

The Archeological Museum and Area



Aside from heading to Fiesole for the view over Florence, make it a point to visit Fiesole's **Etruscan-Roman Archeological area**. While the Etruscan settlement likely dates back to the 9th-8th century BC, the first record of it in history is when it was conquered by the Romans in the 2nd century BC. The Romans must have wanted that prime hilltop location - easy to see any enemies approaching as well as being dry land away from the marshes that surrounded the Arno river.

Inside the **Archeological area** you'll find the remains of Roman baths and the Roman theater, while in the **Civic Museum** you'll see many artifacts from both the Roman as well as Etruscan period.

Within the museum, you'll find the **Antiquarium Costantini**, a special collection of over 150 pieces of ceramics from ancient Greece and Etruria.

After visiting the outdoor area and museum, head down the street that runs behind the area to see remnants of the massive, ancient Etruscan walls that have managed to survive through all these centuries.

Archaeological Museum

Via Portigiani, 1 - Fiesole

Open: 9,30am- 7pm (summer) and 9.30am-5pm (winter). Closed on Tuesdays only during the winter.