

Limes Romanus – Roman Antique Monuments on the Middle Danube

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Expansion of the Roman Empire contributed to an incorporation of today south-east Slovakia into an European context of historical events in period of 1st-4th century. Northern natural border of the empire and its Panonia province in the area was formed by Danube River. Along the river Romans gradually constructed large border system of fortresses, so called Limes Romanus. It also contained a military fortress in Iža and in Bratislava– Rusovce. Both localities represent typical types of camps on Roman border.

However, **Kelemantia castle in Iža**, created as bridgehead of camp of legions and civil town of Brigetio is one of the largest Roman building complexes in barbaricum. It is a proof of long-term military presence of Romans on northern side of Danube. In 3rd century the castle was hardly impaired and reconstructed. It did not lose an importance even in 4th century. The area is currently registered as cultural archaeological memory started to be unoccupied from 5th century only.



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Roman castle Gerulata in Bratislava– Rusovce was first in the Carnuntum– Ad Flexum line. Discovered stelas and fragments of tombs can be seen as considerable proof of richness and extensive settlement of Gerulata from the end of the 1st century to the beginning of the 3rd century. Continuity of the occupation from older Bronze Age up to construction of castle by Romans is a proof of an extraordinary importance of the locality. After a fall of Roman power ruins of complex residential unit of Gerulata were occupied by Goths, followed by Slavs. According to results of an archaeological survey, realised in period off years 1990-2002, entire ground plan of the military camp itself has been reconstructed and dimensions of neighbouring civil settlement were specified in more details. The camp and settlement together constitute a core of residential agglomeration from Roman era. The core is located in almost whole area of today Rusovce.



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