale del governatore - Monte Argentario

the museum

The Fortezza Spagnola, or "Spanish Fortress", overlooks the old town and was a military building constructed in the early seventeenth century to defend the inhabitants and the port from pirates. The fortress, now completely renovated, is home to two permanent exhibitions, the "Museo dei Maestri d'Ascia", "Museum of 'Axe-masters', or 'Shipwrights'" and the exhibition "Memorie Sommerse", or "Submerged Memories", which will form the basis of the future Maritime Museum. The latter exhibition has the primary purpose of retracing the steps of underwater archaeological research, starting from an empirical phase and leading to the presentation of the results of the more properly scientific work in the 1980s and 1990s. The museum space occupies two floors of the fortress and exhibits are mostly from the Roman period, recovered from the waters around the islands of Giannutri, Giglio, and Formiche di Grosseto and along the Tuscan Argentario coast. On the second floor is a section dedicated to the discovery of the ancient wreck (sixth century BC) of Campese (Giglio). Two rooms are dedicated to the folkloric figure of the "Maestri d'Ascia", the so-called "Axe-masters" or "Shipwrights", and display examples of the art of shipbuilding.

opening times

15 September - 15 June: every Saturday, Sunday and holiday (except Christmas day and 1 January): 11-12.30, 15-18.30; 15 June - 15 September: every day 18.30-23.30. Visits are possible at other times on request

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