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Divided into three distinct morphological and vegetative zones—the forest, the Murge, and the Matine—Santeramo in Colle is the highest municipality in the metropolitan city of Bari.



Places to visit:

Parish of the Holy Crucifix

One of the religious symbols of the town, it stands on the highest point of the city, almost as if to protect it. Although the church is relatively recent, dating back to 1931, it boasts neoclassical architecture adorned on the facade with the symbol of the Franciscan order. It consists of a single nave with a barrel vault. The most fascinating element of the complex, however, is the convent next to the parish. Dating back to 1671, it was built with the donation of a marquis to accommodate Franciscan friars and minor orders, as well as numerous pilgrims.

Church of Sant'Erasmus

This is the cathedral of Santeramo, located in the center of the town and dedicated to the patron saint of the city: Saint Erasmus of Formia. The entire structure was built in 1729 in the Baroque style, despite being based on a pre-existing chapel from 1500. Inside, you can admire the marvelous decorations in polychrome marble enriched with patterns that recall the veins, created with the help of stucco. The church also houses the bas-relief of a Madonna with Child created by the renowned sculptor Francesco Laurana.

Palazzo Marchesale Caracciolo - Carafa

One of Santeramo's emblematic palaces, it is located a few minutes' walk from the town center. Built in 1586 by the Marquis Caracciolo, one of the most important families in the city at that time, the architectural structure is typical of the 1500s

with a large central portal and relief decorations. On the back, you can still see the splendid garden that was once used for carriage arrivals and horse refreshment. Today, the palace is only open on certain days of the year to host meetings, fairs, and conferences, as well as small shows and cultural events.

Cave of Sant'Angelo

This is a natural cave that houses a repositorium—a niche with an arch—and graffiti depicting crosses and religious symbols left by pilgrims who once stopped in the cave. The cave can only be reached from the outside through a short hiking trail.



Culinary delights:

Horse meat, PDO Gioia del Colle wine, PDO Gioia del Colle Mozzarella Cheese



Not to be missed:

Matera Way - Via Peuceta - Stage 3: From Cassano Delle Murge to Santeramo In Colle

First week of June: Feast of Saint Erasmus

Characterized by a procession featuring a cavalcade in period costumes with ladies and knights, a triumphal float carrying the sacred image of the saint, and the release of hot air balloons to conclude the celebration.

August: Roasted Meat Festival - A gastronomic showcase featuring horse meat and the skill of local butchers.

August: "Braciola Challenge" - A prize competition where participants challenge each other to eat the most braciola in the shortest time possible.

December: Enchanted Murgia - A Christmas event showcasing local food and wine specialties and artisanal crafts.