



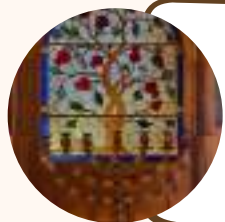


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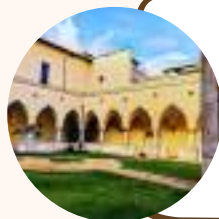
Caetani palace is located in the heart of Fondi, a charming city in Latina's province, a true jewel nestled between Ausoni's mountains and Tirreno sea. Adjacent to the Baronial Castle, this massive building has been the residence of noble families for centuries such as the Aquila, the Colonna, the Caetani, the Gonzaga, the Carafa.

## VISIT ALSO





### JEWISH MUSEUM




 Largo Elio Toaff, 9a  
Fondi (LT)  
 500m






### CLOISTER OF S. DOMINIC

 Largo Luigi Fortunato  
Fondi (LT)  
 400m

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# CAETANI PALACE

## HISTORY AND CULTURE

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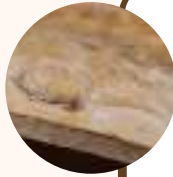
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# WHY CAETANI?

The palace was once home of the prestigious Caetani family. Onorato I Caetani (1336–1400) distinguished himself as a promotor of the election of the antipope Clemente VI, a crucial event that led to the western Schism, it made the palace the curatorial headquarters of the Antipope. Later on, with Onorato II Caetani (1441–1491) the palace was subjected to an enlargement and modernisation work. Courtesy of Onorato there were 4 principal churches' restorations of Fondi. Thanks to him solid bonds with Naples' reign were made, he commissioned to the architect Forcimanya, Naples' count exponent, the restoration project of the palace which added elegant windows in gothic-catalan style.

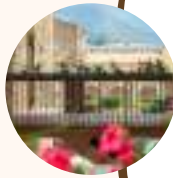


## DID YOU KNOW...



### SUPERSTITION

A little mouse sculpted on the private chapel, as a symbol to make the bad influences go away.



### IL PASSETTO

Once used as a passage between the "male" tower to the Palace, allowing an escape way in case of danger.



### THE PICTA ROOM

A circle of frescoes of the XIV century, commissioned by the Caetani family and representing Enea's arrival on the Latium coasts.



The big hall hosts every year all kinds of events: conferences, guided visits, theatral plays, concerts, private events, exhibitions, local tastings, school plays and so much more.



## GIULIA GONZAGA

Giulia Gonzaga, born in 1513, she was one of the most prominent female figures of the Italian's Renaissance. Popular for her stunning beauty, she inspired major intellectuals such as Ludovico Ariosto. At only 13 years old she married Vespasiano Colonna, Count of Fondi. After her husband's death, she transformed Fondi in a refined culture center. The legend says that during a kidnapping attempt from the pirate Khayr al-Dim (known as "Red beard"), who wanted to offer her as a gift to his sultan Solimano the great. Giulia was alerted on time and fled through an underground passage that connected to the palace to Mount Vago, today known as Villa Placitelli. She died in 1566 in Naples, she was buried in the church San Francesco delle Monache (NA).