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## CELANO AND THE MARSICA AREA



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This is another slightly more "distant" site to visit, with an excursion that will take the whole day, for those who want to explore beyond the immediately surrounding area.

You can get to Celano by crossing the scenic Altopiano delle Rocche, very beautiful, but with towns, unlike those of the Gran Sasso, largely ruined by the illusory expansion of the 70s

and 80s linked to ski tourism, with residences that are now often dilapidated but which have ruined the beauty of the ancient villages. You decide, I would recommend seeing the view and going straight to Celano.

From Caporciano, this panoramic route is about 1 hour and 15 minutes by car (not unlike other options) .

Celano is one of the main cities of Marsica and dominates the Fucino plain from above. Its territory is partly included in the Sirente-Velino Regional Natural Park.



Road through Altipiano delle Rocche

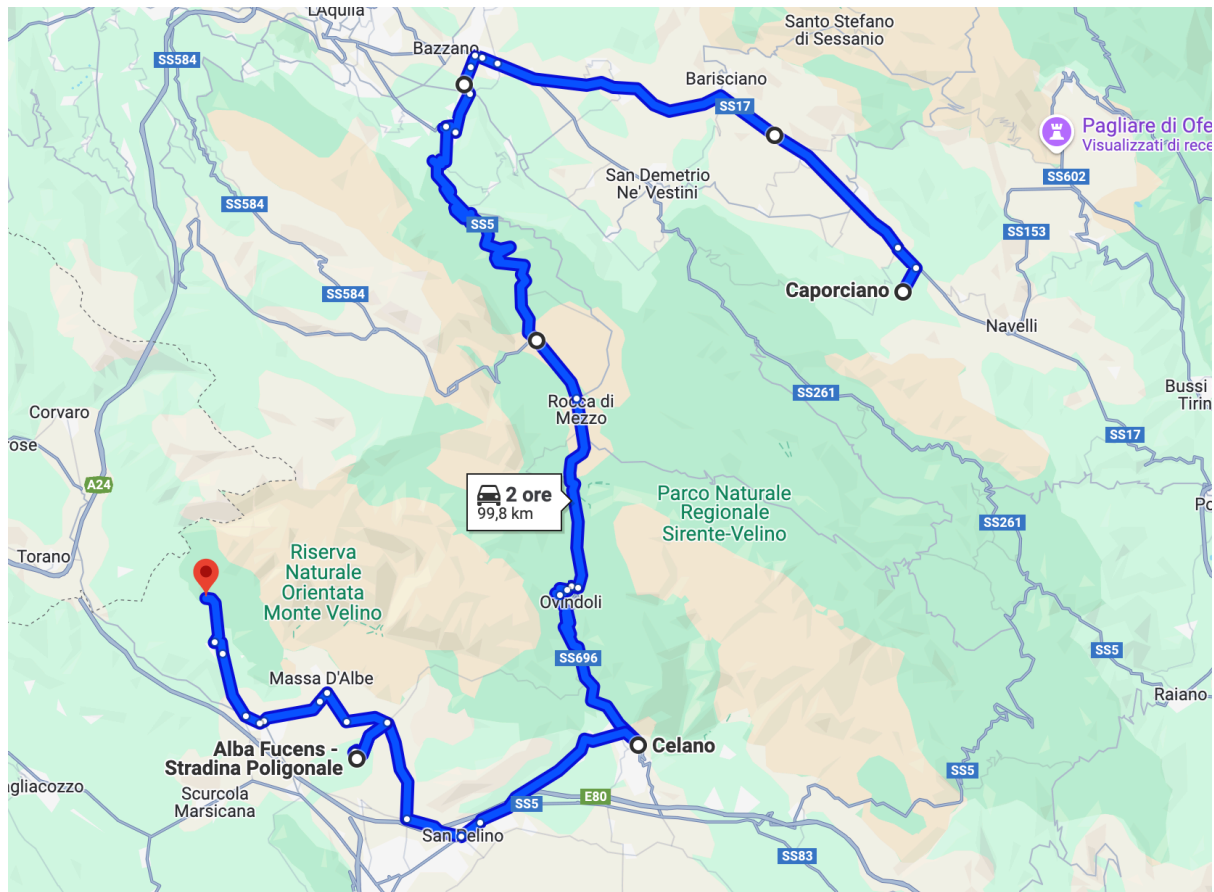


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In the highest part of the city lies the Celano Castle which dominates the village, characterized by suggestive alleys that wind between ancient houses, churches and stately buildings and lead up to Colle San Flaviano where the Piccolomini Castle is located .

Walking through the streets of the village you can find various buildings that tell the story of this ancient and evocative center of Abruzzo, while outside the city center there are numerous paths that lead to the discovery of the natural heritage. The castle now also

hosts the headquarters of the Marsica Museum of Sacred Art and the Torlonia Collection of Antiquities of Fucino. Also interesting are the parish church of S. Giovanni Battista, that of S.M. in Valleverde and of the Madonna della Grazie.



Castle of Celano



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Very very interesting, deserving, if you are passionate, a dedicated and equipped excursion, are the Aielli-Celano Gorges, known more simply as "Celano Gorges" which are located between the Municipalities of Celano, Aielli and Ovindoli within the Sirente-Velino Regional Natural Park.

Carved for more than four kilometers by the Rio La Foce stream, the gorges have rocky walls that narrow down to passages of around 3 meters and at the highest points reach almost 200 meters in height. Inside the gorges there are two types of routes. The lower part is suitable for all those who love

hiking, while the higher part is certainly reserved for canyoning experts. In addition to the splendid natural landscapes in the Celano gorges, it is also possible to come across various animal species, such as the royal griffon, the eagle owl, the peregrine falcon and even some wild boar. –



Celano Gorges



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In the area, depending on the time available, you can visit Aielli, the town of murals or, highly recommended, Alba Fucens, where a guided tour of

the remains of the Roman city is recommended. Also, you can go as far as Rosciolo dei Marsi for the S.M. complex in the valley

Porclaneta, one of the many jewels of Abruzzo Romanesque.



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## GOOD TO KNOW

- a) To go from Caporciano to Celano, to see a beautiful landscape and something different, we recommend passing through the Delle Rocche plateau. Alternatively you can go to Bussi and take the A25 to Celano
- b) The Celano gorges extend for 4 km
- c) Descent height difference: 572 m
- d) Time: 3/3:30 hours
- e) Signage: white-red (CAI)

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