



CHURCH OF S. PIETRO IN CASTELLO (ST. PETER AT THE CASTLE)*

* building totally or partially in ruins

You can find this point of interest in Ossuccio - Path 1 - Stage 4

INFORMATION

Location: the ruins of the church of S. Pietro in Castello are on the summit of the Island's crest, traditionally known by the name of "Castello (Castle)" or "Castél".

Paving: the footpath which runs alongside the church is grassy, and small rocks surface here and there.

Architectural barriers: information on accessibility is available in the description of Stage 4.

Access: it is an archaeological site, it is therefore advisable to observe it from the outside.

Services: -

Leisure and food: the surrounding green plateau is equipped with benches and a small wooden table for anyone wishing a break. A bar and a restaurant are available on the Island.

DESCRIPTION

(Drawn from the descriptive panel on site)

«The church of S. Pietro is mentioned in documents dating back to the twelfth century (before the island was destroyed). In particular in a will of 1129. The building consists of a single hall with a semicircular apse facing East (exterior measures about 22 X 8 m). The church was built on a rocky surface. It probably replaced the remains of earlier buildings, perhaps part of the fortified area of the "castle".

The walls are made from grey Moltrasio limestone. A masonry grave structure was found in the room, near the façade. The inside of the grave was plastered with mortar. It contained the bones of several individuals with no grave goods.

The traces of ancient fabric imprinted on the mortar are of particular interest.

Based on the documents and the masonry technique, the church can be dated to the Romanesque period (eleventh-twelfth centuries)».