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Guided tour of the "bottini", medieval underground aqueduct

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In the Siena underground there is a network of aqueducts, a labyrinth of over 25 km, that supplies water to the fountains and wells scattered about the town.

The aqueduct, mainly excavated from the 12th to the 15th century in the Pliocene deposits, is called "Bottini", from *buctinus*, a term used for the first time in 1226 to indicate the barrel vault of these galleries.

Today it is possible to walk along these passageways, with the water flowing along a small channel cut into the walkway until it reaches the fountains.

The "Bottini" network consists of several branches on different levels. The guided visit, lasting one hour, will be made in the "Bottino di Fontenuova".



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