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www.trenitalia.com



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http://en.turismo.marche.it



AIRPORT

Regional Airport "Raffaello Sanzio" Ancona - Falconara
National and international airline connections.
www.aeroportomarche.it/en



PORT OF ANCONA

Connections with Albania, Croatia, Greece and Montenegro
www.doricaportservices.it



MARINAS

Gabicce Mare, Pesaro, Fano, Senigallia, Ancona, Numana,
Civitanova Marche, Porto San Giorgio, San Benedetto del Tronto



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THE MARCHE REGION IN BLUE

Spending a seaside holiday in the Marche region is a relaxing and funny experience. There are different types of seaside resorts, with beaches of sand, pebbles and rocks; you can also find hidden bays and coves that can be reached mainly by boat. In many centres you can enjoy a lively atmosphere and a busy night life too. The Marche region can boast one of the highest number of Blue Flag beaches of any region in Italy. The prestigious Blue Flag is awarded by the Foundation for Environmental Education to environmentally well-kept beaches across Europe. The important “eco-label” is given to sites that meet strict criteria including water quality, environmental management, safety and other services.

180 kilometres of coastline, 26 beach resorts which face the Adriatic sea, 9 marinas, the sea port of Ancona and two natural parks (the Regional Park of Mount San Bartolo and the Regional Park of Mount Conero) with panoramic paths and unspoiled nature and the **Sentina Natural Reserve**.

To the north is the Riviera of the hills with the beach resorts of **Gabicce Mare, Pesaro, Fano** and **Marotta di Mondolfo**; further south **Senigallia** is characterized by a long sandy beach, the famous “velvet” beach; heading South the **Conero Riviera** is defined by beaches of rock and gravel; the coast near Macerata is characterized by the pine forests of **Porto Recanati**, and **Porto Potenza Picena** and the bustling port of **Civitanova Marche**; the green Riviera picena, which stretches from **Porto Sant’Elpidio** to **Lido di Fermo, Porto San Giorgio** and **Pedaso**, alter-

nates sandy and gravel beaches; the **Riviera delle Palme**, near **Cupra Marittima, Grottammare** and **San Benedetto del Tronto**, has an almost exotic panorama thanks to the presence of numerous palm trees.

The Blue Flag is a certification which is awarded every year due to clean sea, quality of tourist services and a careful environmental policy. As many seaside towns in the Marche have been given this award, this region is one of the best destinations for seaside tourism.

In July you can’t miss the **“Night of Wishes”**: an event occurring along the 180 km of coastline with entertainments, shows and prizes to celebrate the beauty of the Marche.

From the sea you can easily reach the coastal and hilltop towns: ancient villages from which “seaside” towns were later built. Here you can enjoy the evocative atmosphere of the past, with little squares, historical churches, glittering theatres and captivating re-enactments.

The sea offers the chance to practice a lot of sports: windsurfing, water skiing, sailing, scuba diving, kite surfing, swimming and beach volley.



Pesaro - The Night of Wishes - taking place near “Palla di Pomodoro”, a striking contemporary bronze sphere made by Arnaldo Pomodoro.



HILLS RIVIERA

The Hills Riviera, with **Gabicce Mare, Pesaro, Fano, Torrette di Fano** and **Marotta di Mondolfo**, is a stretch of the northern coast of the Marche Region. From the mouth of the river Tavolo to that of Cesano, for about 40 km, the beaches are wide and slowly sloping towards the sea, generally soft and sandy, ideal for children and for those who are learning to swim. Long and slender little beaches are interrupted in some places by a promontory, from the mouth of a stream or river, from a pier or from a port-channel. Between Gabicce Mare and Pesaro the **Regional Park of Mount San Bartolo** is located, where the hilly coast of central Italy starts. With a spectacular cliff overlooking the Adriatic Sea, it reaches its maximum heights with the hills of San Bartolo, Castellaro and the villages of Casteldimezzo and Fiorenzuola di Focara. It's an extremely important location for bird migration and the wintering of several bird species; from the archaeological and historical point of view, there are very interesting sites: from the findings of the Neolithic age in the Monte Castellaro area to the archaeological site of Colombarone along the ancient Via Flaminia; from the disappeared Greek ports of S. Marina and Vallugola, to the enchanting Renaissance villas and gardens. **Gabicce Monte**, perched on a green rock overlooking the sea and **Casteldimezzo, Fiorenzuola di Focara** and **Santa Marina Alta** (picturesque towns overlooking the blue of the Adriatic Sea) deserve a visit.

5 km far from the coast, the **Gradara** Castle is an unmissable destination, history and scenery of the unfortunate love between Paolo and Francesca, told by Dante Alighieri in the Divine Comedy.

One of the most enjoyable ways to discover the natural beauty and artistic history of the coast is riding a bike. Some hotels in Gabicce Mare and Pesaro offer a wide range of services for cyclists, including bike rental and availability of maps of cycling routes.



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EVENTS

Bike week
March, April
www.gabiccemarebike.it

Concerts at sunset
May, June, July, August

Disco Diva (Disco music festival)
June

Festival of Tourism
July

Gabicce in "Pink" (Women's feast)
July and August

Gusto Polis (Food and wine festival)
September

GABICCE MARE



Gabicce Mare is a sea town in the northern coast of the Marche region, on the border with Emilia Romagna. It stands on a small bay called the "Bay of Angels", in the last stretch of the *Gulf of Rimini*, on the northern slopes of *Mount San Bartolo*, housing the homonymous natural park. It is one of the most popular tourist destinations of the Marche region and boasts numerous hotels; renowned for its wide sandy beaches, stretches of pebbled shores and deep water, it has a charming scenic road, where you can enjoy wonderful views over the sea. There are different proposals, with a wide choice of itineraries for both hikers and mountain bike lovers. You can also go cycling: many bike hotels provide services for bike lovers. For over 32 years Gabicce Mare has been hosting (Easter) the famous International Cycling Holidays Week; therefore, it is one of the favourite Marche's holiday destinations for sports lovers and for those keen on fitness and good food and wine. Pleasure boat-owners and sea lovers can't miss the small and cozy *Baia Marina di Vallugola*, with its beautiful beach protected by a promontory. **Gabicce Monte**, perched on a scenic green rock overlooking the sea, is perfect for evening and night life, with its bustling atmosphere, nightclubs and typical restaurants. Gabicce Mare's beach is child-friendly and it's been awarded the Green Flag by Italian doctors.

PESARO

Overlooking the Adriatic Sea, **Pesaro** boasts 7 kilometres of wide sandy and pebbled beaches -partly to the open sea, partly protected by cliffs. It offers a relaxing vacation and is perfect for families and children; there's a wide range of accommodation facilities: some of them – such as hotels by the sea, in the town centre, farmhouses, campings and apartments – are open all year round. The center and the promenade are very close and the best way to get around is by bike: the "Bicipolitana" is an itinerary reserved for bikers and connects different areas of the town. A special sign shows the routes. There are lines of different colors, each of which leads to various directions.

The maritime culture is witnessed by the *Museum Washington Patrignani*, collecting the finds of Pesaro's sealife. The most remarkable religious buildings are: the *Cathedral*, the *baroque Church* of the "Name of God", the *Church of St. John the Baptist* and the *Church of St. Augustin*.

The best-known monuments and museums are: the fifteenth-century *Rocca Costanza*, the *Ducal Palace*, *Teatro Rossini*, *Rossini's House*, the *Archaeological Museum "Oliveriano"* and the *Civic Museums* (including the *Art Gallery* and the *Museum of Ceramics*). A striking contemporary sculpture is the "Pomodoro Sphere", a bronze sphere made by the

sculptor Arnaldo Pomodoro in 1998.

The "Ruggeri Villa" is a beautiful Art Nouveau building; "Villa Imperiale", built in 1530, lies on San Bartolo hill, not far from Pesaro.

Casteldimezzo, Fiorenzuola di Focara, and Santa Marina Alta are picturesque villages overlooking the Adriatic Sea in the San Bartolo area.

Pesaro's beach is child-friendly and it's been awarded the Green Flag by Italian doctors.



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EVENTS

International Festival of New Cinema
June
www.pesarofilmfest.it

La ½ notte bianca dei bambini (The white midnight for children)
June
www.mezzanottebiancadeibambini.it

PesaroDocFest
June - July

Popsophia festival
July

Rossini Opera Festival
August
www.rossinioperafestival.it

Candles under the stars
August



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EVENTS

Passaggi

Festival of Essay writing

June/July
www.passaggifestival.it

International Festival

of fish stew

July
www.festivalbrodetto.it

Fano Jazz by the Sea

July
www.fanojazznetwork.it

Summer Carnival

August
www.carnevaledifano.com

Funland

August
www.bellocchi.org



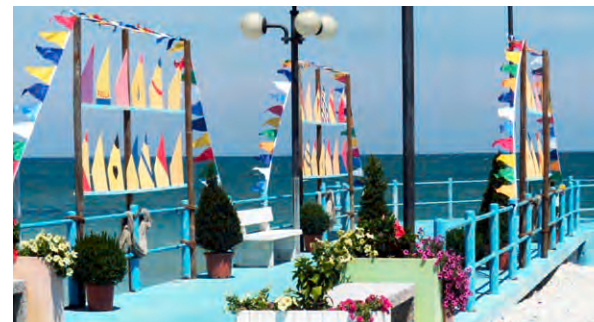
Fano is a popular seaside resort in the north of the Marche region, famous for its carnival, the oldest in Italy. The coast is divided into "Lido" and "Sassonia", both with shallow waters: the first is sandy, the second is pebbled. To the south is the so-called "Piana del Metauro", one of the few flat areas of the Marche region, stretching inland for a few kilometers. The southern coast is divided into Torrette, Ponte Sasso and Metaurilia; the last one was established in 1938, after a land reclamation. In Fano there is an important fishing port; lovers of nautical tourism can enjoy the equipped *Marina dei Cesari*, a modern and functional dock where many boats usually moor.

Several campsites are located along the state highway from Fano to Marotta di Mondolfo. Along the promenade, there is part of the "Ciclovia Adriatica" cycling path, running from Fano to Pesaro for 12 kilometres. In the historical centre, the most remarkable monuments are: the *Arch of Augustus*, a symbol of the city and gateway to the ancient Via Flaminia, the sixteenth-century *Fountain of Fortune*, the *Theatre of Fortune*, the *Malatesta Court*, home to the *Civic Museum* and *Art Gallery*, the *Cathedral*, the *Church of Santa Maria Nuova*, the baroque *Church of San Pietro in Valle* and the

Tombs of the Malatesta, a real masterpiece of Neo-Gothic art, housed in the porch of the Church of San Francesco. Near Fano there is Carignano spa Centre.

The most typical specialty is the fish stew "alla fanese", with tomato purée and vinegar. The local *Moretta* is a blend of three spirits - aniseed-based *anice*, rum and brandy - sugar and a twist of lemon peel, topped up with strong, hot coffee. Fano's beach is child-friendly and it's been awarded the Green Flag by Italian doctors.

MAROTTA



Marotta è una località balneare il cui territorio è ripartito in tre comuni: Fano, Mondolfo e San Costanzo. Lungo il litorale si alternano zone di spiaggia sabbiosa e spiaggia rocciosa, mentre il fondale è uniformemente sabbioso. La spiaggia è caratterizzata dal recupero di un moletto che ne è divenuto il punto di attrazione primaria, oltre ad una serie di stabilimenti balneari moderni e ben attrezzati.



INFO

Town Council Mondolfo

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www.comune.mondolfo.pu.it
turistico.comune.mondolfo.pu.it/

EVENTS

Trawling Festival

July, August
www.latratta.it

The Cacciata (Renaissance game)

September
www.castellodimondolfo.it



THE VELVET BEACH AND THE MARINAS

Senigallia is famous for its “velvet beach” with 13 km of coastline of white sandy beaches, interrupted only by the long quays of the harbor and the impressive Rotonda overlooking the sea. It has been one of the region’s favourite holiday destinations since the mid nineteenth century. It is a tradition that it still has, thanks to good hotels, renowned restaurants and the elegant historical centre, dominated by the mighty Rocca (fortress) Roveresca. The most popular event is the “Summer Jamboree”, an international festival dedicated to the music and culture of America of the ‘40s and ‘50s.

Nearby are the beautiful Tower of Montignano, which had sighting functions (at the time of the frequent Saracenic pirate raids), and the seaside resort called Marzocca, with a mixed beach, stretching until **Marina di Montemarciano**, featuring a nice pebbled beach and the remains of Mandracchio, a fifteenth-century fortress. A little further on, passing the historical complex of Rocca Priora with nearby stretch of pebbled beach, you can reach the sandy beaches of **Falconara Marittima** and **Palombina Vecchia**.

HIGH TOWNS OVERLOOKING THE SEA

The small village of Sapezzano, earlier castle of Senigallia, retains part of the medieval walls and offers a beautiful view over the nearby Adriatic Sea. **Montemarciano**, site of a medieval castle destroyed in 1578, houses the Parish of St. Peter the Apostle and the historical “Teatro Alfieri”. **Falconara Alta**, the historical core of Falconara Marittima, is located about 2 km inland, in a panoramic position over the Esino valley and the Adriatic Sea. The Franciscan and Picena Library, housed in the Convent of the Franciscan Friars in Falconara Alta, is worth seeing: there is a large collection of St. Francis’s Devotions, boasting as many as 170 specimens.



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EVENTS

CaterRaduno

June

Xmasters

July

www.xmasters.it

Maritime State Property Km-278

(Exhibition of contemporary art)

Marzocca

July

www.mappelab.it International

Organ Festival

July, August

www.organsenigallia.com

Summer Jamboree

August

www.summerjamboree.com

Fair of Saint Agostino

August

Pane nostrum (Bread Festival)

September

www.panenostrum.com



Senigallia is one of the main seaside resorts in the Marche region: the elegant old town centre, many recreational facilities, popular restaurants, events organized during the year attract tourists from all over Italy and Europe; the town boasts the famous “velvet” beach, with its 13 kilometers of fine sand, interrupted only by the long jetties of the harbor and the impressive “*Rotonda a Mare*”, born in the nineteenth century for hydrotherapy and recreational purposes and now used for exhibitions and events.

The promenade is characterized by the presence of many beach resorts, equipped with playgrounds for beach volley, football, tennis and children’s playgrounds. The main promenade is flanked by a bike path to ride or skate. Near Senigallia, as a natural extension of its beach, stands *Marzocca*, featuring a pebbled beach. There are many Summer events, such as the typical fireworks by the sea and the popular *fair of Saint Agostino*, that animates the historical center of Senigallia in late August, drawing more than 500 exhibitors. You can’t miss *Summer Jamboree*, an international festival dedicated to the music and culture of America of the ‘40s and ‘50s; it includes concerts of the most well-known bands of the genre, a great vintage market and parades and motorcycles cars dating back to the 40s-50s.

Senigallia is among the capitals of Italian restaurants: there are countless local restaurants that appear in the most popular guides to hospitality. Moreno Cedroni and Mauro Uliassi, born in Senigallia, are internationally renowned chefs. The symbol of the city is the *Fortress Roveresca*, a splendid example of fifteenth-century military architecture. Worth visiting are: the *Palace of the Duke*, the *Fountain of the Duke*, the *Palazzetto Baviera*, the *Portici Ercolani*, the *Foro Annonario* and the *Church of the Cross*. Must see attractions are also the *Museum of Modern Art, Information and Photography*, the *Art Gallery of Diocesan Sacred Art* and the *Museum dedicated to Pope Pius IX* located in his birthplace. The archaeological area “*La Fenice*” documents the consistency of the settlement of Sena Gallica, the first Roman colony on the Adriatic Sea. 3 km far from the historic center is the *Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie*, that houses the *Museum of the History of sharecropping “Sergio Anselmi”*. Senigallia’s beach is child-friendly and it’s been awarded the Green Flag by Italian doctors.

MARINA DI MONTEMARCIANO AND FALCONARA

Marina di Montemarciano is a seaside resort a few miles from Senigallia with its popular velvet beach. It features a pebbled beach. It was certainly a Roman settlement, as a mutation - a probable changing station along the coast - clearly witnesses.

Popular for its handcrafted and industrial confectionery industry, **Falconara Marittima**, is sea town boasting a long sandy beach up to **Palombina Vecchia**. It is equipped with several bathing establishments providing leisure activities and entertainment. In the area there are a zoo park for children and the “*Raffaello Sanzio*” International Airport.

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Town Council Falconara Marittima

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Tourist information

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EVENTS

Marina di Montemarciano

Rievocazione Storica Verde e Oro
(Historical Reenactment)

June, July and August

Fish Festival

July August

Falconara Marittima

Sea Festival

August

Comics Market-Show

August



CONERO RIVIERA

The **Conero Riviera** is characterized by a stretch of coast that is unique along the entire Adriatic coast. Here Mount Conero, heart of the homonymous Regional Park, in symbiosis with the cities of Ancona and Camerano and the seaside resorts of Sirolo and Numana, shaped the coast, featuring wild coves, bays, caves as well as sandy and pebbled beaches. In the park there are 18 hiking trails among Mediterranean vegetation: strawberry trees, brooms, holm oaks and pine trees. The scenic Passetto of Ancona, with its impressive staircase leading to the sea and the typical fishermen caves, marks the beginning of the Conero Riviera. The Conero promontory interrupts the uniform shape of the coast with a pleasant stretch of beach of fine gravel, rocks and steep cliffs that plunge into the sea. After the Trave, a long natural rock stretching for about a mile out to sea, you get to Mezzavalle, a long beach that can only be reached by a short swim or by taking two footpaths from the provincial street. Mezzavalle borders on **Portonovo**, Ancona's well known seaside resort boasting artistic and natural beauties. There are both

rocks and round limestone pebbles, that are considered as one of the peculiarities of the locality. In the bay there are art jewels such as the Romanesque church of Santa Maria, the Napoleonic Fort and the Torre De Bosis. The southern side, between the watchtower and the medieval church, is good for windsurfing, thanks to the permanent blowing wind. Southern Portonovo features stretches of coastline cliffs, rocks and free public beaches, that can be reached by walking along the coast and, at times, by swimming: the "Vela" beach and the "Seagull" beach. Heading south we reach **Sirolo**, where several beaches of rocks and pebbles are to be found. The "Two Sisters" beach best represents the Conero Riviera, with its stacks (the "Two Sisters") that emerge from the sea. Nestling in the Conero's cliff, the "two sisters" beach consists of white pebbles and rocky spurs. Clear water, wide beaches and a well equipped port are the major attractions of the nearby **Numana**; **Marcelli di Numana** is Conero's Riviera most modern area equipped with hotels, apartments, resorts and several bathing establishments.



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EVENTS

Fair of Saint Ciriaco

May

La punta della lingua (Poetry festival)

July
www.lapuntadellalingua.it

Ancona Jazz

July
www.anconajazz.com

Festival Adriatico Mediterraneo

August - September
www.adriaticomediterraneo.eu
www.comune.ancona.it

Conero Regatta

September
www.regatadelconero.it

ANCONA

Ancona is situated on the central coast of the Adriatic Sea; it is on a promontory formed by the northern slopes of Mount Conero. The city has various beaches, both of high and low



shore coast. Among the formers, the most central beach is Passetto, with large white rocks, including the so called "Chair of the Pope" and the rock named "Square". The northwestern coast features picturesque caves, dug out completely or simply expanded by fishermen to give shelter to their boats. Heading south we find rocky beaches; noteworthy is the Mezzavalle beach, that can be reached by taking two steep footpaths or by sea. The most famous beach in the south of Ancona is Portonovo, placed at the foot of Mount Conero, well equipped with many seafood restaurants by the sea. Here there are very deep rocky and pebbled beaches. To the north of the port of Ancona there's the sandy beach of Palombina, partly free and partly equipped, with low sea water. It enjoys a good view over the Gulf of Ancona. The most remarkable monument of Ancona is the Cathedral of San Ciriaco. Further interesting sites are: the Trajan Arch, the Clementino Arch, the Mole Vanvitelliana, the Teatro delle Muse, the church of San Domenico, the Government Palace, the Civic Art Gallery, the Church of San Francesco alle Scale, the Archeological Museum of the Marche region, the city museum, the Museo Omero, the Romanesque church of Santa Maria della Piazza, the Loggia dei Mercanti and the Thirteen Spouts. The most popular dishes are the stockfish all'anconetana and brodetto, a fish soup. The mosciolo selvatico of Portonovo, protected by Slow Food, is a mussel that reproduces naturally and live attached to submerged rocks of Conero's coast. Among the wines noteworthy is the Rosso Conero wine.

SIROLO

The center of **Sirolo** lies on the southern slope of Mount Conero and is included in the Conero Regional Park. At the foot of the village, under the craggy coast, lies the Urbani beach with the homonymous cave ending to the north with a high cliff. It's protected by a round rocky barrier during winter storms. Here starts the San Michele beach, that is pebbled and equipped with bathing establishments. Then we find the Sassi Neri beach, characterized by blocks of black schists of sedimentary origin on the shore. The Two Sisters beach is Sirolo's most picturesque beach, named after the two twin rocks emerging from the sea; it is the first white beach to be found of the southern flank of Mount Conero. In summer it can be reached by boats departing daily from the port of Numana. In its lovely medieval center must see attractions are: the church of St. Nicholas, the Church of the Holy Rosary and the Cortesi Theatre. On the peak of Mount Conero you can't miss the Romanesque church of "Badia San Pietro". Sirolo's beach is child-friendly and it's been awarded the Green Flag by Italian doctors.



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EVENTS

Enriquez Award

August
www.enriquezlab.org



NUMANA

Numana is located along the central Adriatic Sea, at the southern slopes of Mount Conero. Its territory is almost completely included in the Conero Regional Park. The



historic center in the area is called Numana Alta, as it is at the top of a cliff overlooking the sea; Numana Bassa includes the area below the marina. Numana Alta's beach features two bays close to the cliff: the Spiaggiola beach and "the Friars' beach"; the beach of Numana Bassa stretches from the port until the village of Marcelli, boasting numerous beach establishments, campgrounds and holiday clubs. Svarchi, Numana's inland, is mainly hilly. In the southern part of Numana, which corresponds to the southern borders of the Conero Park, lies the mouth of the river Musone, an important natural wetland. The main tourist attractions are: the arch of a tower on the top of the hill overlooking the harbour; the rest of the bell tower of a church or of a watchtower; a state archeological museum, housing the Piceni's tombs kits, the Shrine of the Crucifix with a crucifix in cedar wood, a remarkable Byzantine sculpture dating back to the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries; the city hall, a palace built in 1773, once used as a summer residence of the bishops of Ancona, and the Costarella, one of the most typical streets of Numana. Sport lovers have the opportunity to practice a lot of activities: hiking, biking, sailing, surfing, windsurfing, tennis and scuba diving.

Numana's beach is child-friendly and it's been awarded the Green Flag by Italian doctors.



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EVENTS

Markets of crafts and antiques
June, July, August

Assumption Feast
August



MACERATA'S COAST

Towards the south of Mount Conero the beach becomes flat and widens for kilometers through estuaries and coastal ponds. Porto Recanati, also known as “the pearl” of the coast, is a modern seaside resort that has been able to combine the tourist accommodation with the history and tradition of the old fishing village built around the fifteenth-century Castello Svevo; a 8 km of sandy and pebbled beach, often flanked by green pine trees, separates the town from the sea. Rolling hills and sandy beaches can also be found in Porto Potenza. Both Porto Recanati and Porto Potenza were simple moorings of Recanati and Potenza Picena, two remarkable art towns in the inland. Heading south there is Civitanova Marche; its long sandy beach to the north and pebbled to the south is divided by the fishing port and the marina. The sea town, which stands on the ruins of the Roman Cluana and dominated by the medieval Civitanova Alta, offers the possibility to practice various sports, enjoy fashionable clubs and go shopping in the numerous Made in Italy griffed outlets of the area.

HILLY TOWNS NEAR THE SEA

About 13 kilometers separate the picturesque town of **Recanati**, where everything reminds the verses of Giacomo Leopardi and the music of Beniamino Gigli, from the long beach of Porto Recanati. The major tourist attractions of Recanati are: Palazzo Leopardi, the poet's birthplace and home of the library, the museum Gigli, located inside the nineteenth century Teatro Persiani and the

Museum Villa Colloredo Mels, housing the Renaissance section with its four of the most remarkable works by Lorenzo Lotto. **Potenza Picena** is just 8 kilometers far from Porto Potenza and is a noble town full of palaces, churches, and ancient traditions such as the damasks and the brocades made by the Sisters dell'Addolorata. **Civitanova Alta**, an ancient village built on a hill surrounded by the walls of a medieval castle, dominates the sea town. Civitanova Alta's most important sites include the Theatre Annibal Caro, the Pinacoteca Comunale “M. Moretti” (Civic Art Gallery) and numerous noble palaces.

HIGH VILLAGES ABOVE THE SEA

Civitanova Marche is a typical example of how a marina can be linked to a village high above the sea. The upper town, an ancient medieval village, is surrounded by castle walls including the fifteenth-century Porta Marina, characterized by a cypress born inside the embattled band.

The origin of the seaside resorts of Porto Recanati and Porto Potenza are interesting: they were actually moorings of Recanati and Potenza Picena, important urban centers that needed to find a port on the Adriatic Sea.



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EVENTS

"Brodetto" week (fish soup)

June

Musical - Theatre - Dance

"Arena Gigli"

August

Historical Palio of San Giovanni

August

PORTO RECANATI

It is the northernmost coastal town in the province of Macerata. The central strip of the coast features pebbled and sandy beaches with steep sea. The area is completely flat and is located nearby Mount Conero. Modern beach resorts with children's playgrounds, the choice of different water sports, bike paths along the Potenza river and in the Scossici area, make **Porto Recanati** one of the most popular seaside resorts of the Marche Region. The town preserves some important witnesses of its past. In the main square stands the medieval Castello Svevo, donated by Frederick II to the city; it hosts in the first floor the Civic Art Gallery "Attilio Moroni." To the south of the city is the archaeological area of the Roman city Potentia, where there are the ruins of the Abbey of Santa Maria in Potenza, founded in the twelfth century by the order of the Cross-bearers; moreover, there are the statue finds coming from diggings, preserved in the keep of the Castello Svevo. In the valley of the Scossicci area stands the church of the Banderuola, built on the place where, according to tradition, the Holy House (now housed in the famous Sanctuary of Loreto) stopped for the first time during its transfer to Italy. In the area of Montatrice there is the Villino Terni, built in Art Nouveau style, whose living room and ground floor were frescoed by local painter Biagio Biagetti. A typical dish of Porto Recanati is the "brodetto", an all-in-one fish course, made tastier by the addition of zafferanella or zafferanone (wild saffron of the Conero) which gives the dish a yellowish color.

Porto Recanati's beach is child-friendly and it's been awarded the Green Flag by Italian doctors.



PORTO POTENZA PICENA

Porto Potenza Picena is a popular seaside resort on the Adriatic coast in the province of Macerata, along with Porto Recanati and Civitanova Marche. Its sandy beaches with shallow water are ideal for families with children; there are small stretches of pebbled beaches and native flora too. It boasts an active sports center with a well-equipped marina for mooring of small pleasure boats; it is perfect for sailing and water sports lovers. Along the beautiful and lively promenade, you can find associations and clubs arranging sport sea activities.

The "Marinai d'Italia" promenade runs along the whole town; from Baden Powell panoramic point you can enjoy an impressive view of the wide beach up to Mount Conero.

The Protected Oasis of the salt water ponds, located close to the northern stretch of the coast, is very interesting from a naturalistic point of view. There are many accommodation facilities, like B & B, Country Houses, tourist villages and campsites. In the sea village the beautiful Tower of Sant'Anna - what remains of a fifteenth century watchtower - built to defend against pirate raids, and the homonymous Neo-Gothic church worth a visit.

A few kilometres inland is the Renaissance Villa Bonaccorsi, a refined example of eighteenth-century villa with its splendid Italian garden full of fountains, water games, paths, niches and magnificent statues.



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EVENTS

Festival of Sant'Anna

July

Fish stew tasting

July

Handicraft and antiques market

July, August

Reenactment of fishing with the "sciapeca"

August

Clam Festival

August



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EVENTS

Popsophia

(Festival of contemporary music
and philosophy)

July

www.popsophia.it

Rive Festival

(Art and handicraft festival)

July

www.rivefestival.it

Civitanova Ballet

July, August

www.civitanovadanza.it



CIVITANOVA MARCHE

Civitanova Marche is a popular seaside resort on the Adriatic coast, boasting a fishing port and a marina. To the north the beach is wide and sandy and water is shallow, to the south there are wider beaches and deeper water; the most attractive stretch of promenade and beach lies to the south and has attractive planting and a calm air. A cycling path for bike lovers is also available. Different sports can be practiced in the resort: sailing, golf and horseback riding. The town centre is around wide Piazza XX Settembre and offers plenty of stylish window-shopping, green public gardens and Liberty style apartment houses. The northern area is characterized by tree-lined Vittorio Veneto street, where stands the former House of Balilla, now housing the Civic Library and the Teatro E. Cecchetti Cinema. A large amount of fashionable shoe shops and outlets can be found nearby. Civitanova Marche is actually in the heartland of the Marche's shoe industry. 4 km inland from the town stands the Medieval hilltop borgo of Civitanova Marche Alta, still partly surrounded by its old walls; here you can visit the historic theatre Annibal Caro, the Pinacoteca Comunale Moretti, the former Church of St. Augustine, the Tramway Station in Art Nouveau style, the Museum of Arts and Popular Traditions and the Historical Museum of Trot, few miles from the town centre.

Civitanova Marche's beach is child-friendly and it's been awarded the Green Flag by Italian doctors.





GREEN FERMO'S RIVIERA

Porto Sant 'Elpidio, an ancient fishing village, is today a fashionable seaside resort; it marks the beginning of the "Green Riviera Picena" characterized by sandy beaches, transparent water and surrounded by nearby hills, full of Mediterranean vegetation. A few kilometers from Porto Sant 'Elpidio stand **Lido di Fermo** and **Porto San Giorgio**, the old Naval Firmanorum, featuring a higher part with the Castle district and the fortress and southern area with the marina, a well equipped port and the modern town with tree-lined streets, lush gardens and numerous hotels and beach resorts. Here the beach is sandy. Heading south there are **Marina Palmense** and **Marina di Altidona**; the nearby **Pedaso**, a seaside resort and agricultural centre, has a sandy and pebbled beach, partially interrupted by the rocks. The rocky beach can also be found in **Marina di Campofilone** and **Marina di Massignano**.

HILL TOWNS OVERLOOKING THE SEA

Porto Sant 'Elpidio was the former Sant'Elpidio a Mare's seaport; **Sant' Elpidio a Mare** is a picturesque town surrounded by medieval walls, boasting the fourteenth-century Gerosolimitana Tower, built by the Knights of Malta, the Collegiate Church and the Town Hall. Must see attractions are: the Pinacoteca Civica "Vittore Crivelli" and the Shoe Museum "Vincenzo Andolfi", documenting the town's manufacturing tradition and the shoes changes over the centuries, from the Middle Ages to our days. All around the town there are the outlets of some of the most prestigious Italy's footwear

brands. **Torre di Palme** is a picturesque medieval village, included in the "Borghi più belli d'Italia" organization, promoting the prettiest of Italy's villages; it is located on top of a hill overlooking the sea and boasts a remarkable historic center. It was built in the Middle Ages to protect Palma's seaport from the frequent pirate raids. Nearby is Fonti di Palme hydroponic establishment, surrounded by a park; it makes us of Palmense Piceno's water, suitable for the treatment of metabolic diseases. **Altidona**, with its ancient castle walls, stands on top of a hill a few kilometers from the nearby village of Marina di Altidona; **Campofilone**, located on the top of a hill overlooking Marina di Campofilone, has remarkable remains of the walls, the famous street covered with a barrel or cross vaults and the historic Civic Theatre. You must taste the typical "Maccheroncini di Campofilone" (some of Italy's finest egg pasta) - G.I.P. (protected geographical indication) product. Not far from Campofilone, the medieval village of **Massignano**, boasting noble buildings, the Civic Theatre and the Museum of Holy Art, dominates Marina di Massignano.



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EVENTS

Sant'Elpidio Jazz Festival

June, July

www.jazzdimarca.it

The theatres of the world International Festival of Theatre for children

July

www.iteatridelmondo.it

Anghio - Festival of bluefish

September

www.anghio.it

PORTO SANT'ELPIDIO

Porto Sant 'Elpidio is a town along the coast of the Marche Region, in the province of Fermo; it is in the heartland of the Marche's shoe industry. The historic fishing village, which was the seaport of Sant 'Elpidio a Mare, has today become a fashionable seaside resort. It features a 7 km sandy and pebbled beach, a cycling path, pine woods and well equipped campings. Must see attractions are: the old Clock Tower, symbol of the city, built to defend the town from pirate raids, the Church of the Annunciation and noble villas, such as Villa Murri and Villa Barrucchello, where summer cultural events are held. The Sanctuary of Addolorata was founded in the 16th century in the nearby Cova area. The basin of river Tenna, also called "Paludi di San Marco" (St. Marco's Marshes), is an ideal location for bird watching in early Spring and late Autumn.



FERMO LIDO

MARINA PALMENSE MARINA DI ALTIDONA MARINA DI CAMPOFILONE



Situated on top of a hill near river Tenna, **Fermo** boasts 5 km of coast to the south of Porto San Giorgio (**Marina Palmense**) and 4 km to the north (**Lido di Fermo**, Casabianca and Lido San Tommaso). Near Marina Palmense and Lido di Fermo there's the highest concentration of campings in southern Marche. These spots are quiet and surrounded by green hills. **Altidona** is situated on a hill with a view over the sea and the Aso Valley. **Marina di Altidona's** beach is both sandy and pebbled. Here there are beautiful villas and accommodation facilities. Bikers can enjoy cycling along the 3 km cycling path on the shore and along the river Aso. **Marina di Campofilone** has a 1.5 km long beach, made of sand and pebbles.



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Town Council Campofilone

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EVENTS

Antiques market

July, August

Ride of the Assumption

August

www.cavalcatadellassunta.it



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EVENTS

Literary Festival "The Sea inside"

July

Sea Festival

August
www.proloco.portosangiorgio.it

International Chess Festival

August

PORTO SAN GIORGIO

Porto San Giorgio is a town on the Marche's coastline. What was once the ancient port for the inland city of Fermo is now a pleasant seaside resort with sandy beach, numerous facilities and a well-equipped marina. Its streets, sandwiched between the main SS16 road and the sea, offer plenty of chances for window shopping and in high summer the place has a lively air and plenty of concerts. It owes some of its charm to a few fine examples of the Liberty Style architecture that was much in vogue in the smarter seaside resorts across Italy at the turn of the 19th century. Its 13th century fortress, built by Lorenzo Tiepolo, later Doge of Venice, stands close by the town's central square, and has fine towers and high keep. Must see attractions are: the historic theater "Vittorio Emanuele", built at the beginning of the twentieth century, the nineteenth-century church of San Giorgio, the Villa Bonaparte, built upon the order of Girolamo Bonaparte, Napoleon's brother, who lived in Porto San Giorgio between 1829 and 1832, and the Baroque church of Suffrage. The most typical dishes are the garagoli (sea snails in red sauce and spices) and the fish stew. Vin cotto (boiled wine) is the traditional local wine. Porto San Giorgio's beach is child-friendly and it's been awarded the Green Flag by Italian doctors.



PEDASO

To the south of Porto San Giorgio is **Pedaso**, the Marche's "mussel beach" - these delectable mollusks are cultivated on concrete pillars that lie just off its short, gravelly beach. Apart from being a popular place for skin-diving, it is also conveniently close to the motorway exit. The lighthouse documents Pedaso's sea tradition. In Mount Serrone area, full of bushy vegetation, there's an astronomical observatory. Sagra delle Cozze (or mussel feast) enlivens the town in August.



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EVENTS

Sea Festival

July
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Mussel Festival

August
www.prolocopedaso.it





PALM TREE RIVIERA

The **Palm tree riviera** identifies a stretch of coast that runs from Cupra Marittima to the river Tronto, crossing Grottammare and San Benedetto del Tronto; there are thousands of palm trees and a more typically Mediterranean climate. Originally the term “Palm tree riviera” was attributed to San Benedetto del Tronto, boasting approximately 8,000 trees in the various public and private gardens and along the streets. **Cupra Marittima** is a favourite tourist destination for families, thanks to the beauty of the pine forest, the soft sand and the quite environment; there's a medieval part called Marano, stretching on a hill overlooking the modern town and a small harbor. The Mediterranean climate helps the growing of evergreen shrubs, palms and oleanders, typical example of tropical and sub-tropical vegetation, evoking exotic and overseas scents. A bike path leads to **Grottammare**, with its 5 km of fine sandy beach, also known as the land of oranges: there's an upper part above the sea, still surrounded by walls, and a modern one with villas in Liberty style, hotels and bathing establishments scattered among green gardens and avenues. The long sandy beach is one of the main **San Benedetto del Tronto** 's attractions; the town is a popular seaside resort ,thanks to the beautiful wide beach, surrounded by the numerless deep green palm trees. Wide sandy beaches can also be found in Porto d'Ascoli, in the most southern part of the Marche region.

HIGH VILLAGES ABOVE THE SEA

Cupra Alta or Marano offers an amazing view over the sea and the Palm tree Riviera. The old part is almost intact, boasting walls with square and polyhedral towers and the gates of the fortress. **Grottammare Alta** is an ancient village; must see attractions are important civic and religious buildings, such as the Teatro dell'Arancio, the nearby Clock Tower, and the noble church of Santa Lucia, built upon the order of Camilla Peretti in memory of her brother Felice Peretti, later Pope, who was born there. **Belvedere**, the ancient village of San Benedetto del Tronto, is like a terrace with view over the Adriatic Sea; here there is the fourteenth-century hexagonal Gualtieri tower.



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EVENTS

Literary Festival "The Sea inside"

July

San Basso Festival

August

CUPRA MARITTIMA

Cupra Marittima is a seaside resort belonging to the "Palm Tree Riviera" in southern Marche. The lush vegetation (pines, palms, oleanders), the shortish sandy beach and the peaceful atmosphere provide the perfect setting for a relaxed holiday. A wide cycling path crosses the resort and runs until San Benedetto del Tronto. Cupra Marittima's pride is an interesting shell museum, collecting over 900000 shells. Less than 1 km inland from the town stands the Medieval hilltop borgo of Cupra Alta or Marano, where you can visit the medieval church of Santa Maria in Castello, the Church of Suffrage, the Church of the Annunciation and the Palazzo Brancadoro. In the northern part of Cupra Marittima, there is an archaeological site

Park, which documents the Roman settlement.

In nearby San Michele there are the ruins of Villa Magna with a nymph, while in Civita you can see the area of the Forum.



GROTTAMMARE

Grottammare is a small resort on the southern Marche "Riviera delle Palme"; it is also called "the pearl" of the Adriatic Sea. It boasts 5 km of fine sandy beach. Along with the many palm trees that line the seafront, bright flower beds and well-kept lawns give the place great charm. Bike lovers have a wide cycling path at their disposal, running for about 20 km. Its traffic-free promenade is backed by some splendid examples of seaside Liberty architecture - grand villas dating back to the turn of the last century.

The medieval old village up above the main resort is surrounded by walls and has fine old buildings and an ancient theatre. Nearby is the baroque Church of Saint Lucia, built by Camilla Peretti in memory of his brother Felice Peretti, who became Pope Sixtus V. The Church of San Giovanni Battista houses the Sistine Museum, dedicated to Pope Sixtus V. Along the walls you can visit the restored Tower of the Battle, collecting many pieces of the native Pericle Fazzini, one of the greatest artists of the twentieth century.

Grottammare's beach is child-friendly and it's been awarded the Green Flag by Italian doctors.



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EVENTS

Cabaret amore mio.

International Festival of Humorism

July, August

www.cabaretamoremio.it

Festival Liszt

July, August

www.festivaliszt.com



SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO

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www.sanbenedettohotel.it

EVENTS

Live sculpture
June
Prize Libero Bizzarri
July
www.fondazionebizzarri.org

L'antico e le palme
(Antique market)
June, July, August
www.lanticoelepalme.it



It is one of the main holiday resorts in the southern Marche between Tronto and Tesino rivers; it boasts a wide sandy beach with over seven thousand palm trees on its wide promenade known as one of the most enchanting in Italy. Its shallow and calm water makes this beach ideal for long walks and romantic strolls. **San Benedetto del Tronto** has one of the most important fishing ports on Italy's Adriatic coast and a remarkable fish market. The "brodetto alla sambenedettese", a tasty fish stew, is the most typical dish, which must be made with different species of fish. The most pleasant stretch of beach - and the highest concentration of good hotels - runs from the centre of town southwards. The beach to the north of the large port area offers many stretches of free, public beach. Along the newly renovated south promenade lie ten theme gardens filled with rare species of palm trees, small lakes and water games. Bike lovers can use a wide cycling path running for 15 km. San Benedetto boasts a lot of tourist accommodations, ranging from hotels and residences to a wide range of private apartments giving tourists the opportunity to spend an enjoyable and memorable vacation on "the Palm Tree Riviera". The Sea Museum Centre documents the longstanding sea and maritime tradition; it includes the Museum of Sea Culture, the Museum of amphorae and the Fish Museum. The older part of the town sits above the main resort, on the far side of Corso Mazzini, with its castle and narrow streets of brick houses. San Benedetto del Tronto's beach is child-friendly and it's been awarded the Green Flag by Italian doctors.





MARINAS

Along the 180 kilometers of Marche's coast you can moor in nine marinas. The total capacity is approximately 5,000 berths.

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SPORT AND UNDERWATER ITINERARIES

Beach volleyball, windsurf, kitesurf, cycling, golf... there are so many proposals making the holiday in the Marche region beautiful and enjoyable. Thanks to the different type of beaches and the close proximity to the hinterland, the Marche coast allows practicing a large variety of activities and sports: scuba diving, horseback riding, mountain biking, beach volley, free climbing. The Adriatic Sea can offer amazing suggestions to any scuba diver, even at a few feet of depth. Today diving safely is easier, thanks to the more and more reliable equipment, the widespread professional diving schools provided with efficient charging stations, able to ensure

quality materials and assistance for any level of immersion. The region's depths are sandy in the provinces of Macerata, Fermo and Ascoli Piceno and partly sandy in the area of Ancona and Pesaro and Urbino; they attract underwater lovers in two stretches of coast characterized by lush flora and a large variety of fish. The province of Ancona near Mount Conero and Pesaro's area, near Mount San Bartolo, actually feature wild landscapes, with promontories, bays and coves. The list of the centres for the practice of sport activities can be found by visiting: www.turismo.marche.it



WATER PARKS

The Marche region offers a wide choice of entertainments, with proposals that can meet any taste. The water parks allows enjoying the freshness of summer. Slides, large tubs, pools, splash lagoons, green areas, areas for kids are an ideal location for a relaxing and leisure holiday.

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PARKS ABOVE THE SEA

From Pesaro to Conero area, you can enjoy a relaxing holiday by the sea. Along the coast you can plunge into two deep green natural parks: the **Regional Park of Mount San Bartolo** in the province of Pesaro and Urbino, and the **Regional Park of Mount Conero** in the province of Ancona.

Sentina Regional Nature Reserve is in the province of Ascoli Piceno.

The **Natural Park of Mount San Bartolo** covers an area of about 1600 hectares of protected land and is included in the province of Pesaro and Urbino, between the river Foglia and Tavollo. It features a high stretch of coast and amazing cliffs. The rest of the protected area is surrounded by rural landscape. There are five trails leading to unspoiled corners, where you can enjoy breathtaking views among the deep blue sea and the smelling broom waterfalls. Mount San Bartolo is perfect for hiking, biking, climbing and trekking. In the green and picturesque hinterland of Gabicce there are also many paths for cyclists, both beginners and professionals.

Info: www.parcosanbartolo.it

Mount Conero is the only relief (572 metres) above the sea from Trieste to Gargano and is in the heart of the homonymous park. The towns included in the protected area are: Ancona, Camerano and the seaside resorts of Sirolo and Numana. It stretches for 5800 hectares of protected land and features places of great beauty: the Bay of Portonovo, the beach of the "two sisters", Belvedere

North, Pian Grande, Pian dei Raggetti. There are eighteen hiking trails among strawberry trees, brooms, junipers, oaks and pines. Along the Conero Riviera you can practice different sports, such as beach volley, sailing, windsurfing, scuba diving and water skiing. Nature lovers can enjoy horseback riding, mountain biking and playing golf.
Info: www.parcodelconero.eu

Between the town of Porto d'Ascoli to the north and the river Tronto to the south lies **Sentina Regional Nature Reserve**, a landscape of water and sand that stretches for about 180 acres within the town of San Benedetto del Tronto. There are dunes, coastal wetlands and grasslands and is home to over 400 plant species. In the reserve many activities are organized both for children, adults, and nature experts.
Info: www.riservasentina.it



THE PARTY IS HERE

Are you dynamic and like having fun? The Marche region is the perfect destination for you ! From spring to autumn there's always something to do.. in summer time there's such a wide choice at your disposal: shows, exhibitions, music festivals and great events. Nightlife is funny too: many clubs and discos along the coast are open until late at night. Night entertainment is not only disco ...: the beach chalets offer unforgettable evenings; there you can enjoy parties, concerts, live music, cabaret and taste Marche's typical wines and products. Aperitif, dinner and dance have become the basic ingredients, that can satisfy any taste.

In July you can't miss the **"Night of Wishes"**: an event occurring along the 180 km of coastline with entertainments, shows and prizes to celebrate the beauty of the Marche.

MUSIC

Musicultura, the festival of folk music, is one of Italy's most innovative music festivals. It takes place in June in Macerata at Arena Sferisterio, a few kilometers from the coast. In Senigallia there are two important events taking place in Summer: the former - **Caterraduno** is in June, an event drawing



many fans, including concerts, shows and live broadcasts; the latter - **Summer Jamboree** animates Senigallia's first week of August, recreating the atmosphere of America's music and culture of the '40s and '50s. There are live concerts, dancing classes, vintage stand of modernism, parades of American cars and Hawaiian parties. The **Arena Gigli Musical** is the traditional festival of musical theater taking place in summer time in Porto Recanati in the Castello Svevo.

CINEMA, THEATRE, DANCE

The province of Pesaro and Urbino boasts a very important event: the **International Festival of New Cinema**, a remarkable window for emerging films, taking place in Pesaro in the last week of June. Keen ancient theater lovers can enjoy the summer festival **TAU**, offering plays of ancient theatre, both Greek and Roman, in Marche's remarkable archaeological sites. Ballet fans can't miss **Civitanova Danza**, a festival dedicated to dance, taking place in Civitanova Marche; it proposes the different expressions of the world's art of dance and the most spectacular techniques of modern dance.

One of the most remarkable events dedicated to theatre for children and youth is **"I Teatri del Mondo - International Festival of Theatre for Children"**, taking place in July in Porto Sant'Elpidio.



JAZZ

Jazz music has been gaining more and more success over the last few years. Do not miss **Fano Jazz By The Sea**, the jazz festival taking place in Fano in late July. **Ancona Jazz Summer Festival** boasts famous artists coming from all over the world, who perform in July in the most picturesque areas of the city. **Sant 'Elpidio Jazz Festival**, a jazz festival taking place in Fermo's area in June and July, is particularly interesting; do not forget **Musicamdo Jazz**, one of the greatest Marche's jazz & blues events, taking place in Macerata's area. **San Severino Blues Festival** is a blues and jazz festival taking place in San Severino Marche and neighboring towns in July and August. The festival boasts high quality concerts by internationally renowned musicians and bands.

LANDS OF FESTIVAL

Are you a fan of music, theater and contemporary arts? In the Marche region you will find the multidisciplinary festival that suits you. Between June and July Fano becomes the capital of in-depth literature, hosting **Passaggi Festival**, Italy's unique literary festival dedicated to the essay writ-

ing. Mediterranean and Balkan rhythms lovers can't miss the **Adriatico Mediterraneo Festival**, a music, theater, dance and art festival, taking place in Ancona from late August to early September. **Macerata Opera Festival**, one of the most famous opera seasons at international level, takes place in Macerata's Sferisterio in July and August. The season is centred around a theme, including the choice of the titles on the bill and the staging. Pesaro remains an important pilgrimage centre for Gioachino Rossini's fans and is the setting, each August, for the prestigious **Rossini Opera Festival**, which is dedicated to performing his operas. You can enjoy **Futura Festival** and its meeting and shows in Civitanova Marche. **Popsophia** is a unique festival in Italy dedicated to Pop philosophy, taking place in July and August. In August San Benedetto del Tronto is home to **Open Sea Festival**, featuring concerts and theater performances.

Contemporary art lovers cannot miss **"Maritime State Property. Km-278"** taking place in July on the promenade of Marzocca - Senigallia.



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