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## SUNSET APERITIF IN ROCCA CALASCIO

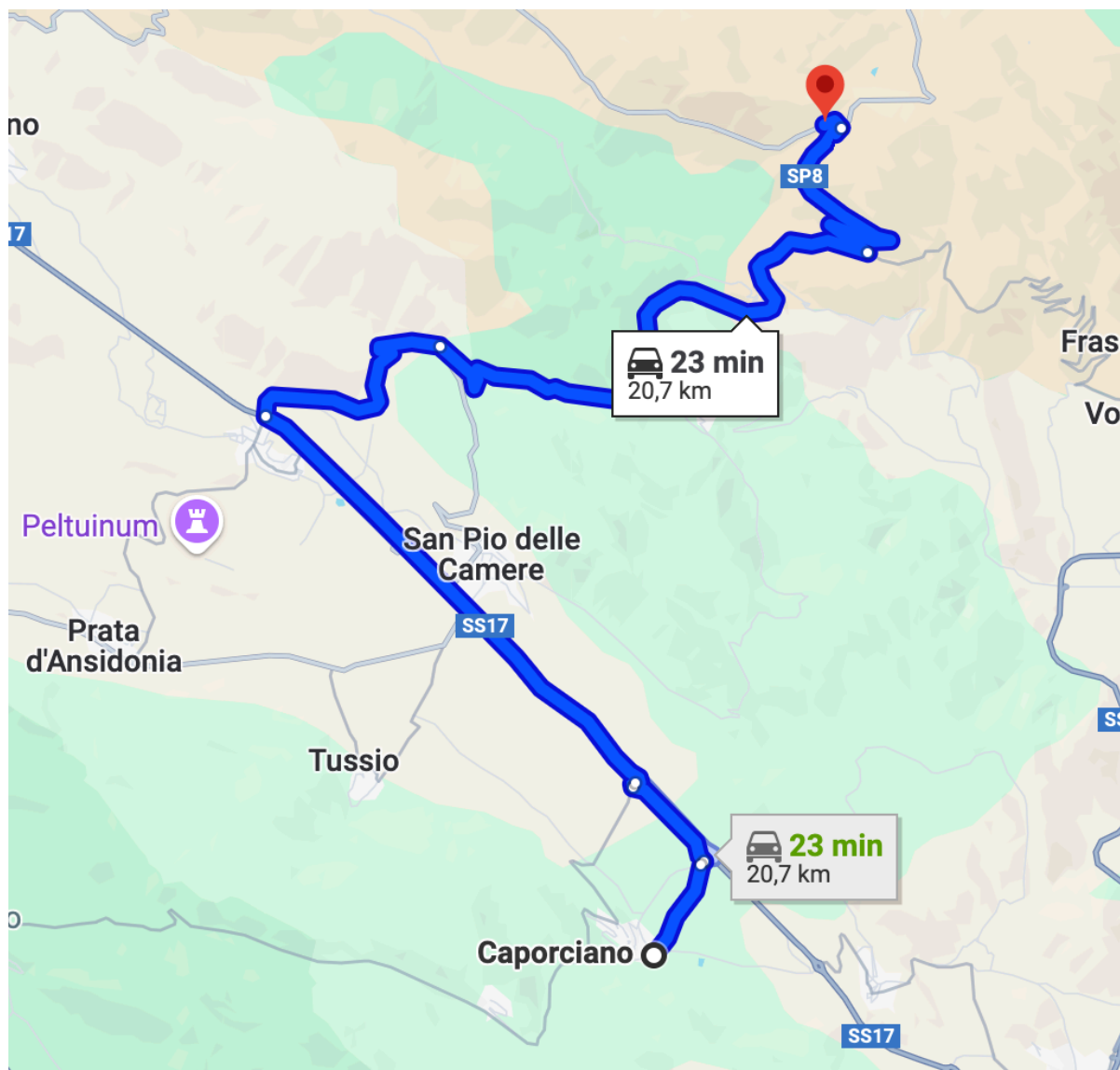


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Rocca Calascio is definitely worth a visit, during an excursion to Campo Imperatore or, to avoid spending too much time in that already busy day, as a specific destination. In this case I recommend an afternoon trip to perhaps be there to enjoy the view at sunset.

From Caporciano it is about 30 minutes by car to Calascio, going up to San Pio and being able to visit, along the road, the geometries of the historic center of Castelvecchio Calvisio.

You arrive in Calascio where, in addition to being able to enjoy coffee in one of the

panoramic bars (e.g. Calascino) we suggest a visit to the jewel "museum", a private initiative of great interest and taste, where you can also purchase pieces produced by the goldsmith who manages the museum together with his shop.



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The Rock is about 200 meters higher in altitude, about 3 km along the road that connects it to the town. In high season the Rocca can be reached on foot or by shuttle. For the rest of the year you can drive up to a small clearing.

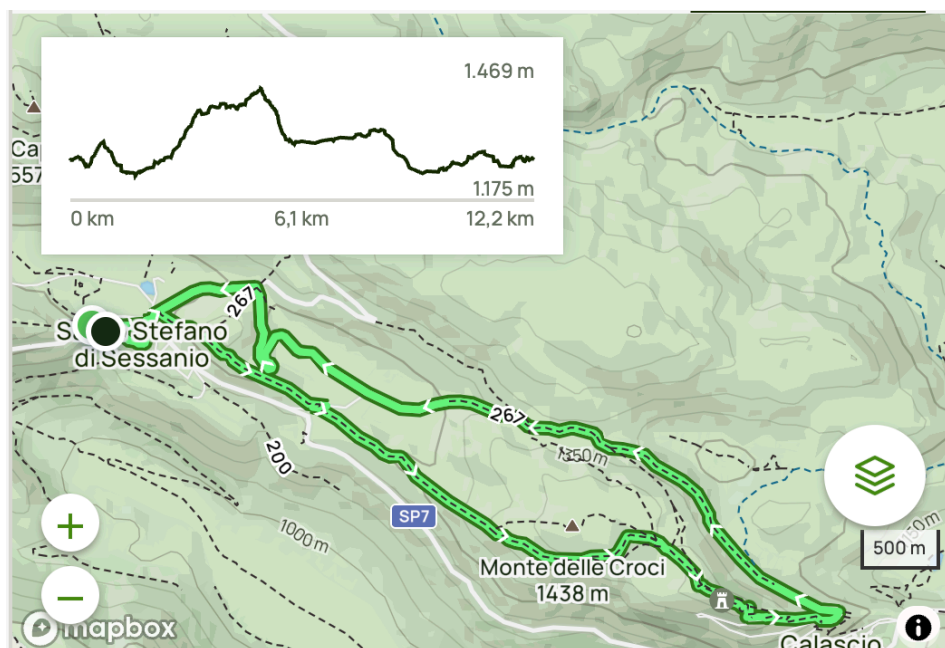
The medieval castle is now an icon of Abruzzo but, we can say, also of Italy, having appeared in numerous promotional campaigns but also in films, the most famous of which is the medieval fantasy Lady Hawke starring Michelle Pfeiffer.

A short walk through the old urban complex, long abandoned and today with various taverns and small artisan shops, leads to the top of the plateau, with the polygonal church on the right and the fortress on the left.

A trend in recent years is to bring along what you need for an aperitif to be enjoyed sitting on the lawn or on a rock, admiring the sunset over the valley.

For the more active hikers, it is possible to leave the car at the Santo Stefano di Sessanio lake and

arrive at the fortress, in less than two hours, along the ridge path. The return can be on foot, back to the same road, along a dirt road leading about 700 meters outside Santo Stefano or by going down to Calascio and traveling along the 5 km of provincial road that separates the two centres. Better, in this case, to go with two cars, to be able to leave one in advance in Calascio.



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## Castelvecchio Calvisio

The walled historic center is very interesting with its characteristic custom-made stairs in the very narrow alleys to allow the passage of packed mules. Note the clock tower and the church of S. Giovanni Battista and, isolated outside the historic center, the church of San Cipriano with its tabernacle



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## Calascio and its Rock

The fortress of Calascio is one of the iconic images of Abruzzo and, today, of Italy, appearing in countless films and commercials.

The town overlooks a breathtaking panorama and offers various points of interest: the Church of S. Antonio Abate, that of San Carlo, noble palaces which bear witness, as in other towns in the area, to the wealth once generated by sheep, for their wool. Don't miss the goldsmith's art museum (and workshop).



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- a) The best route is going up from San Pio delle Camere, Castelvecchio Calvisio, Calascio
- b) In the summer period, the suggestion is not to go during the weekends, to avoid the peak of visitors
- c) Also, keep in mind that in the summer period, you must park the car in one of the spaces provided on the edge of the town of Calascio from where shuttles leave for the Rocca. You can get there also on foot, along the road or on the steep path that "cuts" the hairpin bends
- d) Upon request, Palazzo D'Alessandro can provide you with thermal bags and other equipment for your picnic aperitif, including, if you like, drinks and snacks.

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(Il museo è privato, contattare per verificare visite)

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