Potenza

🔴 City in Italy

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Potenza's location

Potenza is located in the Basilicata region in southern Italy. The city is one of the highest regional capitals in Italy and overlooks the Basento valley. During the time of the Romans, Potenza had taken the side of the enemies of Rome during the wars against the Brutti.

Potenza is the capital of Basilicata and at an altitude of 819m, Potenza is the highest regional capital in Italy. Nestled within the Apennine Mountains, the city overlooks the Basento River valley. The city was founded in Roman times however most of the town itself was destroyed by an earthquake in 1857.

Magnificent Basilicata

Basilicata also known by its ancient name is a region in Southern Italy, bordering on Campania to the west, Apulia (Puglia) to the north and east, and Calabria to the south. It also has two coastlines: a 30-km stretch on the Tyrrhenian Sea between Campania and Calabria, and a longer coastline along the Gulf of Taranto between Calabria and Apulia. The region can be thought of as the "instep" of Italy, with Calabria functioning as the "toe" and Apulia the "heel". The region covers about 10,000 km and in 2010 had a population slightly under 600,000. The regional capital is Potenza. The region is divided into two provinces: Potenza and Matera.

Potenza's history

~Ancient times

The first settlement of Potenza was probably located at a lower elevation than at present, some 10 kilometres south of today's Potenza. The Lucani of Potenza sided against Rome's enemies during the latter's wars against the Samnites and the Bruttii. Subjugated during the 4th century BC, the Potentini rebelled after the Roman defeat at Cannae .However, the Battle of the Metaurus marked the end of any Carthaginian aspirations in Italy and Potenza was reconquered by the Romans and reduced to the status of military colony.

~Middle Ages

In the 6th century, the city passed to the Lombard Duchy of Benevento. Incursions by Saracens raiders menaced the city until the Norman conquest of southern Italy secured the area. In the 12th century, Potenza became an episcopal see. In 1137, the city hosted Pope Innocent II and Emperor Lothair II during their failed attempt to conquer the Norman kingdom. In 1148 or 1149 in Potenza, Roger II of Sicily hosted king Louis VII of France, whom the Norman fleet had freed from the Saracens. After pillaging by Emperor Frederick II, the city remained loyal to the Hohenstaufen: as a result, it was almost totally destroyed by Charles I when the Angevin lord conquered the Kingdom of Sicily. On December 18, 1273, an earthquake further devastated the city.

~Modern age

In the following years of Late Middle Ages, the city was owned by various feudal families before the Spanish domination, during which Potenza was the site of riots against the Spaniards. In 1694, it was almost completely destroyed by another earthquake.

-Despite the distance, the atmosphere and the look are the same

(Plovdiv , Bulgaria)

(Potenza, Italy)

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