

## DOLMEN DELLA CHIANCA



The Dolmen della Chianca dates back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium

b.C. and it is in the countryside around Bisceglie.

The Dolmen is a collective grave formed by a quadrangular cell.

It consists of three vertical slabs, the fourth slab is bigger and forms the roof.

You can go into the cell through an uncovered corridor called the Dromos.

## SANTA CROCE CAVE



Saverio Maielaro discovered The Santa Croce cave in 1937. It is situated in the countryside

around Bisceglie, it dates back to the Paleolithic age. Some traces of human presence from the middle Paleolithic to the Bronze age have been found in the cave and around it. They consist of stone objects, rabbles, blades, pieces of ceramics and animal remains. A human femur has been found, too: it belongs to the Neanderthal man.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM



The archaeological museum “S. Maielaro” is located in the convent “S.Croce” . In the museum

there are lithic and ceramic finds in chronological order coming from the archaeological sites in the “Dolmen della Chianca” and in the “Santa Croce cave”, a precious cinerary urn of the first century A.D., a mat in vegetable fibres of 6,500 years ago.

## NORMAN TOWER



The Norman tower, situated in “ Piazza Castello “, was built approximately in 1060 by the Norman Earl Pietro I, and it had a military function.

Later the tower was called “ Torre maestra “ by the fishermen, because it had not only a defensive function, but also the function of guide for the boats to the harbour. Since 1987, in the tower we can find an ethnographical museum, where rare tools of old crafts are shown.

## CHIESA DI S. MARGHERITA



The church of Santa Margherita is in Apulian – Romanesque style.

It was built in 1197 outside the walls of the old

town by the Falconi family in order to serve as a cemetery.

In fact outside, close to the lefthand side, it is possible to admire three graves where some members of the Falconi family are buried..

## CHIESA DI SANT'ADOENO



The Church of Sant'Adoeno, located in the old town, was built in St.Adoeno's honour in 1074.

The church in Apulian – Romanesque style, shows on its front with a cusp, a cut tympanum and in the middle a rose window and the small statue of Saint Adoeno. The church keeps inside a baptismal font of the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

## CATHEDRAL



The Cathedral was started in 1073 but it was consecrated in 1295 and dedicated to

Saint Peter. The Cathedral is in Apulian – Romanesque style and shows a portal rich in decorations on its front. It holds the fine walnut “ Choir” of 1600 and the crypt keeps the relics of the three martyr Saints, patrons of Bisceglie.

## DIOCESAN MUSEUM



The diocesan museum is situated in the Episcopal palace , next to the Cathedral. On the

ground floor of the building diagnostics and restoration laboratories are located while on the first floor the rooms for temporary exhibitions are arranged. The second floor consists of 18 rooms where you can admire antique furniture, paintings, jewels, female clothes and sacred objects in gold or silver.

Bisceglie is a beautiful town in Puglia with a mild Mediterranean climate . It is situated on the Adriatic sea and has a population of 54,877 people. Bisceglie keeps a lot of historical and architectural



testimonies in the old town, some funeral buildings of the Bronze age, the Dolmen , in its countryside and

very considerable archaeological finds discovered in the Santa Croce cave, one of the oldest settlements in Puglia.

The city's economy has always been linked to agriculture that feeds a flourishing export trade in Italy and abroad especially of grapes, cherries and vegetables.

This city has also a happy and cultural life: there are a lot of theatre, music and show events organized

in the historical Garibaldi theatre but also in the streets of the old town.



Every year important events take place: the review of literary meetings " Libri nel borgo antico " and the food and wine festival " Calici nel borgo antico ", with a rich offering of tastings of wines and traditional products like the " sospiro ", the most famous cake of Bisceglie.

## MAP OF THE OLD TOWN OF BISCEGLIE



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BISCEGLIE

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**"The world is a book  
and those who don't travel  
read only a page of it"**  
(St. Augustine)