



Post-Conference Tour (7 September 2024):

Parco Archeologico di Paestum e Velia

Tentative Programme (as of 11 September 2023)

Time	Activity	Venue
10.00	Presentation of current research activities	Paestum - Museum
11.00	Archaeological tour and Technical visit	Paestum - Archaeological area
13.00	Brunch	Paestum - Museum gardens

The Archaeological Park of Paestum and Velia is an institution that operates under the aegis of the Italian Ministry of Culture. Both Paestum and Velia have been UNESCO World Heritage sites since 1998.

Paestum was originally a Greek colony, founded around 600 BC. The archaeological area houses some of the best-preserved ancient Greek temples in the world, dated to the 6th and 5th centuries BC: the Temple of Hera, the Temple of Athena, and the so-called Temple of Neptune.

Historical buildings constitute an extraordinary heritage that connects in an indissoluble way people to their history. From a structural point of view, most ancient monumental buildings from the Greco-Roman world are made of overlapping stone elements. While the majority of them survive today in the form of ruins, the three Greek temples located in Paestum (southern Italy) are

still standing and are exceptionally well-preserved, despite some apparent deficiencies from a seismic point of view. In particular, Paestum is located in an area characterised by an elevated seismic risk.

The tour will provide an on-site introduction to the history of the city and its buildings, and will focus on the presentation of the monitoring networks created with the aim of assessing the dynamic and static responses of some of the most relevant monumental structures in Paestum, like the temples of Neptune and Athena. This project is part of a broader cooperation between the Archaeological Park of Paestum and Velia and the University of Salerno. The scientific directors of the project are Dr Tiziana D'Angelo, the Director of the Archaeological Park of Paestum and Velia, and Prof. Luigi Petti, of the Department of Civil Engineering of the University of Salerno.

How to reach the archaeological site:

<https://museopaestum.cultura.gov.it/come-raggiungerci/?lang=en>