

Discovering First World War open-air museums and itineraries in Friuli Venezia Giulia

FIRST WORLD WAR

FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA



HOW TO GET THERE

BY CAR
 Motorways: Trieste - Udine - Gorizia - Tolmezzo - Udine - Tarvisio - Portogruaro - Conegliano

BY PLANE
 Regional Airport of Trieste: 40 km from Trieste and Udine
 15 km from Gorizia
 80 km from Pordenone
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BY TRAIN
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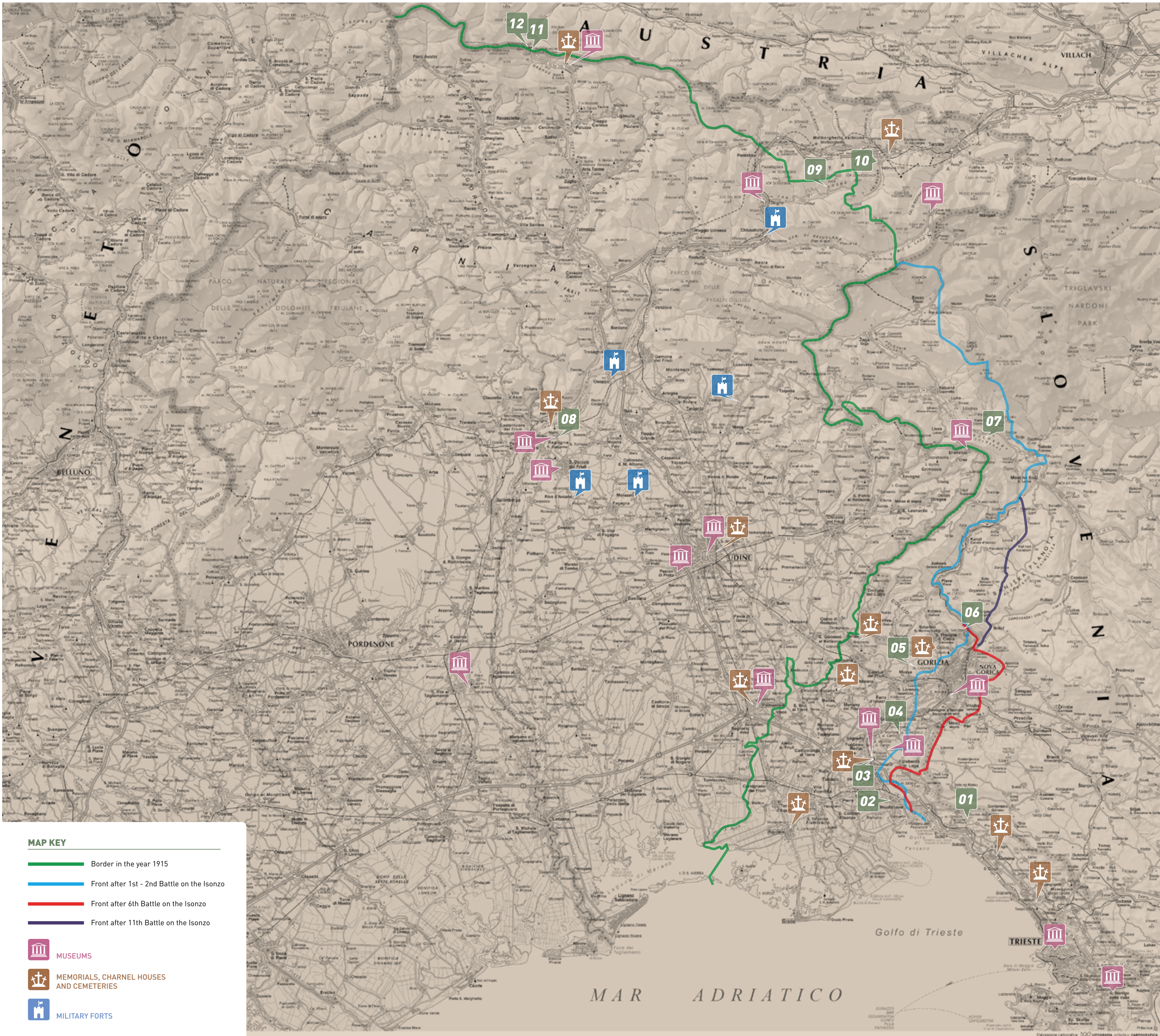
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MAP KEY

- Border in the year 1915
- Front after 1st - 2nd Battle on the Isonzo
- Front after 6th Battle on the Isonzo
- Front after 11th Battle on the Isonzo

MUSEUMS

MEMORIALS, CHARNEL HOUSES AND CEMETERIES

MILITARY FORTS

Memorials, Charnel Houses and Cemeteries

ITALIAN MEMORIALS, CHARNEL HOUSES AND CEMETERIES

- **Redipuglia Memorial**
 Management of the Redipuglia Military Memorial - via Terza Armata 34070 Fogliano di Redipuglia (GO) tel. +39 0481 489024
- **Cemetery of Heroes of Aquileia**
 Basilica of Aquileia via Sacra Aquileia tel. +39 0431 91067
- **Charnel House of Ostavia**
 Municipality of Medea - via Torriani, 5 Medea - tel. +39 0481 47012 via Ara Pacis - 34076 Medea
- **Udine's Tempio Ossario**
 Management of S. Nicholas' Parish Tempio Ossario - tel. +39 0432 234081 Piazzale XXVI Luglio - 33100 Udine
- **Charnel House of Timau**
 First World War Museum of Timau tel. +39 0433 779168 - 779292 via Don Titta Bultron 33026 Timau - Paluzza (UD)

FOREIGN MEMORIALS AND CEMETERIES

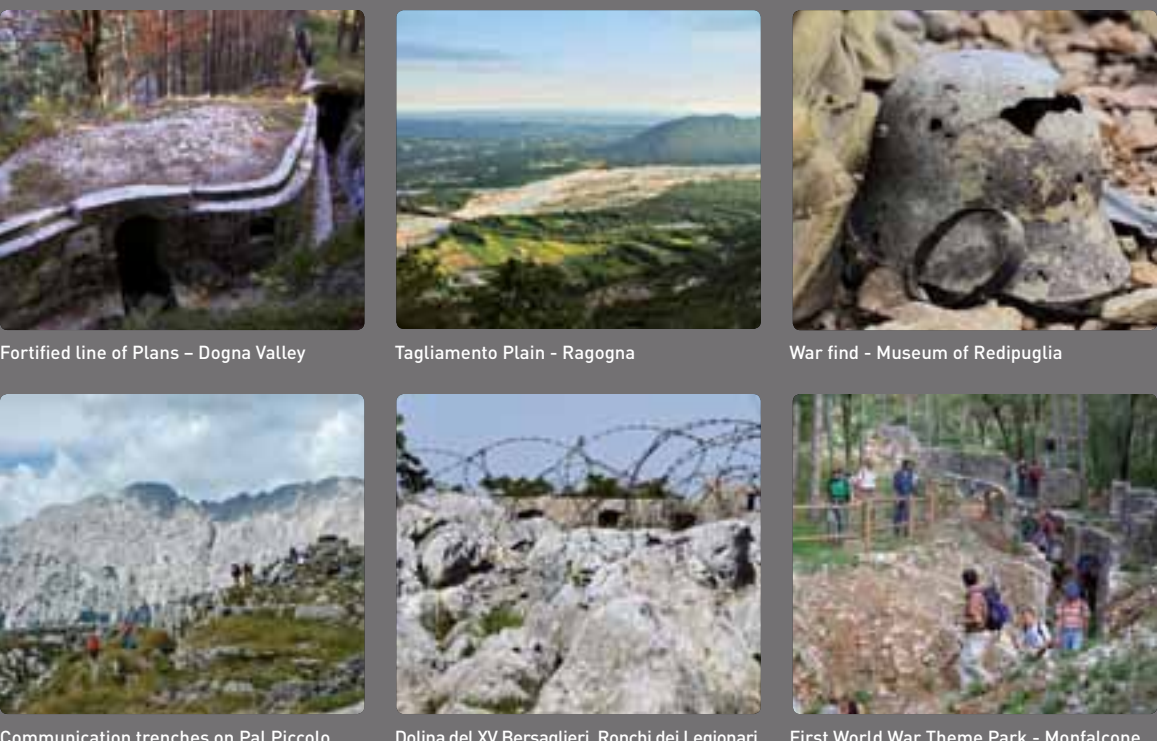
- **Austro-Hungarian Cemetery of Prosecco**
 Along the provincial road n. 1, which from Prosecco leads to Santa Croce, shortly after crossing the town centre of Prosecco, on the left you will find a narrow marked path that leads to the dolina where the town's Austro-Hungarian cemetery is.
- **Austro-Hungarian Cemetery of Bracciano**
 Inside the civil cemetery of the hamlet of Bracciano (Cormons), in via Pittino, there is an area reserved to the Austro-Hungarian fallen of the First World War.
- **Austro-Hungarian Cemetery of Foggiano Redipuglia**
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ALL OVER FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA YOU WILL FIND PLACES, MONUMENTS AND MUSEUMS THAT RECALL THE FIRST WORLD WAR

This region, a borderland for a long time, was a protagonist in the three years of the war against the Austro-Hungarian and German armies. Twelve battles on the Isonzo river, the fights on the northern border in the Tarvisio area and in Carnia, the attempt to stop the invasion after the defeat at Caporetto are the episodes that are part of history and that today can be experienced again thanks to the open-air museums. Here one can discover and touch the trenches and the communication trenches dug by the soldiers, the attack and defence positions and visit the many memorial monuments, cemeteries and charnel houses, both Italian and Austro-Hungarian. A discovery of the territory characterised by culture and history.



Museums

- **Museum of Risorgimento** via XXIV Maggio, 4 - Trieste piazza Oberdan - Trieste tel. +39 040 341675
 Opening times: from Monday to Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Admission: free
- **Historical Museum of the Miramare Castle** viale Miramare, 2 - Trieste tel. +39 040 224143
 Opening times: every day 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. (the ticket office closes at 6:30 p.m.) Admission: with fee
- **F. Zenobi Museum and Cultural Association** Locality of Catesana - Mackovlje, 12 San Dorligo della Valle (Dolina ITS) tel. +39 040 368020
 Opening times: by appointment Admission: free
- **Historical Hall of the "G. Corsi" Section** via della Doga, 2 - Trieste tel. +39 040 368020
 Opening times: by appointment Admission: free
- **First World War Museum of Redipuglia** via Terza Armata 34070 - Foggiano Redipuglia (GO) tel. +39 0481 489024
 Opening times:
- **First World War Museum of Tolmezzo** via della Vittoria, 4 - 33028 Tolmezzo (UD) tel. +39 0433 44898 / fax +39 0433 447803
 info.tolmezzo@turismo.fvg.it
- **INFOPOINT TURISMOFVG di Tarvisio** via Roma, 14 - 33018 Tarvisio (UD) tel. +39 0428 2135 / fax +39 0428 2972
 info.tarvisio@turismo.fvg.it
- **First World War Museum of Ragogna** via Roma, 23 - 33008 Ragogna (UD) tel. +39 0432 954078
 Opening times: on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 9 a.m. - 12 noon and 2-6 p.m. Admission: free
- **Military Historical Museum of the Julian Alps** piazza della Chiesa, 3 33018 Cave del Predil (UD) tel. +39 0432 2980
 Opening times: from 15/5 to 15/9 from Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. - 12 noon / 3-6 p.m. on Sundays 10 a.m. - 12 noon Admission: free
- **Military Historical Museum of Palmanova** Porta Cividale 33057 Palmanova (UD) tel. +39 0432 928175
 Opening times: from Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 noon / 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays 10 a.m. - 12 noon Admission: free
- **Parco del Volo Museum** via Campofornido, 137 33037 Fasan di Prato (UD) tel. +39 0432 299359
 Opening times: by appointment Admission: free
- **Sala della Riembranza (Memorial Hall)** Comando Brigata Alpina Julia via S. Agostino, 8 - 33100 Udine tel. +39 0432 584008
 Opening times: by appointment Admission: free

Chronological Line

The First World War

Year 1914

- 28th June 1914**
 During a visit to Sarajevo, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, is assassinated with his wife by Gavrilo Princip, a young Serbian nationalist.
- 30th July 1914**
 Russia, politically and ethnically close to Serbia, mobilizes its troops.
- 1st August 1914**
 Germany, tied to Austria-Hungary by the Triple Alliance, alerts its army and declares war on Russia and on its ally, France.
- 3rd August 1914**
 Italy proclaims itself neutral and does not take part in the first year of war.
- 4th August 1914**
 After the German attack to Belgium (that had declared itself neutral), Great Britain, too, enters the war next to the Triple Entente (with France and Russia).

Year 1915

- 26th April 1915**
 While tough battles are taking place on Europe's eastern and western fronts, a heated debate between neutralists and interventionists begins in Italy. This ends with the signing of the Treaty of London in which Italy joins the Triple Entente. In case of victory, Italy was to obtain various territorial gains, among which Trento, Trieste, the Julian March, Istria (except for Rijeka) and part of Dalmatia.
- 23rd May 1915**
 Italy officially declares war on the Austro-Hungarian Empire. A new front opens, which goes from the Stelvio to the Karst. The Commander of the Italian army is Gen. Luigi Cadorna.
- 24th May 1915**
 At the beginning of the hostilities the Italian troops break through almost anywhere across the border. On the Isonzo front they conquer the valley of Caporetto (Kobarid).
- 18th July / 3rd August 1915**
 The 2nd Battle on the Isonzo features the conquest, for one night, of Mount San Michele by the Italian troops. The Austro-
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- 26th September / 18th September 1915**
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- 27th October 1915**
 The chaotic retreat of the Italian Army and, at the same time, of the civil population as well, begins. The Command of the Army indicates the Tagliamento River as the new frontline.

Year 1916

- 9th March / 15th March 1916**
 The 5th Battle on the Isonzo lasts one week only considering the weather and ground conditions. The main attacks (on the Karst, in San Martino and in the area of Tolmino) have no effect.
- 15th May / 27th June 1916**
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- 29th August 1916**
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- 12th May / 5th June 1917**
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- 10th / 25th June 1917**
 the battle of Ortigara tries to break through the Austro-Hungarian defence line in the Seven Communities to reconquer some areas lost after the Sirafo-expedition. However, the attack is not successful and for various days a real slaughter takes place. Over 6 thousand Italian soldiers die on the last day of battle.
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Military Forts of the First World War

- **Fort of Bernadina**: It stands along the road between Sedico and Villanova in the municipality of Falcade. Built between 1908 and 1912, due to the change operational conditions and to the distance from the front, it was disarmed after the first year of war and abandoned. Surrounded by two moats, the fort was armed with 4 guns (cal. 149 mm AI) in 360° revolving armoured towers and 4 guns (cal.75 mm) in battery.
- **Fort of Osoppo**: recently renovated, the fort has been a site of military strategic importance in the various historical periods of Friuli Venezia Giulia since ancient times. During the First World War it was intended to accommodate 4 medium calibre guns (147 mm A steel) in 360° revolving armoured towers, 4 guns (cal.75 mm AI) in outdoor battery and 2 mortars (149 mm G - cast iron), while the underground part accommodated the quarters, the bathrooms and the reserves for the artillery.
- **Fort of Chiussaforte**: It stands to the west of Chiussaforte, it was built between 1909 and 1910 and is an extraordinary example of military fortification in good conditions, recently restored. In the fort we find some structures to the service of the work, such as: casemates, kitchens, buildings, storehouses, and the underground depot for the artillery. Its armament included 4 guns (cal.120 mm G cast iron) in 360° revolving armoured towers.
- **Fort of S. Margherita**: It is in the town of S. Margherita del Grugnano (Moruzzo). Built between 1909 and 1910, like almost all the works of the Middle Tagliamento Fortress, it was disarmed in 1915 and transformed into a storehouse. Recently acquired by the Municipality, it has been subjected to restoration works that today make it visitable. Surrounded by a moat, it had been armed with 4 guns (cal.149 mm AI) in 360° revolving armoured towers and 6 guns (cal.75 mm AI) in outdoor battery.
- **Fort of Col Roncone - Rive d'Arcane**: It stands at the end of a dirt road shortly before the fork to Arcano Superiore. Today the military area where the fort stands is abandoned and the structure is in excellent conditions. It was built between 1909 and 1911 and armed with 6 guns (cal.149 mm AI) in 360° revolving armoured towers and 6 guns (cal.75 mm AI) in outdoor battery and various machine guns for close-range defence. For information: Associazione MHC or IAT San Daniele del Friuli tel. +39 0432 940785

