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Vico del Gargano ITALY

Historical Photography Book -
Czech Republic



VICO DEL GARGANO- ITALY

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Friday
March 4th, 2016 - Roma, Vaticano
Written and guided by Eliška





Rome

It is the capital city of Italy and is situated on the river Tiber 27 km from the sea. Rome is the biggest city in Italy and the fourth most populous city in the Europe. It is a cultural centre with a many sights. His extensive historic centre is a part of UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is one of the oldest cities in Europe, founded

more than 2 700 years ago. For centuries it was capital of the Roman Empire, the most powerful European powers antiquity. It became the centre of Christianity and it is still a place of pilgrimage. Originally Roman Latin language became the basis of many European languages, Roman law served as a model for many legal and political systems and originally Roman font as Latin became the most widely used fonts in the world. In the city, there is an independent state, the Vatican, the seat of the Pope, the head of the Catholic Church.



The day in Rome was really fantastic and I think that everyone of us enjoyed it. We visited many famous sights, for example St. Peter's Basilic, Fontana di Trevi, Coloseum and other famous places. It was a great experience for all of us and we will never forget it. I hope we will return in this beautiful place once again.



Saturday
March 5th, 2016 - Vico del Gargano,
"ERASMUS+ Welcome party"
Written by Zuzana





Vico del Gargano Guided tour of the historical area

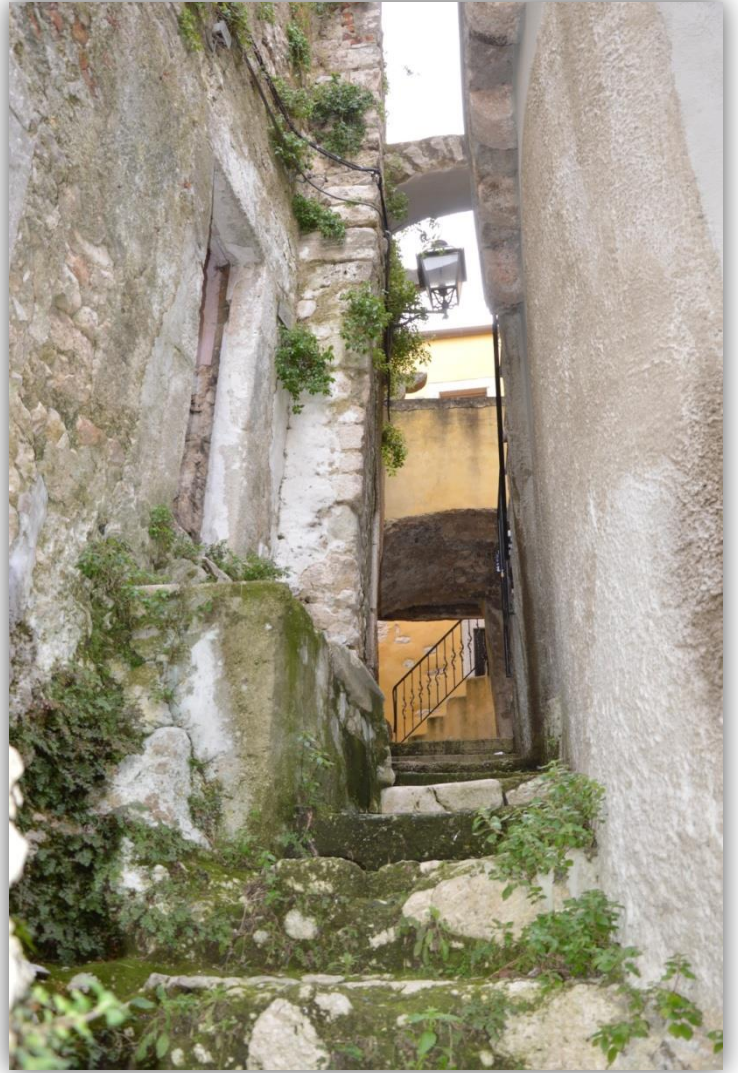
Vico del Gargano is amazing old village built into a rock. It still hasn't been touched by globalization. It is located in the Apulia region of southeast Italy. It is also called the "Village of Love". Vico del Gargano is a part of the Gargano National Park and the Mountain Community of Gargano. The Gargano National Park was elected one of the "31 Places to Go" in 2010 in the New York Times.



The main attractions in Vico include Trappeto Maratea, the castle of Frederic the Second, Della Bella Palace, and Vicolo del Bacio or 'Alley of the Kiss'.

For us the most interesting was the 'Alley of the Kiss'. We made many pictures and had much fun. The whole time we were guided by a local tourist guide. We got to know many interesting things about Italian history and we delved a bit deeper into Arabian influence on the culture and the Italian people.







Visit of school

Welcome activities at “LICEO Pubblico Virgilio Marone”

The beginning of our Italian adventure was a welcoming party held by our partner school in Vico del Gargano. The main purpose of the party was to let the students get to know each other and have a good time. Italian students brought to school gym the typical food and danced traditional dances. After formal start everyone relaxed and felt like dancing. The atmosphere was really special and precious.



Sunday

March 6th, 2016 - Foresta Umbra, Monte Sant'Angelo, Manfredonia

Written by Kristýna



Foresta Umbra

The Foresta Umbra Nature Reserve is a protected natural area located within the Gargano National Park. It extends in the east-central area of Gargano, about 800 meters above sea level. The name "umbra" is driven from the Latin word for dark and shadow. Almost entire forest is covered by vegetation. There are very species of flora, for example orchids and violets.

Although the forest was beautiful, in the time we were there it was raining, so we did not spend much time there. But I liked the lovely green nature.



Monte Sant' Angelo

Visit of the old city

Monte Sant' Angelo is a town in southern Italy, in the province of Foggia. Monte Sant' Angelo as a town appeared only in the eleventh century. Between 1081 and 1103 it was the capital of a large Norman dominion under the control of Count Henry, who was a vassal of the Byzantine Empire. Pope John Paul II visited the sanctuary in 1987. The most important attraction of Monte Sant' Angelo is the Sanctuary of Monte Sant' Angelo, built in the 13th century by Charles I of Anjou.



The city was very lovely and we were in the underground cave church. It was on Sunday, so we saw a sermon given by priest. There were many people – visitors of the cave church listening to him. Although we didn't understand anything, it was an amazing experience.





Visit of Manfredonia

Medieval castle was closed, so we were strolling along Manfredonia's main street. The most enjoyable for us was walking on the beach and having opportunity to step in the sea (finally).





Monday

March 7th, 2016 – Castel Del Monte, Aberobello

Written by Honza

Castel Del Monte

In the morning we made a guided trip to the Castel Del Monte which is protected as a World Heritage Site.

Castle is lying on the forest hill in south-east of Italy and was built by Fridrich II. When Fridrich II lost in a battle of Benevento, his three grandsons were captured there. The castle is very interesting for its unusual and unique geometric design of octagon shape.

After that we went to the restaurant called “Il Trullo D’Oro” to have delicious lunch.



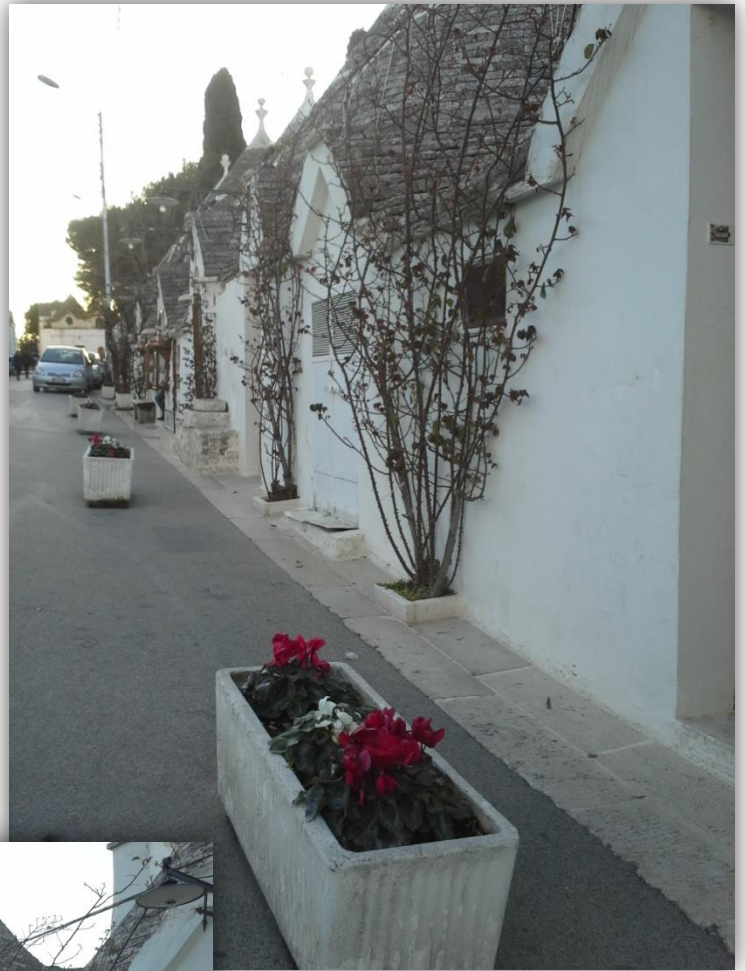
Alberobello

After lunch we moved to a little town Alberobello which is very famous for its unusual trulli local houses.

This small town has been made a UNESCO World Heritage site for its unusual districts of trulli, the characteristic white-washed conical-roofed houses of the area. A trullo is a small dwelling built from the local limestone, with dry-stone walls and a characteristic conical roof. The buildings are usually square and have very thick stone walls, constructed without mortar. The thickness strengthens the structure and also helps regulate the internal temperature.

It was very interesting and special day we spent in this unique Italian place.





Tuesday
March 8th, 2016 –
Gargano coastline trip,
Vieste,
Peschici
Written by Zuzana

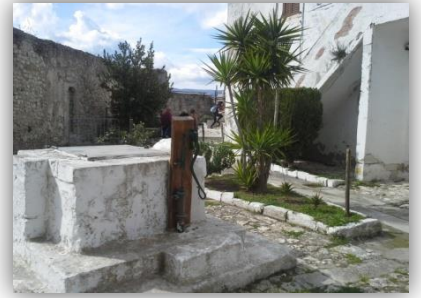
Welcome activities and lunch
at “IPSAR E. Mattei” school



Vieste

Visit of Vieste wasn't previously planned, but it was a good idea to go there.

Vieste is really worth seeing!



Visit of Peschici

Peschici is down in the Apulia region of south east Italy and is famous for its seaside resorts. Peschici is a town of 4500 inhabitants.

The town sits over a karst spur facing the sea, with a height of more than 100 metres, there are many coastal watch towers. Flora includes sectors of Mediterranean shrubland. 32 kilometres north east of the town Peschici, there is the Croatian Island of Palagruža.

We visited the beautiful bay and had an opportunity to discover its surrounding.



Wednesday
March 9th, 2016 – Football match
Written by Kristýna



School and football match

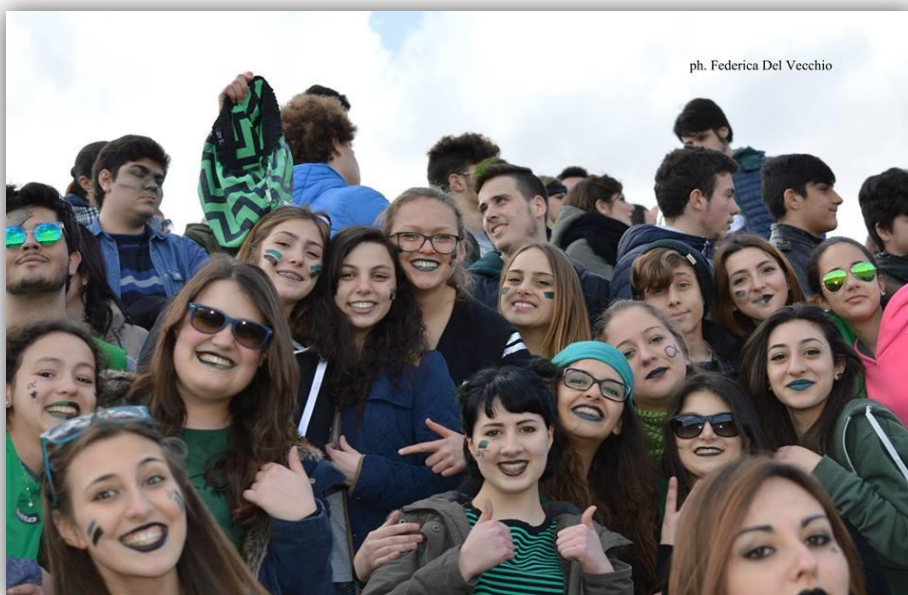


„Publio Virgilio Marone“ Classic and Scientific Lyceum was founded in the 70s to give the locals the chance to have an higher education and had its first placement near the Saint Peter church in Vico del Gargano. In 2004/05 it moved to the Mannarelle district. As a Classic and Scientific Lyceum, it provides the students advanced knowledge in general subject and is the best way to get ready for University.

Students have to study at least 5 years to graduate. The main difference between a Classic and Scientific Lyceum is represented by the school subject: In the Classic Lyceum students care more about ancient Greek, Latin, philosophy and art history. In the Scientific Lyceum what is most taught is math, physics, biology and chemistry.



And we had the chance to see football match between Classic and Scientific Lyceum and it was really awesome experience, because the students were really on fire.



Buffet lunch at school



Thursday
March 10th, 2016 – Matera
Written by Honza

On Thursday we travelled to nice city Matera. There were Romans, Langobards, Benedictins (who lived in caves), or Byzantics. In the 15th century the city experi-



enced earthquake and plague. In 1927 Matera became the capital of province Matera. In 1943 it was the first Italian city which revolted against Wehrmacht.



It's very interesting place with eventful history and nice narrow streets. In the afternoon we had lunch in buffet and went to shopping.



Friday
March 11th, 2016 - Bologna
Written by Eliška (guided tour by Kristýna)

Bologna is the largest city (and the capital) of the Emilia-Romagna Region in Italy. It is the seventh most populous city in Italy, located in the heart of a metropolitan area.



The first settlements date back to at least 1000 BC. The city has been an urban centre, first under the Etruscans and the Celts. It is home for the oldest university in the world, University of Bologna, founded in 1088. Famous for its towers and lengthy porticoes, Bologna has a well-preserved historical centre thanks to a careful restoration and conservation policy which began at the end of the 1970s.



Because of lack of time we visited only cultural and artistic centre, its importance in terms of landmarks can be attributed to a varied mixture of monuments and architectural examples (medieval towers, antique buildings, churches, the layout of its historical centre) as well as works of art which are the result of a first class architectural and artistic history.



It's a pity that we could spend so little time in such beautiful place like Bologna. We visited a historical centre and tasted an original Bologna's spaghetti.







We will remember...





Honza and Eliška:

“Good bye Italy. And have a nice trip to Poland.”