

Camaiano Field School in Archaeology and on Medieval and Roman Material Culture 2025



The excavation of the parish church of Camaiano at the end of the 2024 campaign. The shape of the church and the apse with the various tombs identified can be seen.



Location: 57016 Località Cappellese – Castelnuovo della Misericordia, Livorno, Italy

Season: August 31st, 2025 to September 27th, 2025

Session Dates: August 31st, 2025 to September 27th, 2025;

One, two, three or four weeks option;

Enrolment fee: one week, € 1300; two weeks, € 2500; three weeks, € 3450; four weeks, € 4000.

Application Deadline: July 1st, 2025

Deadline Type: Contact for details

Program Type: Field School

RPA Certified: No

Affiliation: University of Bologna, Ital

Project Director: Enrico Cirelli, Professor (University of Bologna)

Period(s) of Occupation: Late Roman republican period (2nd century BCE) to the Medieval and

Modern Era (15th century AD).

Project Size: 12 participants (minimum 2 participants)

Minimum Length of Stay: One week

Minimum Age: 18

Language: The official language of the Field School is English and no advanced knowledge of

Italian is required

Experience Required: The course is open to up to 12 undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students in Archaeology, Anthropology or similar disciplines from any country and institution.

Room and Board Arrangements: Housing is provided by the Field School in the Agriturismo Cappellese in double, triple or quadruple rooms 10-min walking from the excavation site. Participants in the Field School will be provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner from Sunday to Saturday.

Assurance: The Field School requires a payment of 10 euros per participant, included in the total price, for full insurance coverage during the planned activities. The insurance is provided by the Camaiano Cultural Park, which also oversees the Agriturismo Cappellese where the students will be staying.

Academic Credit: Certificate of attendance from the University of Bologna will provide participants with official credits for their academic careers or independent study.



Project Description

Camaiano Field School in Archaeology and on Medieval and Roman Material Culture 2025 is a part of the larger Camaiano Project. It is a program offered by the University of Bologna in Italy in collaboration with the Italian Ministery of Cultural Heritage, the Agriturismo Cappellese (in whose land the Camaiano excavation site is located), the Parco Culturale di Camaiano, the Gruppo Archeologico Paleontologico Livornese (GAPL) and the Municipality of Rosignano Marittimo.

The Camaiano Project aims primarily to identify and study the archaeological evidence relating to the religious complex of the parish church of San Gerusalemme and San Giovanni Battista in Camaiano, mentioned for the first time in a document from the mid-10th century (958 AD). The building had a three-nave layout with a central semicircular apse and impressive dimensions (approximately 36 x 16m). It is the only parish church found so far in the Livorno area and one of the largest in Tuscany to have been brought to light. In addition to the medieval phase just mentioned, a survey in autumn 2023 allowed the recognition, near the excavation area, of at least two rural settlements from the Roman era

The Field School aims to educate students in archaeological, anthropological, historical, and topographic methods and topics. It is a significant opportunity for students to learn methodologies and gain knowledge of the profession in a context that spans a broad historical timeline, from the Roman Age to the Middle Ages and Modern Age. The immersive activity of the Field School, moreover, will be in a typical Tuscan context and includes first-class accommodation at the Agriturismo Cappellese, a 10-minute walk from the excavation area.





History of the site

The first known mention of the parish church of S. Gerusalemme and S. Giovanni Battista in Camaiano is recorded in a document from 958. However, the toponym Camaiano appears in an emphyteutic document as early as 857, though without reference to the religious building. In the 9th century the parish church was part of the territory of the *curtis* of Camaiano, the current Castelnuovo della Misericordia, owned by the archbishop of Pisa. From the end of the 14th century the religious building was characterized by a state of decline, as evidenced by a document from 1484 which describes the parish church in ruins, invaded by brambles and partially destroyed. Some 16th-century documents confirm the neglect and decay of the building. The first, written in 1557, reports that the roof had by then collapsed while, the second, twelve years later, states that it still had the perimeter walls and the baptismal font. In 1575, the doors were walled up to prevent animals from entering. Finally, in 1597, it was declared that restoring the ruin—by then surrounded by woods and with some collapsed walls—would be uneconomical. From the 17th century onwards, mentions of the religious building ceased and around mid-1600s the Pious House of Mercy of Pisa began salvaging materials from the ruins of the parish church for the construction of the new church of Castelnuovo and its neighbouring farms. Surveys conducted near the parish church, along with the first excavation campaign of 2024, have uncovered also numerous ceramic fragments from the Roman era. The Field School welcomes undergraduate and graduate students in anthropology, archaeology, classic history, historical topography, and related disciplines. The Field School has no formal prerequisites. Students interested in applying to the Field School must fill out and submit the application.



Figure 3. One of the tombs found at the Pieve di Camaiano in 2024.

Notes: The school is designed to provide all attendees with an advanced knowledge of applied stratigraphy method, topographic surveys and analysis, GIS and photogrammetry, and material culture. Lectures and Labs will be taken during the week by several experts, as well as weekly visits to local museums and sites will be provided by the staff.



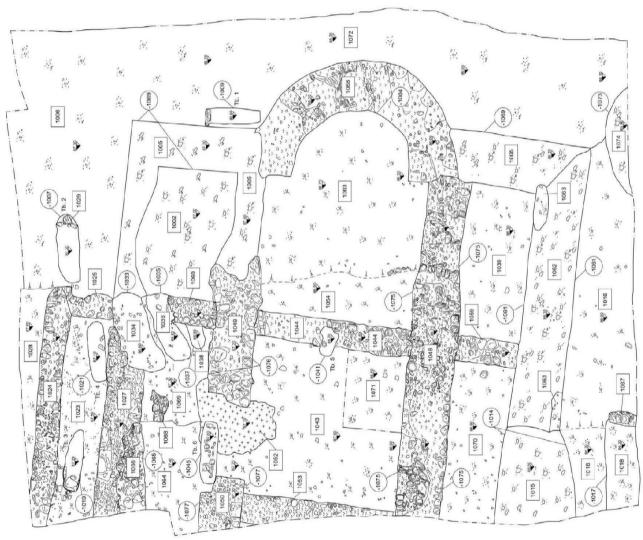
Anomalies indicating the presence of structures below agricultural levels; above, in the red circle, the traces of the parish church of Camaiano. Google Earth satellite photo 2021



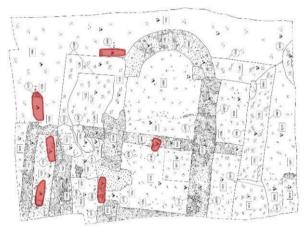


Excavation area at the end of the 2024 campaign



















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Silver coin (grosso) from Pisa, late 12th - early 13th century





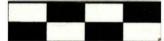
Late medieval ceramics of Pisan and local production

Copper alloy coin, 4th century AD



"Syracuse" type CD buckle, 6th-7th century AD

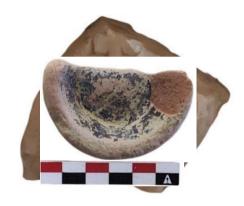


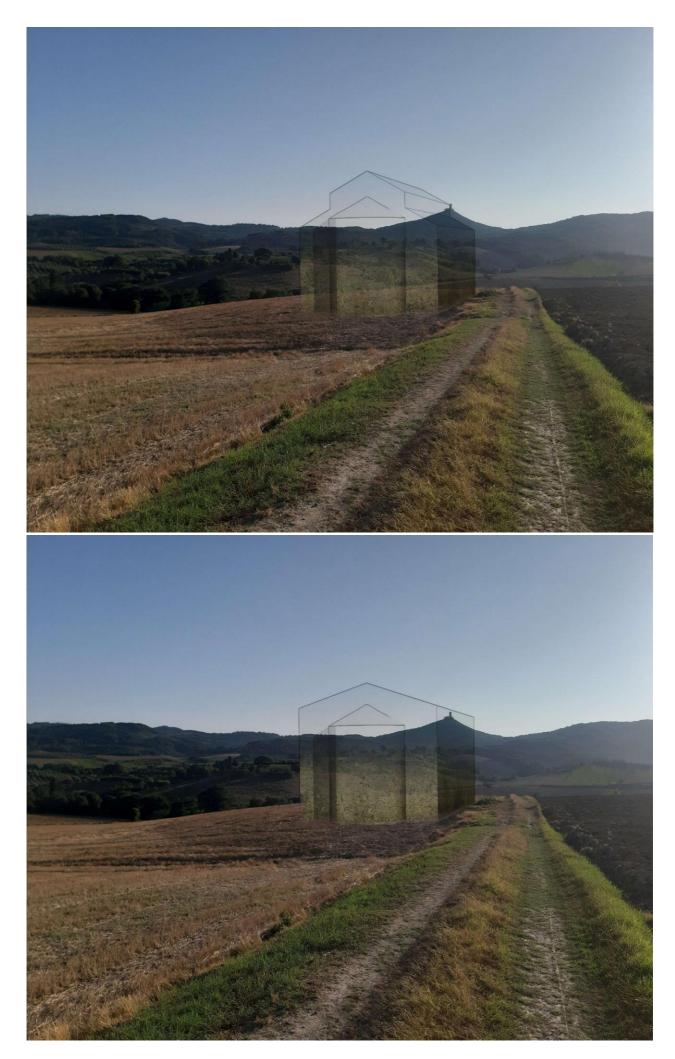


Copper alloy buckle from a shoe or pouch from the late Middle Ages









Preliminary reconstructions of the Pieve di Camaiano based on excavation data



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La pieve rivelata dal grano

È in corso la 1ª campagna di scavo per riportare alla luce l'antico edificio di Camaiano L'intervento a Castelnuovo della Misericordia è finanziato dall'Agriturismo Cappellese

archeo-agriturismo



Articles published in regional newspapers

L'ascolto è riservato

3 MINUTI DI LETTURA

LA NAZIONE Grosseto

Turismo rurale e archeologia Spunta... da sotto il grano l'antica Pieve di Camaiano

L'iniziativa dell'Agriturismo Cappellese per condividere la straordinaria scoperta Soddisfazione di Coldiretti, Il progetto patrocinato dal Comune di Rosignano

Il turismo rurale incontra l'archeologia. Si trova sulle colline di Rosignano Mantti-mo, all'interno del Parco Culturale di Canaiano, il primo archeo-agriturismo d'Italia. E' lungo un tratto un tempo attraversa-to dalla strada dei Mille, tra i campi ben curati de L'Agriturismo Cappellese, che sorgeva la Pieve di San Gerusalemme e San Giovanni Battista Un edificio imponente (36 metri di lunghezza x 16 di lar-ghezza), all'epoca importante luogo di fede, che dominava su quei territori prima che la grande peste nera alla metà del '300 ne provocasse lo spopolamento, le zione in un documento) antecedent all'anno 1.000 insistono su preesistenze di epoca romana. Una scoperta straordinaria dal punto di vista storico, culturale, archeologico e turistico che la struttura agrituristica di Castelnuovo della Miseri cordia, proprietaria dei terreni dove si tro-va l'ex Chiesa, ha inserito tra le esperienze che turisti e scolaresche in visita alla fattoria potranno fare. A renderlo noto è Coldiretti Toscana.

turistiche e la spinta che arriva da attività connesse alla produzione agricola sono determinanti per i primati del nostro turi smo rurale a livello nazionale e per il so-stegno al reddito delle aziende», spiega



Marco Masala, presidente Terranostra Toscana. Il progetto, che ha il patrocinio del Comune di Rosignano Marittimo e il supporto del Parco Culturale di Camaiano e del Gruppo Archeologico Paleontologico livornese, è seguito dal professore En-rico Cirelli del dipartimento di Storia, cul-ture e civiltà dell'Università Alma Mater Studiorum Bologna, Gli scavi sono stati fi-nanziati dall'azienda agrituristica. «Non siamo solo custodi della terra che coltiviamo, siamo custodi del passato del territorio che viviamo – dice la titolare Fabiana Michetti – Quando l'equipe di archeologi ci ha informato della presenza di un edifi-cio sepolto sotto il nostro grano e che

Camaiano di cui si erano perse le tracce, curiosità». Il percorso a piedi che porta al sito archeologico, che svetta su un pro-montorio si snoda, partendo dall'agriturismo per circa un chilometro tra dolci sali che cambiano colore a seconda della sta gione; un viaggio nella natura, nell'archeologia e nel passato che gli studi po-tranno aiutarci a comprendere. Da tempo gli archeologi erano sulle tracce dell'antica Pieve ma solo per caso, "scru-tando" nel 2023 alcune foto satellitari di Google Maps, sono riusciti a "vederla" di

ROSIGNANO

L'abside spunta dal grano successo del primo open day

Camaiano Il sindaco: «In questa pieve c'è la nostra storia»

Centro polivalente "Ordigno" a Vada Un avviso per trovare un gestore

di Jori Diego Cherubir È accaduto a Rosis un edificio di gross Battista a Camaia

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Il governatore Eugenio Giani le ha consegnato il Pegaso d'Oro della Regione Toscana

visite: "Vogliamo condividere questa scoperta"

d'Italia di Margherita Cecchin

06 NOVEMBRE 2024 ALLE 14:49

La struttura millenaria, da tempo ricercata dagli studiosi, individuata

dagli scavi nei campi dell'azienda in provincia di Livorno che apre alle





Nasce nel livornese il primo archeoagriturismo in Italia



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Il turismo rurale incontra l'archeologia. Si trova sulle colline di Rosignano Marittimo, all'interno del Parco Culturale di Camaiano, in una terra ricca di storia che affonda le sue radici nel profondo Medioevo. Il primo archeo-agriturismo d'Italia



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Scoperta grazie al...grano una millenaria Pieve di Camaiano risalente al X secolo d.C. Gli ospiti della struttura agrituristica Cappellese di Rosignan...







Turismo, il primo archeo-agriturismo d'Italia è sulle colline di Rosignano



Livorno 8 novembre 2024 Turismo, il primo archeo-agriturismo d'Italia è sulle colline di Rosignano

Scoperta grazie al...grano una millenaria Pieve di Camaiano risalente al X secolo d.C. Gli ospiti della struttura agrituristica Cappellese di Rosignano Marittimo (Li) e le scolaresche potranno

visitare il sito archeologico e vivere un'esperienza originale ed autentica tra natura, storia, archeologia e gastronomia.

Regional news reports (left) and online articles (right)



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Agriturismo con vista sul sito archeologico: il viaggio nel tempo a Rosignano Marittimo

La Pieve di San Gerusalemme e San Giovanni Battista è stata scoperta nel settembre dello scorso anno grazie alla crescita irregolare del grano. Lo scavo sorge su un terreno privato, ma l'azienda ha deciso di condividerlo creando un percorso suggestivo tra campi e vigne









Articles published on local information pages



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Structures uncovered in 2024 and next areas to investigate



Some statistics

80+ participants in guided tours during the excavations

200+ people at the open day

50+ first and third grade students visiting the excavation

5+ Articles in regional newspapers 2+ reports on regional news

5+ online articles on local information pages

800+ average number of people reached by social content

1500+ average number of views of posts on social channels

1000+ m2 surface of the excavation area

300+ m2 area investigated

150+ m3 of earth removed

1300+ hours of work



Archaeological Weekend

Proposal for 8 activities over 3 days (Fri-Sun) for 10/11 pax + 2 guides (minimum 2 participants):

- <u>Archaeology workshop</u>: Introduction to Medieval Archaeology, field excavation, archaeologist's tools, and analysis of unearthed archaeological materials;
- Walking tours: Visit the medieval mills or Monte Carvoli;
- <u>Medieval coin-making</u>: Create your own replica coins using authentic minting methods;
- <u>Medieval Clothing & Weapons</u>: Demonstration and hands-on experience with period garments and arms, including mock battles;
- Grape Harvest Experience: a hands-on workshop introducing vine cultivation, featuring grape picking and "emotional pressing" (traditional foot treading). The activity continues with a visit to the farmhouse winery, including an explanation of the winemaking process;
- Cooking class: learn to make schiacciata, pizza, maltagliati, and biscuits followed by tasting.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning		8-9 a.m., breakfast;	8-9 a.m., breakfast
		9-11 a.m., walk to the	9-11:30 a.m. , archaeology
		mills;	workshop (excavation and
		11:30 a.m1 p.m. , walk to	artifact analysis)
		Monte Carvoli	12 p.m1 a.m. , leisure
			time
Lunch		Yes, packed lunch at Monte	Yes, lunch at the
		Carvoli, 1-2 p.m.	agriturismo, 1-2 p.m.
Afternoon	3-4:30 p.m. , presentation of		
	the Camaiano Excavation;	3-5 p.m. , leisure time;	3-5 p.m. , medieval coin
	4:30-6 p.m. , grape harvest;	5-7 p.m. , cooking	minting and arms
	6-8 p.m. , aperitif hour with	workshop	demonstration
	leisure time.		
Dinner	Yes (8 p.m.)	Yes (8 p.m.)	

Accommodation, meals & activities package

- 2 buffet breakfasts
- 2 lunches
- 2 dinners

1 welcome aperitif

Choice of room x 2 nights: double, triple, or

quadruple Pool access

Complimentary gifts (bottle of local wine and farm-produced

gourmet souvenir) 1 Archaeology Workshop

- 1 Outdoor History Lesson
- 2 Guided Walks
- 1 Medieval Coin minting Lab
- 1 Medieval Arms and costumes lab (swordplay and

dress-up) 1 Harvest Experience

1 Cooking Class

Total all-inclusive price per person: 750 euros.