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Cividale del Friuli
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VISIT THE BEST PLACES IN CIVIDALE AND DISCOVER THE
MYSTERIES OF THE LOMBARD TOWN!

Museo Archeologico Nazionale (National Archaeological Museum)

Set up in a beautiful 16th Century palace and situated in Piazza del Duomo, this museum hosts many findings of Lombard necropolises, including every kind of archeological remains; the exhibit gives you a general insight of the Lombards of the 6th Century till the Carolingian era.



Tempietto Longobardo (Lombard Petit Temple)

Built by the Lombards in the 8th Century, this small temple, made up a square chamber with a crypt, has an admirable lombard decoration with frescoes and stylized plasters which make this shrine an unique piece of architecture.



Chiesa di Santa Maria Assunta (Cathedral)

Although rebuilt during the Renaissance, the Cathedral of Cividale has preserved its Gothic style. The small Christian Museum exhibits precious handmades of Lombard art, such as the Baptistry of the Patriarch Callisto and the Altar of Duke Ratchis.



Ponte del Diavolo (the Devil's Bridge)

The Devil's Bridge is one of the symbols of Cividale del Friuli. It was built in the 15th century, restored several times and rebuilt in 1918. The bridge is 22 metres high over the Natisone River and 50 metres long. It is supported by two impressive arches standing on a big natural rock. There is a legend about the Devil's Bridge, according to which the bridge was built by the Devil to help the people of Cividale in the attempt to connect the two parts of the city divided by the river, and in exchange for the soul of the first living being crossing the bridge. However, the people of Cividale, instead of sending a human soul, kicked a dog in the middle of the bridge and thus cheated the Devil. This legend shows that the people of Cividale are smarter than the Devil.



Una passeggiata in "Borgo Brossana" (Go for a walk in "Borgo Brossana")

Borgo Brossana is a renovated medieval village with an excellent architectural renovation and beautiful cobbled streets. It is the most suggestive and magic part of the Lombard town, that always astonishes tourists. Take a moment and stop in the little St. Biagio square to admire one of the most breathtaking views on the Natisone River.



Ipogeo Celtico (Celtic Hypogean)

It consists of spectral subterranean corridors and its original function is still a mystery. It was probably built by the Celts to inter their dead, then used as storage during Roman times, and finally as prison. One of its most peculiar features are three masks carved in the rock.



Piazza Paolo Diacono (Paolo Diacono's Square)

Situated in the centre of Cividale, Piazza Paolo Diacono, also known as Piazza del Mercato, is surrounded by colorful houses and ancient palaces. It was the meeting place of the Ducal town, where Lombard women used to set their stands and trade. For this reason people who lives in Cividale

called it Piazza delle donne, Ladies Square. In the middle of the square stands the fountain with the 18th Century statue of the roman divinity Diana. The square, just as our school, is dedicated to Paolo Diacono, a lombard monk, historian, poet and writer, whose 15th century house overlooks the square.

Furthermore, under the fountain it was discovered the so-called Grave of Gisulfo (now located at the National Archeological Museum). The grave contained many important findings.



La casa medievale (The Medieval House)

The medieval house is known as the oldest house of Cividale del Friuli or "Goldsmith's house", because it dates back to the second half of the XIV century and it was once a goldsmith's workshop. Inside the Goldsmith's house you can find medieval fragments.



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