

The Royal Palace of Caserta & The Campanian Amphitheater Capua

The Royal Palace of Caserta (Italian: Reggia di Caserta, Italian) is a former royal residence in Caserta, Campania, 35km north of Naples in southern Italy, constructed by the House of Bourbon-Two Sicilies as their main residence as kings of Naples. Located 35 km north of the historic center of Naples, Italy, the complex is the largest palace erected in Europe during the 18th century. In 1997, the palace was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site; its nomination described it as "the swan song of the spectacular art of the Baroque, from which it adopted all the features needed to create the illusions of multidirectional space". The Royal Palace of Caserta is the largest former royal residence in the world, over 2 million m³, in volume and covering an area of 47,000 m², and a floorspace of 138,000 square meters is distributed in the five stories of the building. The construction of the palace began in 1752[2] for Charles VII of Naples (later Charles III of Spain), who worked closely with his architect, Luigi Vanvitelli.

When Charles saw Vanvitelli's grandly scaled model for Caserta, it filled him with emotion "fit to tear his heart from his breast." [9] In the end, Charles never slept a night at the Reggia, as he abdicated in 1759 to become King of Spain. [8] The project was carried to only partial completion for Charles' third son and successor, Ferdinand IV of Naples. The palace has five floors; 1,200 rooms, including two dozen state apartments; 1,742 windows; 34 staircases; 1,026 fireplaces; a large library; and a theatre modelled after the Teatro San Carlo of Naples. A monumental avenue running 20 kilometers between the palace and Naples was planned but never realized. The palace was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997.

The Campanian Amphitheater Capua

The Campanian Amphitheater, built in the Flavian age on the model of the Colosseum, between the end of the 1st century. A.D. and the 2nd century. AD, was restored and decorated with columns and statues by the emperor Hadrian, and inaugurated by his successor Antoninus Pius, as it was possible to reconstruct thanks to an inscription found in 1726. The grandiose machine for shows, capable of hosting up to 60,000 spectators, equipped with large underground areas for staging sumptuous shows, replaces the ancient arena (130-90 BC), also known for Spartacus' revolt of 73 BC.

Gladiator Museum

In Capua, home to the most important school and the prestigious gladiatorial family established in 49 BC. by Julius Caesar, next to the Campania Amphitheater, a museum dedicated to the heroes of the arena could not be missing.

In the first room the gladiatorial games are presented, with panels, copies of the armor found in Pompeii, a model, which shows the Amphitheater both in its original form and as a ruin, and a video, which narrates the history and architecture of the

monument. Evidence of the site's history is also on display, from a necropolis to an entertainment district.

Surviving busts of the deities of the portico, high on the wall, invite you to enter the second room where a sector of the cavea has been reconstructed, with its splendid marble decorations.

Tour program

1. Duration full day (8h)
2. Departure from your accommodation to the Royal Palace of Caserta to city at 08:00 from arrival at 10.00 am;
3. See the magnificent gardens of the Royal Palace:
4. Explore the life of the ancient nobles;
5. Visit the charming chambers of the Royal Palace;
6. lunch free;
7. departure at 2.30 for the Campanian amphitheater in the city of Capua;
8. departure is scheduled for 4.00 pm and return to the hotel around at 6.00 pm;

Information

The activity is not suitable for:

- People with mobility difficulties;

Important:

Bring with you:

- Comfortable shoes;

Useful information:

optional lunch near palace royal (typical Italian food or typical Neapolitan pizza)

What's included:

- Round trip transfer by private minivan from your hotel to "The Royal Palace of Caserta" and "The amphitheatre of Capua" and back to your accommodation (transport all costs included, (parking, tax,etc)).

What's not included:

- "The Royal Palace of Caserta" tickets euro 18 per person;

- “The Amphitheatre of Capua” tickets euro 10 per person;
- expert guide on request and subject to availability
- All costs not written in the description
- Tip (optional);

Cost:

- transfer from 2 to 4 pax cost 450 euro (tax inclusive).
- transfer from 5 to 8 pax cost 550euro (tax inclusive).

Our cars:

Mercedes Vito 9 pax(8 pax+ 1driver) .

Ford Tourneo 8 pax (7pax+1 driver).