



The Via Appia, from Via di Fioranello to Via delle Capanne di Marino

Via Appia Antica

This itinerary runs along the 9th mile of the Appian Way, one of the least known stretches of the road, not yet restored, but which nevertheless features some very interesting tombs immersed in the surrounding countryside, which take us back centuries in time.

After the junction with Via di Fioranello there are two rather monumental round tombs, called the Tomb of Gallienus and the so-called "Earth Mound". Both buildings are cylindrical in shape with an internal burial chamber. The itinerary ends at the junction with Via Capanne di Marino, near which is the border between the communes of Rome and Ciampino.

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Distance

1.38 Km

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Poi 1



A Address

Via Appia Antica - Via di Fioranello - Roma (RM)

How to get

From METRO LINE B station LAURENTINA take the BUS 720 to FIORANELLO/APPIA stop.

Via Appia Antica - Via di Fioranello

Roma / Place to visit - Ancient streets

This is the junction of Via Appia Antica and Via di Fioranello, from where you may continue along the other itineraries across the Park by following the information on the board. Ciampino Airport is a short distance way from Via dell'Aerascalo

Poi 2



A Address

Via Appia Antica - Roma (RM)

How to get

From METRO LINE B station LAURENTINA take BUS 720 to FIORANELLO/APPIA stop and then walk for about 2 minutes.

Circular tombs and columbarium

Roma / Place to visit - Tombs

You find yourself at more or less the 9th milestone of the Via Appia. On the eastern side of the road is a ancient concrete structure partially overgrown with vegetation. This is one of the two circular tombs found in this area and dating to the early Imperial period. Both feature a square base made of peperino stone blocks, surmounted by a cylindrical drum which contained the burial chamber. The northernmost one is the best preserved, while the southernmost one still features, at the back, remains of the facing of the burial chamber in *opus reticulatum* brickwork; the marble fragments scattered around the tomb were probably part of its decoration. The original cladding has been entirely removed, revealing the underlying concrete core made of mortar and aggregates, which was the commonly used building technique in Roman times. Near a stretch of basalt paving are the remains of a columbarium, consisting of blocks of peperino stone, part of the outer wall of which remains and the mosaic floors of which have been unearthed, probably belonging to two different stages of use.

Poi 3



A Address

Via Appia Antica - Roma (RM)

How to get

From METRO LINE B station LAURENTINA take the BUS 720 to FIORANELLO/APPIA stop and then walk for about 6 minutes.

Circular Tomb s.c. Ruzzica d'Orlando

Roma / Place to visit - Archaeological areas

The station at the 9th mile of the Via Appia Antica, called mutatio ad nonum, was a place where exhausted horses could be replaced with fresh animals and is mentioned in the Itinerarium Burdigalense, the description of a pilgrimage itinerary from Bordeaux to Jerusalem, dated AD 333.

The station - the first travellers would find on the Via Appia Antica after leaving Rome - was probably built close to the town of Bovillae, at a very busy spot where two secondary roads branched off. This type of traveller facility was very common and widespread in ancient times, especially along the major roads. There were two types of stations: mutationes, where horses could be replaced, generally located at distances of about 10 Roman miles, and mansiones, where, besides replacing horses, travellers could also find food and a bed, at distances of about 20 Roman miles. Nothing remains today of the station at the 9th milestone, although some scholars believe that there is a depiction of it on a relief in the Borgia collection, which shows an ox-driven cart and, possibly, a traveller riding on a horse in front of a building and a milestone bearing the number IX.

The function of the station was inherited by the Osteria della Posta, an inn that no longer exists

but which is mentioned from the 17th century.

Poi 4

Mausoleum of Gallienus

Roma / Place to visit - Tombs

This building has been identified as the monumental tomb built by the Emperor Gallienus, who reigned in the second half of the 3rd century AD. It was built at the 9th mile of the Via Appia Antica, at a short distance from the road. Built of bricks, it was originally faced with marble and encircled by a colonnaded corridor, similar to the nearby tomb known as “Berretta del prete”. Inside, the tomb featured two storeys, with the lower chamber housing the sarcophagi of the deceased. It was probably part of the vast rural estate belonging to the Roman emperor Gallienus, which, in the Middle Ages, became part of an estate called “Tenuta del Palombaro”. The archaeological digs in the area, beginning in the 18th century, have unearthed a large number of important findings dating back to the Roman period, including a copy made in the Imperial age of the renowned statue of the Discobolus, now in the Vatican Museums (originally by a sculptor of the school of Polykleitos, end of the 4th and beginning of the 5th century BC).



Address

Via Appia Antica, 610 - Roma (RM)

How to get

From METRO LINE B station LAURENTINA take the BUS 720 to FIORANELLO/APPIA stop and then walk for 7 minutes.

Poi 5

The so-called "Earth Mound" Tomb

Roma / Place to visit - Tombs

The monument is located at the 9th mile of the Via Appia Antica, along a stretch of road with well-preserved paving. It is a type of burial probably belonging to a high-ranking person, erected around the mid-1st century BC.

The tomb consists of a large square podium of peperino topped by a conical structure with a diameter of about 30 metres, which made it look like a grave mound or tumulus, of which only the impressive basalt lava and concrete core remains, covered by earth and vegetation, hence the name "Earth Mound" tomb.

Most Roman buildings featured a concrete core, which would be faced with bricks or stone. Here, as in almost all the tombs along the Via Appia Antica, the original stone facing has been stripped away revealing this concrete core. The numerous blocks of peperino scattered along the roadside, some with decorations, presumably belonged to this tomb.



Address

Via Appia Antica - Roma (RM)

How to get

From METRO LINE B station LAURENTINA take the BUS 720 to FIORANELLO/APPIA stop and then walk for about 14 minutes.

Poi 6

Via Appia Antica - Ciampino

Ciampino / Place to visit - Ancient streets

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Address

Via Appia Antica - Ciampino (RM)

How to get

From METRO LINE B station LAURENTINA take the BUS 720 to FIORANELLO/APPIA stop and then walk for 1.3 km, alternatively from METRO LINE A station ANAGNINA exit to Via

Tuscolana, take a regional
COTRAL BUS direction
VELLETRI to APPIA BIVIO/VIA
DEI LAGHI stop and then walk
for 3 minutes.