

The Basilica of Sant'Apollinare in Classe, Ravenna

The Basilica of Sant'Apollinare in Classe was consecrated by Archbishop Maximian in 549 AD. The apse is polygonal on the outside and semicircular on the inside, with the *Prothesis and Diaconicon* to either side. The crypt dates from the early Middle Ages.

The interior is subdivided into three naves by twenty-four columns in Greek marble from the island of Proconnesus, with capitals representing "acanthus leaves blown by the wind." The rich mosaic decoration in the apse includes a representation of St. Apollinaris against the background of a green landscape, and figures of the four bishops of Ravenna in the spaces between the windows (6th century). In the presbytery the sacrifices of the Old Testament and the consignment of the privileges to the Church of Ravenna (7th century) are depicted.

The Basilica of Sant'Apollinare in Classe is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

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The Basilica of Sant'Apollinare in Classe is at no. 224 Via Romea Sud, Classe, in the municipality of Ravenna.

The emergency escape routes lead to the porch, or a courtyard on the right-hand side of the Basilica, via two emergency exit doors with ramps that have slopes of 9.2% and 9.7% respectively.