

# Rocca delle Caminate today



## Advanced Graduate Training Centre

Rocca delle Caminate is an Advanced Graduate Training Centre, part of **Forlì-Cesena Tecnopolo**, the Emilia-Romagna Region Advanced Technology Network. Manager of the facility for training and cultural purposes is **Ser.In.Ar.**

## Congress centre and event location

Thanks to its large and functional spaces, Rocca delle Caminate is **an exclusive and stylish location**, ideal for training sessions, corporate conventions, cultural, artistic and musical events: the latter, during the spring and summer, can also be held in the large inner courtyard or on the panoramic terrace.

## Guided tours: the didactic-cultural route

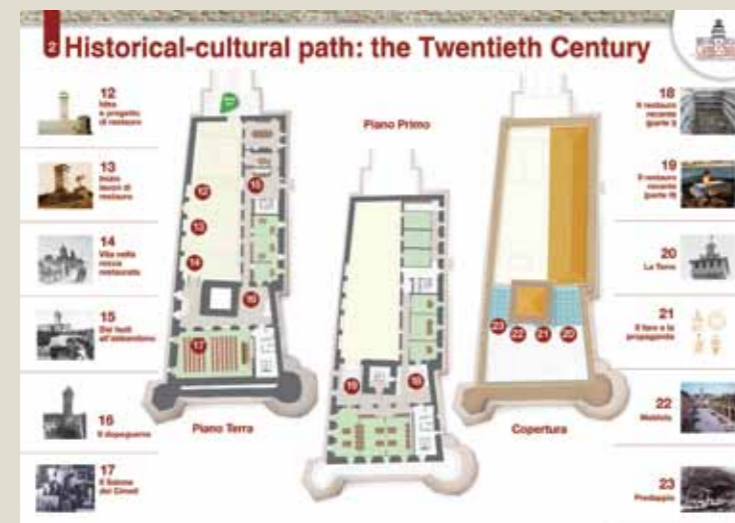
Rocca delle Caminate can welcome individual visitors and organised groups: there are **guided tours** organised to discover its millenary history.

The visit is supported by **a cultural-didactic route with 24 information points**, divided into two separate routes: the first – called **The Origins** – covers the period from the year one thousand to the nineteenth century, while the second – called **The Twentieth Century** – covers the period from the age of Mussolini to the present day.

If you wish to know more about the history of the Fortress, there is also the innovative **APP Rocca delle Caminate**, which can be downloaded free of charge from Appstore (IOS) and Google Play (Android). It contains further details in addition to the fortress information points. This application also serves as support to the visit, because it has audio tracks which means that it can be used as an audio-guide.

Each information point along the cultural-didactic route has a **QR Code**, which just needs to be framed by the visitor using a smartphone and automatically connects with the APP section related to that information point.

On request (for groups), visitors to Rocca delle Caminate can also be accompanied by **tourist guides and experts on local history**.



## Opening hours

Rocca delle Caminate is open for visitors **every Saturday, Sunday and on public holidays from 10 am to 7 pm** (last admission at 5.30 pm).

If a group (of minimum 30 people) requests it, visits can also be arranged on weekdays (for reservations, phone 371. 3146383).

## Getting to Rocca delle Caminate

### By car:

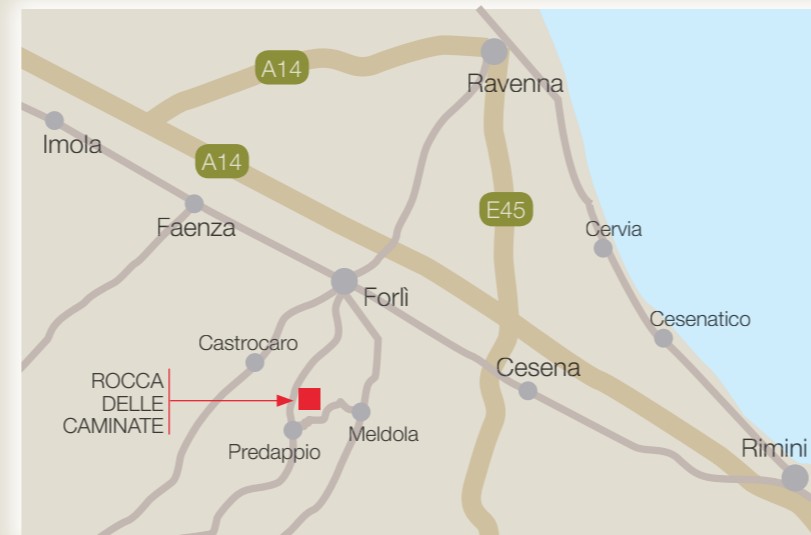
take the A14 motorway to Forlì, then follow the Tangenziale Est main road, up to the junction where it becomes a dual carriageway, after the second roundabout turn left into Via delle Caminate: Rocca is about 7 km from there.

### By train:

take the Bologna-Ancona railway line to Forlì. Rocca delle Caminate is about 10 km from the town centre.

### By plane:

the international airports closest to Rocca delle Caminate are Guglielmo Marconi in Bologna, Federico Fellini in Rimini and Luigi Ridolfi in Forlì (opening soon)



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## The history of Rocca delle Caminate



### Its origins

According to research, Rocca delle Caminate can be said to date **around 1000 AD**: some say it was built as part of a pre-existing village, others maintain that it was erected above a small Roman fortress.

Several assumptions have been made with regard to its name: one of them associates it with **the shape of the walkway** which follows the crenellation of the upper perimeter, another one with the presence of rooms that included **fireplaces or hearths**. According to another fascinating suggestion, its name might be derived from the presence in the region of kilns to produce lime using a calcareous stone variety called **"spungone"**.

What is left of the original fortress are the foundations and part of the walls; most of it was actually reconstructed during the sixteenth century by people from Forlì.



### The Fortress over the centuries



The strategic location of the fortress, with a view over the Rabbi and Bidente valleys, and whose **military purpose** emerges from its original structure, is the reason for the momentous events that took place there over the centuries, involving important families, which include the

**Belmonti, Ordelauffi, Malatesta, Borghese-Aldobrandini** and **Doria Pamphili** dynasties. The latter, in 1834, granted a perpetual lease on it to the **Baccarini** family from Forlì. Its last owners were members of the **Dalle Vacche** family, also from Forlì. These changes in ownership often involved drastic demolition and restructuring work.

In 1870, almost as if to complete this long cycle of destruction and reconstruction over the centuries, there was a **violent earthquake** that hit Romagna and seriously damaged the building, which over the centuries – also as a consequence of neglect – ended up as a heap of rubble.



### The twentieth century and Mussolini's era



In 1923 the Department responsible for historical buildings in the Romagna Regional Government drafted a renovation project to use Rocca delle Caminate as residence for **Benito Mussolini**.

A Committee was thus formed which, through the initiative known as **"Prestito Littorio"**, collected about 70,000 signatures plus some cash funding. Work started in 1924 and was completed in 1927. The Rocca was then used by Mussolini as **summer residence**, as well as to host meetings with heads of State, ambassadors and dignitaries.

In order to enhance its visibility, a **lighthouse in the three colours of the Italian flag** powered by 8000 candles was installed, visible from a distance of over 50 kilometres. In 1943, on the 28th of September, the first Council of Ministers' meeting of the **Italian Socialist Republic** was held there.

## Reception areas and facilities



### The multifunctional room

The multifunctional room in Rocca delle Caminate is the ideal setting for **conferences, seminars and plenary teaching session**: it is exactly 25 metres long by 15 m wide and seats 100, with the possibility of extension to **150**, plus a presenters' table with space for up to six speakers.

The available **technological equipment** includes microphones, audio system, video projection with pull-down screen and Wi-Fi internet connection.

The room is also equipped with state-of-the-art **air conditioning**, with the possibility of remote control.



### The inner courtyard

The inner courtyard is a **large open-air space** enclosed by robust walling on one side and by one wing of the Fortress on the other, against whose background the **tall keep** stands out in all its strength.

It is 60 x 25 m wide: it can be fitted out as stalls with space for up to **400 people**; it can also be set up with catering tables where more than **250 people** can be seated.

The closed rooms overlooking the courtyard are ideal for managing all activities related to catering and cooking meals.



## Lecture halls and accommodation



### Teaching facilities

Rocca delle Caminate, as well as a multifunctional room, has **five lecture halls** whose seating capacity ranges between 15 and 50, plus **several offices** for individual interviews. Moreover it has an **IT lab** equipped with state-of-the-art PCs.

Last but not least, there are **several common rooms** available, both on the ground floor and on the upper level, ideal for socialising or coffee breaks.



### Catering and accommodation

The structure includes a **catering area** with round tables, comfortably seating up to eight people each, providing a total capacity of about **50 seats**. There is a kitchen adjacent to this room which can be used for catering services.

Accommodation is guaranteed in partnership with **Resort Condè**, an exclusive facility which has high-end suites, a restaurant, swimming pool, wellness centre and wine cellar. The Resort Condè is about one kilometre from Rocca delle Caminate, offering a splendid panoramic view over the Rabbi valley: transfers to and from the facility **are guaranteed by a shuttle service**. We also have agreements **with other accommodation facilities**.

