

CAMPUS ASCOLI PICENO School of Architecture

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- Architecture

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THE TOWN



Ascoli Piceno is the major town of southern Marche, and founded by the Italic population of Piceni. Though a sizeable town with a population of 60,000, its historic centre can easily be covered on foot. If you are wandering round the old quarter that stretches from the banks of the Tronto river to the city's main street, Corso Mazzini, be sure to walk along the streets via Soderini and via di Solestà. The central historical part of the city is built in marble called *travertino*, a grey-hued stone extracted from the surrounding mountains. According to traditional accounts, Ascoli Piceno was home to more than two hundred towers in the Middle Ages: today some fifty can still be seen.

HIGHLIGHTS

Piazza del Popolo the central Renaissance square considered one of the most beautiful in Italy. The Palazzo dei Capitani del Popolo ("Palace of the People's Captains") in Piazza del Popolo. Built in the 13th century connecting three pre-existing edifices, it was the seat of the podestà, the people's captains and, later, of the Papal governors. The arcade courtyard is in Renaissance style. The portal built in 1549 is surmounted by a statue of Pope Paul III. The great Gothic church of San Francesco, (begun in 1258) in Piazza del Popolo . The dome was completed in 1549. In the side portal is the monument to Pope Julius II, while the central portal is one of the finest examples of local travertine decoration.



Annexed to the church is the 16th century *Loggia dei Mercanti*, in Bramantesque style of the Roman High Renaissance.

The **Cathedral of Sant'Emidio**, dedicated to the patron saint Emygdius in Piazza Arrigo, houses an altarpiece by Carlo Crivelli (XV century). The **Pinacoteca Civica**, (Gallery) in Piazza Arrigo housed in the Palazzo Comunale (Town Hall) offers a very interesting collections of paintings (XIII-IX century) A very special place in Ascoli Piceno, is the **Caffé Meletti** in Piazza del Popolo an historical old fashioned café built in the XIX century, with a spontaneous atmosphere which isn't artificially made for tourists. Caffé Meletti is more than a meeting point, it is a cultural centre, a discussion club, with music events and lectures.

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