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Welcome to Italy

CUSTOMS FORMALITIES AND DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENTS AND VISAS FOR ENTRY TO ITALY

There are customs posts at all points of access to Italy (airports, ports, frontiers) to control goods being imported or exported and those in transit.

The role of customs posts is to control and protect health, farming, industrial and trade

policy, products and brands as well as fight the traffic of arms, drugs, currency, radioactive materials and protect the national and community cultural heritage. They also control all citizens entering and leaving Italy - EU members and non.

Identity documents:

Identity cards issued by the commune of residence for citizens of the EU, Switzerland, Slovenia, Croatia, Malta

and Turkey.

Valid **Passport** and entry visa for non-EU citizens. A driving license is not considered an identity document.

Documents for cars, motorcycles and trailers:
Log book and international insurance (Green Card) for vehicles and trailers.

IMPORT-EXPORT REGULATIONS

From 1 January 1993 the countries belonging to the European Union constitute a single area within which there is free circulation of people, goods and capital. Those travelling within the European Union can carry goods purchased in shops other than duty free shops with them without restrictions or formalities.

However, for certain categories of products subject to tax on manufactured goods or excise duty (processed tobacco, alcohol and alcoholic beverages) free circulation is permitted within certain quantity limits.

For further information, visit the Internet site: www.finanze.it

ANIMALS

CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY CUSTOMS

Dogs and cats

Entry is permitted if the animals are accompanied by a certificate of origin and health (issued by foreign public health authorities recognised in Italy) bearing all the identification particulars of the animals and their owners. The certificate must state that the animals are healthy and have received rabies vaccination at least 20 days and no more than 11 months before the date of the certificate.

Other animals

Birds, fish, frogs and tortoises may enter if accompanied by a certificate of origin issued by the authorities of the country of origin stating that the animal has been subjected to a health examination and is immune from infectious diseases.

Protected species

A CITES certificate must be produced, in accordance with the Washington Convention, for the entry of protected species.

EMBASSIES

The Italian Republic has normal diplomatic relations with all the countries in the world and the diplomatic missions of nearly all the

European and non-European nations are to be found in the capital. Some minor countries delegate larger pow-

ers to represent their political and trade interests.

There are foreign consular missions in the major Italian cities.

EMBASSIES

EU COUNTRIES

Austria

Via Fergolesi, 3 - Roma
Tel. 06/440141

Belgium

Via Monti Parioli, 49 - Roma
Tel. 06/383511

Denmark

Via Monti Parioli, 50
Roma - Tel. 06/3699511

Finland

Via Labona, 3 - Roma
Tel. 06/52231

France

Piazza Farnese, 67 - Roma
Tel. 06/686011

Germany

Via Po, 25/c - Roma
Tel. 06/482131

Great Britain

Via XX Settembre, 80/a
Roma - Tel. 06/4825441

Greece

Via Mercadante, 36
Roma - Tel. 06/3221141

Ireland

Largo Nazario, 3
Roma - Tel. 06/6979121

Luxembourg

Via Ardeatina, 134
Roma - Tel. 06/77201177

Netherlands

Via Mercati, 8 - Roma
Tel. 06/3221141

Portugal

Via Pozzana, 9 - Roma
Tel. 06/417277

Spain

Via Garibaldi, 35 - Roma
Tel. 06/6878172

Sweden

Piazza Rio de Janeiro, 3 - Roma
Tel. 06/441341

NON-EU COUNTRIES

Albania

Via Asinara, 9 - Roma

Tel. 06/6218214

Argentina

Piazza dell'Esquilino, 2 - Roma
Tel. 06/4742551

Australia

Via Alessandria, 215 - Roma
Tel. 06/52721

Bulgaria

Via Delle Alpi Apuane, 16
Roma - Tel. 06/2002309

Bosnia Herzegovina

Via Clodio, 12
Roma - Tel. 06/39742411

Brazil

Piazza Navona, 14 - Roma
Tel. 06/683381

Belgium

Via Rubens, 21 - Roma
Tel. 06/3224643

Canada

Via G.B. de Rossi, 27 - Roma
Tel. 06/445981

China

Via Bruxelles, 56 - Roma
Tel. 06/4113458

Croatia

Via SS. Cosma e Damiano, 26
Roma - Tel. 06/36307650

Czech Republic

Via Colli Farnesina, 144
Roma - Tel. 06/3233620

Estonia

Via Liegi, 26 - Roma
Tel. 06/440751

Hungary

Via Villini, 12/16 - Roma
Tel. 06/4402032

Iceland

Via Flaminia, 441
Roma - Tel. 06/3231840

India

Via XX Settembre, 5 - Roma
Tel. 06/4884542

Japan

Via Sella, 60 - Roma

Tel. 06/487991

Latvia

Via Legi, 42 Roma - Tel. 06/841227

Lithuania

Piazza Farnese, 44
Roma - Tel. 06/6865788

Macedonia

Via Bruxelles, 73
Roma - Tel. 06/8411470

Norway

Via Terme Deciane, 79
Roma - Tel. 06/5717031

Poland

Via Rubens, 20 - Roma
Tel. 06/684519

Romania

Via Tartaglia, 36 - Roma
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Russian Federation

Via Gaeta, 5 - Roma
Tel. 06/4941681

Slovak Republic

Via Colli Farnesina, 144
Roma - Tel. 06/36303743

Slovenia

Via Pisano, 10 - Roma
Tel. 06/8081075

South Africa

Via Tanaro, 14 - Roma
Tel. 06/52541

Switzerland

Via Orini, 61 - Roma - Tel. 06/809571

Turkey

Via Palestro, 28 - Roma
Tel. 06/4882465

Ukraine

Via Castelfidardo, 50 - Roma
Tel. 06/4700172

USA

Via Vittorio Veneto, 119/a - Roma
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Yugoslavia

Via del Monte Parioli, 80
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AIRPORTS



Italy has domestic and international air links. For detailed information of routes and

timetables contact the individual airports of departure and/or arrival.

- **ROME**
Aeroporto Civile Roma-Ciampino - Tel. 0665954455
- **Aeroporto Civile L. da Vinci**
Roma-Fiumicino - Tel. 0665951
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- **ANCONA**
Aeroporto Ancona Falconara - Tel. 07128271
- **BARI**
Aeroporto Civile Bari-Palese - Tel. 0805835204
- **BERGAMO**
Aeroporto Civile Bergamo Orio al Serio - Tel. 035326111
- **BOLOGNA**
Aeroporto Civile Bologna-Borgo Panigale - Tel. 0516479615
- **BRINDISI**
Aeroporto Brindisi-Casale - Tel. 0831412141
- **CAGLIARI**
Aeroporto Civile Cagliari - Elmas - Tel. 07021051
- **CATANIA**
Aeroporto Civile Catania-Fontanarossa - Tel. 0957306266
- **FLORENCE**
Aeroporto Civile Firenze-Peretola - Tel. 055315874
Aeroporto International A. Vespucci - Tel. 055373498
- **GENOA**
Aeroporto Civile Genova-Sestri - Tel. 01060151
- **LAMEZIA TERME**
Aeroporto Civile Lamezia Terme - Tel. 0968414111
- **LAMPEDUSA**

- Aeroporto di Lampedusa - Tel. 0922970005
- **MILAN**
Aeroporto Intercont. Malpensa-Varese - Tel. 0274852200
- **Aeroporto Civile International Milano-Linate** - Tel. 0274852200
- **NAPLES**
Aeroporto Civile Napoli-Capodichino - Tel. 0817896259
- **OLBIA**
Aeroporto Civile Olbia - Tel. 078952634
- **PALERMO**
Aeroporto Civile Palermo-Punta Raisi - Tel. 091591692
- **PANTELLERIA**
Aeroporto Pantelleria - Tel. 0923911172
- **PARMA**
Aeroporto Parma - Tel. 0521982626
- **PERUGIA**
Aeroporto Perugia-S. Egidio - Tel. 0756929447
- **PESCARA**
Aeroporto d'Abruzzo - Tel. 0854324200
- **PISA**
Aeroporto Civile Galileo Galilei Pisa - San Giusto - Tel. 050500707
- **RIMINI**
Aeroporto Rimini-Miramare - Tel. 0541688177
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Aeroporto Civile Reggio di Calabria - Tel. 0965643291
- **TURIN**

- Aeroporto Civile Torino-Caselle - Tel. 0115676281
 - **TRAPANI**
Aeroporto Trapani-Birgi - Tel. 0923841130
 - **TREVISI**
Aeroporto Treviso-S. Giuseppe - Tel. 0422745123
 - **TRIESTE**
Aeroporto Civile Trieste-Ronchi dei Legionari - Tel. 0481773225
 - **VENICE**
Aeroporto Civile Venezia-Tessera - Marco Polo - Tel. 0412603260
 - **VERONA**
Aeroporto Civile Verona-Villafranca - Tel. 0458095555
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 - **ALITALIA**: reservations and info: Domestic flights Tel. 84886541 - International flights - Tel. 84886542 www.alitalia.it
 - **AIR CHINA**: reservations and info: Tel. 028051666
 - **AIR FRANCE**: reservations and info: Tel. 848864466 www.airfrance.fr
 - **AIR ONE**: reservations and info: Tel. 848643880-06488800 www.flyairone.it
 - **AMERICAN AIRLINES**: reservations and info: Tel. 0642741240 www.im.a.a.com
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ROADS AND MOTORWAYS

The road network comprises provincial and state roads and motorways. Provincial and state roads have blue signs bearing white lettering, the motorways green signs bearing white lettering and numbers. The backbone of the motorway system is the Autostrada del Sole; off this branch the Padova-Venice motorway, the coastal and transversal motorways and those in the Alpine passes. The main motorways are: A1 Milano-Napoli; A3 Napoli-Reggio di Calabria; A4 Torino-Trieste; A14 Bologna-Ancona-Taranto; A21 Torino-Piacenza-Brescia; A22 Brennero-Modena. For traffic info telephone CIS Viaggiare Informati at no. 1518 active 24 hours a day. The use of seat belts is compulsory in Italy on front and rear seats and safety seats for children aged between 3 and

12. Crash helmets are compulsory on two-wheeled vehicles.

Motorway tolls

Payments can be made at tollgates by passing through exits that accept non-cash payments. The most convenient solution is a Viacard (bought from toll gates, Punto Blu stations along the motorways, Auto-grills and tobacconists; it is used at automatic gates bearing the logo). Alternatively credit cards (American Express, Visa, Eurocard-Mastercard, Diners, Carta Aura) or Bancomat cards (bearing the Fastpay logo) can be used but only at automatic Viacard exits. Those equipped for this can use the electronic Telepass payment system, but only through exits bearing the logo .

SIGNS AND SPEED LIMITS



Blue signs: compulsory



Triangular road signs with red edging: danger



Round road signs with red edging: prohibition



Yellow road signs: right of way



Triangular road sign with red edging: yield way

SPEED LIMITS:

Many roads have electronic speed check devices

50 in urban centres

90 on the extra urban road network



110 on dual carriageways



130 on all the motorways



90 on the ring roads of some major cities



For caravans and trailers:



80 on the extra urban road network



100 on all the motorways

MARITIME LINKS

The islands are linked with ferry and hydroplane services. The main ports in Sicily, Sardinia, the Tuscan and Campania archipelagos the Eolie Islands, Ustica, the Egadi islands, the Pelagie Islands and Pantelleria are linked to Genoa, Livorno, Civitavecchia, Naples and Villa San Giovanni. The Ferrovie dello Stato, Tirrenia Navigazioni, Grandi Navi Veloci, Moby Line and Sardinia Ferries operate on these routes. Bookings and ticket purchases can be made at authorised travel agen-

cies. Services, guaranteed all year round, are more frequent in summer. For further ferry information visit: www.traghetti.com. The pre-Alpine lakes (Maggiore, Como, Garda, Isèo) have regular boat services. For more information on lake navigation contact:

Navigazione Laghi
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Maritime navigation companies:

- **Adriatica Navigazione spa**
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Fax 068553943
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grn-milano@grimaldi.it

RAILWAYS

Paris, Lyons, Brussels, Basle, Zurich, Munich, Hanover, Berlin, Vienna are some of the European cities with direct train services to Italy. This type of travel is particularly attractive if you are travelling to the north of Italy, where the stations of Turin, Milan, Verona, Venice and Trieste are Eurocity arrival destinations. The Ferrovie dello Stato (State Railways) have modern ETR Eurostar and In-

terCity/EuroCity locomotives and carriages. Local traffic is divided among Inter-Regional, Regional and Local services. As well as railway transport the F.S. also offer Ferry services (to the islands) and Autobus Gran Turismo coaches. For information contact phone no. 848 888 088; for timetables visit the web site: www.trenitalia.com

TICKET PURCHASE AND USE

- First and second class tickets, which are priced differently, can be purchased at railway stations and travel agencies authorised by the Ferrovie dello Stato.
- Tickets must be stamped before getting onto the train, and this can be done using the machines situated in stations.
- The journey must commence no more than 6 hours after stamping.
- EuroCity, InterCity, Eurostar Italia (also known as the "Pendolino") require compulsory booking and

payment of a supplement. Groups of visitors, those over 60 or under 26 and family groups qualify for special concessions. For more information telephone no. 848 888 088.

- Long distance trains have a restaurant

or buffet car and sleeping cars or berths (booking compulsory). Sleeping cars have 1,2,3 berth cabins and communicating double cabins with washbasin with hot and cold water, shaver socket, reading lights,

clothes hangers and other amenities.

- Some Ferrovie dello Stato trains offer a bicycle transport service and, on some routes, special "Treno + Auto" conventions which allow you to take your car with you.

HEALTH

Citizens of European Union states qualify for comprehensive health care on the condition that they are carrying a valid identification document and an E111 form (not compulsory). Citizens of non-European Union states that have agreements with Italy can obtain tem-

porary health care; those from states with no agreement with Italy must take out private insurance.

Chemist's shops are usually open Monday to Saturday from 8.30am to 12.30 and from 4-8pm. Some also provide night and Sunday services.

VISITORS WITH DISABILITIES

There are structures for the care and assistance of the disabled all over Italy. Divided by region, these structures - public and private - are specially equipped to provide care and assistance.

For a detailed list contact the Tourist Information Offices in the single provinces, or visit the Internet site of the Ministry of Health at: www.sanita.it

For information, contact the Sportello di Informazioni Turistiche per Strutture Accessibili ai Disabili: tel. e fax 0623267504/5.

Travel:

by car: the disabled may use a car if they have obtained special licenses.

There is facilitated parking in special areas and in areas prohibited to traffic.

by train: FFSS stations offer assistance, guaranteed by special reception centres.

by aeroplane: airlines guarantee assistance both on the ground and during flights. Wheelchair carriage is free.

by ship: some ferries and passenger ships provide access for the disabled. Ask the shipping company.

EMERGENCIES AND USEFUL NUMBERS

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

In Italy, emergency calls can be made from all public and private telephones free of

charge. These services are active 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

- **Telephone numbers Directory 12**
- **Police (Carabinieri) 112**
- **Police**

- (Polizia di Stato) 113
- **Fire brigade 115**
- **ACI (Automobile Club d'Italia) 116**

- **Customs & Excise (Guardia di Finanza) 117**
- **Medical emergency 118**
- **Sea rescue 1530**

ELECTRICITY

Italy has the same voltage as other European countries: 220 volt.

It is however advisable to carry socket

adapters (most Italian sockets have two holes) and American visitors should also carry a transformer.

TIME ZONE AND SUMMER TIME

Italy is in the same time zone as Central Europe. Summer time (CET + 1 hour) is in force from

the end of March to the end of October, as in nearly all European countries.

VAT AND TAX-FREE SHOPPING

Customs concessions are envisaged for Citizens of non-European Union countries. Products can be purchased exempt of VAT at shops that display the "tax free-shopping" sign. For more detailed information contact the customs

offices in Italy. VAT rates in Italy are currently: 20% on services, drinks, cars, motorcycles, clothing etc.; 10% on mineral water, medicines, facilitated building etc.; 4% on milk, bread etc.

OPENING TIMES

BANKS

Although there is no national rule, transactions can normally be conducted from 8.30am to 1/1.30pm and from 2.30/3pm to 4/5pm Monday to Friday. Some counters are also open on Saturday mornings.

POST OFFICES

- part time: Monday-Friday 8am-2pm; Saturday 9.30am-1pm
- full time: Monday-Friday 8am-7pm; Saturday 9.30am-1pm

MUSEUMS

National museums ought to close one day a week, but for the convenience of visitors they often stay open all day from 9am to

5pm, especially in the high season. In summer this is sometimes extended to 11pm.

SHOPS

More and more shops are staying open through the lunch hour (usually from 9.30/10am to 7.30/8pm Monday to Saturday) especially in large city centres and the main summer resorts, where shops are often open until midnight. In the minor art centres and villages shops usually close between 12.30 and 3/4pm in the north and between 2 and 5pm in the south, especially in summer.

RESTAURANTS

In the north kitchens are,

usually, open from 12 to 3pm, in the south from 12.30 to 3/3.30.

In the evening, in the north this is from 7pm and in the south from 8pm almost until midnight. In seaside resorts opening times may extend beyond midnight, especially in pizzerias. Take note of the day of closure, which is chosen by the owner and may not apply in the busiest periods.

PETROL STATIONS

In towns from 8am to 1pm and from 2.30 to 7.30pm. Many stations offer self-service 24 hours a day and accept bank notes and credit cards.

On motorways they are open 24 hours a day.

TIPS

There are not compulsory in Italy but are welcome.

CURRENCY AND REGULATIONS

The Italian currency is the Lira (Lit. is the official acronym, often abbreviated to L.).

From 1 January 2002 the Lira will be officially replaced with the Euro (€). The importation of Lira or other currency is not subject to re-

strictions. Exportation from Italy is free up to the sum of 20 million Lire (10329,13 €) or the equivalent in foreign currency. Customs authorisation is required for larger sums. Most shops, restaurants and hotels accept the main credit cards.

Currency:

- Coins:
Lit. 50, Lit. 100, Lit. 200, Lit. 500, Lit. 1,000
1Eurocent, 2Eurocent, 5Eurocent,
10Eurocent, 20Eurocent, 50Eurocent, 1€, 2€
- Banknotes:
Lit. 1,000, Lit. 2,000, Lit. 5,000, Lit. 10,000,
Lit. 50,000, Lit. 100,000, Lit. 500,000
5€, 10€, 20€, 50€, 100€, 200€, 500€

Currency exchange:

- 1 Euro is worth Lit. 1936.27

Exchanges:

- Foreign currency and traveller's cheques can be changed at bank counters displaying a **Cambio/Change/Wechsel** sign, in the main railway stations, at airports and in many hotels and exchanges.

POSTAL SERVICE

Postal services:

- payment of bills
- recorded letters
- telegrams
- telexes
- faxes
- foreign exchange

- registered letter:
Lit. 7,200/3,71€
- ordinary letter:
Lit. 800/0,41€ (this can vary according to weight up to a charge of Lit. 1,500/0,77€)
- postcard Lit. 800/0,41€
- letter sent by standard priority post
Lit. 1,200/0,62€

Stamps can be bought from post offices and tobacconists.

Post boxes:

- red: ordinary mail divided into urban and extra-urban post
- red and blue: priority
- blue: international

Charges:

- ordinary recorded letter:
Lit. 3,600/2,89€

HOLIDAYS

1 January - New Year

6 January - Epiphany

Easter

Earlier Monday

25 April - Liberation

1 May - Labour Day

2 June - Republic's Day

15 August - Assumption

1 November - All Saints

8 December - Immaculate Conception

25/26 December - Christmas and Boxing Day

MEASUREMENTS

UNITS OF MEASUREMENT AND CONVERSION TABLE

WEIGHT	LENGTH	LIQUID CAPACITY
For precious objects and pharmaceutical products:	1 British inch 2.54 cm 1 British foot 30.48 cm	1 pint (UK) 0.5683 1 pint (USA) 0.4731
1 pound 373.248 g 1 ounce 31.10348 g	1 yard (3 feet) 91.4399 cm 1 fathom (2 yards) 1.8288 m	
For goods and foodstuffs:	1 land mile 1609.344 m 1 nautical league 5555.55 m 1 league 4445 m 1 nautical mile 1852 m	1 gallon (UK) 4.546092 l 1 gallon (USA) 3.785412 l
1 grain 0.0648 g 1 pound 453.59237 g 1 ounce 28.349523 g		

TEMPERATURES

Scale		A			B
Celsius	-10°C	0°C	10°C	20°C	100°C
Fahrenheit	14°F	32°F	50°F	68°F	212°F

A = ice melts

B = water boils - Italy uses the Celsius scale.

SIZES

Men's clothing				Ladies' clothing				Men's footwear				Ladies' footwear			
I	F	GB	USA	I	F	GB	USA	I	F	GB	USA	I	F	GB	USA
46	38	36	36	40	36	8	6	38	39	4.5	6.5	35	36	3	5
48	40	38	38	42	38	10	8	39	40	5.5	7	36	37	3.5	5.5
50	42	40	40	44	40	12	10	40	41	6.5	7.5	37	38	4	6
52	44	42	42	46	42	14	12	41	42	7.5	8	38	39	5	6.5
54	46	44	44	48	44	16	14	42	43	8.5	8.5	39	40	6	7
56	48	46	46	50	46	18	16	43	44	9.5	9	40	41	6.5	7.5

TELEPHONES

CALLS TO AND FROM ITALY

To make international calls from Italy dial the international code of the country desired, followed by the area code (if any) and the telephone number. To call Italy from abroad from a fixed telephone

dial the international code 0039, followed by the area code including the initial zero and the telephone number; for mobile phones dial 0039 followed by the telephone number minus the initial zero.

Public telephones:

In many public places (bars, restaurants, stations, airports etc.) you will find coin-operated (Lit. 100, Lit. 200, Lit. 500) and phone card-operated (Lit. 5,000/2,58€

Lit. 10,000/5,16€, Lit. 15,000/7,74€, to call abroad New Columbus Lit. 25,000/12,91€), telephones; cards can be purchased from news stands, bars and tobacconists. New phone-cards in

Euros will be available in 2002. Calls to emergency numbers are free. The charges applied to all the conversations from public telephones are calculated by units; each unit costs Lit. 200.

Mobile phones:

Mobile phone owners should know that the GSM system covers the entire nation and charges depend on the international roaming agreement between their national contractor and the Italian counterpart. Those coming from the United States must carry a phone for European frequencies, until now incompatible with overseas ones.

Telegrams to Italy and abroad:

Dial 186 from a fixed telephone. The service operates all over Italy every day (weekdays and holidays included) 24 hours a day.

Operator calls:

The 170 service allows you to book and make an international call (reversed charge included) with the as-

sistance (also in English) of an operator.

The 176 service provides, in Italian and English, information on: foreign directory telephone numbers, international dialling codes, time zones.

The service is provided every day holidays included, 24 hours a day.

The 1795 service offers on-line translations and reverse charge calls.

DISTANCES BETWEEN THE MAJOR ITALIAN AND EUROPEAN CITIES

	Amsterdam	Athens	Brussels	Berlin	Rome	Budapest	Dublin	Helsinki	Köbenhavn	Lisbon	London	Madrid	Oslo	Paris	Prague	Stockholm	Warsaw	Vienna	Zagreb
Ancona	1400	1100	750	1350	700	1250	1000	1800	1600	1300	1100	1000	1200	800	1000	1400	1600	1100	700
Bari	1200	1100	700	1300	650	1200	950	1750	1550	1250	1050	950	1150	750	950	1350	1550	1050	650
Belluno	1300	1000	650	1250	600	1150	900	1700	1500	1200	1000	900	1100	700	900	1300	1500	1000	600
Bologna	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Brescia	1200	1100	700	1300	650	1200	950	1750	1550	1250	1050	950	1150	750	950	1350	1550	1050	650
Cagliari	1300	1000	650	1250	600	1150	900	1700	1500	1200	1000	900	1100	700	900	1300	1500	1000	600
Campobasso	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Catania	1200	1100	700	1300	650	1200	950	1750	1550	1250	1050	950	1150	750	950	1350	1550	1050	650
Firenze	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Genova	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Chieti	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Milano	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Napoli	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Palermo	1200	1100	700	1300	650	1200	950	1750	1550	1250	1050	950	1150	750	950	1350	1550	1050	650
Perugia	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Pesce	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Pesca	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Roma	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Salerno	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Siena	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Torino	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550
Venezia	1100	1000	600	1200	550	1100	850	1650	1450	1150	950	850	1050	650	850	1250	1450	950	550

MARCHE

Province	Region	On the Map	Seaside	Archaeology	Artists	Lakes	Plants and Reserves	Caves	Spas	Towers and Castles	Churches and Monasteries	Archaeological Sites
Asquasso Terme (AP)	03											
Assisi (AP)	03											
Assisi	03											
Aversa (AN)	03											
Assisi Fiume	03											
Cagli (PU)	02											
Camerino (MC)	01											
Carpugn (PU)	01											
Cerofano di Sesto (AN)	01											
Ceselli (MC)	01											
Civitanova Marche (MC)	02											
Cupra Marittima (AP)	03											
Cupramontana (AN)	02											
Fabiano (AN)	02											
Falerone (AP)	02											
Fano (PU)	03											
Fano (AP)	02											
Fiesole (MC)	02											
Fossombrone (PU)	01											
Gubbio Mare (PU)	01											
Genga-Fossombrone (AN)	02											
Gradara (PU)	01											
Grottammare (AP)	03											
Jesi (AN)	02											
Loreto (AN)	02											
Macerata	02											
Monte Sportivo (AN)	02											
Montefiore (MC)	02											

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Monte (PU)	03											
Monte delle Marche (AP)	03											
Montemonaco (AP)	03											
Nuove (AN)	02											
Offida (AP)	03											
Osimo (AN)	02											
Pesenti (PU)	01											
Pergola (PU)	02											
Pesaro	01											
Piobbino (PU)	01											
Porto Recanati (MC)	02											
Porto San Giorgio (AP)	02											
Porto Sant'Elpidio (AP)	02											
Recanati (MC)	02											
Ripatriano (AP)	03											
San Benedetto del Tronto (AP)	03											
San Geronzo (MC)	02											
San Leo (PU)	01											
San Severino Marche (MC)	02											
Sarnano (MC)	03											
Sassotorta (AN)	02											
Senigallia (AN)	01											
Sirolo (AN)	02											
Tolentino (MC)	02											
Trivio (MC)	02											
Urbania (PU)	01											
Urbino	01											
Viterbo (MC)	03											

WELCOME TO THE MARCHE

...living the Marche,
Italy in one region

Covering an area of just under 10,000 square kilometres, with four provinces comprising 246 boroughs, 500 squares, over 1,000 monuments, about a hundred art cities, 246 museums and picture galleries, 315 libraries with over four million books, 33 fortresses, 106 castles, 15 forts, 170 towers, more than 40 abbeys, thousands of churches, 163 sanctuaries, 34 archaeological sites, and 71 historic theatres: the Marche is a complex, composite region, where the history, the culture, and the landscape have combined to create an extraordinary and unique place that is certainly well worth a visit. This magical setting inspired poets such as Leopardi, travellers such as Stendhal and Goethe, Montaigne and Montesquieu, thanks to a mixture of gentle hills with small settlements located on towering peaks, thanks to the so-called "sky-blue mountains" of the Apennine ridge, often steep and rocky and the home of the magnificent Frasassi caves. There are also steep promontories, wonderful little creeks, and picturesque coves all along the shoreline. A historical, artistic and architectural heritage of incomparable worth that makes the region an authentic outdoor museum. The complex historical background of the Marche is testified by

the extraordinary wealth of art and culture all over the region, from Urbino to Ascoli Piceno. The region's strong religious traditions are embodied in its carefully-guarded heritage of holy places offering tourists plenty of opportunities to worship and broaden their cultural horizons. Perhaps most significantly of all, there are 180 kilometres of coastline full of beautiful beaches, 26 well-known resorts facing the Adriatic Sea, 9 harbours many of which boast a "Blue flag" European award for their unpolluted sea: tourists really are spoilt for choice. From the picturesque views offered by Gabicce Mare to the magnificent palm tree-lined seafront at Grottammare and San Benedetto del Tronto, there is an endless line of sandy or pebbly shores and natural bays along the rocky coast. It is also worth mentioning musical and other art events held in the Marche, starting with the *Romani Opera Festival* of Pesaro, featuring performances of both masterpieces and other lesser-known works by this great composer, and the *Macerata Opera Season* held in the unusual and striking setting of the *Arca Sferisterio*, as well as fine performances of 44 *Historical Theatres* open to the public, where top-class drama can be enjoyed

as well as opera and concerts. The Marche also stages striking traditional, historical events such as the *Quintana* Tournament in Ascoli Piceno, where costumes, decorations, and flag-flying all come together in a whirlwind of colour. The region also has plenty of baths and spas: 10 spa resorts offering a combination of pleasant stays by the sea or in the mountains and healthy treatments. There are also plenty of *protected areas*: two national parks (Monti Sibillini National Park and Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park), four regional parks, three nature reserves, over a hundred flower areas, and 15 public forests. The region offers endless opportunities to sport lovers, too: from traditional activities to the most extreme ones, in the Marche all sports can be practised in an unspoilt and varied natural setting, ideal for trekking, rock-climbing, caving, mountain-biking, horse-riding, cross-country skiing and so on. It is also worth mentioning a long standing craft tradition, which finds its origin in the natives' outstanding creativity and imagination. There is something spectacularly old-fashioned about watching the master coppersmiths from Force, lace-makers from Offida, and stone cutters from Cagli at work. Last but not least, the Marche offers a wide range of centuries-old traditional food products and dishes: *caciotta* from Urbino, *ciauscolo*, ham from Carpegna, *formaggio di fossa*, *salsame* from Fabriano, olives

dressed *all'ascolana*, *muccheroncini* from Campofilone, *brudetto*, *rostida*, *stoccafisso all'anconetana*, *vincisgrassi*, *tartufi*... simple, tasty foods to be washed down with one of the 12 DOC-certified local wines, enough to satisfy everyone's palate. This brief presentation of the Marche would not be complete without a quick glance at its most famous inhabitants. As the author G. Liuti wrote "it's truly amazing for such a small region to have produced so many great men who have enlightened the world". It is impossible to mention here all the illustrious people who were born in this region. One must remember eight Popes, amongst whom Sixtus V and Pius IX, many saints and men of faith such as Giuseppe da Copertino, Maria Goretti, Nicola da Tolentino, Father Matteo Ricci great leaders and emperors such as Federico da Montefeltro and Frederick II of Swabia, painters such as Raphael, Gentile da Fabriano, the Salimbeni, F. Barocci, up to the contemporary O. Licini, O. Tamburi, C. Cagli, V. Trubbiani, E. Cucchi, G. and A. Pomodoro, P. Fazzini, etc. and architects such as Bramante, G. Genga, G. Sacconi, L. Aleandri. Topping the list of poets is the sublime Leopardi. Its musicians include G. Rossini, G. Spontini, G.B. Pergolesi and B. Gigli. We must not forget historian L. Lanzi, publisher V. Bompiani, writer U. Betti, educationalist M. Montessori, businessman E. Mattei and literary critic Carlo Bo, etc.

THE TERRITORY

The Marche is right in the middle of the Italian peninsula and covers a surface area of 9,694 square kilometres between Emilia Romagna (to the north), Toscana and Umbria (to the west), Lazio and Abruzzo (to the south); it is divided into four provinces: Ancona, the regional capital, Ascoli Piceno, Macerata, Pesaro-Urbino, and 246 boroughs. The land in the Marche region is divided into three strips with clearly marked boundaries: the hills and mountains covering almost 90% of the total surface area; the coastal strip occupying the remaining 10%, and small areas of flat land confined to just a few parts near the coast.

Reliefs and mountain passes

Two parallel ridges of the Apennine chain run right across the Marche. The first ridge is just beyond Pesaro and features Mts Catria (1,702 m) and Nerone (1,252 m); the second ridge stretches across the provinces of Macerata and Ascoli Piceno, where the tallest peaks, all above 2,000 metres high, are located: Mt Vettore (2,478 m), Mt Porche (2,283 m), the peak of Mt Redentore, Pizzo del Diavolo, Mt Sibilla (2,173 m), Pizzo Bero (2,259 m), Mt Bove (2,169 m) and Mt Prisa. The mountainous areas in the south of the region include two national parks: Monti Sibillini and Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga. The landscape is characterised by stretches of calcareous rocks and woodlands. The two ridges are separated by a stretch of hills no higher than 500 metres, which skirts the coast in certain places. The Apennines are full of passes leading to Umbria. The most important are Bocca Trabaria, Bocca Serriola, Fossato di Vico and Colfiorito.

Coast

The Adriatic shores stretch along approx-

imately 180 kilometres of coastline, with 26 important and extremely popular holiday resorts. The straight shoreline is interrupted by Mt San Bartolo to the north, between Gabicce Mare and Pesaro, and by the cliffs of Mt Conero (572 m) to the south of Ancona, a huge strikingly harsh-looking calcareous mass standing out along the coast to form about 20 kilometres of coves and bays, including that of Portonovo. The areas around Mt San Bartolo and Mt Conero are protected as regional parks.

Rivers and lakes

Plenty of rivers and streams of all lengths run through the region, shaping the land into large valleys full of urban settlements. Both the natural and administrative boundaries follow the course of two rivers: the Foglia (135 km long) and the Tronto (115 km long). The other rivers include the Marecchia, Metauro, Nera, Conca and Chienti. There are fewer lakes, almost all artificial, except for Lake Pilato, of glacial origin, lying on Mt Vettore. The main ones are Lakes Fiastra, Gerosa and San Ruffino, located in magnificent settings at the foot of Mts Sibillini; in the Pesaro area, the Furlo Basin and Lake Mercatale; in the province of Macerata, Lakes Pievefava, Polverina, Cingoli and Tolentino.

Climate

The northern and inland areas of the Marche have a temperate sub-continental climate with average annual temperatures of 10-14.5 °C; the coastal areas and hills between Senigallia and San Benedetto del Tronto enjoy a sub-coastal climate. The mountain ranges have a predominantly cool temperate climate with average annual temperatures of 6-10 °C.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROVINCIAL DATA

	ANCONA	ASCOLI PICENO	MACERATA	PESARO-URBINO	REGION
Provincial codes	AN	AP	MC	PU	
Number of municipalities	45	73	59	67	245
Surface area (sq. km)	1,508	2,067	2,714	2,893	9,084
Population	442,858	368,728	301,422	342,641	1,455,409
Population density	291	177	109	118	159
Population of district capitals	91,968	52,060	41,002	88,502 (from 15,147 (2000))	286,207

REGIONAL DATA

CLIMATE		VISITOR ARRIVALS AND PERMANENCE IN ALL HOSPITALITY STRUCTURES (1999)	
Mean annual temperature	13 °C	Italian visitor arrivals	1,701,364
January temperature	6.5 °C	Italian visitor presence in days	12,174,508
July temperature	22.2 °C	Foreign visitor arrivals	312,965
Annual rainfall	804.75 mm	Foreign visitor presence in days	1,972,378
Days of rain	58	Total arrivals	2,000,308
Average relative humidity	69%	Total presence in days	15,146,886

PATRON SAINTS

Ancona: San Ciriaco, 4 May; Ascoli Piceno: S. Eridio, 5 August; Macerata: San Giuliano, 31 August; Pesaro: San Terenzio, 24 September; Urbino: San Crescentino, 1 June.

REGIONAL ACCESS ROUTES

By car: the Marche is connected to the rest of the peninsula by the A14 motorway running north-south along the Adriatic coast and by the SS 16 Adriatica.

Exits are: Cattolica/San Giovanni/Gabicce Mare - Pesaro/Urbino - Mondolfo/Marotta - Fano - Senigallia - Ancona Nord - Ancona Sud - Loreto/Porto Recanati - Civitanova Marche/Macerata - Fermo/Porto San Giorgio - Pedaso - Grottammare - S. Benedetto del

Tronto/Ascoli Piceno. Roads branching off the A14 towards the inland areas of the region include: the clearway to Aqualagna and Urbino from Fano; the clearway to Fabriano from Falconara Marittima; the motorway slip road and clearway to Sfercia/Camerino from Civitanova Marche; the clearway to Fermo from Porto San Giorgio; the clearway to Ascoli Piceno from San Benedetto del Tronto.

By train: two main lines: the Milano-Bologna-Ancona-Lecce line and Roma-Falconara Marittima-Ancona line.

By plane: Ancona's Falconara Marittima Airport has daily flights to Milan, Rome, Pescara, Munich and London.

By boat: there is a ferry service from the port of Ancona to Greece, Croatia, Albania, Cyprus, and Israel.

AIRPORTS

Raffaello Sanzio Airport
Castelferretti
Falconara Marittima (AN)
Tel. 07128271
Tel. 0712827204
Tel. 0712827237

The only airport in the Marche, located about 10 km from Ancona, with daily flights to Rome, Milan, Pescara, Munich and London. From June to September there are also flights to

Bucharest and Moscow. The Conerobus service connects the airport to the city of Ancona.
For information:
Tel. 0712802092

MAIN RAILWAY STATIONS

ANCONA
Railway Station

Via Stazione
Tel. 0715921

Free phone
846888088

ASCOLI PICENO
Railway Station
P.le della Stazione, 3
Tel. 0736341004

MACERATA
Railway Station
P.zza XXV Aprile, 8/10
Tel. 0733240354

PESARO
Railway Station
V.le Risorgimento
Tel. 072133009

MARITIME TRANSPORT

PORT OF ANCONA
Providing links to the main countries facing the Adriatic and Mediterranean seas.
Maritime Administration Headquarters
Banchina N. Sauro, 12
Tel. 071227581

TOURIST HARBOURS
Gabicce Mare (PU)
Località Vallugola
Tel. 0541958134

Pesaro
Tel. 0721400017

Fano (PU)
Tel. 0721801329

Senigallia (AN)
Tel. 07164780

Ancona
Tel. 07154800

Numana (AN)
Tel. 0717360377

Civitanova Marche (MC)
Tel. 0733810395

Marina di Porto San Giorgio (AP)
Tel. 0734676304

San Benedetto del Tronto (AP)
Tel. 0735592744

URBAN AND EXTRA-URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT

ANCONA
Conerobus
Via Bocconi, 56
Tel. 0712802092
Fax 0712802095

Tel. 0736342248

MACERATA
Con.Tra.M
P.zza XXV Aprile, 1
Tel. 0733230906

Via Canonici
Tel. 0721289145

Sapum
Via Cagli, 9
Tel. 072122333

ASCOLI PICENO
Sauc
P.zza Arringo, 1
Tel. 0736298566

Apm
Via San Giovanni Bosco, 34
Tel. 0733293511

URBINO
Ami
P.le Gonzaga, 15
Tel. 0722350738
Fax 0722350769

Co. Tra. Uat
Via Kennedy, 22

PESARO
Ami

ACCOMMODATION

The region's 180 kilometres of coastline boast an important tourist industry attracting an increasing number of visitors (a record of 15 million visitors has been reached over recent years): the Marche has about 1,000 hotels providing 60,000 beds, as well as holiday villages, camping sites, farm holidays, B&B, guesthouses, and holiday flats registered or non-registered to REC qualification (about 25,000). In recent years, the magnificent inland areas have much developed their hospitality structures. These are made up mainly of old, restructured farm houses turned into guesthouses, along with newly-built country holiday centres offering rural tourism facilities such as drinking and dining or tasting local delicatessen.

Hotels

Hotels are classified by a star system of 1 to 5. Prices are not controlled but hoteliers are obliged to declare prices every year.

The reception desk must display a chart summarising the number of rooms, number of beds and prices.

Each room must have a price card. Hotels classified as 4 star or more must provide personnel speaking and understanding at least two foreign languages. All hotels must guarantee reception and doorman services for at least 12 hours a day.

All 3, 4 and 5 star hotel rooms have telephones with direct outside lines (2 star hotels must have telephones in the rooms although not direct outside lines). Bar service is available 12 hours a day in 2, 3 and 4 star hotels.

Four and five-star hotels must provide breakfast areas which in other cate-

gories may be served in dining lounges (room service, at an additional cost, is obligatory in structures with 3 stars or more).

All 2 star or more hotel rooms have bathrooms with alarm and emergency call. Housekeeping in rooms is guaranteed once a day in all hotels and those with 4 and 5 stars tidy rooms up again in the afternoon.

Linen is changed daily in 4 and 5 star premises, 3 times a week in those with 3 stars, twice in those with 2 stars and at least once a week in those with 1 star. Heating is obligatory in all hotels. All 4 and 5 star structures must have lifts while in those with 2 and 3 stars lifts are compulsory above the second floor. Recently-opened hotels meet standards for the elimination of architectural barriers.

Camping sites

Camping sites are ranked one to 4 star according to their facilities. Prices are set by the owners.

Whether or not there are reception, porter, and information services depends on the number of stars.

There is always a night security service. The basic sanitary-hygiene facilities, such as toilets, shower cubicles, wash basins, sinks, and wash-houses also depend on the hotel category.

Three and four star camping sites must have a restaurant, canteen, mini-market, and bar. Each camping place must have at least 10 square metres of space, while the covered area of bungalows must not be less than 5 square metres per guest.

All camp sites must clearly display the authorisation to run a camping site and

a notice board providing useful information and tips for campers.

Each bungalow must also clearly display a chart indicating its prices. Guests charged prices above those shown on the charts or not satisfied with their accommodation facilities are entitled to file an official complaint to the Mayor or Chairman of the Regional Council within 30 days of the event.

Farm holidays

Farm holiday facilities offer accommodation on their premises. They serve typical local food and drink; catering is based on meals with at least 70% of ingredients bought directly from regional farm companies and co-operatives.

Country houses

These are located either in the open countryside or in little country villages. They provide rooms or flats with self-catering facilities and may also offer dining facilities, sports and recreational equipment.

HOSPITALITY STATISTICS

HOTELS: 890, of which	
****76	***506
**273	*134
CAMPING SITES	93
FARM HOLIDAYS	260
YOUTH HOSTELS	14
HOLIDAY HOMES	40
GUESTHOUSES (with REC)	138
HOLIDAY COMPLEXES	27
HOLIDAY VILLAGES	13
COUNTRY HOUSES	12
HOLIDAY FLATS (with REC)	66
MOUNTAIN HUTS	9

Youth hostels

Facilities equipped to host young people and adult group leaders.

Holiday homes

These are structures run by public organisations or non profit-making associations.

Guesthouses

These facilities have no more than 6 guestrooms with no more than 12 beds offering accommodation and other extra facilities for at least 6 months a year. The rooms are cleaned and the linen is changed whenever new guests arrive or at least once a week. Electricity, water, and heating are also supplied.

Bed and Breakfast

Also in Italy we enjoy B&B hospitality - a concept which combines lodging and breakfast in a family environment either on a limited-time basis on a seasonal basis. B&B accommodations must meet all the structural requirements and facilities referred to in the Regional Law no.8/2000.

Congress structures

The demand for congress facilities for meetings and conventions is amply met by the region's top quality infrastructure. The Marche territory is rich in quality infrastructures in terms of both prestigious centres built according to the latest technology and those located in historic buildings. World-famous resorts and a mild climate throughout the year offer congress-goers a pleasant mix of culture and fun.

EVENTS

-  Religious events
-  Cultural and folkloristic events
-  Gastronomical events
-  Sporting events
-  Fairs

ANCONA

March-September

-  *Domus Antiqua*
June
-  *International Opera Contest*
Franco Corelli
July
-  *Festival di Musica Alternativa*
One of the most important events promoting Jewish music and culture
-  *International Children's Theatre Festival*
September
-  *Cinema Festival*
October
-  *Teatro Donna*
Theatre performances written and enacted by women
-  *Premio Marche*
Regional and national exhibition of contemporary art
- November*
-  *Ancona Jazz*
This festival has promoted jazz in the Marche since 1978
- ACQUALAGNA (PU)**
February, August, October
-  *National Black Truffle Fair*
ACQUASANTA TERME (AP)
October

 *Chestnut Festival*
ACQUAVIVA PICENA (AP)

- July
-  *Acquaviva nei lumetti*
National exhibition of comic graphics and theatre
- August
-  *Sponsale*
Historical representation of the wedding that took place in 1234 between Forasteria, the daughter of Duke Rinaldo of Acquaviva, and Brunforte, the Lord of Samano
-  *The Duke's Palio*
ALTIDONA (AP)
December
-  *Live Nativity scenes*
AMANDOLA (AP)
September
-  *Festival Internazionale di Teatro*
Avant-garde theatre festival
- APIRO (MC)**
August
-  *Terranostra*
International folk festival
- ARQUATA DEL TRONTO (AP)**
19 August
-  *Alla corte della Regina*
Historical reconstruction of a medieval banquet

 *Rievocazione della Battaglia di Lepanto*

- July
- Held every three years in Spelunga
- ASCOLI PICENO**
April - May; November - December
-  *Opera Concert Season at V. Basso Theatre*
1st Sunday in August
-  *Torneo cavalleresco della Quintana*
The Quintana tournament in Ascoli Piceno is the most famous historical reconstruction in the Marche. After a parade through the streets of over 1,400 characters, the Palio will start the riders race around an "S"-shaped track and gallop to charge an image of a Saracen
- CAGLI (PU)**
August
-  *Teatro della Luna*
Avant-garde theatre performances in Cagli and other neighbouring towns
-  *Gioco dell'Oca*
This goose-race is held over three days in the town districts

CALDAROLA (MC)

- August
-  *La Giostra de la Castella*
Palio with a knights' challenge
- CAMERINO (MC)**
May
-  *Corse alla Spada e Palio*
A foot race across the town involving the three oldest local districts
- July-August
-  *Camerino Festival*
International exhibition of chamber music and theatre
- August
-  *European Medieval Drama Festival*
December
-  *National Biennial Drama, Scenography and Acting Award "Ugo Betti"*
- CAMPOTRONE (AP)**
August
-  *Sagra dei maccheroncini*
The little macaroni festival
- CANTIANO (PU)**
Good Friday
-  *La Turba*
Holy representation in period costume
- CASTELFIDARDO (AN)**
October
-  *International Accordion Musicians and Bands Award*
November
-  *Premio Internazionale Actor Piazzola*
International accordion contest
- CASTIGLIONE (AP)**
August

-  *Templana*
For four days the town is the theatre of medieval shows, conventions, exhibitions, and sumptuous banquets
- CINGOLI (MC)**
June
-  *La Rosa d'Oro*
National competition of florists decorating the old town centre with their creations
- August
-  *Cingoli 1848*
Historical representation
- CIVITANOVA MARCHE (MC)**
March
-  *National Poetry Award "Civitanova Poesia"*
June
-  *Sea Festival*
July
-  *Civitanova Danza Passagna "E. Cecchetti"*
Ballot contest
- August
-  *Fish Festival*
COMUNANZA (AP)
26 December
-  *Rappresentazione del presepe vivente*
Live Nativity scenes with over 600 characters
- CORINALDO (AN)**
July
-  *Concorso Internazionale "A. Catalani"*
Opera and chamber music singing contest
- 3rd Sunday of July
-  *Festa del Pozzo della Polenta*
Reconstruction with

bowmen's Palio and quintain of the Order of the Garter

CUPRA MARITTIMA (AP)
June-September

-  *Malacological exhibition*
CUPRAMONTANA (AN)
October
-  *Festa dell'iva*
One of the oldest grape festivals in Italy
- FABRIANO (AN)**
Summer
-  *Tibi silentium laus*
Holy chanting festival
- 24 June
-  *Palio di S. Giovanni Battista*
Flower festivals, concerts and medieval shows, period costume parades and "Sfida del Maglio"
- October-April
-  *Symphonic Music Season*
Christmas
-  *Live Nativity at Predicchie*
FALERONE (AP)
July-August
-  *Teatro classico*
Plays held in the spectacular "Faleria" Roman theatre
- FANO (PU)**
Carnival
-  *Carnivale dell'Adriatico*
Sunday masked parade and folk groups, ending in a float procession through the town streets throwing sweets to the crowds
- July
-  *Il Violino e la Selce*
Contemporary music festival

- Jazz by the sea**
Featuring international bands and musicians
- National old book and printing fair and market**
3rd Sunday in July
- Carnale d'Estate**
Summer Carnival with lightworks and fireworks
October-March
- Scherzandens**
Comedy theatre festival
October
- Foto Film Festival**
FERNIGIANO (PU)
1st Sunday after Easter
- Pala della Rana**
Contest among the seven local districts racing against each other pushing wheelbarrows with a frog on top
FERMO (AP)
15 August
- Cavalcata e Pala dell'Assunta**
Historical representation with a horse race (the "Cavalcata"), and the "Ring Game", where jockeys try their skills at throwing a lance through a ring
November-December
- Opera Season at the Teatro dell'Aquila**
FILOTTANO (AN)
1st week in August
- La Contesa dello Stivale**
Historical reconstruction of the war between Filottrano and Osimo
FOSSOMBRONE (PU)
1st Sunday in March

- Mostra Mercato del Tartufo Bianchetto**
"Bianchetto" truffle fair and market
2nd Sunday in May
- Trionfo del Carnevale**
Historical reconstruction of the return of Cardinal Della Rovere in 1559
FRONTINO (PU)
September
- Premio Nazionale di cultura "Frontino di Montefeltro"**
This culture award is meant to celebrate Italian provinces
FRONTONE (PU)
August
- Sagra del coniglio in porchetta**
A rabbit festival with tasting of typical dishes
GABICCE MARE (PU)
Summer
- Summer Music Festival**
GENGA (AN)
Christmas
- Presepe vivente**
This live Nativity is held on 26 December, on the following Sunday, and on 6 January. The costumes are inspired by the Adoration of the Magi by Gentile da Fabriano
GRADARA (PU)
From April to September
- Gradara Ludens Festival**
A festival dedicated to game-playing
July
- Seduzione al Castello**
Dancing, banquets, ancient

- trades, medieval and aphrodisiac food and drink in the memory of Dante Paolo and Francesca
GROTTAMMARE (AP)
June-August
- Cabaret Amore mio!**
Cabaret festival
Every Sunday in July
- Sagra giubilare**
A jubilee fair in memory of plenary indulgence, a religious event dating back to 1755 and now practised only in Santiago de Compostela
August
- Operetta Festival**
JESI (AN)
May
- Pala di S. Floriano**
A reconstruction of the nearby castles' subordination to the town of Jesi (on the Verdicchio hills)
September-November
- Opera Season at Teatro Pergolesi**
LORETO (AN)
Villa Musone
- Good Friday**
Reconstruction of the Passion of Christ
April
- Rassegna Internazionale di Cappelle Musicali**
International polyphonic music contest
July
- Meeting dell'Integrazione**
i popoli
Religious convention for peoples' integration

- 9-10 December**
La Vergata
Celebrations for the arrival of the Holy House
MACERATA
July-August
- Macerata Opera Festival**
One of the world's most famous opera seasons is held in the Sferisterio
- Premio Scipione**
An award for new artists
2nd Sunday in November
- Premio Rabalais**
National contest for poetry on the subject of wine
MAIOLATI SPONTINI (AN)
At various times of year
- Spontini Classic**
Promoting Gaspare Spontini's music
MATELICA (MC)
May-June
- National Italian Fiction Award "Libero Bigiaretti"**
August-September
- Motica Municipium Romanum**
Historical reconstruction in period costume
MOGLIANO (MC)
Good Friday
- Reconstruction of the Passion of Jesus**
MONDANO (PU)
15 August
- Caccia al cinghiale**
Suggestive historical reconstruction of an ancient wild bear hunt: the challenge amongst the representatives of the various town boroughs

- ends up with a pantagruelic banquet
MONDOLFO (PU)
July
- La cacciata**
An ancient ball game played with an armlet: the ball is struck with a hollow cylinder with rounded edges. Two teams of 3 players have to pass the ball around without fouls
MONSANO (AN)
August
- Musica folkloristica marchigiana**
Local folk music festival
MONTE GRIMANO (PU)
July
- Sagra del Tartufo Nero**
Black truffle festival
MONTELUPONE (MC)
May
- Sagra del carciofo**
Artichoke festival
MONTEMONACO (AP)
End of October
- Sagra della castagna**
Chestnut festival
MONTERUBBIANO (AP)
Whit Sunday
- Armata di Pentecoste Scio la Pica**
Commemorating the distant proto-historical achievements of the Piceni. The Scio la Pica historical parade, ending with candles being offered to the Madonna del Soccorso, is a striking event
NOVAFELTRIA (PU)
September

- Exhibition and market of minerals and fossils**
OFFAGNA (AN)
Last week of July
- Feste medievali e Contesa della Cresola**
Cultural and gastronomic events
OFFIDA (AP)
Carnival
- Lu Bov Fint**
The Fake Ox Festival is held every Friday during the Carnival period. The villagers run behind a fake ox wearing a special costume, the "quazzaro". At dusk, the ox is symbolically slaughtered in the middle of the square
- Stilata del Vinu**
Bundles of reed are burnt during the parade on Mardi Gras
August
- Sagra del "chichiripieno"**
A tribute to a tasty pizza with a tuna and pickle filling
September
- "Di vino in vino"**
Wine festival
OSIMO (AN)
July
- Festival Internazionale "Città di Osimo"**
International ballet festival
September
- Coppa pianisti d'Italia**
International piano contest
OSTRA (AN)
July
- Angelica Catalani**
International opera festival

PESARO
June

Mostra Internazionale del nuovo Cinema
International film festival

En attendant Rossini
Burattini Opera Festival

August
ROF (Rossini Opera Festival)
International tribute festival to the great composer from Pesaro

Summer
Sipario d'estate
Concerts, theatre and ballet performances, and poetry reading in the old towns and villages of the Duchy of Urbino

Ville e castella
Cultural events and local food tasting in ancient villas and boroughs

September-October
National Drama Festival

Autumn
Rassegna Internazionale Retrospectiva
A convention of cinema studies

PENNABILLI (PU)
Good Friday

Sacra Rappresentazione del Venerdì
Good Friday miracle play

PIANDIMELETO (PU)
July

Palio dei Conti Oliva
PIOBBICO (PU)

November
Fiera Nazionale del tartufo

National truffle fair
PIORACO (MC)

August
Sagra dei gamberi di fiume
River crayfish festival

POLVERIGI (AN)
July
Festival Internazionale Inteatro

One of the most important drama festivals in Europe

September
The witches' night
PORTO RECANATI (MC)

Good Friday
Bara de notte
A coffin made of wood and canvas is made to symbolise Jesus' sepulchre. At the time of Evening Prayer, a procession starts

July-August
Porto Recanati Festival
Theatre, music and comedy festival

PORTO SAN GIORGIO (AP)
July

Regata del Doge
Historical reconstruction of the celebrations organised when the Podestà of Fermo was appointed Doge of Venice in 1253

August
Festa del mare
A giant frying-pan is made to represent the Adriatic Sea

International chess festival
POLLENZA (MC)

July
Operetta Festival
PORTO SANT'ELPIDIO (AP)

July

I teatri del mondo
International Children's Theatre Festival
POTENZA PICENA (MC)

September
"Grappolo d'oro"
Grapes festival

RECANATI (MC)
May
Premio Città di Recanati per la canzone d'autore

A major national song-writing competition
July-August

Lunara
Music and poetry by moonlight

RIPATRANSONE (AP)
Sunday after Easter

Cavallo di fuoco
Particular event in which a firework-stuffed papier-mâché horse is blown up

SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO (AP)
May-September

Festival Ferri
The only Italian festival dedicated to French singer Leo Ferri

July
National Review of Italian Documentary and Libero Bizzarri Award

September
Invisible Theatres National Meeting

"Riviera delle Marche"
Paperback Award

SAN GINESIO (MC)
15 August

Palio di San Ginesio
The town's four local

districts compete against each other in an equestrian jousting competition
SAN LORENZO IN CAMPO (PU)

August
International Opera Award
Mario Tiberini

SAN SEVERINO MARCHE (MC)
August
Festival Blues

International music event
Palio dei Castelli
Commemorating the rule of the Smeducci with various celebrations including the "Towers' race", an archery competition, plus tug-of-war, and the apple game

September
International Salimbeni History and Art Criticism Award

SANT'AGATA FELTRIA (PU)
October-November

National white truffle fair
SANT'ANGELO IN VADO (PU)

October-November
Mostra Nazionale del Tartufo

National truffle exhibition
SANT'ELPIDIO A MARE (AP)

Last week of July
Città Medioevo
Ancient trades in period costume

2nd Sunday of August
Contesa del Secchio
In the Middle Ages, access to wells was regulated by an annual competition: the town district that succeeded in getting a ball into the well most often was entitled to

draw water first, followed by the other three

SARNANO (MC)
August
Palio del Serafino

Teams from the town districts in 14th-century costumes challenge one another in various competitions.
SASSOCORVARO (PU)

June
Rotondi Award to Artwork Savers

SASSOFERRATO (AN)
July-August
International Exhibition of Contemporary Art "G.B. Savi" and Little Europe

SENIGALLIA (AN)
September
"Città di Senigallia"

International Piano Contest
SERRAPETRONA (MC)

August
Vernaccia wine festival

SERRA SAN QUIRICO (AN)
April-May
School Theatre National Review

Christmas
Christmas Carols National Festival

SERVIGLIANO (AP)
3rd Sunday of August

Torneo cavalleresco
"Castel Clementino"

Historical reconstruction of a knights' tournament in period costume set in the 15th century

SIROLO (AN)
July-August

Alle Cave
Major national outdoor drama festival

STAFFOLO (AN)
September
Verdicchio d'Oro

National food and wine festival
TALANELLO (PU)

November
Festival of local, trench-matured cheese

TOLENTINO (MC)
September/October
Biennale Internazionale dell'Umorismo nell'Arte

Held only in odd years
Autumn-Winter
Teatro Vaccarj Drama Season

TREIA (MC)
1st Sunday of August

Disfida del Bracciale
One of the oldest historical reconstructions held in the Marche

URBINO
July

Ancient Music
International Festival

August
Festa del Duca

Equestrian tournament in memory of the Montefeltro rule

Frequenze disturbate
Music event

URBISAGLIA (MC)
July-August

Rassegna di Teatro classico
Classic drama season in the "Urbs Salvia" Roman amphitheatre

THE SEA

The coastline has followed the ever-changing landscape with which nature has endowed every corner of the Marche. Promontories, creeks and tiny coves on the sea outline the northern side of the coast with a breathtaking visual impact of the rugged seascape. Known as "Riviera delle Colline" (hilly riviera), the coast stretches along 40 km of beaches with resorts such as Gabicce Mare, Pesaro, Fano and Marotta di Mondolfo. The Ancona coast, on the other hand, includes Senigallia with its "velvet beach" and the "Riviera of Conero" with the picturesque resorts of Portonovo, Sirolo, Numana and Marcelli. The coast near Macerata, on the other hand, stretches from the green pine forests of Porto Recanati and Porto Potenza Picena to the lively port of Civitanova Marche. The "Green Riviera Picena" includes the resorts of Porto S. Elpidio, Lido di Fermo, Porto San Giorgio and Pedaso, with their typical shores covered with the finest sand washed by a crystal-clear sea and surrounded by gentle hills covered with lush Mediterranean vegetation. From Cupra Marittima, Grottammare, San Benedetto del Tronto as far down as Porto d'Ascoli (the region's southernmost point), the beaches are wide and sandy, framed by a spectacular background of palm trees and oleanders typical of the so-

called "Riviera of Palmtrees", rich in tropical and sub-tropical Mediterranean vegetation, where the scents and smells from overseas remind one of distant, exotic shores. The Marche offers a continuous stretch of clean, unpolluted sea, quite suitable for bathing, as shown by the 10 Blue Flags it was awarded in the year 2000 for its outstanding environmental and hospitality quality. Its beautiful shores, whether sandy, pebbly or rocky, are indeed up to any tourist's expectations. In seaside resorts, one can practice many a water sport such as windsurfing, waterskiing, sailing - with training schools in the main resorts - or underwater fishing, especially in Ancona, Valigola, Portonovo, Sirolo, Numana, and Pedaso. A peculiarity of the Marche is the fact that from the seaside one can easily reach the many villages strategically placed, terrace-like, high up on the hills overlooking the coast. These are the ancient historical centres from which the seaside villages originated. It is worth mentioning here, from north to south: Gabicce Monte, Fiorenzuola di Focara, Trebbianico, Novilara, Candalaria, Falconara Alta, Montemarciano, Numana, Civitanova Alta, Porto San Giorgio, Torre di Palme, Cupra Marittima with Martano, Grottammare with Grottammare Alta, and San Benedetto del Tronto.

BEACHES

Sandy beaches:

Gabicce Mare, Pesaro, Senigallia, Falconara Marittima, Ancona loc. Palombina, Porto Potenza Picena, Porto San Giorgio, Cupra Marittima, Grottammare, San Benedetto del Tronto, Porto d'Ascoli.

Pebbly beaches:

Marina di Montemarciano, Numana loc. Marcelli.

Mixed beaches (rocky and pebbly):

Ancona loc. Portonovo, Numana, Sirolo.

Mixed beaches (sandy and pebbly):

Fano, Fano loc. Torrette, Mondolfo loc. Marotta, Senigallia loc. Marzocca, Porto Recanati, Civitanova Marche, Porto Sant'Elpidio, Lido di Fermo, Marina Palmense di Fermo, Marina di Altidona, Pedaso.

ART

ART CITIES

The Marche is an extraordinary piece of land with castles, abbeys, churches, museums, palaces, squares, villas and monuments literally everywhere. What was once written about Urbino "every stone is a monument", also applies to the whole of the Marche region.

PESARO

The Roman city of *Pisaurum* was the home of nobility such as the Sforza and Della Rovere families, as testified by *Palazzo Ducale*, *Rocca Costanza*, and the many works of art kept in the *Civic Art Gallery*. The most emblematic buildings include *Palazzo Mosca*, *Giocchino Rossini's birthplace*, the *Cathedral* and the *church of S. Agostino*.

URBINO

The city still looks the same as it did when it was built by Federico da Montefeltro in the 15th century. The most magnificent building in the old town is *Palazzo Ducale* the venue of the *Marche National Gallery*, mainly the work of the architectural genius of Luciano Laurana and Francesco di Giorgio Martini, who also designed the *church of S. Bernardino*. Other buildings worth visiting include the *Cathedral*, the *University Building*, the *Oratory of S. Giovanni Battista*, and *Raphael's birthplace*.

CAGLI

The village is built on a rocky spur beneath the *Torrione della Rocca*, a huge building with an elliptical base designed by Francesco di Giorgio Martini.

FANO

The town, built around a *Temple of Fortune* dating from Roman times, mainly owes its existence to the Malatesta family, who commissioned *Palazzo della Ragione* and *Palazzo Malatesta*, which house the *Civic Museum* and *Art Gallery*.

GRADARA

Built by the Griffo family and then renovated by the Malatesta and Sforza families, the magnificent *Rocca* is full of Renaissance frescoes and recollections of Dante's love story between Paolo and Francesca. A certain medieval atmosphere can still be felt walking through the village or around its walls with their embattled towers.

MONDOLFO

The huge *Rocca* designed by Francesco di Giorgio Martini is enclosed inside old city walls. A *Museum of Historical Reconstruction* has been set up inside.

SAN LEO

The *Forté*, a magnificent fortress designed by Francesco di Giorgio Martini, where Count Cagliostro was held prisoner and died, towers on top of a steep cliff. Interesting examples of Romanesque architecture include the *Pieve* and *Cathedral*. The *Franciscan Convent of S. Igne* is also nearby.

SASSOCORVARO

During World War II, ten thousand masterpieces were kept and saved in the Ubaldini ship-shaped *Rocca*, designed by the genius of Francesco di Giorgio Martini and now housing a new museum dedicated to endangered works of art, the so-called "Ark of Art".

URBANO

The ancient town of *Castel Durante* is famous for its majolica. *Palazzo Vescovile*, the restructuring of *Palazzo Ducale* and the idea for the *Barco Ducale*, the Duke's hunting lodge, all came from Francesco di Giorgio Martini.

ANCONA

This is the regional capital with the Romanesque *Cathedral of San Ciriaco*, built on an ancient temple of *Venus Euplexa*. The city's numerous interesting buildings in-

clude the *Loggia dei Mercanti*, the church of *S. Maria della Piazza* of *S. Francesco alle Scale*, of *Jesús*, *Vimvitelli's Mole*, the *Civic Art Gallery* and the *Roman Arch of Trajan*.

CORINALDO

It is famous for its huge complex of very well-preserved walls. Also worth visiting are the 18th-century *Sanctuary of S. Maria Goretti* and the church of the *Addolorata*.

FABRIANO

Renowned for its paper mills since the 13th century, the town still has the same medieval look based around the triangular *Piazza del Comune* (town square), with *Palazzo del Podestà* at the back. Of remarkable interest are also the *Civic Art Gallery* and the *Museum of Paper and Watermarking*.

JESI

The original town centre is still surrounded by strong protective walls; medieval districts, elegant buildings, and magnificent churches embellish the old town centre. The most important buildings include *Palazzo della Signoria* designed by Francesco di Giorgio Martini and the 18th-century *Palazzo Pianetti* housing the important *Civic Art Gallery*.

LOBETO

This is the home of the biggest *Marian Sanctuary* in Italy containing the *Holy House* of Nazareth which, so legend has it, was carried off by angels in 1294. Among those who worked on the building were Melozzo da Forlì, Luca Signorelli, Bramante, Sansovino, and Lorenzo Lotto. The adjoining *Museum of the Holy House* and *Museum of Ancient Weapons* are also worth a visit.

OFFEGNA

The square-based *Rocca* with its towers and imposing stronghold loom over the countryside. Worth of a visit are the *Museum of Weapons* and the "*L. Puolucci*" *Natural Science Museum*.

OSIMO

The old Roman town of *Auximum*, full of old relics, many of which kept in the *Town Hall*, is notable for its Romanesque *Cathedral*, the *Sanctuary* dedicated to *S. Giuseppe da Copertino*, and the 18th-century *Palazzo Campana*, home of a *Civic Art* collection.

SASSOFERRATO

The town, which originates from the Roman town of *Sentium*, is composed of a medieval town centre (with the church of *S. Francesco*, *Palazzo Montanari* and *Palazzo dei Priori*) and a modern district. *Palazzo Oliva* hosts a well-stocked *Civic Library*.

SENGALLIA

Worthy of a visit are the *Rocca Roveresca*, *Palazzetto Baviera*, *Palazzo del Duca*, *Portici Ercolani*, *Palazzo Mastai Ferretti*, and the adjoining *Pius IX Museum*, the baroque church of the *Croce*, the *Cathedral* and adjoining *Diocesan Art Gallery* and the convent of *S. Maria delle Grazie*.

MACERATA

The most representative monuments include Ireneo Aleandri's *Arena Sferisterio*, one of true architectural treasures of the Marche, built between 1823 and 1829 for playing the armet ball game. Other notable buildings include the *Basilica of Madonna della Misericordia*, *Piazza della Libertà*, the *Clock Tower*, and a well-stocked *Library* containing 350,000 books and the adjoining *Civic Museum*.

CAMERINO

Home of the *De Viano Lordship*, it has characteristic, narrow, winding medieval lanes and one of the most ancient and illustrious universities in Europe. It is worth visiting the *Palazzo Ducale*, *Rocca*, the *Convent of S. Domenico* and its adjoining *Art Gallery*.

CRIVANNO ALTA

The town is still largely surrounded by 15th-

century castle walls with towers, ramparts, and two gates. The *Palazzo Ducale dei Cesarini*, the home of *Annibal Caro*, and the "*M. Moretti*" *Civic Gallery of Modern Art* are all worth visiting.

MATELICA

An interesting art city with a 16th-century octagonal *Fountain*, plenty of churches, monumental buildings, and art collections in the *Pierantoni Museum*.

RECANATI

The town owes its fame to the fact that it was the birthplace of Giacomo Leopardi, and still treats the places the great poet wrote about in his verses like a huge outdoor museum: the "ancient tower" of the convent of *S. Agostino*, the silent square mentioned in the poem "*Il sabato del villaggio*", Leopardi's father's home, where the "sadate carte" are kept, the "ermo colle" of his poem "*L'Infinito*", and the humble home of Silvia, to whom he dedicated of his most famous poems. The *Civic Art Gallery* contains some excellent paintings by Lorenzo Lotto. The *Beniamino Gigli Museum* is also worthy of note.

SAN SEVERINO MARCHE

Home of the Salimbeni brothers, in the 15th century it became one of the European centres of International Gothic, as witnessed by the number of paintings kept in the *Civic Art Gallery*. The heart of the town is *Piazza del Popolo*, a wonderful example of an elliptical-shaped square completely surrounded by porticoes on a raised platform and with two fountains at the ends.

SARNANO

Its medieval village is famous for the "red brick" roofs of its houses, its steep narrow streets, the *Civic Art Gallery*, *spas* and *skiing facilities*.

TOLENTINO

Famous for the *Basilica of S. Nicola*, one of the most famous sanctuaries in Central Italy,

containing the 14th-century *Chapel* with frescoes from the Rimini school. Nearby is the 12th-century Cistercian church of *Santa Maria di Chiaravalle di Fiandra*, as well as the *Rancia Castle*, a huge, quadrilateral, embattled building with a tall keep.

TREIA

Walls, towers, gates, and old houses: intriguing images from the Middle Ages fill the sights of this village. *Piazza della Repubblica*, the *Cathedral*, the *Sanctuary of S. mo Crocifisso* and the *Accademia Georgica*, are just a few of the buildings most worthy of a visit.

ASCOLI PICENO

Piazza del Popolo, the heart of the city, every year is the setting of the famous *Quintain*. Other remarkable monuments include the churches of *S. Francesco* and of *Santi Vincenzo e Anastasio*, *Palazzo Malaspina*, *Palazzo dei Capitani*, and the *Town Hall* with an interesting *Civic Art Gallery*.

ACQUAVIVA PICENA

The village stands below an imposing fortress where there are also ruins of the castle walls, old houses, and towers.

AMANDOLA

The most outstanding of the numerous art buildings in the town is the church of *S. Francesco*, full of works of art. Nearly the church of *Santi Raffino e Vitale*.

ARQUATA DEL TRONTO

Located in a panoramic setting, the town owes its name to the majestic 13th-century *Rocca* ("art") sitting on top of the hill, rebuilt along traditional lines by Joan II of Naples and recently renovated. The town is located between the two national parks: *Monti Sibillini* and *Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga*.

FALERONE

The ruins of the ancient Roman city of *Faleria* are quite remarkable and include a the-

atre where many interesting plays are staged in the summer.

FERMO

A prosperous town in Roman and medieval times. Worthy of a visit are the *Romana Cisterna*, *Piazza del Popolo*, the 16th-century *Palazzo dei Priori* with the *Civic Art Gallery* and *Palazzo degli Studi*, a library containing over 400,000 books.

MONTFORTINO

There is still an old-fashioned atmosphere about its narrow streets, stone and brick houses. There is also an interesting *Art Gallery*

full of paintings belonging to the painter Fortunato Duranti's private collection.

OFFIDA

Worthy of a visit are a *Rocca* and the majestic *Abbey of S. Maria della Rocca*, one of the most significant medieval monuments in the region.

SANT'ELPIDIO A MAJE

This small town is almost entirely enclosed within medieval walls and includes the 14th-century *Torre Gerosolimitana*, a *Collegiate church*, the *Town Hall* and the church of *Maria SS. della Misericordia*.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

FORUM SEMPRONII

Fossombrone (PU)

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Fano, then take the clearway 3.

Information: IAT, Urbino, *Piazza Rinascimento*, 1 (Tel. 07222613), or "A. Vernarecci" *Civic Museum*, Fossombrone, *Corte Alta* (Tel. 0721714645). The Roman city of *Forum Sempronii* developed near the S. Martino del Piano area, connected to the Via Flaminia, in the 2nd century BC. Of the original urban master plan, you can still see an approximately 100 m stretch of large Furio paving stones belonging to a decuman, and the Via Flaminia, an old consular road running through the city to form the *decumanus maximus*. As well as a spa building, examples of *domus* with mosaic floors and painted walls have also been uncovered.

SUASA

Castelleone di Suasa (AN)

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Marotta-Mondolfo, then take the SS 424.

Information: IAT, Senigallia, *p.le Morandi*, 2 (Tel. 0717922725).

The area, which used to be occupied by Celtic tribes, fell into the hands of the Romans after the Battle of Sentinum (295 BC). Archaeological digs have brought to light the remains of an amphitheatre, the forum area, and an Imperial *domus* full of mosaics and remains of wall paintings.

SENTINUM

Sassoferrato (AN)

How to get there: by car, take the clearway 76; by train, Sassoferrato-Arcore railway station (Fabriano-Pergola local line).

Information: Tel. 07133249.

Famous for a Roman victory over the Samnites, Umbrians, Etruscans, and Senonian Gauls in 295 BC, this village still contains traces of its original ur-

ban roadways. There is a well-preserved spa built around a large swimming pool with peristyle and a mosaic floor; there are also clear traces of the *frigidarium*, *tepidarium*, and *calidarium*. Just beyond the walls, you can see the remains of a villa from the 2nd century AD with a central peristyle and the remains of a mosaic floor.

SEPTEMPEDA

San Severino Marche (MC)

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Macerata-Civitanova Marche, then carry on for about 65 km towards Tolentino.

Information: Tel. 0733231547.

There are well-preserved ruins of a spa building made of bricks, furnished with a porticoed and paved *gymnasium*, a *calidarium* (hot tub), a *frigidarium* (cold tub), and three rooms decorated with mosaics. You can still see the remains of a gate built out of two large circular towers standing about 30 metres apart.

URBS SALVIA

Urbisaglia (MC)

How to get there: by car, take the SP 78 from Macerata towards Sarnano; by train, to the Urbisaglia-Sforzacosta railway station.

Information: IAT, Macerata, *via Garibaldi*, 87 (tel. 0733234807).

The most interesting relics of old *Urbs Salvia* are an aqueduct and its reservoir built out of two vaulted caverns capable of holding up to 100 m³ of water; an elliptical-based *amphitheatre* still used for cultural events and shows; a Roman theatre dating back to the late 1st century AD, of which the *cavea* and

the stage are still extant; and two temples, including one dedicated to the Goddess *Salus*, frescoed with scenes of fighting animals.

FALERIO PICENUS

Falerone (AP)

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Fermo-Porto San Giorgio, then carry on for about 30 km towards Falerone.

Information: tel. 0734750235.

The remains of the old Roman settlement are an aqueduct and some villas. The best-preserved monument is the theatre, which once held up to 1,600 spectators; its stages, *cavea* and four "vomitories" are still visible. There is also an extremely interesting large cistern known as the "Queen's Bathroom" with a trapezoid base and three interconnecting rooms. On the outside you can see the remains of a *nymphaeum*, a spa building, an amphitheatre that once held 6,000 spectators, and a rectangular cistern.

CUPRA MARITIMA

Cupra Marittima (AP)

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Pedaso or San Benedetto del Tronto.

Information: IAT, Grottanare, *p.zza Fazzini*, 6 (Tel. 0735631087).

The remains of the forum of a Roman city built in "La Civita", feature a basement with a flight of steps alongside two large brick archings and a long stretch of walls. Recent digs have brought to light rooms and structures typical of suburban villas, and slopes housing spas, *nymphaeums*, mosaics and frescoes.

STRONGHOLDS, FORTRESSES AND CASTLES

Running down the region from north to south are numerous fortified constructions, strongholds and castles still in perfect condition, allowing visitors to enjoy the rather disturbingly ferocious atmosphere of centuries gone by.

PROVINCE OF PESARO-URBINO

GRADARA

MALATESTIANA STRONGHOLD

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Cattolica/Gabice Mare, and then follow the directions for Gradara; by train, to Cattolica (Bologna-Lecce line), then coach to Gradara.

Opening times: open all year round (except 25 December, 1 January, 1 May). October to May, Monday to Saturday 9am-1.30pm; June to September, Monday to Saturday 9am-1.30pm (also open on Sunday evenings 9-11.30pm). Sunday 9am-8pm. Entrance fee.

This 13th century quadrangular-based stronghold with towers and a polygon-shaped keep belongs to the Malatesta family. This is where the sad love story between Paolo and Francesca drew to a tragic close in 1289, as Dante described with such poetic mastery. The Guard Room, Chamber of Justice, Francesca's Room, and the Council Chamber are all extremely interesting.

MONDAVIO

STRONGHOLD

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Fano, take the slip road to S. Ippolito, and then the road to Mondavio; by train, to Fano (Bologna-Lecce line), and then by coach to Mondavio. *Opening times:* open all year round, every day 9am-12pm, 3-7pm (except 25 December and 1 January). Entrance fee.

For info: tel. 072197102

This stronghold is built out of two huge towers connected by a long, narrow structure. The tall, powerful escarpment reaching up to the crenels and designed by Francesco di Giorgio Martini is extremely impressive.

SAN LEO

STRONGHOLD

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Rimini Sud, then take the SS 258 to the crossroads for San Leo (a few kilometres from Novafeltria); by train, to Rimini, then coach to San Leo.

Opening times: open all year round, April to October, every day 9am-7pm; November to March every day 9am-6.30pm. Entrance fee.

Full of rooms, courtyards, trenches, collections of old weapons and documents, this stronghold is famous for the fact that Giuseppe Balsamo, better known as Count Cagliostro - a legendary buccannier, magician and freemason shrouded in mystery - was imprisoned in its well-cell.

SANT'AGATA FELTRIA

FREGOSO STRONGHOLD

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Rimini Sud, then take the SS 258 to Novafeltria and follow the directions to Sant'Agata Feltria; by train, to Rimini, then by coach to Sant'Agata Feltria.

Opening times: open every day 10am-12.30pm, 3-7pm. Entrance fee.

This frequently renovated 15th century castle is built out of a quadrangular section and an elongated structure backing onto the large quadrilateral keep. Inside there is a vast collection of manuscripts dating back to the last 500 years.

SASSOCORVARO

UBALDINI STRONGHOLD

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Pesaro-Urbino, then follow the directions for Urbino to the crossroads for Sassocorvaro; by train, to Pesaro, then coach to Sassocorvaro.

Opening times: open all year round, April to September, every day 9am-12pm, 3-7pm, October to March by advance booking only, tel. 072276133.

This is an architectural masterpiece with an unusual zoomorphic outline reminiscent of a turtle. The inside is a small palace built around a porticoed courtyard.

AND MORE... not to miss

Abbadia di Naro (Cagli) - Naro Castle
Bellorte sull'Isauro - Fortified palace
Cagli - Stronghold, Soccorso Tower and Massera Gate

Castello della Pieve (Mercatello sul Metauro) - Tower

Fano - Walls, Malatesta Stronghold, Maggiore Gate, and ramparts

Fernignano - Fortified bridge and tower

Fossombrone - Stronghold

Frontone - Della Porta Castle

Maiole - Castle

Montemarocci - Fortified gate

Montebello di Orciano - Della Rovere fortified palace

Montecerignone - Fortified village

Montelabbate - Leonardi Castle

Orciano - Walls

Pergola - Stronghold

Pesaro - Costanza Stronghold

Piandimeleto - Conti Oliva fortified palace

Piobbico - Brancaleoni fortified palace

San Costanzo - Walls and ramparts

Tavoleto - Walls and towers

Urbino - Fortified Palazzo Ducale

Urbino - Alborno Fortress and walls

PROVINCE OF ANCONA

CORINALDO

WALLS, GATES AND RAMPARTS

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Senigallia, then follow the signs to Corinaldo; by train, to Senigallia, then by coach.

The walls are still in excellent condition thanks to modernisation and extension work carried out in the 15th century; the numerous ramparts and towers are an extraordinary example of medieval architecture.

LORETELLO (ARCEVIA)

FORTIFIED VILLAGE

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 at the exit for Ancona Nord, take the clauway to Fabriano as far as Serra San Quirico, and then ordinary roads to Arcevia, San Pietro, and Lorello; by train, to Serra San Quirico, then by coach.

The castle, which dates back to the year 1000, owes its current appearance to 15th century renovation work. The cylindrical towers with elegant stone crenels are most interesting.

OFFAGNA

STRONGHOLD

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Ancona Sud/Osimo, and then take a local road to Offagna; by train, to Ancona, then by coach.

This 15th century stronghold with a quadrangular base and four towers still preserves its ancient structure. It also has an impressive central keep and tower.

SASSOFERRATO

ALBORNOZ STRONGHOLD

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Ancona

Nord, take the road to Fabriano, and then a local road to Sassoferrato; by train, take the Ancona-Fabriano-Pergola line.

This 14th century stronghold stands on a huge rock at the entrance to the walls. The unusual building plan is constructed out of two trapezoid structures joined together by walls.

SENIGALLIA

RIVERESCA STRONGHOLD

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Senigallia; by train, the Bologna-Ancona line.

This is an extraordinary example of a square-based "stronghold on the plains" built in the 15th century on the ruins of old Roman buildings. The interiors are elegant and homely.

AND MORE... not to miss

Ancona - Citadel, Vanvitelli's Mole, S. Pietro Gate

Arcevia - Walls and gates

Bolignano (Aspio Baths) -

Stronghold

Castelferretti - Ferretti Castle

Cerreto d'Esi - Byzantine tower

Falconara M. - Priora Stronghold

Jesi - Walls, ramparts and gates

Loreto - Walls, ramparts and gates

Monsano - Fortified village

Marina di Montemarciano

(Montemarciano) - Mandracchio

Fortress

Osimo - Roman walls

Portonovo - Clementina tower

San Vittore alle Chiuse (Genga) - For-

tified village

Scapezano (Senigallia) - Walls and

ramparts

Serra de' Conti - Walls and ramparts

PROVINCE OF MACERATA

CALDAROLA

PALLOTTA CASTLE

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Civitanova Marche, take the clearway 77 to Tolentino-Caccamo-Caldarola; by train, the Ancona-Bari line to Civitanova Marche, then to Tolentino, and then by coach.

This is an elegant example of a castle residence. Its remarkable interiors were superbly frescoed by Andrea and Simone de Magistris. Despite extensive renovation work, all that is left of the original building is the basic layout, quadrangular tower, and part of the keep.

CAMERINO

BORGESCA STRONGHOLD

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Civitanova Marche, then take the clearway 77 to Sfercia, then follow the local road to Camerino; by train, Ancona-Bari line to Civitanova Marche, then the Macerata-Tolentino line to Castelraimondo; finally by coach.

The stronghold was built in the 16th century by will of the papal commissioner Ludovico Clodio. It is a huge square keep with escaped cylindrical towers.

SFERCIA (CAMERINO)

DA VARANO STRONGHOLD

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Civitanova Marche, then take the clearway 77 to Sfercia; then, take the local road to Camerino; by train, Ancona-Bari line to Civitanova Marche, then the Macerata-Tolentino line to Tolentino; then by coach. Built in the 13th century as a defensive bulwark in an impregnable strategic

position, it was gradually converted into an elegant manor house in the 14th century.

TOLENTINO

RANCIA CASTLE

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Civitanova Marche, then take the clearway to Tolentino; by train, the Ancona-Bari line to Civitanova Marche, then the Macerata-Tolentino line; then by coach or taxi. Built in the 13th century by the Fiandra Cistercian monks as a fortified farm, it was converted into an elegant stately home in the second half of the 14th century by the master architect Andrea di Beltrame.

URBISAGLIA

STRONGHOLD

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Civitanova Marche, then take the clearway and exit at Macerata Ovest; finally, take the SS 78 to Urbisaglia; by train, the Ancona-Bari line to Civitanova Marche, then the line to Macerata; then by coach. Built in the 16th century, perhaps based on a design by the Florentine architect Baccio Pontelli, it is made up of a central block and four cylindrical towers.

AND MORE... not to miss

Aliforai (San Severino Marche) - Tower

Carpignano (San Severino Marche) -

Cassero Tower

Castelraimondo - Cassero Tower, Lan-

ciano Castle

Castelsantangelo sul Nera - Walls

Civitanova Alta - Fortified gates

Loro Piceno - Bramforte Castle

Macerata - City walls

Monte San Giusto - Bonafede "La Coriolana" fortified Palace

Montecassiano - Pesa fortified gate

Montefiore (Recanati) - Castle

Pievebovigliana - Beldiletto Castle

Pievefavera - Walls and ramparts

Pitino (San Severino Marche) - Castle walls and towers

Porto Recanati - Swabian Castle

Recanati - Sforza walls

Rocca d'Aiello (Camerino) - Castle residence

S. Firmiano (Montelupone) - Fortified mill

San Ginesio - Fortified walls and gates

San Severino Marche - Smeducci Tower

Tolentino - Walls and ramparts, fortified

Devil's Bridge

Treia - Onglavina Tower

Visso - Fortified walls and gates

PROVINCE OF ASCOLI PICENO

ACQUASANTA TERME

LUCCO CASTLE

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for San Benedetto del Tronto-Ascoli Piceno, then take the clearway to Ascoli Piceno and the SS 4 to Acquasanta Terme; by train, Ancona-Bari line to San Benedetto del Tronto, then line to Ascoli Piceno, then by coach. Built on a rocky spur that dictated its form, the building looks like a huge rounded keep.

ACQUAVIVA PICENA

ACQUAVIVA STRONGHOLD

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for San Benedetto del Tronto-Ascoli Piceno, then take the SS 16 towards San Benedetto del Tronto as far as the crossroads for Acquaviva Picena; by train, to San Benedetto del Tronto, then by coach.

Opening times: open all year round. May to September, every day 10am-12pm, 4-7 pm; October to April, every day 10am-12pm by advance booking only (tel. 07357640051). Entrance fee.

This imposing 13th century stronghold with a quadrilateral base, cylindrical keep and corner towers has recently been renovated. The building has an interesting *Museum of Ancient Weapons*.

ARQUATA DEL TRONTO

FORTIFIED STRONGHOLD

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for San Benedetto del Tronto-Ascoli Piceno, then take the clearway to Ascoli Piceno and the SS 4 to Arquata del Tronto; by train, the Ancona-Bari line to San Benedetto del Tronto, then line to Ascoli Piceno, then by coach.

This 13th century building looms over the whole village and was a spectacular sight in the 15th century when Queen Joan II of Naples had the building extended to its current size.

ASCOLI PICENO

MALATESTA FORTRESS, PIA FORTRESS, AND GEMINA GATE

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for San Benedetto del Tronto-Ascoli Piceno, and take the clearway to Ascoli Piceno; by train, Ancona-Bari line to San Benedetto del Tronto, and then another line to Ascoli Piceno.

The fortress, which was built over the gorge of the Castellano river in 1300 by the Malatesta family, was largely renovated and altered up to 1797, when it was converted into a Napoleonic prison and military barracks. The Pia Fortress, commissioned by Pope Paul IV, looms above Pelasgico hill. The Gemina Gate is

the only remaining Roman gate around the Ascoli Piceno city walls and dates back to the 1st century BC.

MORESCO

TOWER AND WALLS

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Pedaso, and then take a local road to Moresco; by train, the Ancona-Bari line to Pedaso and then by coach.

The huge walls, built between 12th-14th centuries, have been partly destroyed, but the Clock Tower above the south gate is still a lovely sight.

AND MORE... not to miss

Campofilone - Walls

Carassai - Fortified Rancia of Montevermione

Cupra Marittima - Fortified village of Marano

Fermo - Walls, ramparts, and gates

Force - Fortified gate

Grottammare - Battle gate and tower

Magliano di Tenna - Fortified wall and gates

Massa Fermana - Fortified gate of S. Antonio

Monsampolo del Tronto - Walls and gate

Montedivole - Castle

Montemonaco - Castle

Monteprandone - Walls and gate

Petriloli - Fortified gate

Porto d'Ascoli - Papal Customs House

Porto San Giorgio - Tiepolo Stronghold

Ripatransone - Walls, ramparts, and gates

San Benedetto del Tronto - Gualtieri Tower

Sant'Elpidio a Mare - Walls, fortified gates, and Gerosolimitana Tower

HOLY PLACES AND HOSPITALITY

There are many hermitages, convents, monasteries, abbeys, and sanctuaries in the Marche offering hospitality and accommodation to single travellers, families or groups wishing to devote some time far from the madding crowd. These structures add up to the number of sanctuaries scattered all over the Marche, among which stand out the famous Basilica of the Santa Casa of Loreto, the Basilica of S. Nicola from Tolentino, the Sanctuary of S. Giuseppe da Copertino at Osimo, the Sanctuary of Madonna della Rosa at Ostra, the Sanctuary of Madonna dell'Ambro at Montefortino, and the Sanctuary of S. Maria Goretti at Corinaldo.

CONVENT OF SAN FRANCESCO

Loc. Montefiorentino, Via Convento, 1

61020 Frontino (PU) - Tel. 072271134

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Pesaro-Urbino, then take the SS 423 to Lariano and turn right for Frontino; by train, to Pesaro, then by coach to Frontino.

The most interesting artistic feature is the Chapel of the Conti Oliva, an elegant, square-based Renaissance building. Inside are valuable works of art including an exquisite Renaissance altar.

HERMITAGE OF CARESTO

Loc. Colle di Caresto - 61048 S. Angelo in Vado (PU)

Tel. 0722818497

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Pesaro-Urbino, then take the SS 423 to Urbino and SS 73 bis to S. Angelo in Vado; by train, the Bologna-Ancona line to Pesaro, then by coach.

The hermitage stands on an old site where a mansion owned by the Vatican State used to be. The extensive modernisation carried out through the centuries has remarkably altered the original structure.

CONVENT OF BEATO PASSIONEI

Loc. Colle San Giovanni - 61034 Fossombrone (PU)

Tel. 0721714636

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Fano, then take the clearway 3

to Fossombrone Est and then for Colle di San Giovanni; by train, to Fano (Bologna-Ancona line) and then by bus.

The convent is dedicated to the Blessed Marco Passionei (1560-1625), better known as Fra Benedetto da Urbino. The current building, rebuilt 30 years ago, still maintains its 16th century structure. Inside there is a beautiful wooden altar and an exquisite choir.

HERMITAGE OF MONTE GIOVE

Via Rosciano, 90 - 61032 Fano (PU)

Tel. 0721864090

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Fano, then take the clearway to Rome and get off at the exit for Fano, then follow the signs for Rosciano and then for Monte Giove; by train, to Fano (Bologna-Ancona line) and then by taxi.

Located in an isolated position, the hermitage was built in the 17th century by the Camaldoli hermits from Monte Corona. The outstanding artistic feature is the octagonal-based church designed by an architect from Rimini, Giovanni Francesco Benamici. Inside there is a lovely walnut choir and a set of stucco statues by the artist Paolo Sarti.

CONVENT OF S. MARIA DEL SOCCORSO

Via S. Maria del Soccorso, 6 - 61030 Cartoceto (PU)

Tel. 0721898106

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Fano, then take the clearway 3 to Encrezia, then a local road; by train, the Ancona-Bari line to Fano and then by coach.

This 16th century convent founded by Fra Giacomo from Naples stands alone in the hills. Extended and modernised in the 18th century, it is now an important home for Augustinian monks.

MONASTERY OF FONTE AVELLANA

Via Fonte Avellana, 1 - 61040 Serra Sant'Abbondio (PU)

Tel. 0721730118

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 at the exit for Fano, then take the clearway to Cagli and the SS 424 to Serra S. Abbondio. From there, follow the signs for Fonte Avellana; by train, to Fabriano, then local line to Pergola,

then by bus or taxi.

Founded by St. Romualdo, the father of the Camaldoli monastic reform, in the Middle Ages the complex became a prestigious cultural centre. Its structure includes the church, the hermitage, and large guest quarters.

MONASTERY OF SAN SILVESTRO

Via San Silvestro, 66 - 60044 Fabriano (AN) - Tel. 073221631.

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Ancona Nord and then take the SS 76 to Fabriano; by train, Bologna-Ancona line to Falconara Marittima, then line to Fabriano. Founded in 1231, the monastery has almost nothing left of its original 13th-century structure, since it is now designed in Baroque style.

MONASTERY OF SAN LUCA

Via Saffi, 34 - 60044 Fabriano (AN) - Tel. 073221762.

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Ancona Nord, then take the clearway to Fabriano; by train, the Bologna-Ancona line to Falconara Marittima and then the line to Fabriano.

The delightful church belonging to the monastery of San Luca contains two valuable canvases by Andrea Boscoli.

SANCTUARY OF LORETO GUESTROOMS

Piazza del Santuario
60025 Loreto (AN) - Tel. 071970104.

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 at the exit for Porto Recanati-Loreto, then carry on to Loreto; by train, to Loreto railway station (Ancona-Pescara-Foggia line) then by bus.

The history of the Sanctuary of Loreto centres around a key date: the year 1294. This is when - so tradition has it - the home of the Holy Family was miraculously transported from Nazareth to the middle of the Loreto countryside. Loreto was, and still is, a historically privileged place, where believers from all over the world come to pay homage to the Virgin. The Basilica is a synthesis of the history of art and culture; architects such as

Bramante, Sangallo, Vignucelli and Sacconi extended and rationally redesigned the old Gothic space. The Sanctuary actually contains the Holy House, a rectangular-based stone building made up of just one small room.

SANCTUARY OF SAN PACIFICO GUESTROOMS

Via San Pacifico Divini, 15 - 62027 San Severino Marche (MC) - Tel. 0733638110.

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Civitanova Marche, then take the clearway 77 to Tolentino and finally take a local road to San Severino Marche; by train, to San Severino Marche (Civitanova Marche-Fabriano line).

The sanctuary called Santa Maria delle Grazie was built on a hill looming over the town of San Severino in the 12th century. It owes its present name to St. Pacifico, who stayed there in the 15th century. The church still has its original Romanesque-Gothic forms. The triple-aisled interior was built in the 18th century, as was the inlaid walnut-wood choir placed behind the main altar.

MONASTERY OF SANTA CHIARA GUESTROOMS

Via S. Chiara, 1 - 62027 S. Severino Marche (MC) - Tel. 0733638401.

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Loreto-Porto Recanati, then take the clearway 77 and then the SS 361 to San Severino Marche; by train, the Ancona-Bari line to Civitanova Marche and then line to Macerata-S. Severino Marche.

This ancient monastery has been run by Clarisse nuns since 1519. The 18th century church contains valuable works of art.

CONVENT OF SAN NICOLA DA TOLENTINO

Piazza San Nicola, 1 - 62069 Tolentino (MC) - Tel. 0733969996.

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Civitanova Marche, then follow the clearway to Tolentino for approximately 40 km; by train, to Civitanova Marche (Ancona-Foggia line), then local line to Tolentino.

The basilica, which was built in the 13th century, was originally dedicated to St. George. In the 15th century it was named after San Nicola da Tolentino. From an architectural point of view, the most interesting feature of this single-nave church is the San Nicola Chapel, decorated with a series of frescoes representing the stylistic height of 14th century Rimini painting.

CONVENT OF RENACIATA

Via Renaciata - 62032 Camerino (MC) - Tel. 07372328.

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Civitanova Marche, then take the clearway 77 to Sfercia, then a local road to Camerino; by train, Ancona-Bari line to Civitanova Marche, then Macerata-Tolentino line to Castelnuovo; finally by coach.

This 16th-century Capuchin convent built on the remains of an old abandoned hermitage still contains a lovely Enthroned Virgin and Child between Saints Francis and Agnes and precious enamelled majolica by Andrea della Robbia. The convent also includes a small religious and ethnographical museum.

HERMITAGE OF BEATO RIZZERIO

Loc. Coda di Muccia - 62034 Muccia (MC) - Tel. 0737646169.

How to get there: by car, leave the A14 motorway at Civitanova Marche, take the main road to Sfercia and then follow for Muccia; by train, the Ancona-Foggia line to Civitanova Marche, then local line to Tolentino, then by coach.

It is dedicated to the Beato Rizzario della Muccia, one of St. Francis' first followers, for whom the Saint had special affection. After his Master's death, he retired in isolation where the hermitage stands - today turned into a modern hospitality - and there he died in 1236.

MONASTERY OF SAN GIACOMO

Via Vittorio Veneto, 3 - 62026 San Ginesio (MC) - Tel. 0733656074.

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Civitanova Marche, then the

clearway 77 to Cacciano-Caldarola and then the SS 502 to San Ginesio; by train, Ancona-Bari line to Civitanova Marche, then to Tolentino, then by coach.

The majestic 14th century complex stands alone on the green Macerata hillside. It is an ideal place to spend some time in quiet meditation.

SANCTUARY OF SAN LIBERATO

Cr. Vallato - 62026 San Ginesio (MC) - Tel. 0733694273.

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 at the exit for Civitanova Marche, then take the clearway to Sforzacosta, then road to Sarnano; by train, Ancona-Foggia line to Civitanova Marche, then local line to Tolentino, then by coach.

The convent was built by the Lords of Brunforte in 1274 to keep the body of San Liberato from Loro Piceno, a Franciscan monk from the nearby hermitage of Solfano. In the surroundings there are pure, crystal-clear water springs, and a thick wood.

OASIS OF SANTA MARIA DEI MONTI

Via Monti, 12 - 63013 Grottaferrata (AP) - Tel. 0735631081.

How to get there: by car, leave the A 14 motorway at the exit for Grottaferrata; by train, Ancona-Foggia line to Grottaferrata, then by taxi or on foot.

The convent stands in a quiet area shaded by pine trees. There is a beautiful church of great stylistic simplicity and elegance. The cloister offers a wonderful view across the Adriatic Sea.

MONASTERY OF SANT'ONOFRIO

Piazza V. Basso, 21 - 63100 Ascoli Piceno - Tel. 0736259608.

How to get there: by car, leave the A14 motorway at S. Benedetto del Tronto and then follow the main road to Ascoli Piceno; by train, the Ancona-Bari line to San Benedetto del Tronto, then line to Ascoli Piceno.

The complex, built in 1248, stands in the old centre of Ascoli Piceno. Inside there are valuable works of art, amongst which a beautiful canvas showing a Madonna del Rosario.

MARCHE: A MUSEUM UNDER THE OPEN SKY

The Marche boasts innumerable art towns, Romanesque and Gothic churches, monumental squares, walls and town halls dating back to a time

span that goes from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance, plus a specially high number of museums: 246, as many as the region's municipalities

COLLECTIONS

ART AND HISTORY MUSEUMS

Province of Pesaro-Urbino

AUDITORE

"Gothic Line" History Museum

Tel. 0722362170

CAGLI

Contemporary Sculpture Centre

Tel. 0721791231

FANO

"Palazzo Malatestiano" Civic

Museum and Art Gallery

Tel. 0721828362

The museum exhibits finds from the

Neolithic to the Roman Age and can-

vasses by the Marche, Bolognese and

Venetian schools

FOSSOMBRONE

"Augusto Vernarecci" Civic Art

Gallery and Museum

Tel. 0721714845/0721740291

"Cesari" Picture Gallery

Tel. 0721714650

FRONTINO

"Franco Assietto" Art Museum

Tel. 072271131/71135

GRADARA

State-owned stronghold

Tel. 0541954121

MERCATELLO SUL METAURO

Collegiate Museum

Tel. 072289114

"S. Francesco" Church Museum

Tel. 072289640

MONTECASSINO

"Beato Sante" Museum and Art

Gallery

Tel. 0721471122

"San Marco" Holy Art Museum

Tel. 0721471156

MONTECASSINO

"Rocca Roveresca" Museum

Tel. 072197102

PENNAHILLI

"Madonna delle Grazie" Holy Art

Collection

Tel. 0541928415

Soul Places

A "Scattered" Museum

Tel. 0541928578

"A. Bergamaschi" Diocesan

Museum

Tel. 0541928469

PERGOLA

Gilded Bronze and Pergola Civic

Museum

Tel. 0721734090

PESARO

Civic Art Gallery and

Ceramics Museum

Tel. 0721387523

Besides the famous Pale Pesaro, the

masterpiece of G. Bellini, there are

works by M. Zoppo, J. Del Fiore, D.

Beccafumi and G. Fieni

Casa Rossini

Tel. 0721387357

Oratory of the "Name of God"

Tel. 072134770

Villa Imperiale

Tel. 072123602

PIANOMILETO

"Ugo Ubaldi" Art Collection

Tel. 0722721208

SAN COSTANZO

Civic Picture Gallery

Tel. 0721950158

SAN LEO

Renaissance Fortress

Tel. 0541916306/0541916302

Holy Art Museum

Tel. 0541916306/0541928567

SAN'AGATA FELTRINA

Rocca Fregoso Museum

Tel. 0541929111

SASSOCORVINO

Rocca Ubaldinica Art Gallery

Tel. 072276133

URBANO

Civic Museum and Art Gallery

Tel. 0722319985

Besides numerous paintings, there

are about 800 drawings by artists

such as Ghirlandajo, Tintoretto

Zuccari and F. Barocci

Diocesan Museum

Tel. 0722319555

URBINO

Oratory of San Giovanni

Tel. 0722320936

Oratory of San Giuseppe

Tel. 0722320936

Albani Diocesan Museum

Tel. 07222882

Raphael's Birthplace

Tel. 0722320105

Marche National Gallery

Tel. 07222710

Displaying works of art by the leading

artists of the Italian Renaissance

Province of Ancona

ANCONA

Diocesan Museum

Tel. 0712074703/071200391

"Horre" Museum

Tel. 07152240 (U.I.C.)

"E. Podestà" Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0712225041

The museum houses paintings by C.

Onelli, S. del Piombo, L. Lotto, T. da

Pomaranico, A. Lili, Guercino, O.

Gentileschi, C. Maratta

CASTELBELLIRO

Civic Museum

Tel. 0731702429/0731702682

CASTELFIDARDO

Museum of the Risorgimento

Tel. 0717829349/0717808152

CORNALDO

"Claudio Ridolfi" Civic Art

Collection

Tel. 07167220

FABRIANO

"Bruno Molajoli"

Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0722708255

GENGA

Holy Art Castle Museum

Tel. 0732973014

JESI

Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 073158658

The art gallery is divided into two

sections, one dedicated to ancient art

and the other to contemporary art

Civic Museum

Tel. 0731538342

"Adriano Colocci" Museum

Tel. 0731208334

Diocesan Museum

Tel. 0731208145

LORETO

The Holy House Art Museum

Tel. 071977759

MAIOLATI SPONTINI

"Giuseppe Spontini" Museum

Tel. 0731702972

MONTECAROTTO

Mail Art Museum

Tel. 073189131

OFFAGNA

Museum of Ancient Weapons

Tel. 0717107552

OSIMO

Civic Museum and Art Gallery

Tel. 071714521

Holy Diocesan Museum

Tel. 071715951

"San Giuseppe da Copertino"

Museum

Tel. 071714523

OSTRA

Civic Museum and Art Gallery

Tel. 07168051/07168055

OSTRA VETERE

"Santa Maria di Piazza" Parish

Collection

Tel. 071965963

SASSOFERRATO

Art Gallery and Perotti Hall

Tel. 0732956230/0732956231

Regional Modern and

Contemporary Art Gallery

Tel. 0732956230/0732956231

SENGALLA

Information Museum

Tel. 07160424

Holy Art Diocesan Gallery

Tel. 07160498

"Pius IX" Museum

Tel. 07160649

SERRA SAN QUIRICO

Regional Collection of Historical

Maps - Tel. 073186019/86024

Province of Macerata

APIRO

"San'Urbano" Holy Art Collection

Tel. 0733611118

CALDAROLA

Pallotta Castle

Tel. 0733905242

Civic Museum and Art Gallery

Tel. 0733905529

CAMERINO

Diocesan Museum

Tel. 0737630400

Displaying frescoes from the

churches belonging to the diocese,

silverware, and church vestments

"Girolamo di Giovanni" Art Gallery

and Civic Museum

Tel. 0737402310

Historical Museum of the

Capuchin Friars

Tel. 0737644480

CASTELRAIMONDO

Lanciano Castle

Tel. 0737640062/0737640049

Civic Museum

Tel. 0737641723/0737641724

CINGOLI

"Donato Stefanucci" Civic Art

Gallery

Tel. 0733802877

Palazzo Castiglioni

Tel. 0733802531

CIVITANOVA MARCHE

"Marco Morelli" Art Gallery

Tel. 0733822289

CORRIDONIA

"Filippo Corridori" Museum

Tel. 0733433225

Parish Art Gallery

Tel. 0733431832

MACERATA

Civic Museums and Art Gallery

Tel. 0733256361

There is an extremely interesting

painting section including both old

and contemporary works of art

20th century Italian art collection at

Palazzo Ricci

Tel. 0733232802

Housing works by the leading

COLLECTIONS

MATELICA

"Piersanti" Museum

Tel. 073784445

Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0737787434

MOGLIANO

"Santa Maria di Piazza" Parish

Museum

Tel. 0733556058

MONTELUPONE

Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0733226421

MONTE SAN GIUSTO

"Alessandro Maggioni" Centre

Tel. 0733539007

MONTE SAN MARTINO

"Monsignor Armando Ricci" Civic

Art Gallery - Tel. 0733660107

PETRILO

Museum of Processional Wood

Engravings

Tel. 073355101/073355103

PIEVEBOVIGLIANA

"Raffaello Campelli" Museum

Tel. 073744026/073744126

PIEVE TORINA

"Church of San Giovanni" Art

Gallery

Tel. 0737518045/073751358

POLLENZA

Museum of Pollenza Memories

Tel. 0733549981/0733549387

PORTO RECANATI

"Attilio Moroni" Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0717591283

POTENZA PICENA

"Benedetto Biancolini" Civic

Art Collection

Tel. 0733671963/0733671241

RECANATI

Villa Coloreda Mals Civic Museum

Tel. 0717570410

There is a remarkable collection of

Lorenzo Lotto's works. A section of

the museum is dedicated to Giacomo

Leopardi

"Beniamino Gigli" Museum

Tel. 07175871

Diocesan Museum

Tel. 0717574278

National Centre for Leopardi

Studies

Tel. 0717570604

Leopardi Private Library

Tel. 0717573380

RIPE SAN GINESIO

Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0733500102

SAN GINESIO

"Scipione Gentili" Museum

Tel. 0733656072

SAN SEVERINO MARCHE

"Tacchi Venturi"

Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0733638095

Civic Modern Art Gallery

Tel. 07336411

SARNANO

Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0733657168/0733658421

TOLENTINO

Basilica of S. Nicola Museums

Tel. 0733969996

Museum of the Arch-confraternity

of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Tel. 0733968293

International Caricature Museum

Tel. 0733969797

Displaying a unique collection of

drawings, cartoons, and small

statues

Napoleonic Museum

Tel. 0733969797

TREIA

Georgica Academy

Tel. 0733215056

VISSE

Art Gallery Museum

Tel. 073795200

Province of Ascoli Piceno**ASCOLI PICENO**

Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0736298213

This art gallery today is one of the

richest and significant in the Marche

and includes a major collection of

ceramics

Diocesan Museum

Tel. 0736256528

Contemporary Art Gallery

Tel. 0736250760

"Francesco Antonio Marucci"

Library and Museum

Tel. 0736259952

FERMO

Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0734284307

One of the most eye-catching works

on display is Rubens' masterpiece

The Adoration of the Shepherds

Diocesan Museum

Tel. 0734278629

"Teatro dell'Aquila" Museum

Tel. 0734284282

MASSA FERRANA

Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0734760127

MASSIGHIANO

"San Giacomo" Parish Museum

Tel. 073572144

MONSAMPOLLO DEL TRONTO

Civic Museum

Tel. 0735704116

MONTEALTO DELLE MARCHE

Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0736826015

Diocesan Museum

Tel. 0736826750

MONTEFIORE DELL'ASO

"Adolfo De Camillo" Hall

Tel. 0734538103

"Domenico Cantatore" Hall

Tel. 0734938103

MONTEFORTINO

"Fortunato Duranti" Art Gallery

Tel. 0736859101/0736859335

MONTEPARO

Civic Museum

Tel. 0734780141

MONTERUBBIANO

Civic Picture Gallery

Tel. 0734259980

OFFIDA

Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0736885381

RIPATRANSIONE

"U. Gera" Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 073599329

SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO

Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0735794412

SANT'ELPIDIO A MARE

"K. Orvelli" Civic Art Gallery

Tel. 0734810162

SMERILLO

Children's Art Gallery

and Museum

Tel. 073479124

Contemporary Art Gallery

Tel. 073479423

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUMS**Province of Pesaro-Urbino****ACQUALAGNA**

Archaeological Museum

Tel. 072179671

CAGLI

Civic Archaeological and Via

Flaminia Museum

Tel. 0721791231

CANTIANO

"G.C. Corsi" Civic Collection

Tel. 0721788321

FANO

Mediterranean Civic Archaeological

Museum

Tel. 0721828362

FOSSOMBRONE

"A. Vermaucci" Civic Museum

Tel. 0721714645

MACERATA FELTRIA

Civic Archaeological Museum

Tel. 072273231

NOVILARA

Archive Centre

Tel. 0721286114

PESARO

Oliveriano Archaeological Museum

Tel. 072133344

SAN LORENZO IN CAMPO

Civic Archaeological Museum

Tel. 0721776814

SANT'ANGELO IN VADO

Archaeological Museum

"Titulum Maturense"

Tel. 0722818536

URBINO

Lapidarium Museum

Tel. 07222760

Gessi Museum

Tel. 0722320534

Province of Ancona**ANCONA**

National Archaeological Museum

of the Marche

Tel. 0712075390

The museum contains evidence of

the civilisations in the Marche from

the Palaeolithic to the early Middle

Ages

ARCEVA

State Archaeological Museum

Tel. 07119622

CASTELBELLINO

Civic Museum

Tel. 0731702682/702429

CASTELLEONE DI SUASA

"A. Casagrande" Civic

Archaeological Museum

Tel. 071966524

JESI

Civic Archaeological Museum

Tel. 0731538342/43/44

NUMANA

State Antiquarium

Tel. 0719331162

OSIMO

Lapidarium

Tel. 071714621

SASSOFERRATO

Serdinate Civic Museum

Tel. 0732966230/0732966231

Province of Maserata**CAMERINO**

Civic Archaeological

Museum

Tel. 0737632394/0737402310

CINGOLI

Archaeological State Museum

Tel. 0733603146

MATELICA

Archaeological Museum

Tel. 0737781880

SAN SEVERINO MARCHE

"G. Moretti" Archaeological

Museum

Tel. 0733638025

TOLENTINO

Civic Archaeological Museum

Tel. 0733969996

Faenza Abbey Archaeological

Collection

Tel. 0733282122

TREIA

Civic Archaeological Museum

Tel. 0733215117

URBISAGLIAState Archaeological Museum
Tel. 073350107**Province of Ascoli Piceno****ASCOLI PICENO**State Archaeological Museum
Tel. 0736253562/255563**CARASSAI**Civic Archaeological Museum
Tel. 0734930091**CASTEL DI LAMA**Civic Archaeological Museum
Tel. 0736614051**COSSIGNANO**"N. Paronzi" Civic Antiquarium
Tel. 073595130/96303**CUPRA MARITTIMA**Civic Antiquarium
Tel. 0735776822**FALERONE**Civic Archaeological Museum
Tel. 0734710472/710715**FERMO**Antiquarium Archaeological
Museum
Tel. 0734264310**MONSAMPOLO DEL TRONTO**Civic Archaeological Museum
Tel. 0735704116**MONTALTO DELLE MARCHE**Civic Archaeological Museum
Tel. 0736828015**MONTERUBBIANO**Civic Archaeological Museum
Tel. 0734259980**OFFIDA**"G. Alleni" Civic Archaeological
Museum
Tel. 0736889381**RIPATRANSONE**"C. Cellini" Civic Archaeological
Museum
Tel. 0736889381

"C. Cellini" Civic Archaeological

Museum - Tel. 073599329

SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO"G. Perodi" Amphora Museum
and Antiquarium Truentinum
Tel. 073586855**DEMOGRAPHICAL -****ANTHROPOLOGICAL MUSEUMS****Province of Pesaro-Urbino****BORGO PACE**Coalman Museum
Tel. 0722816048**ISOLA DEL PIANO**

"In our Father's Footsteps"

Tel. 0721720334/720326

LAMOLINatural Colour Museum
Tel. 072280133**MOMBAROCCHIO**Rural Civilisation Museum
Tel. 0721471103**NOVAFELTRIA**Petrarca Historical Mining
Museum
Tel. 0541927576**PESARO**Marine Museum
Tel. 072133597/30851Relics of Rural Life in the Lower
Foglia Valley
Tel. 0721281550**PIANDIMELETO**Museum of Agriculture
and Earth Sciences
Tel. 0722721526/721121/721493**SANT'ANGELO IN VADO**

"Ancient Trades"

Tel. 072288455/818536

SANT'IPPOLITOMuseum of Stone-cutting Art
Tel. 0721728144**SASSOCORVARO**

Everyday Utensils of Country Life

Tel. 0732956231/956230

SASSOFERRATO

Museum of Rural Art and Tradition

Tel. 0732956231/956230

SASSOCORVARO

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SASSOCORVARO

Everyday Utensils of Country Life

in the Middle and Upper Foglia
Valley
Tel. 072275873**URBANIA**Agriculture History Museum
Tel. 0722313151**Province of Ancona****BELVEDERE OSTRENSE**International Museum of Postal
Images
Tel. 073162019/617003**CASTELFIDARDO**International Accordion Museum
Tel. 0717808288

"Padre Francesco Mazzi"

Zambian Museum
Tel. 0717820409**CORINALDO**Folk and Popular Tradition Hall
Tel. 071679043**CUPRAMONTANA**International Museum of Labels
Tel. 0731780199**FABRIANO**Rural Civilisation Museum
Tel. 07323182/24013**GRAND MUSEUM**

Tel. 07325367/5726/23160

FILOTTRANOMuseum of Local Crafts
Tel. 0717221314/33037**BELTRAMI MUSEUM**

Tel. 0717221314/33037

RURAL CIVILISATION MUSEUM

Tel. 0717221456/7220444

MORRO D'ALBAUtensils - Museum of
Sharecropping Culture
Tel. 073163000/63043**SASSOFERRATO**Museum of Rural Art and Tradition
Tel. 0732956231/956230"Gi. Bernardi" Sulphur Mine
Museum
Tel. 0732975241/975013**SENGALLIA**Museum of Sharecropping Culture
Tel. 0717923127**SALTARELLI BROTHERS DUCAT**Collection
Tel. 0716610621**STAFFOLD**Museum of the Art of Winemaking
Tel. 0731779218**Province of Macerata****CALDAROLA**Museum of Esoterism
Tel. 0733905529**CASTELRAIMONDO**"Green Cross" Collection
Tel. 0737641723**CASTELSANTANGELO****SUL NERA**"Mario de Bernardi" Free Flying
Museum
Tel. 337568815**CINGOLI**International Sidcar Museum
Tel. 0733602651**CIVITANOVA MARCHE**Museum of Art and Popular
Tradition
Tel. 0733890258**HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF THE**Equestrian Sport of Trotting
Tel. 0733890000**LORO PICENO**Museum of I and II World War
Tel. 0733509112**MACERATA**The Carriage Museum
Tel. 0733256361**MUSEUM OF NATIVITY SCENES**

Tel. 0733234035/235480/235743

MONTELUPONEMuseum of Ancient Arts and Crafts
Tel. 0733226421**MORROVALLE**International Museum of Nativity
Scenes
Tel. 0733221420/221527**PIEVE TORINA**Museum of Our Land
Tel. 0737518032/51308**SAN SEVERINO MARCHE**Museum of Territory
Tel. 0733638377/6411**SARNANO**Museum of Weapons and
Museum of Hammers
Tel. 0733657160/658421**SEFRIO**"Ferretti Florindo" Farming Utensils
Museum
Tel. 073745118**SERRAPETRONA**Museum of Mankind
Tel. 0733608321**TOLENTINO**Abbey of Fiadra Rural Civilisation
Museum
Tel. 0733202122/202578**Province of Ascoli Piceno****ACQUAVIVA PICENA**Museum of weapons and
Medieval Fortress
Tel. 0735764407**AMANDOLA**Museum of Rural Civilisation
Tel. 0736840704**COSSIGNANO**Museum of Rural Civilisation
Tel. 073598130**MONTALTO DELLE MARCHE**"Water, Earth, and Carvings"
Museum
Tel. 0736828015**MONTELUPONE**Museum of Ancient Arts and Crafts
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Tel. 0734938103/938822**MONTEGIORGIO**Alto Piceno Rural Civilisation
Museum
Tel. 0734961952**MONTELOTTORE**Ceramics Museum
Tel. 0734775135**OFFIDA**Museum of Popular Tradition
Tel. 0736889381**RIPATRANSONE**Museum of Rural and Artisan
Civilisation
Tel. 073599329/99378/99209**SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO**Museum of Fishing
and Marine Life
Tel. 073586855**SANT'ELPIDIO A MARE**Footwear Museum
Tel. 0734819668/819661**SPINETOLI**Museum of Rural Civilisation
Tel. 0736890298**MUSEUMS OF SCIENCE AND**

TECHNOLOGY

Province of Pesaro-Urbino**APECCHIO**Museum of Fossils and Minerals
from Monte Nerone
Tel. 0722989004

FANO

Marine Biology Museum
Tel. 0721802689

MACERATA FELTRINA

Civic Paleontological Museum
Tel. 072273231/072274546

PENNABILLI

Museum of Computer Science
and History of Computation
Tel. 0541928563/0541928411

PERGOLA

"R. Piccini" Geological and
Botanical Laboratory
Tel. 0721734943/776786

PESARO

"L. Guidi" Science Museum
Tel. 0721387293

PIOMBICO

"Brancaleoni" Geo-Paleontological
and Natural Science Museum
Tel. 0722396225

SAN LORENZO IN CAMPO

Laurenzino Civic Museum
(Ethnography and Nature)
Tel. 072176525

URBINO

Museum of the University Physics
Laboratory
Tel. 07224146

Printing Museum

Tel. 0722345322
University Botanical Garden
Tel. 07222428

Province of Ancona

FABRIANO

Museum of Paper and
Watermarking
Tel. 0732709097

Housed in the monumental complex
of a recently renovated former Dominican
convent, the museum describes
700 years of local paper-

making tradition

GENGA

Speleo-paleontological
Museum
Tel. 073297211

JESI

Museum and Studio of Printing Arts
Tel. 0731538345

OFFAGNA

"L. Paolucci" Natural Science
Museum
Tel. 0717107611

OSTRA

Fossil Collection
Tel. 0717980606

SERRA SAN QUIRICO

Fossil Museum
Tel. 073186030

Province of Macerata

CAMERINO

Natural Science University
Museum
Tel. 0737633033

University Botanical Garden
Tel. 0737633444

MACERATA

Natural History Museum
Tel. 0733239717

PIORACO

Museum of Paper and
Watermarking
Tel. 073742735/42142

Fossil Museum and Mushroom
Exhibition
Tel. 073742142/073742735

SARNANO

"L. Brancadori" Birdlife Museum
Tel. 07336577160

TOLENTINO

"Abbey of Fastra" Ornithological
Collection
Tel. 0733202942/202122

Province of Ascoli Piceno

AMANDOLA

Fossil Museum
Tel. 0736684071

ASCOLI PICENO

"A. Orsini" Natural History
Museum
Tel. 0736277540

CUPRA MARITTIMA

Malacological Museum of the
Piceno Area
Tel. 0735777550

Displaying over 7 million shells from
all over the world

FERMO

"S. Zavati" Polar Museum
Tel. 0734226166

The museum displays specimens of
Arctic and Antarctic flora and fauna,
sculptures from Greenland, and
everyday Eskimo utensils

"T. Salvadori" Natural
science Museum
Tel. 0734226166

MONTEFALCONE APPENNINO

Fossil and Natural History
Museum
Tel. 073479350/073479134

MONTEFORTINO

Collection of Birdlife
from the Marche
Tel. 0736859122

SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO

"A. Capriotti"
Fish Museum
Tel. 0735888850

"G. Boriani" Paleontological
Museum
Tel. 073583013

SNERILLO

Fossil and Mineral
Museum
Tel. 073479423

HISTORICAL THEATRES

Since the early 18th century, every borough in
the Marche designed its own theatre building,
which is why the region can now boast the most
elaborate theatre circuit in the entire country. This
includes 71 historical theatres, of which 44 are active.
The most outstanding amongst the region's many
cultural events are the *Rossini Opera Festival* (via

Rossini, 37 - 61100 Pesaro - Tel. 072130161 - Fax
072130979 - Internet: www.rossinioperafestival.it
- E-mail: rof@rossinioperafestival.it) and the
Opera Season at the *Arena Sferisterio* (via S.
Maria della Porta, 65 - 62100 Macerata -
Tel. 0733230735 - Fax 0733261570 - E-mail:
macerataopera@mercurio.it).

Theatre	Town	Year
Province of Ancona		
Le Muse	Ancona	1822-1827
Misa	Arcevia	1840-1845
Comunale	Chiossello	1854-1858
Giacconi	Corinaldo	1800-1869
Gentile da Fabriano	Fabriano	1869-1884
G.B. Pergolesi	Jesi	1790-1798
Comunale	Montecosaro	1872-1877
Vittorio Alfieri	Montemarciano	1885-1887
Beniamino Gigli	Montesanto	1916
La Fortuna	Monte San Vito	1925-1927
La Nuova Fenice	Osimo	1887-1892
La Vittoria	Ostra	1863-1867
Primo Ferrati	San Marcello	1870-1871
Comunale	Serra S. Quirico	1928
Cortesi	Sirolo	1873-1875
Province of Ascoli Piceno		
Del Combattenti	Acquasanta Terme	1928
La Fenice	Amandola	1812-1813
Ventidio Basso	Ascoli Piceno	1839-1846
Del Filarmonici	Ascoli Piceno	1829-1831
Comunale	Campofilone	1900-1920
Del Aquila	Fermo	1780-1791
Emilio Novelli	Grottazzolina	1915
Domenico Abatona	Montegiorgio	1870-1884
Pagani	Montesubbiano	1863-1875
Serpente Aureo	Offida	1816-1820
Del'Indie	Patrola	1873-1877
Vittorio Emanuele	Porto S. Giorgio	1811-1816
Luigi Mercantini	Ripatransone	1812-1815
Del Leone	S. Vittoria in Matenano	1812-1815
Luigi Cocconi	S. Egidio a Mare	1870-1872
Province of Macerata		
G. Metica	Apia	1873
Comunale	Caldarola	1901-1906
F. Marchetti	Camerino	1845-1856
Comunale	Castelnuovo	1909

Arnolfo Caro	Civitavecchia Marche	1872
G.B. Veluti	Corridonia	1815-1819
L. Rossi	Macerata	1769-1772
G. Fiermarini	Matelica	1806-1812
Apollo	Magliano	1837-1844
Comunale	Montecosaro	1881
Flaminio	Montefano	1887
Nicola degli Angeli	Montesilvano	1869-1871
Fiori	Perma S. Giovanni	1750
Comunale	Pyralia	1900
Comunale	Polenta	1873-1883
B. Mugellini	Putenza Picena	1856-1863
Persiani	Ripatransone	1823-1840
Ferraria	S. Severino Marche	1823-1828
Angeletti	S. Angelo Pontano	1873-1883
G. Leopardi	S. Ginesio	1874-1875
Della Vittoria	Sarnano	1829-1834
N. Vaccai	Tolentino	1778-1796
Comunale	Treia	1815-1821
Province of Pesaro Ussita		
Del Filodrammatici	Apecchio	1876
Comunale	Cagli	1870-1878
Del Trionfo	Cartoceto	1801
Della Fortuna	Fano	1845-1863
Comunale	Gradara	1870
A. Butelli	Macerata Feltria	1932
Apollo	Montevarchi	1788
Sociale	Novafeltria	1925
Vittoria	Pennabilli	1922-1923
A. Dal Foco	Pergola	1754-1758
G. Rossini	Pesaro	1816-1818
Della Concordia	S. Costanzo	1850
M. Tiberini	S. Lorenzo Campo	1813-1816
A. Mariani	Surf Agata Feltria	1723-1753
Condominiale Zuccari	S. Angelo in Vado	1818
Della Rocca	Sassotornovo	1850
Bramante	Urbano	1857-1864
R. Sanzio	Urbino	1846-1853

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURE

Monti Sibillini National Park

Via G. Ariminari, 1
62039 Visso (MC)
Tel. 0737972711
Fax 0737972707
www.sibillini.net
parco@sibillini.net
Set up: 1993 - 70,000 hectares

The park, named after the Sibillini mountains, is right in the heart of Italy, includes 16 localities of the Marche and 2 of Umbria. The mountain chain features interesting karstic phenomena (at Piani di Castelluccio), numerous dolines (in Val di Panico, Valle dell'Ambro, Palazzo Borghese), and the special glacial cirques of Mts Vettore and Bove, and of the upper Valle dell'Ambro and Val di Tela. The vegetation is mainly composed of pubescent oak, black hornbeam, and flowering ash woods up to a height of 1,000 metres. Higher up there are beech-woods, which give way to natural pasture lands above 1,750 metres containing rare and precious species like the martagon lily, Eugenia violet, mountain avens, Apennine edelweiss, bearberry, and the dwarf willow, thought to be the smallest tree in the world. The park lands are also renowned for the Ragnolo meadows, where flowers such as orchids, lilies, and narcissuses grow in summer. There is also interesting wildlife such as wolves, wild cats, porcupines, and roes (reintroduced in the early 1950s). Important species of birds include the golden eagle, goshawk, sparrow-hawk, and peregrine falcon. In the Middle Ages, the Sibillini mountains were known throughout Europe as the realms of demons, necromancers, and fairies. Amongst the many local legends, the most famous ones are those of the Sybilla, the renowned prophetess, and of Pilate, whose body was - according to legend - dragged

on Monte Vettore into lake Pilato (1,840 m). This is the only lake of natural origin in the Marche, where the rare, tiny crustacean called *chirocefalo del Marchesoni* lives.

Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park

Casa del Parco di Arquata del Tronto
Piazza Umberto I
Tel and Fax 0736809600
Park Association headquarters:
L'Aquila
www.gransassolagapark.it
ente@gransassolagapark.it
Set up: 1995 - 150,000 hectares

The park encompasses the Monti della Laga range in the very northern part of the territory, and the Gran Sasso mountain ridge. The wild landscape of the area around the Monti della Laga features deep gorges eroded by river water, steep waterfalls, and ravines. At the lower levels the vegetation includes oak and chestnut woods, with beech-woods at a height of 1,000-1,800 metres. The beech trees often mix with yews and holly. The ravines are landscaped with maples, lime trees, ash trees, and wych-elms. This area is also one of the few places in the Marche where the rare silver fir grows. No less important are the birches testifying to climatic changes of the past. There are also extensive patches of bilberries up the mountains, and rare flowers like the martagon lily, the Apennine edelweiss, and the wild orchid. The most interesting species of wildlife is the ungulated chamois, which was reintroduced a hundred years after it disappeared. Packs of wolves are also gathering again, and the Marsicano brown bear has been spotted from time to time. The park is the home

of deer and roe, golden eagles, goshawks, peregrine falcons, lanners, choughs, and eagle-owls. The European frog and speckled salamander, a rather rare amphibian, also inhabit the damp areas.

Monte Conero Regional Park

Via Vivaldi, 1/3
60020 Sirolo (AN)
Tel. 0719330376/9331161
Fax 0719330376
www.parks.it
parco.conero@regione.marche.it
Set up: 1987 - 6,000 hectares

The Monte Conero coastal park was the first to be set up in the region, offering a variety of fascinating settings. It is also a highly important area from a landscape point of view, as the only wild patch of land in a hilly context that has been notably altered by human intervention. The park lands, overlooking the sea, also comprise Mt Conero, the slopes of which are largely covered with Mediterranean maquis and mixed woods of pines, evergreen oaks, pubescent oaks, and hornbeams. The peregrine falcon, kestrel, cormorant, blue rock-thrush, Sardinian warbler, and great spotted woodpecker also nest in the cliffs towering up hundreds of metres high. The landscape here features sheer cliffs and breath-taking views. Besides, the park provides plenty of historical and artistic evidence, such as rock engravings, Roman caves, defense structures such as the Napoleonic Fortress and the Clementina Tower in Portonovo, and traces of the religious communities that settled in the area around the year 1000, such as the splendid Romanesque church of Santa Maria di Portonovo and the monastery of San Pietro al Conero. A scenic road from Ancona to Numana

crosses the whole protected area. Amongst the innumerable beaches that border the foot of Mt Conero, that of the Due Sorelle is indeed one of the most charming shores on the Adriatic coast.

Monte San Bartolo Regional Park

Via Dante Alighieri, 40
61100 Pesaro
Tel. 0721371075
Fax 0721371154
www.parks.it
parcosanbartolo@provincia.ps.it
Set up: 1996 - 1,586 hectares

The park is located between Gabicce Mare and Pesaro and has some striking natural features. Its sheer cliffs create a very special seascape with fossil fish and rare gypsum crystals. At the foot of these cliffs there are winding beaches of pebbles - once used to pave the streets of Pesaro. The vegetation of Mt San Bartolo includes *Arundo pliniana*, the endemic *Polygala pisaurens*, white and black poplar, black hornbeam, and shrubs such as crab-grass, hawthorn, and broom, which blossom into flowers of incompatible colours and scents in spring. There is a striking contrast between the much wilder seaside area of the park, and the hilly inland parts, where the landscape shows far more human intervention. The park's wet zone is one of the most important in the country, and in winter it is the home of sea birds such as the herring gull, common gull, cormorant and great black-headed gull. The park also contains plenty of archaeological and historical relics, such as Neolithic finds in the Monte Castellaro area, the Colombarone site along the old Via Flaminia, and the underground Roman ports of Santa Marina and Vallugola.

Sasso Simone and Simoncello Regional Park

Piazza Conti, 12
61022 Carpegna (PU)
Tel. 0722770073-072275350
Fax 0722770064

www.parcosimone.org
ente@parcosimone.org

Set up: 1996 - 4,847 hectares

The park, which is situated right in the heart of old Montefeltro, has a hilly landscape of thick vegetation interrupted by rocky spurs and cliffs, where castles, strongholds, churches, convents, and parish churches were built. The protected area contains the two huge masses which inspired the park's name, Sasso Simone and Simoncello, which were first inhabited in the Bronze Age. The forest that used to cover the area has now been replaced with thick woods of black pines on the east side, and a few remaining beech woods in Pianacquadro and thick woods of Adriatic oaks around Sasso Simone over on the west side. The flora of areas around Simoncello, the woodlands of Cantoniera and Costa dei Salti is protected, whereas Mt Carpegna belongs to the state-owned forest of the same name. In spring mountain crocuses and fleur de lys blossom. Wildlife includes roes, wild boars, deer, porcupines, moles, foxes, and some Apennine wolves, which have recently returned here, as well as birds such as the buzzard, kestrel, goshawk, great red woodpecker, eagle and the rare harrier.

Gola della Rossa and di Frasassi Regional Park

Via Marcellini, 5
60048 Serra San Quirico (AN)

Tel. 073186122

Fax 0731880030

www.cadnet.marche.it

comunitamontana@provincia.ancora.it

Set up: 1997 - 9,167 hectares

The park lands are formed out of three different biotopes: Gola di Frasassi, Gola della Rossa and Valle Scappuccia, featuring great environmental variety and extremely rich vegetation. Karstic phenomena, which have developed considerably through the centuries, have resulted in the formation of Gola di Frasassi with its famous caves of extraordinary environmental and landscape value. The Gola della Rossa, of calcareous origin, opens up into huge karstic cavities, including Grotta del Vernino. The park's rugged landscape is home to lots of species of flowers, including the extremely rare *Moehringia papulosa*, *Potentilla caulescens*, and *Rhamnus pumila* of great scientific interest. The calcareous areas feature mainly black hornbeam and pubescent oak woods, sometimes mixed with oaks. The vegetation on the slopes facing south is mainly Mediterranean species such as terebinth, phyllirea and strawberry trees. Golden eagles, eagle-owls, peregrine falcons, goshawks, and lanners all nest in the rocky ravines. The park is also home to wild cats, wolves, and porcupines.

Frasassi Caves

Consorzio Grotte di Frasassi
L.go Leone XII
60040 Genga (AN)
Tel. 073297211
Fax 0732972001

The caves, which can be visited on a special one-hour guided tour, feature huge stalactites and stalagmites, startling underground lakes, and incredible formations that look like crystal arabesques and alabaster concretions with extremely unusual shapes. The caves house typical cave species, including the *geotritone italico*, a tiny crustacean living in underground lakes, and other invertebrates such as the *Nesticus eremita* and *Meta merianae*.

Fiastra Abbey Nature Reserve

62010 Urbisaglia (MC)

Tel. 0733202122

Fax 0733202838

www.abbadiafiastra.net

riserva@abbadiafiastra.net

Set up: 1984 - 1,867 hectares

This nature reserve covers the territory around the Cistercian Abbey of Santa Maria di Chiaravalle di Fiastra. The complex, which lies in the valley of the river Fiastra, has vast farmland with the typical features of the Marche countryside, and a woodland area over 100 hectares wide featuring oaks, pubescent oaks, flowering ashes and English oaks, the only remnant of the ancient forests which used to cover most of the region's hills.

Gola del Furlo Nature Reserve

c/o Provincia di Pesaro-Urbino

Tel. 072133593 - Fax 072133781

Information Centre:

via Flaminia, 64

61041 loc. Furlo di Aqualagna (PU)

Tel. 0721700041

www.provincia.ps.it

uff.ambiente@provincia.ps.it

Set up: 2000 - 3,400 hectares

Inside this nature reserve there are two distinct vegetation areas. The territory's geological conformation is specially interesting since it features a remarkable emergence of fossil layers. From a wildlife point of view, it is inhabited by the golden eagle, the sparrow-hawk, and the buzzard. There are many species of amphibians such as the spotted salamander, the crested newt, the European frog and the *geotritone italico*.

Montagna di Torricchio Nature Reserve

Via Pontoni, 5

62032 Camerino (MC)

Tel. 0737404505

Fax 0737404508

www.wvf.it/oasi

botanica@camserv.unicam.it

Set up: 1996 - 317 hectares

Located in Val di Tazza, this nature reserve combines all the features of the Apennine landscape. Most of the land is covered with meadow and pasture land, but there is no lack of beech and oak woods. The trees in the area include holly trees, mountain oaks, yews, black hornbeams, flowering ashes, and pubescent oaks. The flora is also extremely interesting, full of endemic species such as *Viola eugeniae*, *Gentianella columnae*, *Campanula tanfanii*, *Campanula apennina*, and *Trisetum villosum*. The nature reserve is full of squirrels, wild cats, hares, foxes, moles, deer, martens, porcupines, and the odd wolf. The birdlife consists of grey partridges, Greek partridges, falcons, sparrow-hawks, kestrels, hoopoes and woodpeckers.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

ACQUASANTA TERME (AP)

TERME DI ACQUASANTA

Via del Bagno, 59 - Tel. 0736801268

Open: May - November

Types of water: hydro-sulphurous, iodine- and iron-saturated

Treatments: spas, hydro-massage, mud therapy, and physiotherapy

CAMERANO (AN)

TERME DELL'ASPIO

Via Aspio Terme, 21 - Tel. 07195691

Open: June - September

Types of water: sodium chloride, bromine, and iodine

Treatments: mineral water cures

FANO (PU)

TERME DI CARRIGNANO

Via Bevano, 44 - Tel. 0721885128

Open: May - October

Types of water: alkaline bicarbonate, sulphurous, magnesium chloride, containing sodium chloride, bromine, and iodine

Treatments: inhalations, aerosol, douches, spas, mud baths

GENGA (AN)

TERME DI SAN VITTORE

San Vittore di Genga - Tel. 073290012

Open: April - November

Types of water: sodium chloride and sulphur

Treatments: mud baths, inhalations, aerosol, douches, baths

MACERATA FELTRIA (PU)

TERME DI PITINUS

Via G. Antimi, 18 - Tel. 072273245

Open: April - November

Types of water: sulphurous

Treatments: douches, inhalations

MONTEGRIMANO (PU)

TERME DI MONTE GRIMANO

Loc. Bagni di Meleto - Tel. 0541970125

Open: May - October

Types of water:

Cantoniera Spring: alkaline water

Fia Spring: water containing sodium chloride, bromine, and iodine

Salute Spring: sulphurous water

Treatments: baths, mineral water cures, douches, inhalations

PETRIANO (PU)

TERME DI RAFFAELLO

Via San Giusto - Tel. 0722355111

Open: May - October

Types of water: sulphurous "La Valle" water, alkaline-earth bicarbonate sulphate

Treatments: inhalations, mineral water cures, mud baths, baths

SARNANO (MC)

TERME DI SAN GIACOMO

Viale Baglioni, 1 - Tel. 0733657274

Open: all year long

Types of water: sodium bicarbonate with potassium and magnesium

Treatments: massage therapy, mineral water, inhalations, physiotherapy

TOLENTINO (MC)

TERME DI SANTA LUCIA

Contrada Santa Lucia - Tel. 0733968227

Open: May - October

Types of water: average mineral content, alkaline-bicarbonate

Treatments: mineral water cures, inhalations, thermal aerosol, damp sprays, nose washes, eardrum insufflations, douches, bath therapy

TORRE

DI PALME (AP)

TERME FONTI DI PALME

Via Fonti di Palme - Tel. 073453106

Open: May - October

Types of water: calcium-bicarbonate

Treatments: massage therapy, mineral water, douches, hydro-massage

FOOD AND WINE

The region's varied countryside, ranging from mountains to pleasant hills and flatlands, is reflected in the cuisine of the Marche, which varies as much as the landscape. The land's climate and conformation have always encouraged farming in the region, which offers high-quality products and basic ingredients for particularly tasty, wholesome dishes. Over recent years the region has gradually taken to organic-farming, which stands out for its absolutely natural methods for producing cereals, fruit, vegetables, wines, and dairy products. The numerous typical products of outstanding quality derive from the region's rural traditions. Well-known and popular ever since Roman times, *truffles* come in two varieties: white truffles, found in the Montefeltro and upper Pesarese areas, and black truffles, growing in the areas around Macerata and Ascoli Piceno. *Emmer* wheat, which finds fertile ground in the Marche, is a tasty cereal which was much loved by the Romans. Even *honey* has ancient origins. Sweet, not very aromatic and clear-coloured, it comes in various kinds depending on the type of flora and crops of the Marche hills, which provide bees with plenty of nectar. Much utilized both for home use and in confectionery, according to an old local recipe honey is even eaten warm with fossa cheese. *Extra-virgin olive oil* from the Marche, which owes its typical characteristics to a unique combination of different varieties of olives, is also much appreciated.

First Courses

There are two types of cuisine in the Marche: the inland cuisine and the one that developed along the coast. In the inland areas, traditional baked first courses include *vincisgrassi*, a timbale made from strips of

DOP-CERTIFIED
AND
LOCAL PRODUCTS

- **Groceries:** cauliflower from Fano, early artichokes from Jesi, fennel from Loreto, scarola lettuce, gobbio from the Macerata area, fava beans from Ostra, grass peas, white beans from Tronto, pears from Serrungarina, peaches from Valdaso, pink apples from Misa Sibillini, sour cherries from Cantiano.
- **Olives and oil:** tender olives from Ascoli Piceno, extravirgin "Marchigiana" olive oil.
- **Pasta:** maccheroncini from Campofilone, egg pasta and semolina pasta.
- **Cheeses:** fossa cheese, cascotta from Urbino, pecorino made from sheep's milk, ricotta, slottato, casci, lemon-shaped casci, goat's milk cheese.
- **Cold meats:** salame from Fabriano, ciampolo, ham from Carpegna, ham from Montefeltro, ham from Macerata, ham from Ascoli Piceno, coppa (pork-neck salami), lonza (pork-loin salami).
- **Meats:** Marchigiana breed ox, horsemeat from Catina, typical local farm cock.
- **Truffles and mushrooms:** white truffle, noble black truffle, scorsoni in summer and winter.
- **Honey:** mixed-flower honey from the Marche.
- **Cakes:** cicchiatte, scroccafatti, strappe, calcioni, marituzzi made with must, caciuni, cacci, pan nociato (walnut sweet bread), fig, lonzino, fig cakes.

egg pasta and layers of meat with mozzarella and Parmesan cheese. In the Ancona version of the recipe, vincisgrassi are dressed with béchamel sauce and chicken-liver sauce between layers of pasta. Other popular dishes include *cannelloni all'ascolana*, *maccheroncini di Campofilone*, thin noodles that go nicely with meat sauce,

and *cresce aglione*, thin layers of maize or polenta cut into lozenge shapes. A much appreciated dish is *crescia*, a kind of stone-baked pizza made from cornflour and served with salami, cheese or vegetables. Another tasty dish is *tortelli di San Leo*, large ravioli filled with ricotta cheese, spinach, and aromatic herbs. Along the coast, fish is obviously the most popular dish. *Brodetto* in all its different variations is a particular favourite. Originally a very simple and inexpensive dish, brodetto is a fish soup made in San Benedetto del Tronto from various kinds of fish, green peppers, green tomatoes, and vinegar. In the Porto Recanati version, the fish is dipped in flour before being cooked with different seasonings and a final sprinkling of saffron. Different variants of brodetto are served in the areas of Ancona, Porto San Giorgio, Civitanova Marche and Fano, together with slices of toast or fried bread.

Main Courses

In seaside areas, sea-food dishes stand out amongst second courses, too: the so-called *arrosti segreti* ("secret roast") made with mackerel, anchovies, and sardines is a surprising dish cooked in a frying-pan over charcoal. Fried and grilled dishes – called *arrosti* in the Pesaro area – are just as tasty. There is also an excellent *dolci cavi* served with potatoes, tomatoes, onions, and celery. In the Macerata area, freshwater fish lovers will appreciate the trout from Selva, cooked according to mouthwatering recipes. The inland area cuisine, on the other hand, stands out for its ingredients' richness and high-calory content. White, co, turning thus back to the 17th century AD and is much appreciated today because of the delicious taste of white ox meat. The rural roots of the Marche emerge in its pork

dishes in particular. Specially cured meats are the main ingredients of most specialities in inland areas. Spiced porchetta (roast pork) cooked over a log fire is particularly tasty. It is even better if crispy and caramelised on the outside and nice and tender on the inside, a perfect balance between the pungent flavour of salt, the spiciness of pepper and the aromatic taste of the fennel, rosemary and garlic used to stuff it.

Cold meats and Cheese

As well as *Carpegna ham*, the Marche is renowned for its very particular cold and stuffed meats: smoked ham, salami such as *cimacchio* from Visso and Macerata (to spread on slices of home-baked bread) or *Fabriziano* liver, liver sausages, and pressed pork-neck salami (*coppa*) prepared using all the parts of the pig, including the cartilage. There is also a delicacy known as *ciambotto*, that is, pig's entrails salted and garnished with fennel and paprika, smoked for a week and then grilled. The whole region is famous for its popular cheeses, namely *pecorino*, made in various ways depending on where it is produced. It is even tastier when made from milk produced in April or May, when the grass is still fresh and full of flavour and the flowers are still sweet-smelling. Along with *caciotta* of Urbino, the Marche also produces a *caciotta* di Montefeltro and a *caciotta* di Fermo, made from different proportions of cow's and sheep's milk. *Caciotta*, excellent when eaten fresh or after being left to mature for a while, is sometimes left to season wrapped in walnut and chestnut leaves and stored in barrels. This gives the cheese a special flavour and keeps it soft and tender. On the other hand, *ricotta* needs to be eaten when it is fresh.

Ricotta is an extremely light by-product from the processes for making *pecorino* or *caciotta*. *Fossa cheese* is also highly recommended. It is left to season for months in trenches dug in the local tufa rocks. This unique cheese is an

ingenious invention of the peasants from Talamello, who used to hide their food to keep it safe from soldiers' raids. *Fossa cheese* is served with honey or briar-rose jam to create surprisingly nice, contrasting flavours.

DOC WINES

The Apennines in the Marche slope down into gently rolling hills by the sea. These are the areas with vineyards growing sweet grapes. Small and medium-size farms are the main vine-growers in the Marche. They work on about 24 thousand hectares of vines, a third of which are used for the 12 making quality-controlled wines, a production of approximately 2 million hectolitres of mainly white wines with plenty of body and

a clear taste. There are also many distilled wines, amongst which the famous aniseed liqueurs such as *Mistà* and *Anisetta*, and the exquisite single-grape varieties of *grappa*. Amongst traditional wines, besides various varieties of *Vin Cotto* and *Vin Santo*, it is worth mentioning the *Vernaccia di Pergola*, *Vino di Visciola*, *Vinier*, *Tristo di Montesecco*, *Passito di Verdicchio*, mouldy wines and wild-plum flavoured wines.

• Colli Pesaresi

Both white and red versions are produced in the northernmost area of the region, from Gabicce Mare to Pesaro.

• Bianchetto del Metauro

White, produced from the grape of the same name in the hills of the river Metauro basin, in the province of Pesaro-Urbino.

• Lacrima di Moro d'Alba

Red, perfumed, made from a local grape grown in a limited region of the Ancona province.

• Esino

Both white and red is produced all over the Ancona province and part of the Macerata province.

• Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi

A strong-personality white, appreciated both young and slightly aged; it

comes from the local grape of the same name, grown in the central area of the Ancona and upper Macerata provinces.

• Rosso Conero

Full-bodied, dry red wine produced in the area of Mt Conero. Medium aging enhances its aroma.

• Verdicchio di Matelica

White and delicate, it comes from Verdicchio grapes grown in a limited area at the foot of Mt Sibillini, in the Macerata and Ancona provinces.

• Vernaccia di Serrapetrona

Red, sparkling, suave, made from naturally-withered Vernaccia grapes. It is produced in the village of the same name and in a limited surrounding area.

• Colli Maceratesi

White, it enhances all the qualities of a local grape and is produced in the

hilly area of the Macerata province and within the municipality of Loreto.

• Falerio dei Colli Ascolani

A balanced white, it is enriched with the scents of local grapes Pecorino and Passerina and is produced in the hilly area of the Ascoli Piceno province.

• Rosso Piceno

It is the most popular wine in the Marche except for the Pesaro-Urbino province. It has more body and aroma in the area between Ascoli and San Benedetto del Tronto, where the name takes the qualification of "Superiore".

• Offida

This wine has a remarkable composition and is the most recently created. It comes as Rosso, Pecorino and Passerina, in the variations Passito, Vin Santo and Spumante.

HANDICRAFTS

The Marche is full of workshops testifying to the region's handicraft tradition. The summer lace-makers "invading" the streets at Offida, in the Piceno area, using their lace-pillows to make all kinds of creations, is certainly a sight worth stopping for. Popular in the towns of Appignano del Tronto, Castignano, Spinetoli, Castel di Lama, and Castorano, lace-making by means of special pillows has distant origins, dating back to the 15th and 16th centuries, when churches and monasteries increased their demand for special religious vestments. Ever since then, the tricks of the trade have been handed down from mother to daughter in local families. The craft of fabric weaving is also very popular, especially that of weaving rough woollen rugs, in the town of Piobbico in the upper Pesaro area. The leather-manufacturing tradition, of which Tolentino is the capital centre, has a medieval origin and today boasts a major footwear industry, with many manufactures producing leather shoes, bags and other products especially in the Macerata and Fermo areas. Master coppersmiths can be seen at work on jars and pottery in the town of Force. Ironmongery is also a popular craft, as can be seen from all the objects on display in both small and large town centres: handles, rails, lamp-posts and more. Ironmongery is especially popular in Morrovalle, Matelica, Fiuminata, Belforte del Chienti, Caldarola, Muccia, Pieve Torina, Visso, Comunanza and Amandola. Pottery is a popular craft all over the Pesaro area. Fano, Urbino, Fermignano, Urbania, Pennabilli and Ascoli Piceno are all famous for their artistic ceramics and majolica objects. Traditional earthenware and terracotta manufacturing still survives

in Appignano del Tronto, Cupoli, Macerata, Macerata and Ancona, where ornate, engraved furniture flourishes in Comunanza, Amandola and Ostra. Art and elegance are physically embodied in the restoration work on antique furniture, which is returned to its ancient splendour by expert hands in Pennabilli, Polenza, Fermo and Amandola.

The Marche has a high-quality musical instrument manufacturing industry based in the province of Ancona. Castelfidardo is well-known for its production of accordions, whereas Ascoli Piceno boasts the last workshop manufacturing stringed instruments, including carefully-designed violins, violas, and cellos.

Unique is also an unusual briar-pipe industry in Loreto, which is renowned for its religious artefacts. Jesi has a large number of goldsmiths' workshops.

There is an ancient tradition for rush and wickerwork, particularly at Mogliano, where they make all kinds of wicker objects (bags, containers, ornaments, kitchen utensils, and furnishing accessories); Massa Fermana, Montappone, Monte Vidon Corrado, and Falerone are all important straw-work centres, manufacturing hats, bags, and baskets. Wickerwork has now caught on in Acquaviva Picena, where this material is used to make baskets and bags of different shapes and sizes. Paper and paper making are Fabriano's art and culture. The town museum illustrates traditional manufacturing processes, the various watermarking techniques and the stages in the development of this art, which still uses the same manufacturing processes and procedures as in the past. Paper making also draws on special meth-

ods for making writing paper and other refined paper products in Ascoli Piceno and Pioraco, in the province of Macerata. The quarries in the upper Tronto valley produce the stone used by stone cutters to make fireplaces, benches, tables, and

other furnishing accessories which decorate the region's homes and gardens. There are also plenty of company outlets which sell their products as footwear, bags, dresses, jeans, and t-shirts directly to retail customers at discount prices.

MARKETS AND FAIRS

Abbadia di Fiastra (MC): National antique fair and market (the week before Easter)

Acquaviva Picena (AP): Antique, crafts and trade market (July and August)

Tel. 0735764005

Ancona: *Domus Antiqua* (April and September)

Ancona: Antique market (last Saturday and Sunday of the month)

Ascoli Piceno: Antique fair and market (third Sunday of the month) - Tel. 07362981

Camerino (MC): Antique and crafts fair (August)

Tel. 0733632534

Castelfidardo (AN): Local market (every Friday in July and August) - Tel. 0717823162

Cingoli (MC): Crafts, antique and ceramics fair and market (July, August) - Tel. 0733603146

Civitavecchia Marche (MC): *Domus Antiqua* - national antique fair (May and October)

Tel. 0733813967

Fano (PU): Antique fair (the second Saturday and Sunday of the month) - Tel. 0721887203

Fermo (AP): Crafts and antique fair (every Thursday in July and August) - Tel. 0734284283

Gubbio Mare (PU): Antique fair (first Sunday of the month) - Tel. 0541953101

Grattumare (AP): *The Loft on the Road* (first Saturday of the month) - Tel. 07357391

Macerata: Old-fashioned camera fair (May)

Tel. 0733231547

Matelica (MC): Antique and gadgets fair (July, August) - Tel. 0737787434

Montefelcino (PU): Feudal lord's fair (August and September) - Tel. 072169341

Offida (AP): Lace-pillow fair (August)

Tel. 0736889381

Ostra (AN): National crafts and antique fair (August)

Pennabilli (PU): Antique fair (July) - Tel. 072169341

Polenza (MC): Antique, restoration, and artistic crafts fair (July) - Tel. 0733549112

Porto San Giorgio (AP): Crafts and local product fair (every Tuesday in July and August)

Tel. 0734678461

Porto Sant'Elpidio (AP): *Mirabilia* - Crafts and antique market (every Friday in July and August)

Tel. 0734678461

Recanati (MC): Traditional San Vito craft fair (June)

Recanati (MC): Crafts and antique fair (first Saturday and Sunday in the month)

San Benedetto del Tronto (AP): Antique and Palm Trees - Antique market (June and August)

Tel. 0735582542

Sarnano (MC): Crafts and antique fair (May, June)

Senigallia (AN): *Chi cerca trova* - Crafts and antique market (every Wednesday in July and August) - Tel. 0716629271

Servigliano (AP): Second-hand market (first and third Monday the month)

Tel. 0736253045

Spinetoli (AP): Local crafts market

Tel. 0736253045

Tolentino (MC): *Fierantiqua* - Local crafts and antique market (August) - Tel. 07339011

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