

HANDBOOK of the
VIA
FRANCIGENA
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from
Monte San Vito to Monte Sant'Angelo

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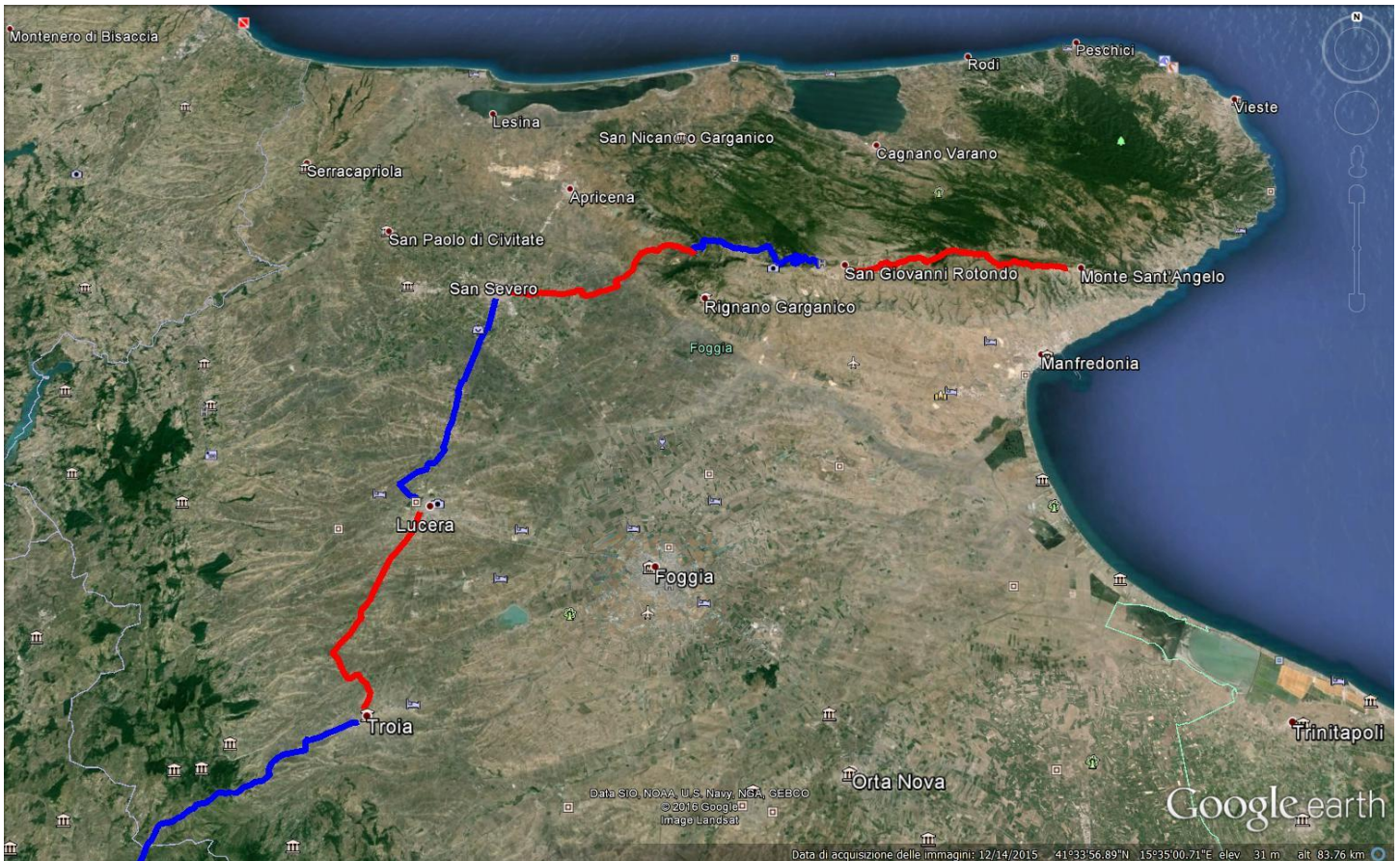
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**This guide is for pilgrims and walkers
who wish to take the Via Francigena in the province of Foggia
towards the Sacred Cave of San Michele Arcangelo .**

HAVE A GOOD WALK

Overview Map of the Path



A distance of approximately 130 km, in six stages, in ancient Daunia, climbing towards the Sacred Mountain of the Gargano where the Holy Cave of the Archangel Michael in Monte Sant'Angelo is located, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Basilica of St. Michael – Monte Sant'Angelo

The path divided into 6 stages:



1	Monte San Vito - Troia	Km. 23
2	Troia - Lucera	Km. 19
3	Lucera – San Severo	Km. 20
4	Severo – Santuario Stignano	Km. 21
5	Stignano – San Giovanni Rotondo	Km. 23
6	San Giovanni Rotondo – Monte Sant’Angelo	Km. 24

*The maps below use
DATUM-ED 50/UTM 33
as a reference system.*

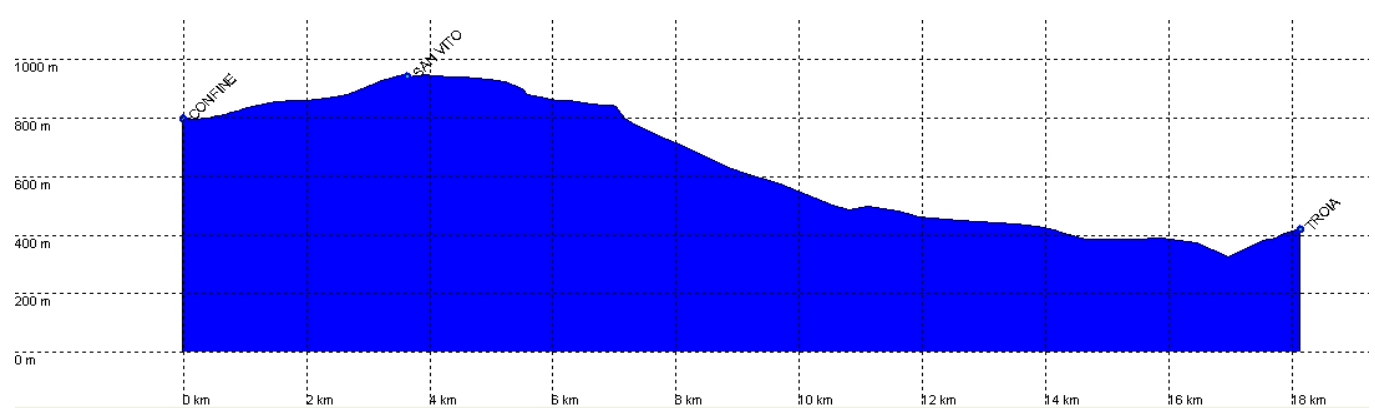
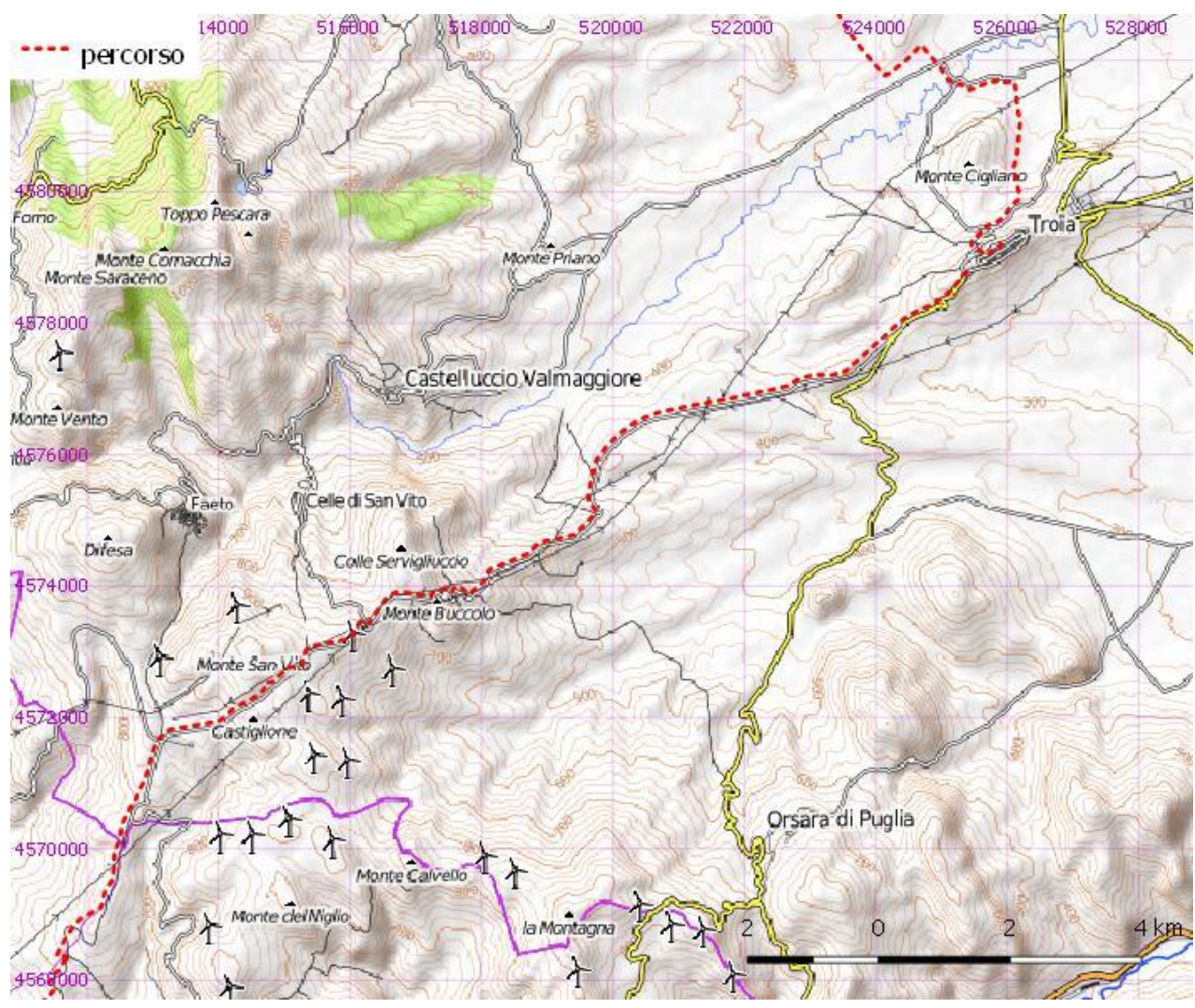


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1st STAGE

Monte San Vito – Troia



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PATH DESCRIPTION

MONTE SAN VITO - TROIA		
General news	Km	description
Start: border region	Km 3	You begin at the village of San Leonardo (the Municipality of Faeto). At the fork, take it to the right uphill having the village on the right. After 1.5 km, on asphalt, you reach the " Mutatio Aquilonis " complex. Continue on the same road.
End: Troia		
Distance: 18 km		
Drop: +265/-640 m		
Difficulty: E		
Travel Time: 4,30 hours		
Road Surface: mixed asphalt - dirt		
Approach travel: by foot/bike/horses	Km 20	You climb up to the maximum height of Monte San Vito and here you begin to descend along the paved road (Egnatia – Traian Way). You also have the possibility of cutting through all the curves on the way down to the plain below. For a while the asphalt is crumbled and then, up to Troia, you continue on the Egnatia up to the entrance of the town.



Mutatio Aquilonis

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS in CELLE DI SAN VITO and TROIA

CELLE DI SAN VITO

- **B&B La Bannerera** – Maria 3498690522
Half board € 30
Only to sleep € 15

- **Le Fontanelle** - Patrizia 3299735621
Off season (up to 19/06) – 18 € // Mid-season (20/06 – 17/07) – 20 € // High season (18/07 – 31/08) 20 €

TROIA

- **Hospital del Cammino** - Michele 3938917725 – Antonello 3801261158
 - N. 28 bed – bunk beds (without sheets) – 5 showers with hot water and wc – WiFi free
Prices: donation – reference is necessary.
www.camminacammini.blogspot.com info@culturalroutes.com

- **Svegliarsi nei Borghi** Elisabetta 3891792908 www.svegliarsineiborghi.it
 - Price per person with breakfast 25,00€ in double room (*Without towels and sheets price per person is 20,00€*)
 - Price per person without breakfast 23,00€ in double room (towels and sheets included)
 - Price per person in a single room with breakfast 30,00€ (towels and sheets included).
 - Price per person in a single room without breakfast 28,00€ (towels and sheets included).

TROIA

EATING PLACES in CELLE DI SAN VITO and TROIA

CELLE DI SAN VITO

- **Ristorante La Bannerera** - Maria 3498690522 (*€ 15 pilgrim's menu*)

- **Trattoria Le Fontanelle** – Patrizia 3299735621 (*€ 15 pilgrim's menu*)

TROIA

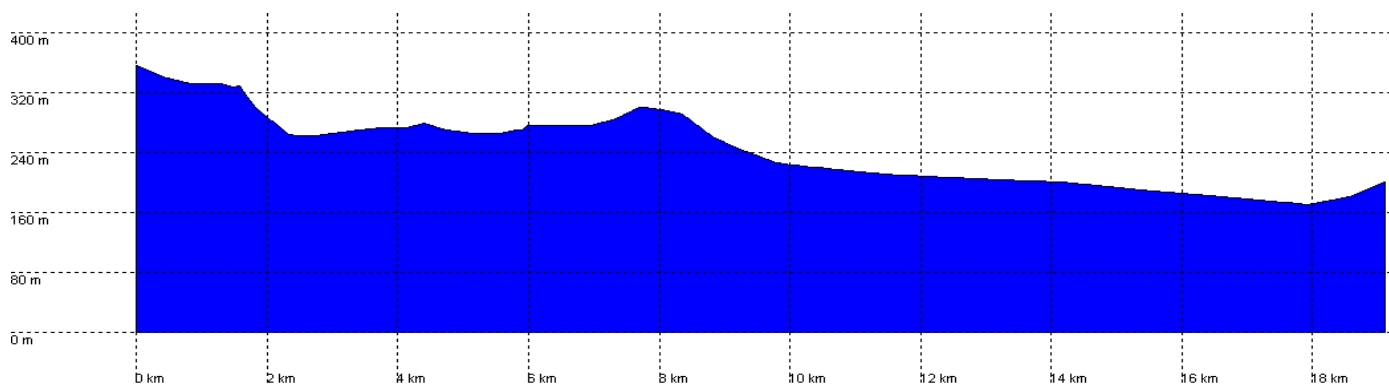
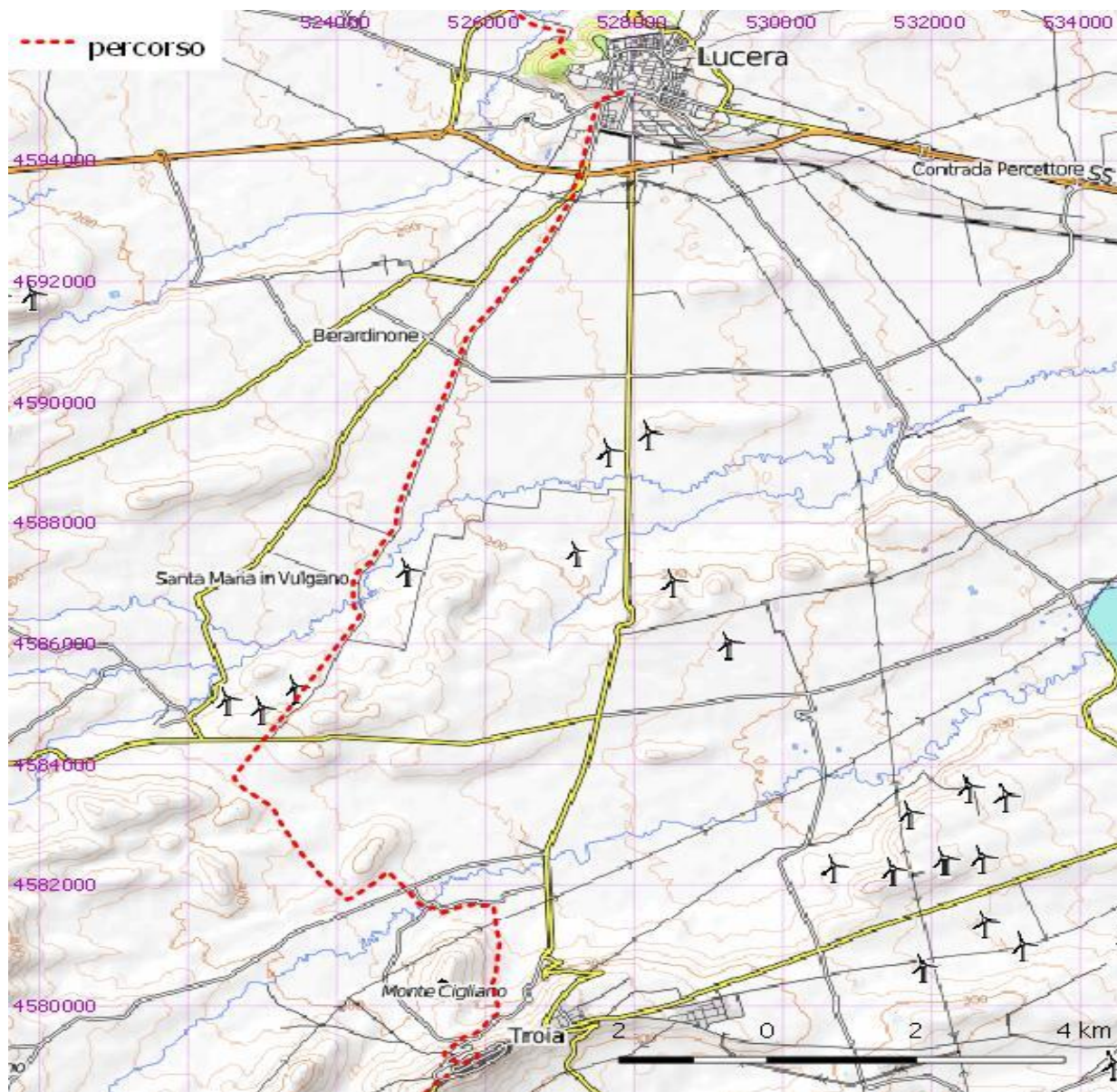
- **Osteria Fra Due Terre** 0881977354 (*€ 13 pilgrim's menu*)

- **Osteria Maria Neve** 3495793078 (*€ 13 pilgrim's menu*)

2nd STAGE



TROIA – LUCERA



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TROIA - LUCERA

Start: Troia		
End: Lucera		
Distance: 19km		
Drop: +86/-237 m		
Difficulty: E		
Travel Time: 4.3 hours		
Road Surface: 95% dirt		
Approach travel: by foot/bike/horses	Km 1.5	The departure is from the small square in front of the Cathedral in the small alley in front of it. You start to go down on the paved road that passes in front of the abandoned church of St. Anthony. After the descent you arrive at the city street outside. Follow the road towards the right and, after about 200 m. there is a sharp turn to the left (recommended for bikers). Continuing on the same paved road. After 700 m (before the road curves right), take the road to the left. On it you will skirt the hill (walking to the (right?) of Mount Cigliano). Both paths (bike and walking) arrive at the new bridge over the Celone.
	Km 6	Over the bridge you reach the perpendicular provincial road SP 125. Turn on the left and, after 300 m, leave the asphalt to the right. Go straight on with the farm of Monte Aratro to the right. Proceed straight on a very nice path arriving at a perpendicular white dirt road.
	Km 6	1st Path: Go through the white road and continue straight on to the SP132 and, on the other side, on the paved road SP131. When you come to the SP18 turn to the right and then to the left into Via Vittorio Emanuele II. This path leads quietly to Lucera. 2nd Path: When you reach the perpendicular dirt road go to the right uphill. Cross the SP132 and then you enter onto a dirt road with wind turbines on the left. The road has gentle ups and downs, with the view of Lucera in front of you and the villages of the Sub-Appennino on the left. Then you reach the ford of the river Vulgano. For most of the year you can wade it because there is little or no water. If the water is high (max. half a meter deep and 3 meters wide), you should take off boots and socks and walk through calmly.
	Km 5.5	After crossing the river, continue following the road through the fields. When you arrive in Mezzana Grande district cross the SP18 onto a long narrow street called Via Vittorio Emanuele II. At the end, stay to the right and walk through the underpass to cross under the ring road. This will serve as your entrance to the beautiful town of Lucera.



Troia-Lucera Stage – You can see Lucera e Gargano's mountains

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS in LUCERA

Hotel Villa Imperiale 0881 520998 0881 546725

Half Board:

double room 35€
single room 40€

Only sleep:

double room 25€
single room 30€

EATING PLACES in LUCERA

Hotel Villa Imperiale 0881 520998 0881 546725

Pilgrim's Menu € 15 (with reference)

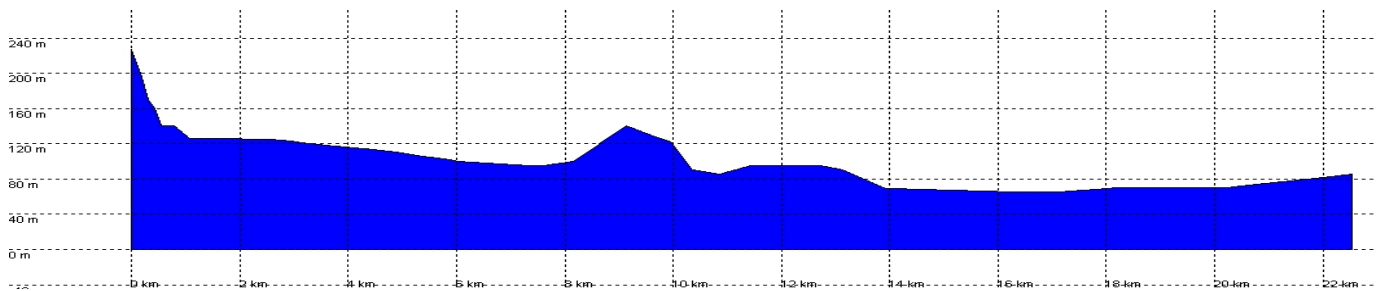
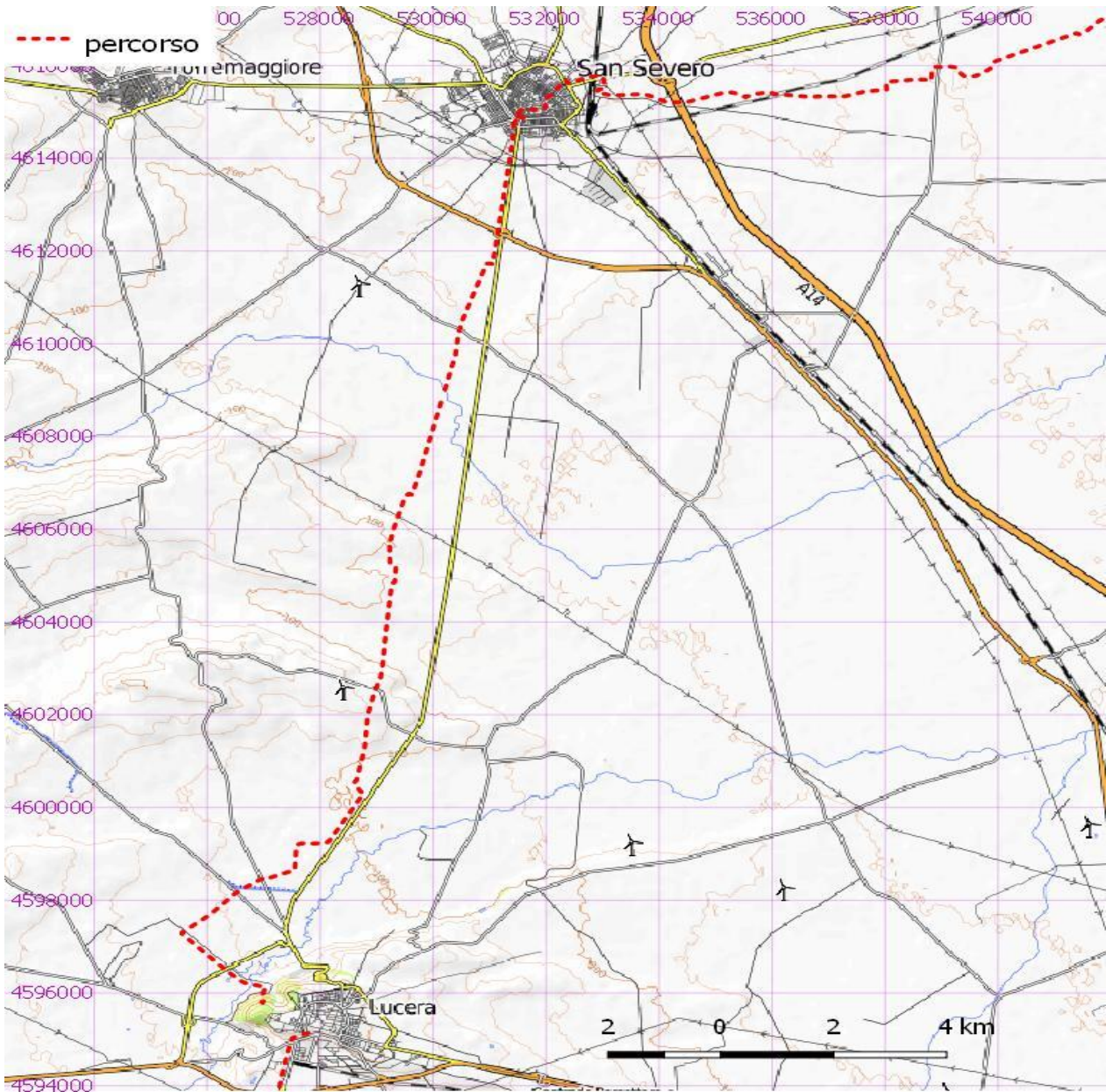


San Michele norman



3rd STAGE

Lucera – San Severo



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PATH DESCRIPTION

LUCERA – SAN SEVERO

Start: Lucera	Km 4	Descend on the prepared path outside the main castle and then descend sharply through the pine forest for 300m. At the base you have to cross a concrete bridge. You continue on a comfortable sheep track up to a big oak tree. Here turn to the right and proceed along the same path that leads to the SS 160. (Lucera-San Severo)
End: San Severo		
Distance: 22km		
Drop: +75/-216m		
Difficulty: E	Km 8	Turn left onto the S.S. 160 and go for about 2 km. Then take the path on the left which, crosses a bridge and climbs towards the hill in the middle of vast fields of wheat. On top of the hill you cross another asphalted road and continue downhill to intercept a provincial road.
Travel Time: 5,3 hours		
Road Surface: 80% dirt		Turn right and walk for 300m, then go left on a farm road with a very spoiled asphalt. Proceed straight on until you cross one more time the provincial road SP13. From here go on the right (turn right) and go up to the SS160.
Approach travel: by foot/bike/horses		
	Km 4	Take the SS 160 to the left. After 4 km you will reach San Severo. I'm still doing some research to find a path less dangerous and, possibly, on trails or country roads



Farmland between Lucera and San Severo

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS in SAN SEVERO

- **Parrocchia S. Giuseppe Artigiano** – *don Salvatore 3389263861*
 - *Donation*
- **Parrocchia Madonna della Libera** - *don Giovanni 3295417883*
 - *Donation – 6 beds from April 2016*
- **Parrocchia Immacolata** – *don Raffaele 0882374341*
 - *Donation*
- **Caritas** – *don Andrea 3405127986 – 0882224193*
 - *Donation*
- **B&B Stelle della Daunia** – 3293175750 – 3386057416 – Via Volturmo 76 – stelledelladaunia@libero.it
 - Singola € 35 - matrimoniale/doppia € 50 - tripla € 60 (con credenziale)
- **Davide Dall'Oglio** – **3479632734** – *Referente vari punti di accoglienza*

EATING PLACES in SAN SEVERO

Social Eating – *Davide dall'Oglio 0882375663 3479632734*
Via Carceri Vecchie 42

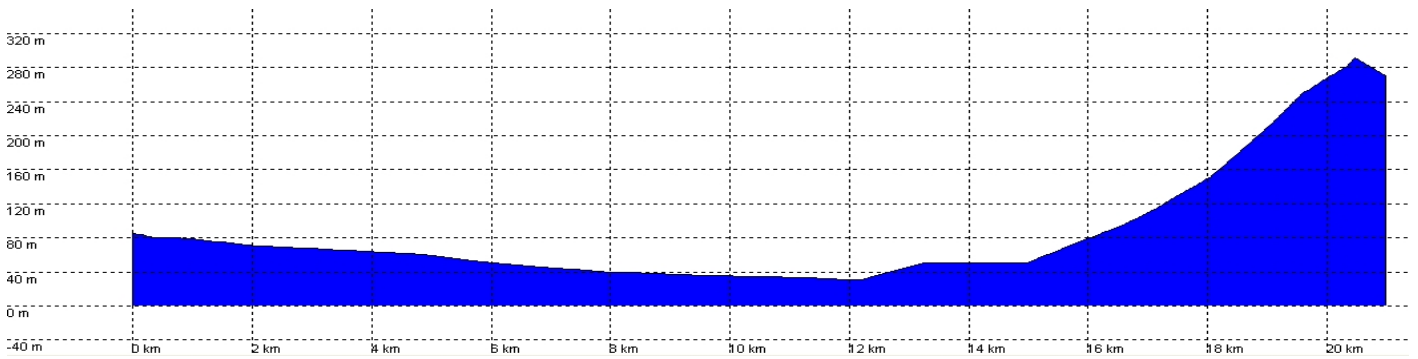
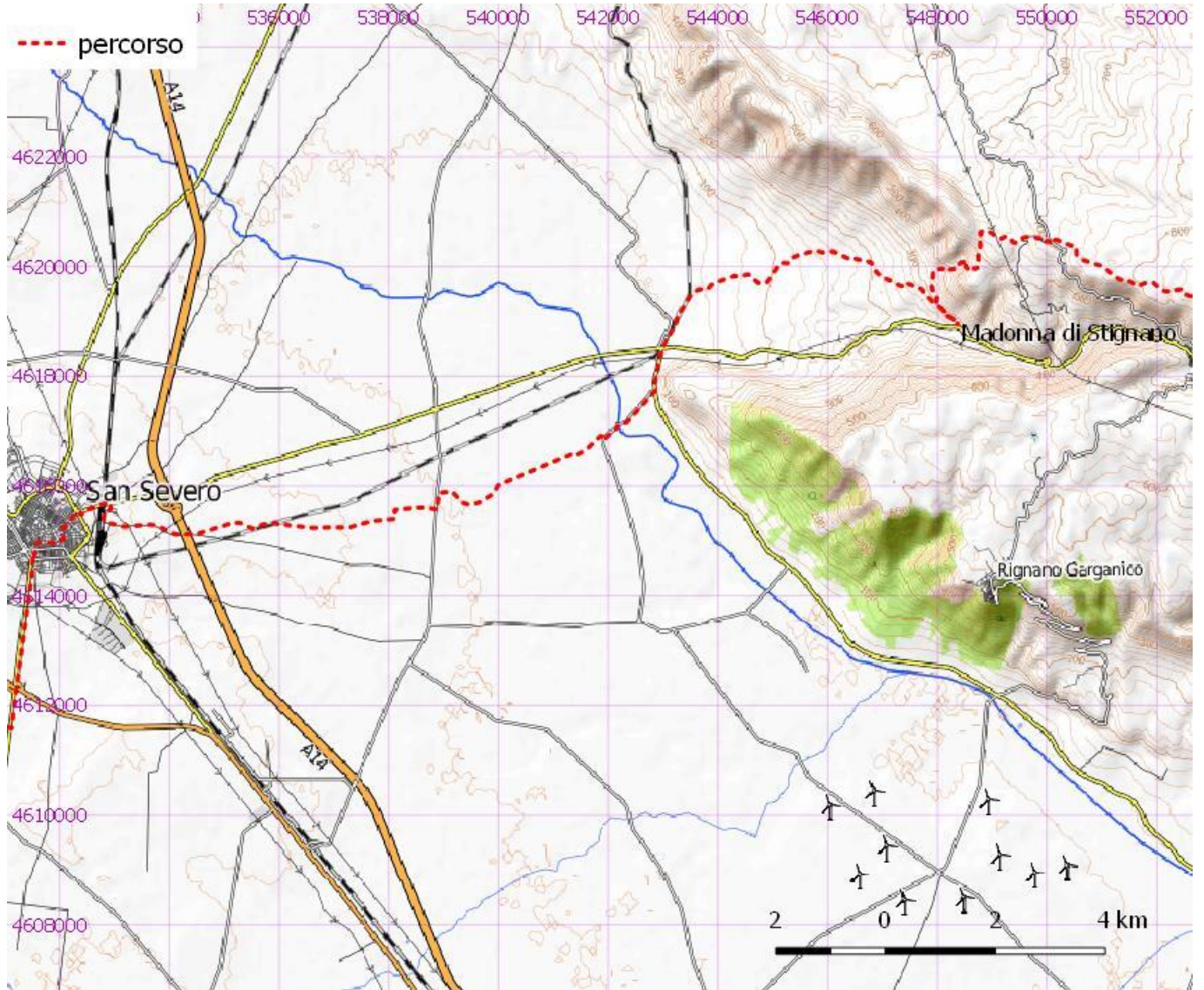


Path from Lucera to San Severo

4th Stage



San Severo – Stignano



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PATH DESCRIPTION

SAN SEVERO - STIGNANO

Start: San Severo	Km 3	Leaving the town towards San Marco in Lamis, after crossing the railroad tracks (100 m before reaching the cemetery), turn to the right following the sign for B & B Biagio. Beyond this go another 1 km and pass under the highway bridge E55. After 100 m, go to the left on a dirt road that passes through vineyards and olive groves.
End: Santuario di Stignano		
Distance: 21km		
Drop: +260/-75 m		
Difficulty: E	Km 8	After a few km, cross the tracks and continue straight until you reach a paved road (SP27). Turn left there. After 50 m, go to the right and enter the beautiful "Case di St. Matthew" following a path that reaches the foothills paved road (SP28)
Travel time: 5 hours		
Road surface: 70% dirt		
Approach travel: by foot/bike/horses		
	Km 1.5	Taking the SP28 to the left, passing the intersection of the tracks and the SS272, San Severo - San Marco in Lamis. Going straight across the SS272, you reach (also visible from the intersection) the little station of Scalo San Marco
	Km 8.5	Continue on the asphalt for 1.5 km until you intercept a dirt road on the left. Take it. A small farm will be on the left. After about 500m, you will pass a large farm (Colantuono). Continue to the Sanctuary of Stignano. Warning: the flood of 2014 ruined the path by creating small gaps. Proceed keeping the slopes of the mountain to the left (Castle Mount) and pointing toward the slot that can be seen below. Five hundred meters after passing a quarry you will arrive at the Sanctuary of Stignano.



Sanctuary of Stignano - the cloister

HOSPITALITY

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS in STIGNANO

Stignano's Sanctuary – Paolo 3270275020 – 0882831033

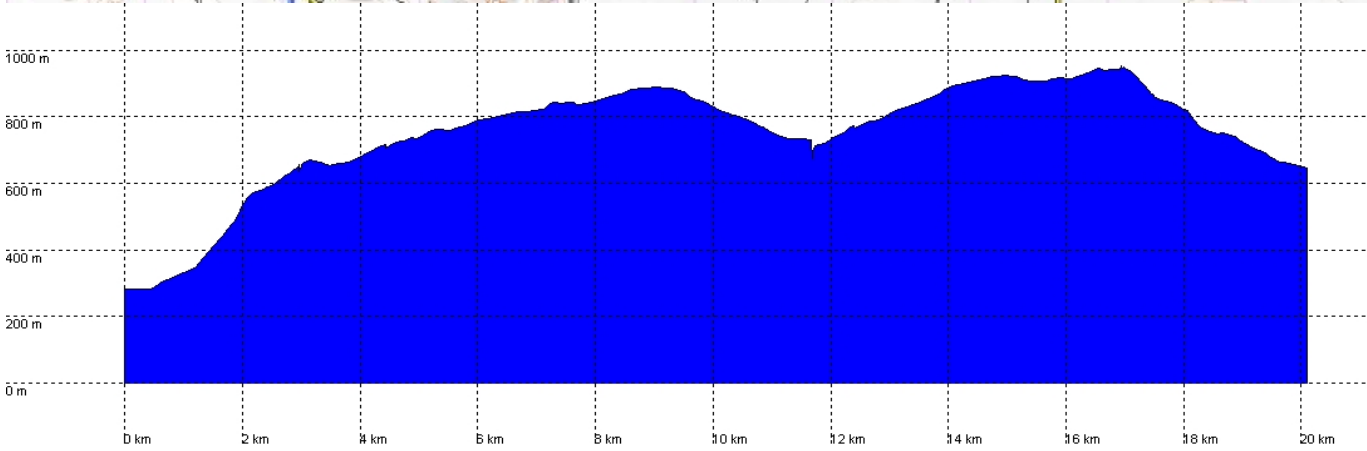
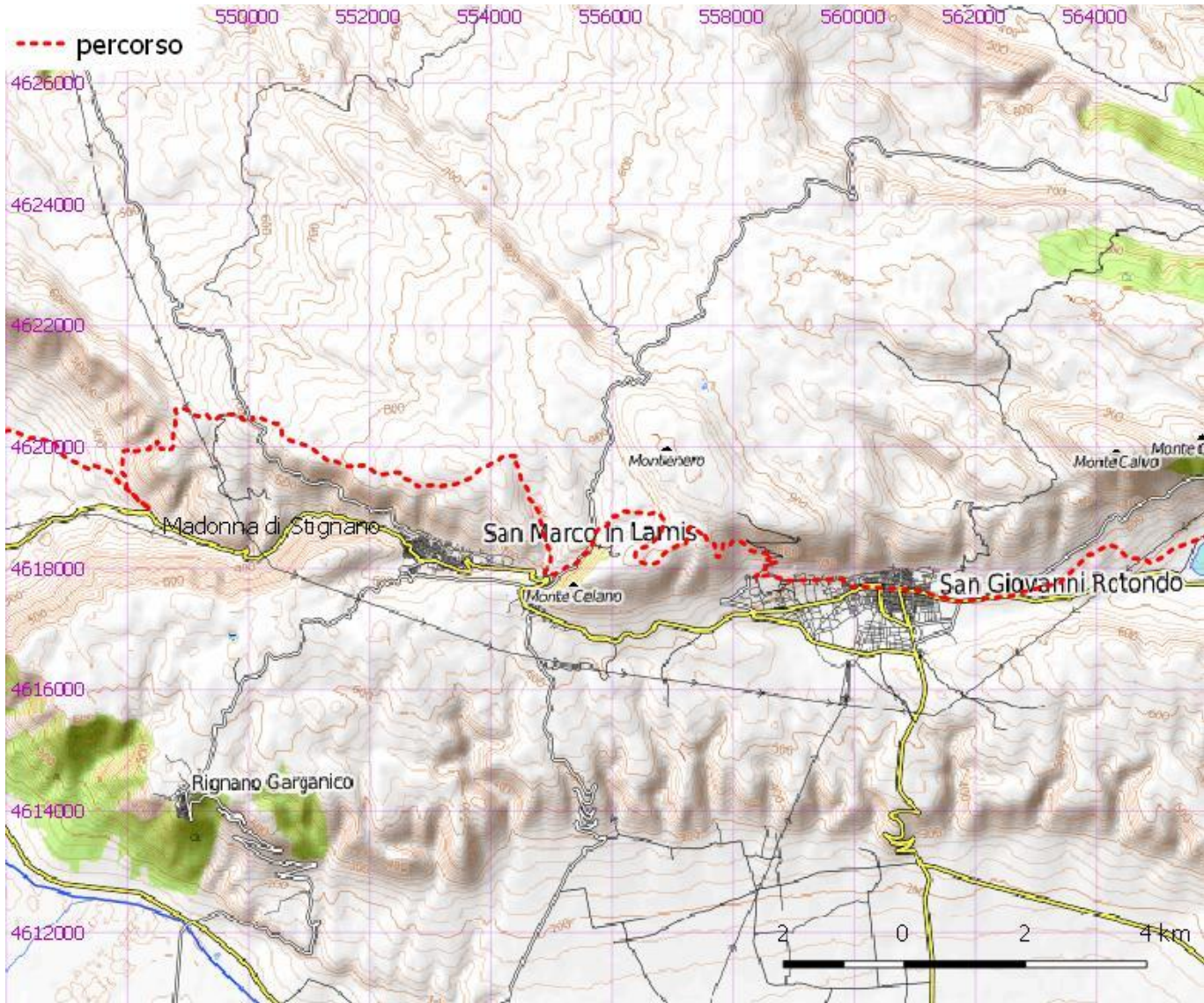


Path from San Severo to Stignano's sanctuary – Stignano Valley at the bottom

5th STAGE



Stignano – San Giovanni Rotondo



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PATH DESCRIPTION

Sanctuary of STIGNANO – SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO		
Start: Sanctuary of Stignano		
End: San Giovanni Rotondo		
Distance: 23km ¹ - 20km ²		
Drop: +995/-630m		
Difficulty: EE		
Travel Time: 7 hours		
Road Surface: 95% dirt		
Approach travel: by foot/horses	Km 13	<p>Leave the sanctuary passing behind it redoing the path of the previous stage for 500m. At the first junction turn right. Go uphill, passing the quarry, and continue climbing until joining a trail carved into the rock on the right. You will zigzag up until reaching a first plateau characterized by a ruined rural house.</p> <p>Keeping to the left of the plateau (considering the trajectory of arrival) you will intercept a very ??deep?? sheep track leading to the perpendicular cattle track coming from the ruins of Castelpagano. Continue on the right until you reach the small farms (you go through illegal wooden fences) and then you climb uphill on a paved road that crosses the provincial San Marco - Sannicandro.</p> <p>Cross the road and take a long dirt track. When you get to a gate of barbed wire and wooden stakes, turn right starting an easy path for animals that goes on the top located above the valley of Stignano (on the bottom on the right). You reach a large cattle track passing in the middle of a pine forest and, once you arrived to the pool Tripods (trough for animals), you turn on the right on the way down of the Fajarama leading to the convent of San Matteo.</p>
		<p>If you don't want to go up to the peak or if you are a biker is recommended to reach San Marco on the San Severo - San Marco road.</p>
	Km 10	<p>From the convent you go up to a large parking that, at the bottom, has a gate with barbed wire and wooden logs. Beyond it you proceed down a path that leads, after 700m, on the asphalt road San Marco – Cagnano (SP22). Cross it at a big open space for a picnic. Before you get into it, immediately on left, almost on the road that you crossed, a trail starts that goes up and reaches, after 1.5 km, a wide track. Take it up to a large complex of tv repeaters that intercepts a path bordered by boulders. Take it up to the Arena Cup (939m).</p> <p>From here, follow the path downhill until you reach the Convent of the Clarisse and enter the town of San Giovanni where you will immediately see the complex and sanctuary dedicated to Padre Pio..</p>
<p>The first route is more scenic but more hiking. You can see all of the most fascinating landscapes of the Gargano: oak groves, roverete, karst rocks, sinkholes, beautiful scenery visible from the highest point (mar Adriatico, Tremiti, Laghi di Lesina and Varano, Maiella), the path of Fajarama made up of a beech forest (unusual at this altitude) on the way to the convent of San Matteo.</p>		
<p>² you can take the SS 272, very dangerous for the narrowness of the road and the very tight corners. This path is recommended for bikers.</p>		

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS in SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

- **B&B Villa Maddalena** – Giovanni 3292966892 (vicino cripta di Padre Pio)
In double room € 20 with reference
- **B&B Alle Querce** – Agata 0882456245
In double room € 23 with reference
- **Hotel CORONA** – Via A. Freud, 5 – Tel. 0882457873 – Cell. 3383220662 Costanzo
In camera doppia – mezza pensione € 35 con credenziale

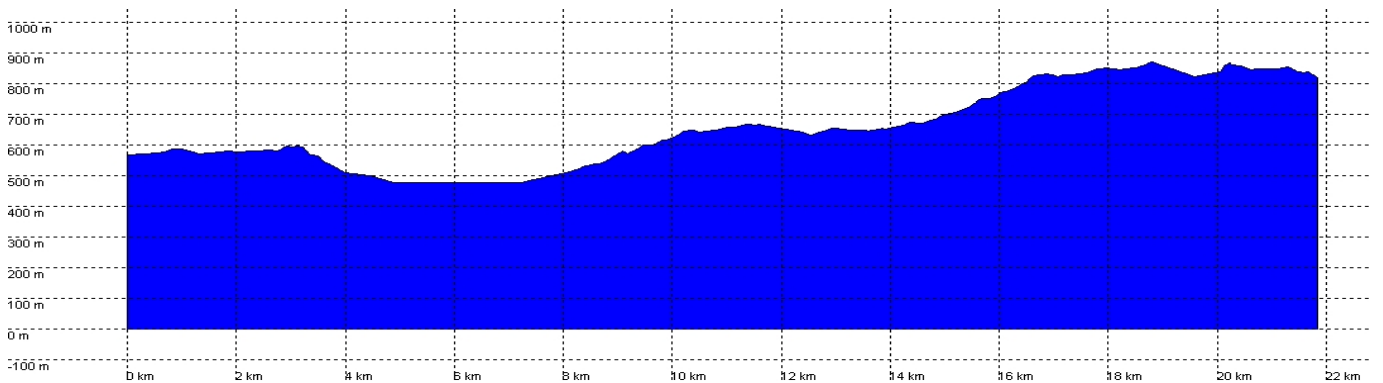


Stignano – San Giovanni Rotondo Stage

6th STAGE



San Giovanni Rotondo – Monte Sant'Angelo



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PATH DESCRIPTION

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO – MONTE SANT'ANGELO		
Start: San Giovanni Rotondo	Km 1.5	Go out from San Giovanni taking the SS 272 for Monte Sant'Angelo and, after passing the SP43?? leading to Cagnano, walk an additional 500m and take the paved road on the left.
End: Monte Sant'Angelo		
Distance: 24km	Km 9	The road loses the asphalt after 1 km and continues with a beautiful sheep track bordered by a dry stone wall that passes in front of the ruins of the church of Sant'Egidio and then falls in the homonymous plain where the asphalt begins. Passing behind the big hotel that is closed now, you must go in the last street on the left, always paved for another 700m, and reach the ruins of St. Nicholas to Pantano. Continue on the same track that enters into a forest and starts to climb for about 600m; turn right down into a canyon and then continue with a path bordered by a fence that goes on the left of the canal (almost always dry) and reaches a vast plateau.
Drop: +590/-340m		
Difficulty: EE		
Travel Time: 7 hours		
Road Surface: 75% dirt		
Approach travel: by foot/bike/horses		
	Km 13.5	Along the edge of the plateau a wide dirt track begins that goes in front of some sand pits (on the right) and reaches the SS 272. Cross the road and proceed uphill, which is cemented in a small stretch. You will arrive at a wide gate (barbed wire and wooden stakes) on the left. Take the path through the gate and go up toward Monte Sant'Angelo. You will be following a long ridge on the Gulf of Manfredonia, to the Lady of the Angels (a private chapel of the 1000 AD overlooking Valle Carbonara, the fault line that bisects the Gargano). After another 1.5 km, you enter Monte Sant'Angelo.. WELCOME to the house of SAINT MICHAEL



Path from San Giovanni Rotondo a Monte Sant'Angelo

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS in MONTE SANT'ANGELO

- **Albergo Casa del Pellegrino** 0884532696
20 beds for pilgrims. Sleeping bags and references required.
- **B&B Villa Bisceglia** Lino 0884565610 3405495629 www.villabisceglia.it
With sleeping bag - 15 € with breakfast - With reference - WIFI gratis - 60 beds
There are also small houses with kitchens
- **Casa Vacanza Bisceglia** Lino 0884565610 3405495629 www.villabisceglia.it/casavacanza/
With sleeping bag - 10 € - With reference - WIFI gratis - 10 beds
- **Blu Gargano Bisceglia** Lino 0884565610 3405495629 www.blugarganohouse.it
With sleeping bag - 15 € and breakfast – With reference - WIFI gratis - 30 beds
- **Parrocchia del Carmine** – Don Domenico – 3478627215 - *Donation*

EATING PLACES in MONTE SANT'ANGELO

- **Albergo Casa del Pellegrino** 0884532696
Pilgrim's menu € 15
- **Trattoria La Caravella** 0884561444
Pilgrim's menu € 14



The arrival in Monte Sant'Angelo

POST SCRIPTUM

Some considerations about the guide:

- *It has been created in a traditional way, with no expectations, other than to be of service to the walker;*
- *path is offered with:*
 - *gps tracks*
 - *geographical map*
 - *elevation profile*
 - *the difference in height is specified both uphill and downhill both*
 - *path description;*
- *All photographs have been included because they represent a significant part of that stage. The walker will go through that place;*
- *Places to eat and sleep for the stages are derived from proven effective contacts. We hope that the number of operators, who are there for the pilgrim reception, will increase over time.*
- *We are still working to improve the paths; when a better passage is determined, we will update the handbook and will communicate the change.*

THIS HANDBOOK IS CONTINUOUSLY UPDATED!

Good Way to all of you

Michele del Giudice