

*Tangimus Ombronem, non est ignobile
flumen,*

quod tuto trepidas excipit ore rates:

*tam facilis pronis semper patet alveus
undis,*

in pontum quotiens saeva procella ruit...

Rutilio, De Reditu suo, vv. 337 - 341

The canoe tour at Spolverino

From the collaboration between the archaeologists of the Alberese Archaeological Project and the guides of the Cooperative Silva, the idea of this new touristic experience was born.

The canoe tour "Following Rutilius" will let you experience the ideal mixture between wildness and archaeology, putting the tourist in a fossilized landscape still preserving the ancient beauty



FOLLOWING RUTILIUS

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Archaeological excavations have brought back to the light the ancient manufacturing quartier of the river port of Rusellae at Spolverino, on the last bend of the river Ombrone.

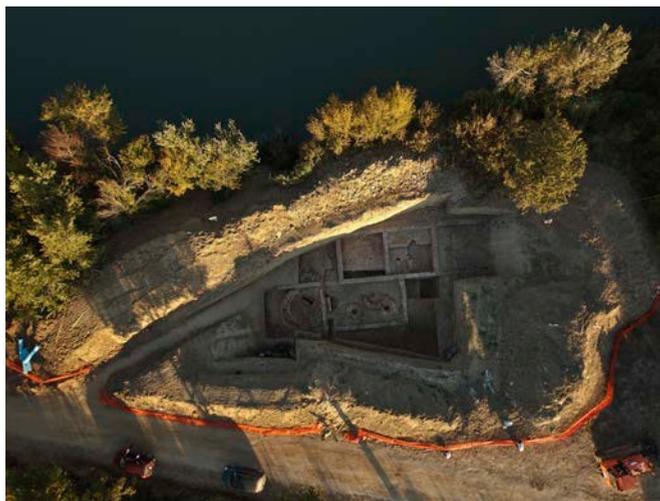
At the end of the 5th c. AD, the famous roman poet Rutilius Namatianus landed here and described the harbour and the surrounding landscape in the poem "De reditu suo"

Impressed by the wild beauty, scents and colors of ancient Maremma, the Roman aristocrat described an untouched land which cheered him up.

At that time, as well as nowadays, the Maremma is still able to offer stunning landscapes, where the beauty is melting with impressive and monumental historical traces.

The itinerary will lead you in a protected area of the Park, following the ancient river route linking Spolverino to Rusellae, the administrative centre in the Roman period.

Once at the site, you will be engaged with the archaeologists working on the site, while professional guides will explain to you the settlement and life in a port in the Roman period.



The river port of Rusellae

Archaeologists have been working at Spolverino since 2010. The site is located at the last bend of the river Ombrone, few kms far from the modern seacoast line, inside the Regional Park of Maremma. The site was in use from the 1st to the 6th c. AD.

The excavations revealed a manufacturing quartier, linked to the harbour, where glass, bone and metal objects were produced to be sold in the entire Mediterranean.

Before being abandoned, the site was used as a necropolis.

Being sealed by 2m of clay, the site preserves its entire charme and the tourist can still experience and touch the everyday life objects used in a Roman workshop centre.

Come and visit us to experince a unique day full of archaeology, nature and history!



**Archaeo - Turism
on stabilized Canoes**

Following Rutilius



The canoe tour following Rutilius		
Days	Price	Duration
Tuesday and Thursday	€ 25	2 hours



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