

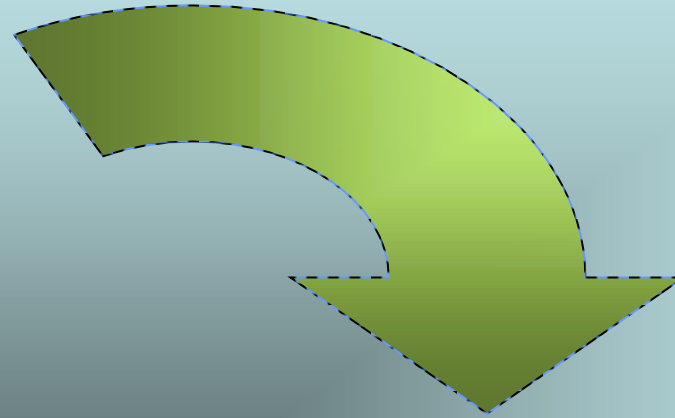
Roman legend and history...



- Sulmona is one of the most lively and most interesting towns in Abruzzo and it is very ancient. According to legends, Sulmona was founded by Solimo, an Enea's companion who survived the destruction of Troy landing at mouth of Tevere. and therefore, according to Silio Italico, was called Solymon .



- Between VIII and V centuries Abruzzo was populated by lots of indoeuropean tribes and sustained significant socio-politic changes. Government organization changed from monarchy to republic.



- **The first historical testimonies came from Tito Livio who told how Sulmona stayed loyal to Rome despite the defeats of Trasimeno and Canne. Sulmona infact closed its doors to Annibal when he tried to pass through there. During roman age Sulmona hosted one of three Peligni halls togheter whit Corfinium and Seperaequum. The city took part in the Italic League against Rome, thus obtaining roman citizenship. Cesare in Commentari reports that Sulmona fought agaist Pompeo whit him. In 81 a. C. the town was destroyed by Silla. After 32 years Sulmona was rebuilded by the making of a Pompeian legion which surrendered itself to the Sulmonian revolts. In 43 a.C. the famous poet Ovidio author of “Amores” and “Metamorfofi” was born there. Thanks to excavations in the urban territory we have more rilevant witnesses of Roman Sulmona : there may be ruins of Ovidio’s villa on the slopes of mount Morrone, in the temple of Ercole Curino. Thanks to the epigraphs found it is possible to have testimonies about the most important families which lived during that period: Staii and Mussidii. These families were probably alreadysettled into the territory before the romans came.**