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**F**rom the Apennines to the villages to the gastronomy tours: in Romagna, travellers interested in outdoor tourism and active tourism have always found what they dreamt of and needed. The project “L’Altra Romagna en plein air: un territorio per il turismo itinerante all’aria aperta (camper, caravan e tende)” (“L’Altra Romagna en plein air: a territory for tourism on the road in the open air (motorhomes, caravans, and tents)”) combines traditions, charm, and the sights of Romagna: travelers will thus discover the natural and cultural heritage, as well as food and wine, that demarcate the borders of the inland of Romagna.

Analysing the territories of Faenza, Emilia, shape: organised trips, actual Forlì, and Cesena along the Via travel itineraries take very appealing to those who enjoy outdoor tourism on the road. There is a growing number of travellers looking for an authentic travel experience that would make them uncover the real identity of a territory and its people through its nature, art, history, and typical products. Our inland provides countless opportunities and encourages hill and mountain tourism, which is becoming more and more popular, curious, and aware. Thanks to this innovative project promoted by Gal L’Altra Romagna (Local Action Group, in Italian Gruppo di Azione Locale), tourism on the road constitutes an occasion to be in contact with the landscape and the local culture, which are particularly appreciated by motorhome owners and all those who love slow tourism. In order to meet the needs of the increasing number of tourists interested in excursions, tourism on the road, active tourism, and ecotourism, they are offered a full experience. Emilia-Romagna is the first Italian region in terms of quantity of cycle paths, with the most important ones being Vento and the Ciclovía del Sole. It also offers golf and hiking lovers pedestrian walkways that have a strong historical and environmental value, as they correspond to ancient pilgrimage routes. The project “L’Altra Romagna en plein air: un territorio per il turismo itinerante all’aria aperta (camper, caravan e tende)” represents a golden opportunity not only to give value to this enormous patrimony, but also to have a holiday and a travel experience through sustainable mobility, in close contact with the beauties and traditions of the genuine Romagna.



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This publication, entrusted to *PleinAir* by GAL L'Altra Romagna, contains a special meaning in its information structure: a message for a land and its values, namely, environmental quality, history, culture, specialties, and, last but not least, hospitality. The precious, invaluable territory is displayed in every town of the area through the commitment of wise administrators who love and want to give value to the patrimony of the local communities.

This publication is meant for a traveller who is aware and eager for learning; what drives them to travel and live at a slow pace goes beyond simple tourism, it is, indeed, the chance to discover unexpected places and cultures. It is in this spirit that we invite you to read through this guide, *L'Altra Romagna en plein air*: you will see that every town represents a culturally enriching destination, which manages to nourish the culture of travel and, from a wider perspective, the culture of leisure.

*PleinAir* had the privilege of being entrusted with this publication and is proud of being able to reach thousands of readers. Every page leads to freedom of experiencing one of the most valuable assets that Romagna has to offer, that is, its inland.

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**T**he project “L’Altra Romagna en plein air: un territorio per il turismo itinerante all’aria aperta (camper, caravan e tende)” aims at opening the territory to people interested in regional, national, and international outdoor tourism.

This complex project has different operational lines that complement each other and are consistent with the objective: implementing useful actions within the inland of Romagna in order to improve tourism on the road and agritourism, which is a kind of green, sustainable tourism.

The big tour presented in this guide is made up of dozens of smaller itineraries with many different values for tourism purposes. The inland of Romagna will present itself in a different guise to travellers interested in tourism on the road, that is, in a coordinated, consistent way, with the creation of a great, well-structured route that aims at developing eco-sustainable tourism. It is equipped with staging points,

park areas, aware agritourism operators, and so on: this wonderful, wide space is a “friendly territory” not only for those who travel by car and by motorcycle, but also for those who go motorhoming, caravanning, camping, and above all, those who go hiking, biking, or canoeing thus putting into practice a responsible tourism.

The area can be reached both by walking through beautiful passages and routes that are rather unknown to travellers, and by travelling along the route between the Via Emilia and the mountains and hills of Cesena, Forlì, and Faenza. This lays the basis for a fabulous holiday trip that combines events and outdoor activities, beautiful landscapes and culture, art and traditions. All the municipalities situated on the hills and on the mountains of the inland of Romagna are involved in this project: every town is known for its gastronomic and environmental excellence, is rich in history and tradition, and is full of widespread services (with staging points



and rest areas in the municipalities, in the farms, and in the campsites), designed for tourists who care about the environment.

Both the territory and the tour are not intended for an ordinary "tourist", but rather for a traveller who appreciates good food and is looking for nature, culture, and freedom, while being aware, attentive and sensitive to the world they live in, even on holiday and in their spare time.

This guide is part of the project "Romagna Terra del Buon Vivere" ("Romagna, Land of Good Living"), developed upon the initiative of the banking foundation *Fondazione Cassa dei Risparmi di Forlì*, with the aim of giving value to this extraordinary land. Both from the graphic point of view and from the title and spirit of this guide, it is clear that it follows the recently published "*L'agenda del buon vivere*" (good living agenda), a very suggestive work which relies on the ability to watch and learn. Romagna is, in fact, hospitality: the happy encounter with a

land that embraces travellers and shows them traditions that were renewed and did not fade over time.

What matters is what travellers imagine while becoming citizens of a place where they can feel at home even for a short stay.

What matters is the positive associations travellers create around the smells of that land, worked by men and women who honoured it and were able to turn it into the unique taste of Romagna.

What matters is their feelings and impressions, the pleasure and honour to visit a land that is always worth the journey.

Looking for the perfume that sticks to our minds and makes us want to go back.

*Have a good journey*

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The inland of Romagna is an extraordinary mosaic of values and places of interest for tourists, both from an environmental and from a cultural point of view: readers will see it by turning the pages of this guide, and, above all, by travelling to the twenty-five municipalities of GAL L'Altra Romagna and the six municipalities located along the Via Emilia, which are all presented with their specific characteristics.

It is a particularly varied and lively territory, with its nine valleys interconnected by passages and gaps; it is accessible from the main and provincial roads, which are well-kept, viable routes.

Ideally, the trip might start from the A14 tollgate of Faenza and continue from the hills of Faenza to the mountains of Sogliano al Rubicone, with a view to the Montefeltro, close to the tollgate of Rimini Nord: in here, travellers will pass through the hills and mountains of Cesena, Forlì, and Faenza, and see a lot of points of

interest, from a naturalistic, historic, and cultural point of view, and even more remarkably, each one alone is worth the trip.

Both this guide and the project about the inland of Romagna *en plein air* required considerable preparatory work and talks with the thirty-one municipal administrators involved, the professional associations, the Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona, Campigna National Park authority and the Vena del Gesso Romagna Regional Park authority, as well as with the campsites management, the local tourist associations management (Pro Loco), the agritourisms entrepreneurs, and the tourist voluntary associations.

Therefore, the inland of Romagna houses



### Glossary

**Staging point** is the public car park where motorhomes are allowed to be parked, without the need for additional services, unless specified otherwise.

**Park area** is a place where it is possible to stop and, at least, access services such as water supply and grey and black waste water discharge.

**Camper service** (Motorhome service) does not include a place to stay but only the possibility to charge drinking water and discharge grey and black waste water.



one of the widest, most structured Italian tourism networks for all those who go motorhoming, caravanning, and camping. As a matter of fact, the numbers speak for themselves: in coordination with the thirty-one municipalities involved in the project, forty staging points for motorhomes, fifteen rest areas, and six motorhome services were identified on the mountains and at the foot of the hills of Faenza, Forlì, and Cesena. Travellers can choose to park both in the facilities created by local authorities and in private premises. In the territory of GAL, there are ten campsites (in Riolo Terme, Brisighella, Tredozio, Modigliana, San Benedetto in Alpe, Premilcuore, Corniolo, Ridracoli, San Piero in Bagno, Balze di Verghereto) which are close to the nature of our parks and to the reality of villages. Other twenty-three rural facilities – agritourisms and farms – offer motorhomes and, in most cases, also tents and caravans, hospitality in the peaceful countryside of the inland of the authentic Romagna.



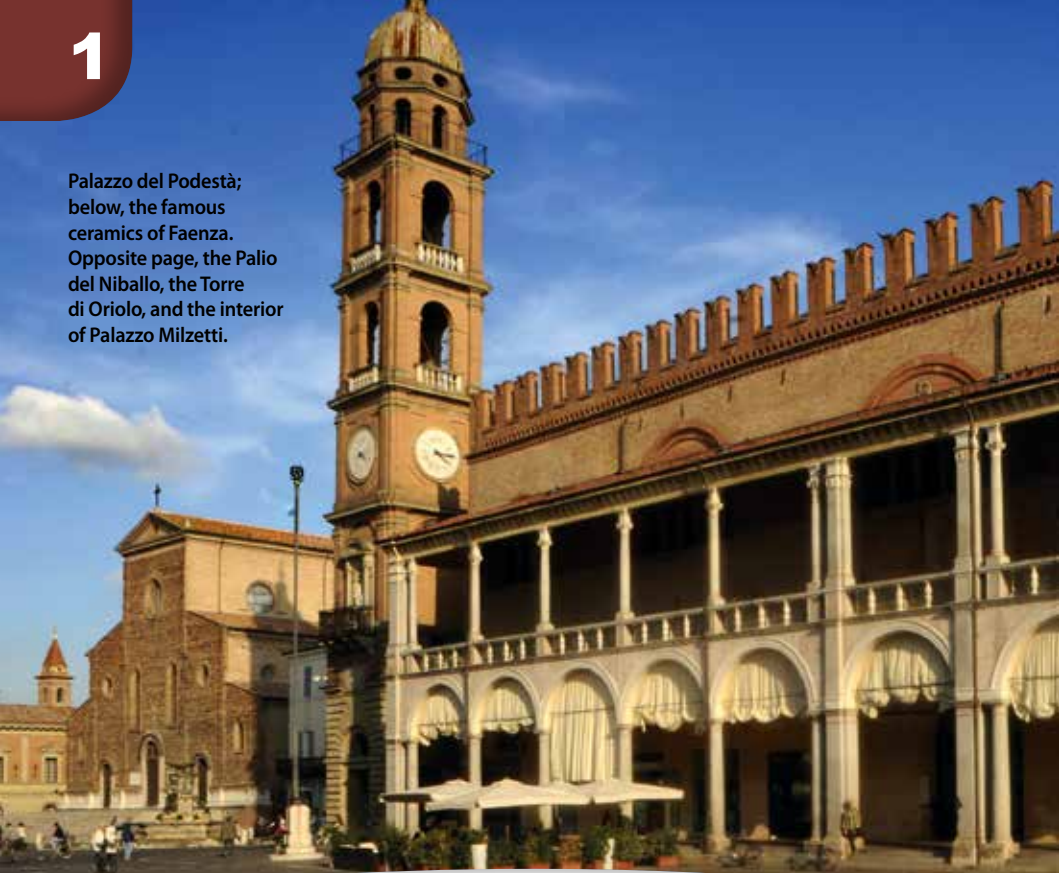
## A thorough reception

For every town described in this guide, all the park areas and the staging points have been reported: in most cases, they are easily accessible even for bulkier motor vehicles, and not too far from the historic city centre: travellers will therefore reach it with no effort, both by foot and by bicycle. The car parks are lit, provided with waste containers, and almost always have a fountain with drinking water. In all the thirty-one municipalities of this publication, recreational vehicles can be parked for a short time or for a long time, so that travellers can take a look around, visit the old town, go shopping, have a meal at a restaurant or at a trattoria, sleep or take a rest from hiking or biking, and so on.

It is important to note that for many municipalities of the inland of Romagna, the launch of this project represents an incentive for the transformation of some staging points into park areas (which are at the planning stage or were already planned).

In order to make it easier for readers to locate the reception facilities *en plein air* of the inland of Romagna, all the staging points, park areas, campsites, and agritourisms are indicated in the map (pages 50 and 51) with a specific symbol in correspondence with every town. Furthermore, the facilities for campsites and agritourisms are described in detail from page 76 to page 85.

Palazzo del Podestà;  
below, the famous  
ceramics of Faenza.  
Opposite page, the Palio  
del Niballo, the Torre  
di Oriolo, and the interior  
of Palazzo Milzetti.



## Faenza



**T**his city of Roman origin was built along the historic Via Emilia. The Romanesque churches of Sant'Ippolito, Santa Maria ad Nives, and Commenda date back to Medieval times, while the majestic cathedral of the Renaissance was built as from 1474. The following renowned architectural works date back to the Baroque period: the structure of the two wonderful main squares, the Monumental Fountain, the torre dell'orologio (clock tower), the loggias and the arcades of palazzo del Comune (Town Hall) and palazzo del Podestà. Teatro Angelo Masini and Palazzo Milzetti were built between the end of the 18th century and the beginning of the 19th century, and they are examples of the architecture that blossomed during the neoclassical age; the latter currently hosts the Museo nazionale dell'Arte Neoclassica in Romagna (National Museum of Neoclassical





Art in Romagna), where the development of Neoclassicism is perfectly illustrated both from an architectural and from a decorative point of view.



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### **Where to park**

Staging point in Via Golfieri; big car park in the rear of the shopping centre in Viale Marconi 32/a.

### **What to see**

Museo nazionale dell'Arte Neoclassica in Romagna • Pinacoteca Comunale (Municipal Art Gallery)

### **Don't miss**

Since the Middle Ages, Faenza has been a meeting point between the Tuscan and Po cultures, becoming a ceramic centre of primary importance, especially for the majolica; therefore, the Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche is worth visiting ([www.micfaenza.org](http://www.micfaenza.org)).

### **Outdoor activities**

Hiking itineraries along the riverbank of the Lamone • Cycling routes in the areas of Bocche dei Canali Punta degli Orti and Torre di Oriolo dei Fichi.

### **Art and food**

Artistic ceramics in the several workshops situated around the city • The "cappelletti di magro" (without meat) filled with cheese and ricotta and the tortelli di San Lazzaro, filled pastries with chestnut flour and cocoa, are worth trying; and finally, a glass of red wine Centesimino di Oriolo dei Fichi or white wine Famoso.

### **When to go**

**May** Musica nelle Aie and Cento Kilometri del Passatore • **June** Palio del Niballo • **September** Argilla Italia

### **Useful information**

IAT Faenza, Voltone della Mollinella 2, tel. 0546 25231, [www.prolocofaenza.it](http://www.prolocofaenza.it).

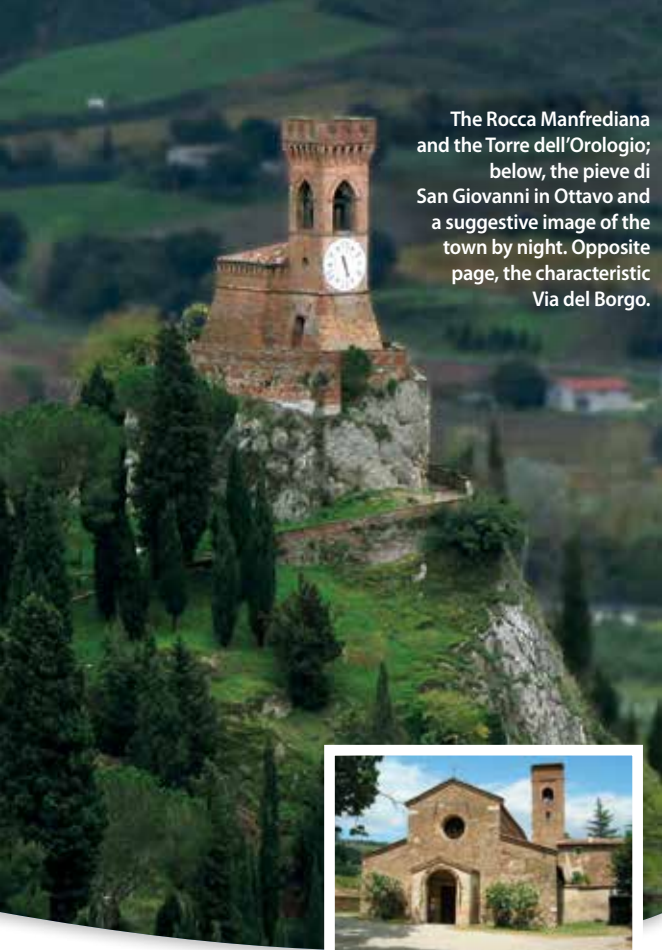
Associazione Ente Ceramica Faenza, tel. 0546 691289, [www.enteceramica.it](http://www.enteceramica.it).



## Brisighella



**B**risighella, a village situated along the ancient route connecting Faenza and Firenze, is characterised by three pinnacles, dominated by three hilltop structures: the Rocca Manfrediana, the Torre dell’Orologio (Clock Tower), and the santuario del Monticino (sanctuary of Monticino). Its Medieval urban layout is preserved: the historic city centre is made up of ancient lanes and religious buildings, such as the chiesa della Collegiata, which holds works by Palmezzano and Guercino, and the pieve di San Giovanni in Ottavo (parish church of S. Giovanni in Ottavo), locally known as “Pieve del Tho”; this suggestive temple, built in the Romanesque style, is located at the eighth mile of the Via Emilia, hence the name “Ottavo”, and is worth visiting. Because of its historical, artistic, and natural heritage and thanks to its culinary traditions, Brisighella was awarded within the network



The Rocca Manfrediana and the Torre dell'Orologio; below, the pieve di San Giovanni in Ottavo and a suggestive image of the town by night. Opposite page, the characteristic Via del Borgo.



of "Borghi più belli d'Italia", "Slow City", and the "Bandiere Arancioni" from the Italian Touring Club.



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Motorhome park area in Piazza Donatori di Sangue.

### **What to see**

The museum dedicated to the work of lithographer Ugonia • Fontana Vecchia (Old Fountain) • Collegiata di San Michele Arcangelo • Chiesa di Santa Maria degli Angeli and convento dell'Osservanza

### **Don't miss**

Via del Borgo is an elevated, covered street lit by crescent-shaped arches overlooking Piazza Guglielmo Marconi; it is also called Via degli Asini (Donkeys Street) as it offered shelter for the animals of the carters who lived there.

### **Outdoor activities**

Hiking lovers will enjoy the sights of the Vena del Gesso Romagnola Regional Park.

### **Art and food**

The territory enjoys the benefits of a temperate microclimate, favourable for the production of the extra virgin olive oil DOP of Brisighella. An open-air museum was dedicated to the prestigious oil, which is emerald green with golden hues; it has an intense though delicate aroma, and a spicy, slightly bitter taste.

The history of Brisighella is intertwined with the ancient and refined art of embroidery, with the artistic processing of iron, and with the production of the typical printed cloths of Romagna.

### **When to go**

**From June to August** Brisighella Sogno d'estate

### **Useful information**

Pro Loco Brisighella, Vicolo Salletti 2, tel. 0546 81166, [www.brisighella.org](http://www.brisighella.org). Comune di Brisighella, Via Naldi 2, tel. 0546 994411.



## Casola Valsenio

**L**ocated in the Middle Senio Valley, on the border with Tuscany, Casola Valsenio is also known as the Land of Herbs and Forgotten Fruits because of the various medicinal herbs grown there. That ancient tradition led to the creation of the Giardino delle Erbe Rinaldi Ceroni (Rinaldi Ceroni Herb Garden), one of the biggest open-air gardens in Europe, and to the organisation of many events. Nearby are the ancient, recently renovated abbazia benedettina di Valsenio (Valsenio Benedictine abbey) and the Medieval building Il Cardello, that originally served as a guest quarters of the Valsenio abbey, and then, in the 19th century, became the house of writer Alfredo Oriani. Today, it holds the Casa Museo Il Cardello (House-Museum Il Cardello), with the creative work of the brilliant scholar, who even wrote about his cycling tours between the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century.





A float during the Festa di Primavera; below, the Casa Museo Il Cardello. Opposite page, a partial view of the historic city centre, a suggestive sight of Monte Battaglia, and the Valsenio abbey.



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### Where to park

Staging point in Via Gramsci, next to the community swimming pool, in Via 2 Giugno, near Parco Pertini, and motorhome service in Via 1° Maggio in the area of the former sports field.

### What to see

The historic city centre and the Torre Civica • Valsenio abbey • Casa Museo Il Cardello • Chiesa di Sopra • Rocca di Monte Battaglia

### Don't miss

In the big terraces of Giardino delle Erbe, over 400 varieties of medicinal herbs are grown and used for human consumption, for medicines, and for natural cosmetics. The garden holds a specialised library, a photography exhibition, an olfactory room, and a shop (tel. 0546 73158, [www.ilgiardinodelleerbe.it](http://www.ilgiardinodelleerbe.it)).

### Outdoor activities

Routes of the river park along the Senio • Trails for hiking and mountain biking in the Corolla delle Ginestre • Scenic routes on Monte Battaglia, which was the theatre of bloody clashes.

### Art and food

Medicinal herbs are used in gastronomy, as well as fruits that have traditional flavours and make tasty dishes, i.e., nespola (loquat or medlar), sorba (sorb), pera volpina (volpina pear), mela della rosa (rose apple), mela cotogna (quince), corbezzolo (strawberry tree berry), corniolo (carnelian berry).

### When to go

**March** Festa del Tartufo Primaverile • **April** Festa e Notte di Primavera • **May** Erbe In Fiore • **June** Giornata della Lavanda and Notte Viola • **July** Le Erbe in Tavola • **August** Casola è Una Favola • **October** Festa dei Frutti Dimenticati e del Marrone di Casola Valsenio

### Useful information

UIT Casola Valsenio, tel. 0546 73033, [www.comune.casolavalsenio.ra.it](http://www.comune.casolavalsenio.ra.it), [www.casolaromatica.it](http://www.casolaromatica.it).



## Riolo Terme

**S**ituated among the hills of Ravenna, a few kilometres away from the border with Tuscany, Riolo Terme is particularly renowned for its precious thermal waters, popular since Roman times. Surrounded by the 14th-century Rocca Sforzesca (a perfectly preserved fortress named after Caterina Sforza), which houses the Museo del Paesaggio dell'Appennino Faentino (Museum of the Faenza Apennine Landscape), the town centre and its suggestive atmosphere are preserved as well; the surrounding walls were built to provide protection to the people who lived there. The peaceful greenery and the benefits of the therapeutic waters make it a tourist location sought-after by those who enjoy wellness and contact with nature, as well as doing sport.



The Rocca Sforzesca (also in the details directly above). Opposite page, the spa in Liberty style and (in the circle) the Romagna Shalott IGP.



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Motorhome park area in Via Firenze, near the river park.

### **What to see**

The Rocca and the Museo del Paesaggio dell'Appennino Faentino

• Chiesa di San Giovanni Battista

### **Don't miss**

The spa, in Liberty style, is surrounded by a park with centuries-old trees and provides avant-garde therapeutic services, treatments with natural methods, beauty treatments, and rehabilitation therapies (Via Firenze 15, tel. 0546 71045).

### **Outdoor activities**

The Golf Club La Torre, with its eighteen holes, covers over 200 hectares of nature, with suggestive badlands and rolling hills • The Vena del Gesso Romagna Regional Park is unique and full of gypsum outcrops, crests, and slopes; it also has a very large number of plant and animal species • The water park Acqualand is an ideal place for families

### **Art and food**

The Scalogni di Romagna IGP is a typical product of this area. This bulb is widely used in the local cuisine and can be eaten raw, in vinegar, or with pasta; with its unique flavour, it enhances the taste of every dish.

### **When to go**

**May** Open Day Terme Bimbo •

**June** Rally di Romagna in Mountain Bike and La Notte Celeste •

**July** Fiera dello Scalogni di Romagna IGP • **September** Sagra Provinciale dell'Uva

### **Useful information**

IAT Riolo Terme, Corso Matteotti 40, tel. 0546 71044, [www.imola.faenza.it](http://www.imola.faenza.it).

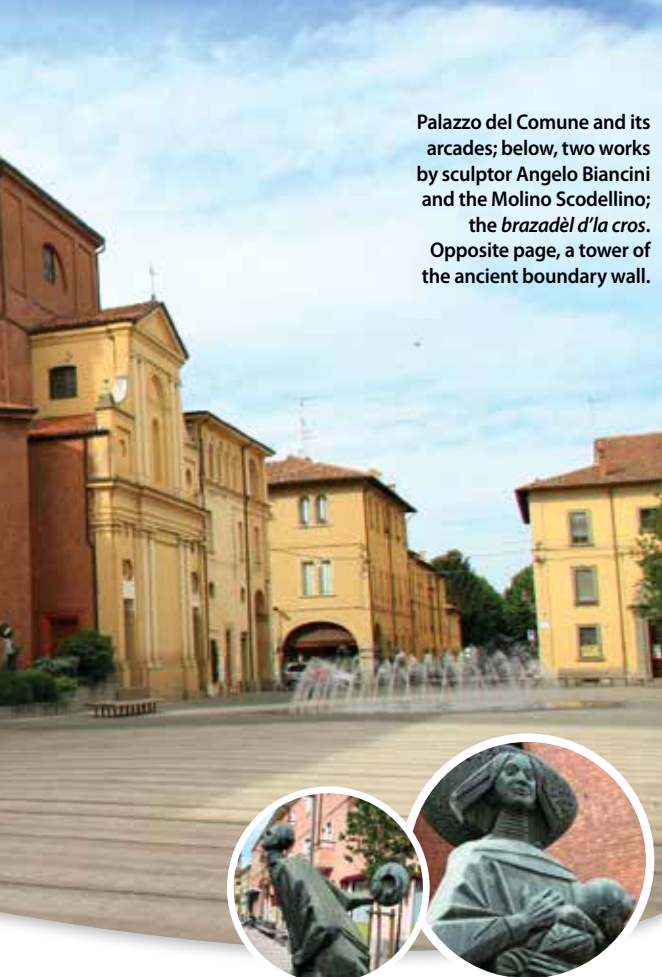


## Castel Bolognese

**S**ituated along the Via Emilia, in a strategic position between Faenza and Imola, Castel Bolognese is an important agricultural and industrial centre. It was founded by the Senato di Bologna at the end of the 14th century as an outpost for the defence of those territories, and was subdued to the town of Bologna until the end of the 1700s. The original boundary wall was partially destroyed by Cesare Borgia, called Il Valentino, in 1501, but it was rebuilt soon after; only few traces of the past are still preserved today: some parts of the boundary wall, a few towers, and some traces of the recently restored fortress. The archaeological material found in the territory of Castel Bolognese is in the Museo Civico Umberto I, which houses the Pinacoteca (Art Gallery) where many works of local artists can be admired. Since the 1990s, some of the important sculptures by Ange-







Palazzo del Comune and its arcades; below, two works by sculptor Angelo Biancini and the Molino Scodellino; the *brazadèl d'la cros*. Opposite page, a tower of the ancient boundary wall.

lo Biancini have been placed along the town's streets, squares, and avenues, thus creating a valuable open-air museum.



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### Where to park

Motorhome park area in Via Antonio Donati 2.

### What to see

Museo all'Aperto di Angelo Biancini • Museo Civico Umberto I • Chiesa di San Petronio • The ancient Molino Scodellino, a renovated mill situated along the Canale dei Mulini

### Don't miss

The Reliquary of the chiesa di San Francesco, in Via Emilia Interna; for visits, turn to the nearby Parrocchia di San Petronio (tel. 320 0656795).

### Outdoor activities

River park of the Senio • Cycling routes on the hills

### Art and food

The *brazadèl d'la cros*, a typical, cross-shaped bread, is worth trying, as well as the classic wines of Romagna, i.e., Albana, Sangiovese, Trebbiano, Pagadebit, Cagnina, and Colli di Faenza.

### When to go

**November** Festa del Brazadèl e del Vino Novello • **25th of April** Ultramarathon 50 Km di Romagna

• **Period of Pentecost** The Sagra di Pentecoste, in its 385th edition, is one of the most ancient traditional events in Italy

### Useful information

Comune di Castell Bolognese, tel. 0546 655804, [www.comune.ca.stelbolognese.ra.it](http://www.comune.ca.stelbolognese.ra.it).





## Modigliana



The Rocca dei Conti Guidi overlooks the town; directly above, the Tribuna. Opposite page, the ponte di San Donato and two local gastronomic excellences.

**H**istoric town of the Tuscan Romagna surrounded by the Tramazzo Valley greenery, Modigliana is a lively agricultural and industrial centre, birthplace of painter Silvestro Lega, who was a member of the Macchiaioli movement. The architecture was particularly influenced by the Florentine culture carried by the domination of the Granducato (Grand Duchy). There are plenty of traces of the Roman *Castrum Mutillum*, and the Rocca dei Conti Guidi (Fortress of the Counts Guidi) overlooks the old village, which is surrounded by Medicean walls. Every street and every square tells a famous story, the most interesting being the one about the exchange of two babies: in 1773, the son of Lorenzo Chiappini, jailer in Palazzo Pretorio, was exchanged for Maria Stella, the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Orléans, who lived in Palazzo Borghi. In 1830, the boy became King of France with the name of Louis Philippe of Orléans.



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### **Where to park**

Staging point in Piazzale Enzo Ferrari, near the sports facilities.

### **What to see**

Rocca dei Conti Guidi • Palazzo Pretorio and Pinacoteca Civica di Arte Moderna Silvestro Lega • Chiesa di San Domenico • Oratorio di Gesù Morto • Ponte di San Donato or della Signora • The former convento dei Cappuccini • Museo Civico Don Giovanni Verità

### **Don't miss**

Piazza Pretorio is considered to be the most beautiful Medieval square of the region.

### **Outdoor activities**

The Tenuta di Montebello is an educational forest and a wildlife oasis with tree species from all over the world; it offers twenty-two kilometres of equipped trails for hiking, horse riding, and mountain biking.

### **Art and food**

The Sangiovese, the chocolate mandorlato, and the refined extra virgin olive oil are the three typical products of Modigliana, while handcrafted shoes, pottery, and wrought-iron objects are some of its arts and crafts.

### **When to go**

**April** Sangiovese in Festa • **September** Feste dell'800 • **October** Tortello in festa • **December** Festa dell'olio nuovo • **From Christmas Eve to Epiphany** E zoc ed Nadel

### **Useful information**

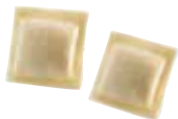
Comune di Modigliana, tel. 0546 949540, [www.comune.modigliana.fc.it](http://www.comune.modigliana.fc.it). Biblioteca Don Giovanni Verità, tel. 0546 941019. Pro Loco, tel. 338 2827099. Museo Don Giovanni Verità, tel. 0546 949525. For more info: [www.modigliana.com](http://www.modigliana.com).



## Tredozio

**T**he last village of the Upper Tramazzo Valley is Tredozio, a gateway to a territory with plenty of picturesque natural sceneries: and indeed, it is the extreme western area of the Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona, Campigna National Park. Its strategic position, in the inland of the Apennines of Forlì, makes it easily accessible from Faenza through the provincial road Modigliana-Tredozio, which goes along the valley towards the Tramazzo pass. It can also be reached from the East, from Portico di Romagna through the panoramic Monte Busca passage. In the village, located on the river, there are many noble houses, built in the 17th and 18th centuries, which overlook the main street; among them, Palazzo Fantini, built in 1753, houses a small “museo del lavoro contadino” and a beautiful Italian-style garden created in the 1800s.

Tredozio is located at the heart of a green valley; directly above, Palazzo Fantini and its Italian-style gardens. Opposite page, a picnic area near the lake Ponte, the path leading to the basin, the town centre crossed by the river Tramazzo, and the typical bartolacci; in the circle, a detail of the volcano of Monte Busca.



## i n pratica

### Where to park

Motorhome park area adjacent to Campsite Le Volte (Via Bachelet 1, tel. 0546 943161).

### What to see

In Cà Forte there is the so called volcano, a curious formation due to emissions of methane gas. Only the foundations and the basement of the historic manor of the Counts Guidi remain, while the path leading to the Castellaccio offers a beautiful sight of Tredozio.

### Don't miss

Six kilometres away from Tredozio (the last two are unpaved) there is Casa Ponte, a cosy shelter surrounded by the forest and overlooking the picturesque lake.

### Outdoor activities

Hiking and mountain biking lovers can count on a large network of CAI trails and paths. Near the Fonte del Bepi it is also possible to stop in an equipped park area. The municipal sports centre, with tennis court and swimming pools, is in the campsite Le Volte.

### Art and food

The *bartolaccio* is one of the most original, local specialties: it is a grilled tortello filled with boiled potatoes, pancetta, and Grana Padano cheese.

### When to go

**Easter and Easter Monday** Sagra and Palio dell'Uovo • **May** Festa patronale in onore della Beata Vergine delle Grazie • **November** La Sagra del Bartolaccio

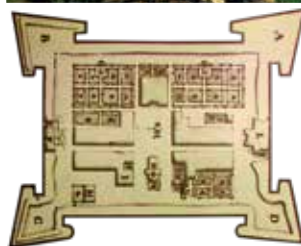
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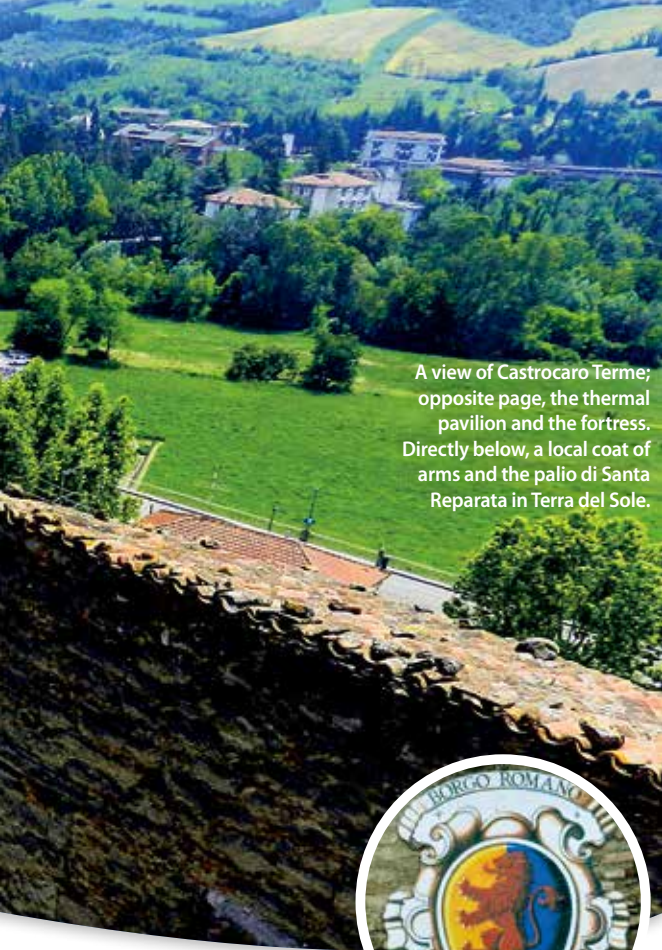
Comune di Tredozio, Via dei Martiri 1, tel. 0546 943937, [www.comune.tredozio.fc.it](http://www.comune.tredozio.fc.it). Punto Informazioni Comunale, Via XX Settembre 62, tel. 0546 943937 or 333 8827033. Pro Loco, Via XX Settembre 32, tel. 0546 943666.



## Castrocaro Terme e Terra del Sole

**T**he Medieval old town of Castrocaro is located on a cliff, called "sasso spungone" (rocky outcrop) because of the porosity of the soil, dominated by a massive fortress. It is known for its thermal waters and the beauty of the historical complex, in Art Deco style. The Renaissance town of Terra del Sole (Eliopoli) is situated about two kilometres away: it was founded by the Grand Duke of Tuscany, Cosimo I, on the 8th of December 1564, to be the new capital of the ancient Province of the Tuscan Romagna, and its urban and architectural layout of human-sized town is preserved to this day. Its history, art, and architecture are surrounded by the greenery of the parks and hills, which are studded with olive trees and vine varieties, where the Romagna Sangiovese is made. The





A view of Castrocaro Terme; opposite page, the thermal pavilion and the fortress. Directly below, a local coat of arms and the palio di Santa Reparata in Terra del Sole.



calendar of the events includes suggestive historical re-enactments that enable tourists to experience the former glory of this border area between Romagna and Tuscany.



**Where to park**

Motorhome park area in Via Biondina 86. Staging points at the car parks of Via Canarelli, Viale Marconi 93, and Via Biondina 3.

**What to see**

In Castrocaro Terme, the fortress, the baptistery, and the spa complex are worth visiting; in Terra del Sole, don't miss Palazzo Pretorio, the Museo dell'Uomo e dell'Ambiente (Museum of Man and Environment), Castello del Capitano delle Artiglierie (Castle of the Captain of Artillery), and Rione Borgo Romano.

**Don't miss**

The spectacular Fortezza Medioevale houses a big historical and archaeological museum (tel. 0543 769541).

**Outdoor activities**

The well-equipped green area along the river Montone • The cliff of Rio Cozzi is a popular climbing wall • Botanical path in Parco delle Terme (Spa Park)

**Art and food**

Two typical local products are the Romagna Sangiovese and the extra virgin olive oil.

**When to go**

**April** Eliopoli • **June** Notte Celeste • **July** Feste Medievali • **August** Festival Voci e Volti Nuovi • **September** Palio di Santa Reparata • **November** Fugarena

**Useful information**

IAT Castrocaro Terme, Viale Marconi 20, tel. 0543 769631, [www.vi sitcastrocaro.it](http://www.vi sitcastrocaro.it). Ufficio del turismo comunale, Via Marconi 81, tel. 0543 767162. Pro Loco Castrocaro Terme, Via Fortezza 1, tel. 0543 769541. Pro Loco Terra del Sole, Piazza d'Armi 2, tel. 0543 766766. Terme di Castrocaro, Via Roma 2, tel. 0543 767114, [www.termidicastrocaro.it](http://www.termidicastrocaro.it).



The Rocca dei Conti Guidi; directly above, the Eremo di Montepaolo and the Cammino di Assisi road signs. Opposite page, the Torre Civica, the lutherie Lombardi, the refined local white truffle, and an overall picture of the town.

## Dovadola

**T**he name of Dovadola – from the Latin *duo vadora*, meaning two fords – originates from the sinuous course of the river Montone, that runs through the town twice, surrounded by green hills. Its local history is very ancient: in the territory, significant Etruscan, Celtic, and Roman traces were recorded. The current urban planning rose at the foot of the castle of the Counts Guidi, an imposing, defensive emplacement and a fine example of Medieval architecture. After the end of the Guidi dynasty, the village fell under the rule of the Republic of Florence and remained under its control until 1923, when it was incorporated into the province of Forlì.





## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Staging point in Via Nadiani, with access to water supply service.

### **What to see**

Torre Civica dell'Orologio • Oratorio di Sant'Antonio • Castello dei Conti Guidi, which is currently under renovation • The parrocchiale di Sant'Andrea houses the mortal remains of the venerable Benedetto Bianchi Porro

### **Don't miss**

The Eremo di Montepaolo is the most important "antoniano" sanctuary of the region, where the remains of Sant'Antonio da Padova are kept. Two paths depart from this hermitage: the Sentiero della Speranza and the Viale dei Mosaici.

### **Outdoor activities**

Dovadola is the starting point of the Cammino di Assisi, an itinerary inspired by the life and writing of San Francesco, the "Poverello di Assisi" (poor man of Assisi), which crosses locations of major cultural and natural interest.

### **Art and food**

It is a great territory for the Tartufo Bianco Pregiato di Romagna. Weaving and pewter artisanal productions have disappeared, but the extraordinary workshop of Foscolo Lombardi remains: he was one of the last luthiers to practise exclusively handmade woodworking.

### **When to go**

**October** Sagra del Tartufo Bianco Pregiato di Romagna, organised by the volunteers of the Pro Loco.

### **Useful information**

Informazioni Turistiche Dovadola, Piazza della Vittoria 3, tel. 0543 934764 or 0543 933213, [www.comune.dovadola.fc.it](http://www.comune.dovadola.fc.it).



The town of Rocca San Casciano; directly above, the Castellaccio. Opposite page, the Torre Civica and the arcades that overlook Piazza Garibaldi (below).

## Rocca San Casciano

**I**n 1381, the people of Rocca San Casciano decided to move under the rule of the Republic of Florence: the low arcades of Piazza Garibaldi, with stone columns forged by chisel are proof of its influence; the height of its splendour was between 1838 and 1923, when the town became the administrative centre of the Tuscan Romagna. Chosen as the seat of the Court and enriched with many buildings and palaces, Rocca San Casciano became a flourishing commercial centre and today, it is also an active artisan and agricultural centre in the Middle Montone Valley. In the chiesa di Santa Maria delle Lacrime, a 15th-century, wooden crucifix of the Florentine school and a 16th-century, painted terracotta bas-relief portraying the *Madonna delle Lacrime* are both worth seeing.



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Motorhome park area with four lay-bys, electricity, sanitary facilities, and washbasins for dishes in Viale Dante, inside Parco Gramsci (tel. 348 6542969).

### **What to see**

Torre Civica, Palazzo Pretorio, and Chiesa del Suffragio, which houses valuable art works, all overlook Piazza Garibaldi • The 17th-century Ponte Vecchio with two arches offers a suggestive view of the bend of the river Montone, near the village • The presence of the abbazia di San Donnino in Soglio has been recorded since 1214 • The Castellaccio, 500 metres away from the town centre, is the only thing left of the ancient fortress

### **Don't miss**

During the Festa del Falò, which takes place between March and April along the riverbank of the Montone, two big haystacks made by the rival districts of Borgo and Mercato are set on fire.

### **Outdoor activities**

The villa and the woods of the Guna di sopra • Rocca San Casciano is an extraordinary intersection for cycling tourists going uphill: twenty-six kilometres away there is the Passo del Muraglione, towards Galeata there are Colle delle Centoforche and Monte delle Forche, and about three kilometres away there is the diversion to Monte Trebbio

### **When to go**

**June, July, and August** Rocca-Estate • **August** Festa di San Casciano • **November** Sapori e Mercati d'Autunno

### **Useful information**

Comune di Rocca San Casciano, Piazza Famiglia Tassinari 15, tel. 0543 960124.



The town of Bocconi. Opposite page, Ponte della Maestà, the abbazia di San Benedetto in Alpe, and the town of Portico di Romagna (directly above, a partial view of the village). In the circle, the Acquacheta falls.

## Portico e San Benedetto

**I**n the Upper Montone Valley on the border with Tuscany, the territory of Portico e San Benedetto is partly included in the Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona, Campigna National Park. The municipality consists in three villages: Portico di Romagna, seat of the town hall, characterised by an original, Medieval urban structure, divided into three parts – in the upper part are the complex of Santa Maria in Girone, the “maschio quadrangolare”, the chiesa del Castello, Palazzo dei Capitani del Popolo, and the torre civica (civic tower) –. The nearby town of Bocconi, along the course of the Brusia, with the humpback bridge and the “molino”. And finally, at seven kilometres from Bocconi, San Benedetto in Alpe, located at the confluence of three watercourses: the residential area was built around the thousand-year old Benedictine abbey, and a suggestive



path leads to the Acquacheta falls, made famous by the "Sommo Poeta", Dante Alighieri.



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Staging point in the lower car park of the former sports field of Portico di Romagna to the right of the SS67 coming from Forlì. Staging point in Località San Benedetto in the elevated car park to the left of the SS67 coming from Forlì.

### **What to see**

In Portico di Romagna, the municipality of Borghi is worth a visit.

### **Don't miss**

The Acquacheta falls described by Dante (*Inferno*, Canto XVI).

### **Outdoor activities**

Lots of itineraries, available both for hiking and for mountain biking, depart from the three towns

- In summer, it is tempting to dive into the clear waters of the territory's watercourses

### **Art and food**

The typical local products are the *raviggiolo* cheese, the "salsiccia matta" (mad sausage), the marroni (chestnuts) of the Alto Appennino Forlivese, the tuscan bread, and the "tortelli alla lastra" (cooked on a stone slab), while pottery, "pietra alberese", and wrought-iron objects are some of the arts and crafts

### **When to go**

**July** Chef sotto al Portico • **September** Sagra d'autunno a San Benedetto in Alpe • **October** Sagra dei frutti del sottobosco e dell'artigianato artistico • **December and January** Portico il Paese dei Presepi

### **Useful information**

Comune di Portico e San Benedetto, Piazza Traversari 1, tel. 0543 967047. Pro Loco Portico di Romagna, Piazza Marconi 3, tel. 348 2842066. Pro Loco Bocconi, Piazza del Popolo 1, tel. 347 5452720. Pro Loco San Benedetto in Alpe, Via Molino 17/a, tel. 348 721 5988.



## Predappio

**A**long the river Rabbi valley floor, surrounded by hills with vineyards and badlands, Predappio has two faces: the “città nuova” (new town), designed by the most outstanding architects of Mussolini’s regime in a plain dominated by the isolated childhood home of the Duce, and the hilly village of Predappio, which became Predappio Alta and maintains its well-preserved features, with small squares all around the fortress. Today, monuments and buildings of the Rationalist architecture (such as Palazzo Varano, Ex Aeronautica Caproni, and Casa del Fascio) are shown in the Museo Urbano (Urban Museum) of Predappio and create a cultural route supported by panels. Therefore, it became the perfect place to do research, study, and reflect on the past. It is three kilometres away from the chiesa di San Cassiano in Pennino, built in the Romanesque style between the 10th and the 11th centuries and mostly renovated in 1934.

The Casa del Fascio; above, cycling tourists in Predappio

Alta and the chiesa di Sant’Antonio da Padova. Opposite page, Palazzo Varano, the chiesa di San Cassiano in Pennino, the grapes of the Sangiovese, and a view of Borgo Condè.



**Where to park**

Motorhome park area in Piazzale Isonzo (ex foro boario), with sanitary facilities.

**What to see**

The Rationalist architecture • Chiesa di San Cassiano in Pennino

**Don't miss**

In the retrieved castle of the Rocca delle Caminate, the summer festival "La Rocca nel bicchiere", with apericena and tastings of Sangiovese of Predappio (visits on reservation).

**Outdoor activities**

Maneggio Moffa in Fiumana • Trails for hiking and mountain biking on the crests towards the Bidente Valley and the Montone Valley

**Art and food**

The ravigliolo cheese and the "formaggio di grotta" – a pecorino cheese aged in caves dug out of the former solfatara (sulphur mines) of Predappio Alta – are excellent products. Predappio is also the cradle of the prestigious Romagna Sangiovese and has an ancient tradition of flax and hemp processing and printing.

**When to go**

**September** I tre giorni del Sangiovese • **December and January** Presepe Artistico nelle grotte della Solfatara di Predappio Alta

**Useful information**

IAT, presso Comune di Predappio, Piazza Sant'Antonio 3, tel. 0543 921766, [www.comune.predappio.fc.it](http://www.comune.predappio.fc.it), [www.facebook.com/ufficio-turistico.predappio](http://www.facebook.com/ufficio-turistico.predappio).

Pro Loco di Predappio Alta, Via Umberto I 1, tel. 328 0930704, [www.predappioalta.org/wp](http://www.predappioalta.org/wp).

Pro Loco di Fiumana, Via Provinciale 29, Fiumana; tel. 334 3570070, [www.prolocofiumana.it](http://www.prolocofiumana.it).



Premilcuore (also in the detail of the town by night).

Opposite page, Mulino Fiumicello, the equipped park area, a winter view, and the river Rabbi, which flows along the town.

## Premilcuore

**S**ituated in the verdant Upper Rabbi Valley, on the border with the Foreste Casentinesi National Park, the village of Premilcuore and its buildings still preserve the original architectural styles of the Roman period, of the Florence's Renaissance splendour, and of the "Ventennio" (Twenty years of the Fascist regime). Porta Fiorentina, once the entrance to the castle, is the symbol of the town and is dominated by a tower. In 1593, a clock was placed upon it, with only one hand and a mechanism fuelled under gravity by a long rock attached to a rope: it was thus called Torre dell'Orologio (Clock Tower) and to this day, it still tells the time. Outside the town centre is the most valuable monument, namely, the chiesa di San Martino, which houses 16th-century paintings such as the *Madonna del Carmine* by Jacopo Vignali.





**Where to park**

Motorhome park area in Via Fiorentina; in Parco di Fontanalda, tel. 0543 956828.

**What to see**

Visitor Centre of the Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona, Campigna National Park, with its watercourses, the wildlife that live in the woods, and the clearings.

**Don't miss**

Ponte Nuovo, with a sixteen-metre arcade that rises on a gorge where the waters of the river fall on a deep whirlpool, called "grotta urlante" (howling cave) • The Mulino Mengozzi in Fiumicello, with ancient, still working millstones

**Outdoor activities**

Today, the streets that climb into the Apennines, once crossed by wayfarers, are the perfect itineraries for those who enjoy equestrian tourism and mountain biking • The river Rabbi forms waterfalls and whirlpools, often surrounded by small, paved beaches and picnic areas • The Parco di Fontanalda is equipped with the so-called "percorso vita"

**Art and food**

The ravaggiolo cheese and the castagnaccio (chestnut cake) are worth trying.

**When to go**

**July** La Contesa Dei Castelli • **August** Sagra Del Tortello Alla Lastra • **October** Festa della Castagna

**Useful information**

Comune di Premilcuore, Piazza dei Caduti, tel. 0543 956945, [www.turismopremilcuore.it](http://www.turismopremilcuore.it).

Centro visite del Parco Nazionale delle Foreste Casentinesi and Ufficio turistico, Via Roma 38, tel. 0543 956540.



The town of Meldola dominated by the rocca (above); directly above, the Rocca di Castelnuovo. Opposite page, Ponte dei Veneziani and the chiesa di Scardavilla.

## Meldola

**S**ituated in the Lower Bidente Valley, Meldola has always been a lively centre. The mighty castle, built by the archbishops of Ravenna, is currently under renovation and still dominates the town. Since the “età comunale” (European Middle Ages), some important noble families left monumental constructions, such as Loggiato Aldobrandini in Piazza Orsini and Ponte dei Veneziani, in the village and in the surrounding area. One of the main activities of the past is the production and spinning of silk, to which the Museo del Baco da Seta (Silkworm Museum) is dedicated. Moreover, the town is denominated “Comune dei quattro castelli”: the so-called four castles are the rocca cittadina, the Rocca delle Caminate – on the border with Predappio –, the castello turrato (towered castle) in the hamlet of Teodorano, and the one in Castelnuovo, in a dominant position between the



river Bidente and the torrent Voltre: the imposing ruins of the tower remain, with equipped trails for scenic hikes.



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Motorhome park area in Piazzale della Libertà, with electricity.

### **What to see**

Loggiato Aldobrandini, Palazzo Doria Pamphili, and Palazzo Comunale overlook Piazza Orsini • Teatro storico Dragoni and the Arena Hesperia with the Museo del Baco da Seta Ciro Ronchi • Museo di Ecologia Mirco Bravaccini • The scalone monumentale (perron) of the Rocca • Ponte dei Veneziani

### **Don't miss**

A guided tour of the Riserva Naturale Orientata Bosco di Scardavilla (by appointment, calling the Comune, tel. 0543 499405).

### **Outdoor activities**

In spring and autumn, the GENM of Meldola offers naturalistic tours • In summer, the project "Turismo e non solo" combines hikes in the territory with visits and tastings of local products

### **Art and food**

On Saturday morning, the Arena Hesperia is animated by the farmers market with local products.

### **When to go**

**From June to August** R'Estate in paese • **August** Cena in Piazza - during the festa della Beata Vergine del Popolo

### **Useful information**

Ufficio Cultura e Turismo del Comune di Meldola, Piazza Orsini 12/E, tel. 0543 499452, [www.comune.meldola.fc.it](http://www.comune.meldola.fc.it). Pro Loco Città di Meldola, Piazza Orsini 28, tel. 0543 490647, [www.prolocomeldola.net](http://www.prolocomeldola.net). Associazione Strada dei Vini e dei Sapori dei Colli di Forlì e Cesena, [www.stradavinisaporifc.it](http://www.stradavinisaporifc.it).



The bridge on the river Bidente; above, a hike in Località Cusercoli (opposite page) and the santuario della Beata Vergine della Suasia.

## Civitella di Romagna

**I**n the heart of the green Bidente Valley, Civitella di Romagna is divided into two main built-up areas, Civitella and the hamlet of Cusercoli, which are located along the provincial road, corresponding to the ancient pilgrimage route to Rome. Once the feud of the Counts of Giaggiolo, only the castle's ruins of the ancient *Civitacula* remain – whose tower was later rebuilt in the Gothic style – together with the old town enclosed by ancient ramparts. In the 15th century, with the disappearance of the local signorie, Civitella became part of the Papal state. Inside the hilly territory of Civitella, there are more than fifteen fortified castles' ruins. Among the religious monuments, the interior of the santuario della Beata Vergine della Suasia (sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin of the Suasia), built in 1560 where a miraculous appearance took place, is adorned with a 15th-century, valuable fresco of the Tuscan school.



### Where to park

Staging point in Piazzale Berlinguer. Staging point in Località Cusercoli, near the sports field (access from the SP4).

### What to see

The rocca with the Gothic tower • Teatro Golfarelli, which is currently under renovation

### Don't miss

In the old town of Cusercoli, a cobble-stoned street goes along the village towards the fortified castle, built in the 12th century, to which a beautiful palace was added in the 14th century.

### Outdoor activities

The Valle del Suasia up to Buggiana has many opportunities to offer hiking and mountain biking lovers • The Sentiero degli Alpini, a crest trail between the Bidente Valley and the Rabbi Valley, is surrounded by nature

### Art and food

The artisanal production of rosaries and the exquisite local cherries are typical of Cusercoli.

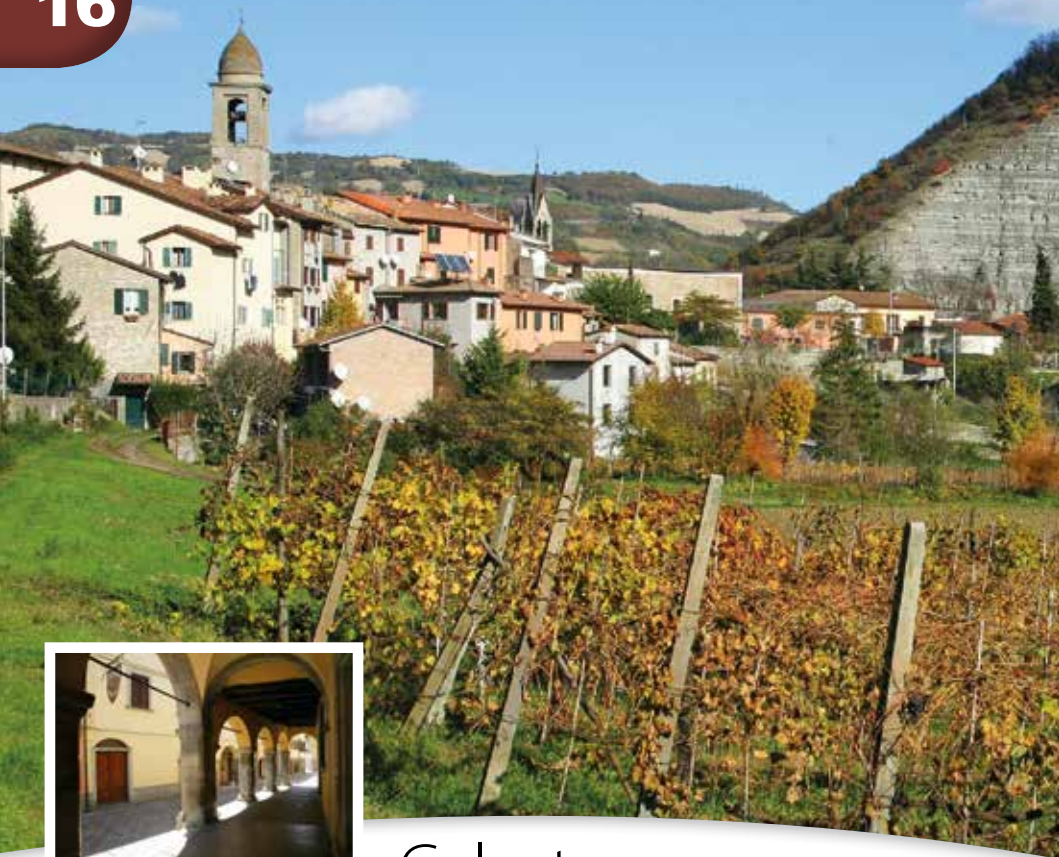
### When to go

**May** Sagra del Prugnolo • **June** Sagra della ciliegia and Festa trebbiatura • **August** Castello in amore • **November** Sagra tartufo bianco pregiato di Romagna and Fiera dei Santi

### Useful information

Comune di Civitella di Romagna, Viale Roma 19, tel. 0543 984326, [www.comune.civitella-di-romagna.fc.it](http://www.comune.civitella-di-romagna.fc.it). Pro loco Civitella di Romagna, Piazza Giordano Bruno 7, tel. 0543 983119. Pro loco Chiusa d'Ercole, Via Piolanti 6, tel. 339 6040349.





## Galeata

**S**ituated on the hills where the ancient city of Mevaniola was founded by the Umbrian populations in order to escape the invasion of the Gauls, the town of Galeata, following the fall of the Roman Empire, was moved to the valley floor, where Teodorico, king of the Ostrogoths, built a villa with an elegant spa between the 5th and the 6th centuries. In the same period, Sant'Ellero retired on the hill overlooking Galeata, founding an important monastic complex. In the 15th century, the territory fell under the rule of the Republic of Florence, with some traces still visible today, not only in the dialect, in the traditions, and in the gastronomy, but also in the works of art and in the architecture: a fine example is Palazzo del Podestà, with the torre civica (civic tower) and the "marzocco fiorentino" that tourists will see while walking under the low arcades of Via Zanetti.



In Galeata, the rows nearly go as far as the town centre; above, the arcades of Via Zanetti and the cloister of the chiesa di Santa Maria dei Miracoli in Pianetto. Opposite page, the abbazia di Sant'Ellero and the archaeological area of the ancient Mevaniola



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Staging point in the car park of the sports field, access from SP4. Staging point in the car park of the museo civico, access from SP4 in Località Borgo Pianetto.

### **What to see**

Archaeological area of the city of Mevaniola • Archaeological area of the Villa di Teodorico • Abbazia di Sant'Ellero • Castello di Pianetto • Chiesa di Santa Maria dei Miracoli in Pianetto

### **Don't miss**

In the Museo Civico Monsignor Domenico Mambriani, the marble bas-relief representing the legendary encounter between Sant'Ellero and Teodorico, king of the Ostrogoths, is very important.

### **Outdoor activities**

The scenic trails of the hiking paths network "Val Bidente e Val di Rabbi Trek" • Walking along the Via Roma Germanica

### **Art and food**

The tradition of processing of the typical sandstone of the Apennines is still alive. The ravgiolo cheese and the meat of the Razza Bovina Romagnola are worth trying.

### **When to go**

**April** Fiera dello Stridolo • **November** Fiera del Cavallo e del puledro and Fiera di Sant'Andrea e del tortello alla lastra

### **Useful information**

Comune di Galeata, Via Castellucci 1, tel. 0543 975411, [www.comune.galeata.fc.it](http://www.comune.galeata.fc.it). Ufficio cultura, tel. 0543 975428. Ufficio Informazioni Turistiche, Località Borgo Pianetto, near the Museo Mambriani, tel. 0543 981854, [www.museoci.vicomambriani.it](http://www.museoci.vicomambriani.it). Pro Loco Mevaniola, Via IV Novembre 13, tel. 0543 981131. Pro Loco di San Zeno Via G. Rossa 5, Loc. San Zeno, tel. 329 1310375, [www.stradasanzeno.it](http://www.stradasanzeno.it).



## Santa Sofia

On the border with Tuscany, Santa Sofia is the highest municipality of the Bidente Valley. The historic domination of the nearby Granducato di Toscana (Grand Duchy of Tuscany) had a strong influence on the traditions of the town: to this day, it still hosts important artistic and cultural events, such as "Premio Campigna" and "Di Strada in Strada", a festival dedicated to buskers ([www.santasofiabuskersfestival.it](http://www.santasofiabuskersfestival.it)). Furthermore, being tourism-oriented and thanks to its local specialities, it is listed as a "Slow City". Walking around the town centre, tourists will see Palazzo Giorgi, parco della Resistenza, and Palazzo Comunale dominated by the torre civica (civic tower). On the opposite side of the river, there is the district of Mortano: here stands Palazzo Bianchini Mortani, that was situated on the border between the Granducato di Toscana and the Papal state until 1860. The municipal territory is partly included in the Foreste



Prati della Burraia; above, the staging point in Località Fangacci and the road signs of the park's trails. Opposite page, the historic city centre of Santa Sofia.





Casentinesi, Monte Falterona, Campigna National Park, where there are countless trails for hiking, horse riding, and mountain biking.



## i n pratica

### Where to park

Motorhome park area in Piazzale Karl Marx (motorhome service tel. 0543 974511). Staging point in Località Campigna, tel. 0543 971375; next to the Albergo Scoiattolo. Staging point in Località Passo della Calla, tel. 0543 971375. Staging point in Località Fangacci, tel. 0543 971375. Staging point in Località Corniolo, Via della Foresta. Staging point in Località Spinello, tel. 0543 974511. Motorhome service in Via Porzia Nefetti, tel. 0543 970242.

### What to see

Teatro Mentore • Galleria d'arte Vero Stoppioni

### Don't miss

In the Parco di Sculture, there is a perfect balance of art and nature: along the river, an open-air museum is ever-changing thanks to the installation of new works of art.

### Outdoor activities

Stazione sciistica (ski resort) di Campigna • Foresta di Campigna • Via Romea Germanica • Cammino di Assisi

### Art and food

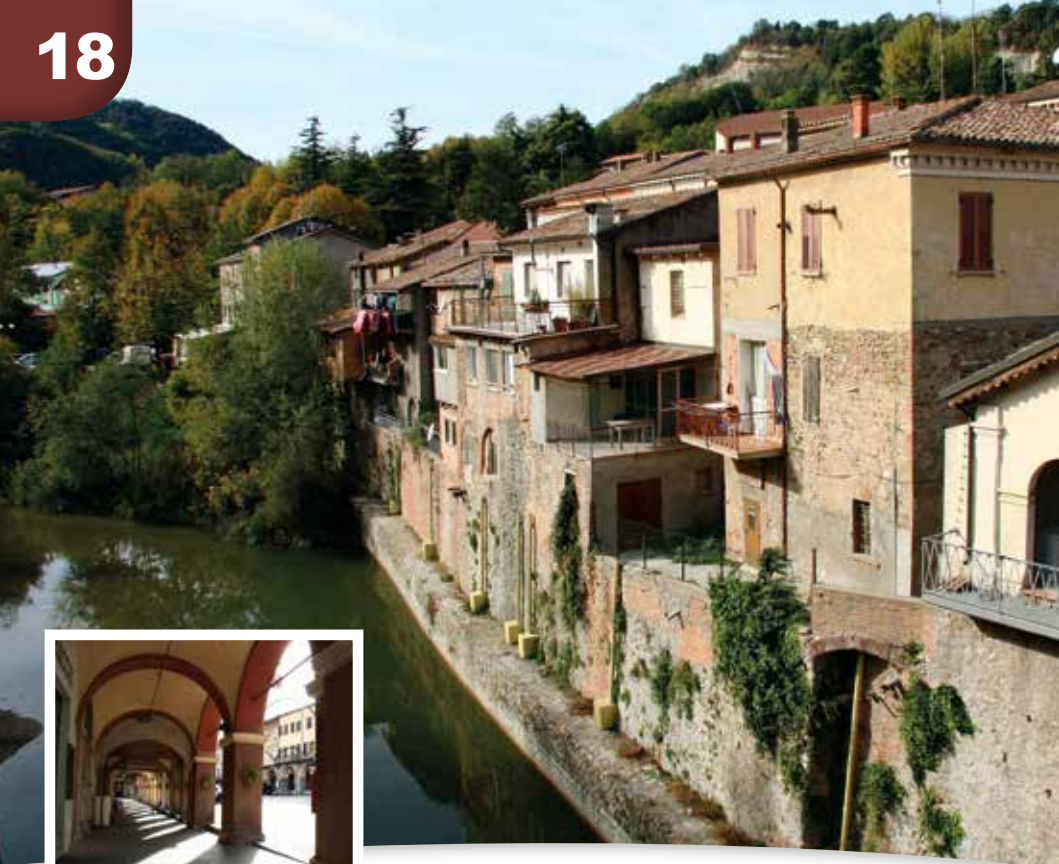
Together with the typical dishes of the area, the local dessert "panina" is worth mentioning. As for arts and crafts, the typical hand-printed cloths of Romagna can be found here too.

### When to go

**August** Di strada in strada, Dal bosco al desco, and Ali al vento • **September** Premio Campigna

### Useful information

Ufficio Cultura Comune di Santa Sofia, Piazza Matteotti, tel. 0543 974551, [www.visitsanta-sofia.it](http://www.visitsanta-sofia.it). Centro Visite Parco Nazionale, Piazza Nefetti 3, tel. 0543 970249, [www.parcoforetecasentinesi.it](http://www.parcoforetecasentinesi.it)



The historic city centre of Mercato Saraceno overlooking the river Savio; above, the arcades of Piazza Mazzini and Palazzo Dolcini. Opposite page, the Molino, the park area in Viale Matteotti, the pieve of Montesorbo, and the green surroundings of the town; in the details, the “fave dei morti” and the dessert “porcospino”.

## Mercato Saraceno

**T**he town of Mercato Saraceno – named after its 12th-century feudal lord from Ravenna, Saraceno degli Onesti – is situated in a strategic intersection for its trades with the Bidente Valley to the west and with the Rubicone Valley and the Montefeltro to the east. The old town, overlooking the river Savio, is organised into three terraces and dominated by the 16th-century chiesa della Madonna del Ponte Vecchio. Among the buildings, Palazzo Dolcini was built in 1924 in Liberty style; today, it is a multipurpose cultural centre and hosts theatrical performances, cinema projections, exhibitions, and conferences. Walking around the town centre, tourists will see the Molino, an ancient palace that was once the seat of the Officina Elettrica Municipale (Municipal Electrical Workshop): thanks to it, Mercato Saraceno was one of the first towns of the Savio Valley to have electric lighting. In the suburbs of the town, in locali-



tà Damiano, stands the chiesa dei Santissimi Cosma e Damiano (church of Saints Cosma and Damiano), built in the 10th century in the Romanesque style, attested as the first pieve (parish church) of the diocese of Sarsina.



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Motorhome park area in Viale Matteotti, next to the swimming pool, reachable by foot from the historic city centre.

### **What to see**

Palazzo della centrale elettrica municipale • Palazzo Dolcini • Pieve di San Damiano • Rupe di Linaro, with a small village rising steeply from the torrent Borello

### **Don't miss**

The pieve di Santa Maria dell'Annunziata in Montesorbo, eight kilometres away from the town centre, is a fine example of Romanesque Greek-cross church.

### **Outdoor activities**

Cammino di San Vicinio • Naturalistic area of Rio Sassignolo • Sentieri del Tasso surrounding the Borgo di Linaro • Birdwatching on Monte Falcino • The cycling tourism race "Nove Colli" (nine hills)

### **Art and food**

Dishes like the "Pagnotta Pasquale" (Easter loaf), the typical dessert called "Porcospino" (Porcupine), the "fave dei morti" (broad beans of the dead), the piadina, and the cappelletti are all prepared following typical local recipes.

### **When to go**

**March** Festa del Porcospino • **May** Fiera di Maggio • **September** Palio del Saraceno • **October** Sagra de Grasol

### **Useful information**

Municipio, Piazza Mazzini 50, tel. 0547 699711, [www.mercatosaracenoturismo.it](http://www.mercatosaracenoturismo.it).





A panoramic view of Sarsina; directly above, the interior of the basilica di San Vicinio (with a façade on the opposite page), a moment of the Plautus Festival, and the "Pagnotta Pasquale". In the circle, a mask dedicated to the fellow citizen Tito Maccio Plauto.



## Sarsina

**W**alking around the streets of Sarsina, it is impossible not to notice the icons and the masks adorning the arcades, in homage to the fellow citizen Tito Maccio Plauto, the latin playwright that is celebrated every summer during the Plautus Festival. Don't miss a visit to the Museo Archeologico Nazionale (National Archaeological Museum), where important Roman finds from the necropolis and from the town centre are kept, among which the massive mausoleum of Rufo and the mosaic "Trionfo di Dioniso". Sarsina has a lot to offer those interested in nature: the area surrounding the Lago di Quarto is beautiful, and the ancient village of Ranchio, built on a rocky spur, is very characteristic. In Pieve di Rivoschio, a town overlooking the Bidente Valley, once the seat of the Comando dell'VIII Brigata Garibaldi, it is possible to visit the Parco della Resistenza e della Pace (Park of Resistance and Peace).



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Motorhome park area in Via Ambrola, near the municipal stadium.

### **What to see**

Museo Diocesano di Arte Sacra • The village of Calbano, with the Castle's ruins and the 17th-century, refined little church.

### **Don't miss**

Museo Archeologico Nazionale (tel. 0547 94641) • Basilica concattedrale di San Vicinio

### **Outdoor activities**

The trails for mountain biking start at the municipal road towards Montalto and Careste • The parco comunale delle Marmitte dei Giganti: a rare erosion phenomenon formed on the limestone by the swirling motion of two streams • Hike to the ruins of the abbazia di San Salvatore in Summano • The Cammino di San Vicinio: a 350-kilometre circular route that starts at Sarsina and goes along the Savio Valley.

### **Art and food**

Typical dishes of Sarsina are the Pagnotta Pasquale (Easter Loaf), made following ancient recipes, the "salsiccia matta" (mad sausage), and the *bustrengh*, a typical dessert of the hilly area that goes from Cesena to the Montefeltro.

### **When to go**

*The two Sundays before Easter*

Sagra della Pagnotta Pasquale •

**May** Itineraria • **July** Festa Romana • **July and August** Plautus Festival • **August** Festa di San Vicinio • **October** Sagra della Castagna and Sagra del Marrone Dolce.

Via Fiorentina, heart of Bagno di Romagna's town centre; below, another partial view of the historic city centre (opposite page, in the circle, a moment of the event "I giorni del Capitano") and the cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta. Opposite page, the spas.



## Bagno di Romagna

**B**agno di Romagna is the town of slow and good living, where spas, nature, culture, and gastronomy give visitors a good reason to go back in every season. Situated in the Upper Savio Valley along the E45 on the border with Tuscany, it was under the rule of the Republic of Florence for a long time, and today, some traces are still visible in the architecture. It is composed of various hamlets: San Piero in Bagno, seat of the town hall, Selvapiana, and Acquapartita. Bagno di Romagna has a lot to offer those interested in nature, especially the Foresta della Lama (Lama Forest) and the Riserva naturale integrale (integral nature reserve) of Sasso Fratino: listed by Unesco as a World Heritage site, it is one of the most uncontaminated parts of the Foreste Casentinesi National Park. In the territory of Bagno di Romagna, the natural heat of water is used in the four modern spas, provided



# i n pratica

## Where to park

Staging point in San Piero in Bagno, in Via Battistini. Staging point in Bagno di Romagna, in the car park of the community swimming pool.

## What to see

Palazzo del Capitano • Basilica di Santa Maria Assunta • The sanctuary and the castle's ruins on the Corzano hill • The Ridracoli dam

## Don't miss

The "sentiero degli gnomi" of Bagno di Romagna, a path for people of all ages, is over one kilometre long.

## Outdoor activities

The Ridracoli dam offers the possibility of excursions on the lake with an electric boat • The extensive network of paths of the "Val di Bagno Trek" for hiking, horse riding, and mountain biking • Parco Avventura Ca'di Gianni

## Art and food

The basotti, tagliolini cooked au gratin and cut into squares, are worth trying. The "tortelli alla lastra", typical of the mountains, consist in a sheet of pasta dough filled and cooked on a stone slab, with pumpkin and potatoes or spinach with ricotta or ravvioli cheese.

## When to go

**June** La notte celeste delle Terme and Gran Fondo del Capitano • **July** I giorni del Capitano • **September** Festival Saperi e colori della Valsavio • **October** Selvapianese e Saperi del sottobosco

## Useful information

Municipio, Piazza Martiri 1, Località San Piero in Bagno, tel. 0543 900411. IAT and Centro Visita Parco Nazionale delle Foreste Casentinesi, Via Fiorentina 38, tel. 0543 911046, [www.bagnodiromagnaturismo.it](http://www.bagnodiromagnaturismo.it). Ecomuseo Acque di Ridracoli, tel. 0543 917912, [www.ecomuseori dracoli.it](http://www.ecomuseori dracoli.it).

with fitness centres, beauty farms, gyms, and swimming pools: it is therefore essential for wellness lovers.





-  Progressive town number as indicated in the table of contents
-  Park area
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-  Motorhome service
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-  Area of GAL L'Altra Romagna
-  Neighbouring area along the Via Emilia

-  Motorway, tollgate, and rest area
-  Motorway number
-  Expressways
-  Main roads
-  Side roads
-  Other roads
-  Road number
-  State border
-  Region border
-  Province border
-  Railways
-  Civil airport
-  Park
-  Provincial acronym





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San Martino  
Villafranca

Montanari  
San Pietro in Vincoli  
Coccolia

Ghibulla

Fasso Ghiaia

Savia

del Delta  
del Po

Milano Marittima

**2** Cosina

Durazzanino

San Pietro in Compiano

Casemurate

Borghetto

Castiglione di Ravenna

Pisignano

Cervia

Pinarelle

Villanova

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Carpinello

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Zadina Pineta

Villagrappa

Ronco

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Gatteo a Mare

Sala

Cesenatico

Terra del Sole

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Fratta Terme

**28** Bertinoro

Cesena

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Gambettola

**30**

Santarcangelo di Romagna

**9** Dovadola

**12** Predappio

**14** Meldola

Teodorano

San Carlo

Montiano

**22**

Longiano

Savignano sul Rubicone

Montemaggiore

**15** Civitella di Romagna

Voltre

San Carlo

Borella

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Borghi

Verucchio

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**27** Sogliano al Rubicone

Verucchio

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Monte Mescolino

Pieve Rivoschio

Linaro

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Verucchio

Monte Marino

**20** Santa Sofia

Monte Mescolino

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Linaro

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**31** Sogliano al Rubicone

**30** Sogliano al Rubicone

Verucchio

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**21** Santa Sofia

Monte Mescolino

Pieve Rivoschio

Linaro

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**22** Santa Sofia

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Pieve Rivoschio

Linaro

Monte

**33** Sogliano al Rubicone

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Verucchio

Monte Marino

**23** Santa Sofia

Monte Mescolino

Pieve Rivoschio

Linaro

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**34** Sogliano al Rubicone

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Verucchio



The suggestive landscape of the Marne; above, the Palio dei Somari and the Eremo di Sant'Alberico. Opposite page, the source of the river Tiber and the ski slopes on Monte Fumaiolo.

## Verghereto

**D**ominated by Monte Fumaiolo and Monte Comero, the territory of Verghereto is rich in nature and history, and indeed, this is the place where the rivers Tiber, Savio, and Marecchia rise. The town, back in the province of Forlì in 1923, is composed of many industrious, small villages surrounded by centuries-old forests, chestnut groves, and lonely valleys. In ancient times, the watershed between the Savio Valley and the Tiber Valley was the passage used by the Etruscan and Umbrian populations. In the Middle Ages, some monks chose this area as a place to found hermitages and abbeys, such as San Romualdo and Sant'Alberico, which was named after the monk who chose to live an ascetic life there. It can be reached by walking through the ancient mule track that used to connect the towns of Capanne and Balze; here stands one of the most important rocky gyms of Romagna, with more than 100 routes with different difficulty levels.



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Motorhome park area in Via Umbria; motorhome service inaccessible in winter. Staging point in Via Aldo Moro, Località Alfero, and in Località Balze, on the right of Via Circonvallazione.

### **What to see**

Chiesa di Santa Maria Assunta in Località Balze, that houses a statue attributed to Luca della Robbia • The Alferello falls

### **Don't miss**

Monte Fumaiolo is a gym available all year long, with trails for hiking, ski slopes, and itineraries for snowshoes.

### **Art and food**

The caldaroste bollite (*ballotte*) are the typical product of this territory. The "Pera Cocomerina" and the "Scottiglia" are worth trying. The processing of the "pietra serena" is traditional of Località Alfero.

### **When to go**

**July** Bevimagnadorme and Bevimagnalonga • **August** Sagra del tortello, Sagra della Pera Cocomerina, and Palio dei Somari • **October** Sagra della Castagna and Festa dei Prodotti del Bosco

### **Useful information**

Comune di Verghereto, Via Caduti d'Ungheria 11, tel. 0543 902313, [www.comune.verghereto.fc.it](http://www.comune.verghereto.fc.it), [www.fumaioloturismo.it](http://www.fumaioloturismo.it). Pro Loco di Verghereto, Via Trento 5, tel. 335 6985388 [www.verghereto.net](http://www.verghereto.net). Pro Loco Balze, Via Nuova 43, Località Balze, tel. 0543 906589, [www.prolocobalze.com](http://www.prolocobalze.com). Pro Loco Alfero, Via Rossini 2, tel. 0543 910375, [www.alfero.net](http://www.alfero.net). Pro Loco Montecoronaro, Località Montecoronaro, tel. 0543 902448, [www.montecoronaro.it](http://www.montecoronaro.it). Associazione Fumaiolo Sentieri, Via Nuova 59, Località Balze, [www.fumaiolosentieri.it](http://www.fumaiolosentieri.it).



A view of the historic city centre of Montiano; above, a headstone in the Rocca Malatestiana and the entrance door.

Opposite page, people hiking in the village and walking along the torrent Rigossa.

## Montiano

**F**or centuries, the village was a bone of contention between the families of Malatesta and Ordelaffi until 1570, when Pope Pio V ceded it to the Malatesta di Roncofreddo, who built the mighty quadrilateral fortress. Today, Montiano is a welcoming place with a vibrant economy based on agriculture and wine production. Visitors can plunge into the peaceful Medieval centre dominated by the fortress and the torre civica (civic tower). It is worth visiting the three local churches: the chiesa di San Francesco – today a cultural centre – that houses the *Annunciazione* of Giovanni Francesco Nagli, also called “il Centino”; the parrocchiale di Sant’Agata, with the 17th-century altarpiece of Giovan Francesco Modigliani representing *La Madonna e le Sante Agata e Lucia*; and lastly, the chiesa dei Tre Monti or chiesa di Fatima, with a 17th-century façade.



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Staging point in Via Pio La Torre, in the centre of Montiano (PEEP area); a park area is in preparation.

### **What to see**

The Porta Malatesta was built in 1583, then in 1663, a headstone was walled up as a memorial to the protonotary Sigismondo Spada • In Località Montenovo, after the arch Galeffi, it is possible to see the ancient castle's ruins and the oratorio della Madonna del Castello

### **Don't miss**

From the walkways and ramparts of the 16th-century Rocca Malatestiana, tourists will enjoy a panoramic view of the surrounding mountains and plain.

### **Outdoor activities**

In the areas of Montiano, Montenovo, and the small valley of the torrent Rigossa, there are many trails and sheep tracks for hiking and biking.

### **Art and food**

Don't miss a stop-over in an osteria (inn) or an agritourism. The territory of Montiano is a member of the Association Strada dei Vini e dei Sapori dei Colli di Forlì e Cesena (Wine and Dine Route through the Hills of Forlì and Cesena).

### **When to go**

**January** Festa del maiale • **March** Focarina di San Giuseppe • **June** Montiano in Musica • **September** Montiano in Vita and Sagra del Cicciolo

### **Useful information**

Comune di Montiano, Piazza Mayre 3, tel. 0547 51032, [www.comune.montiano.fc.it](http://www.comune.montiano.fc.it)

Pro Loco Montiano, Via Cesare Battisti 31, tel. 333 3743734.



The village of Sorrivoli; above, the coat of arms and the statue of artist Ilario Fioravanti on the ramparts. On the opposite page and from above, the castle of Montelone, the pieve di Santa Paola, and two moments of a guided tour of Sorrivoli's castle.

## Roncofreddo

**R**oncofreddo reached the height of its splendour under the rule of the Malatesta family. The administrative centre rises on the eastern edge of a wide, fertile territory on the hills near Cesena, in a strategic position with a panoramic view of the Adriatic. Almost all the hamlets are dominated by castles or fortresses and were founded around them. In Roncofreddo, the Museo del Fronte Rubicone '44 (Museum of the Rubicon Front '44) is really interesting: uniforms, pictures, relics, and everyday objects are there as a reminder of the battle that took place along the Gothic Line in the autumn of 1944 and shook the town and the surrounding territory.



### Where to park

Staging points in Via Kennedy, on a panoramic dirt road at the height of the hairpin bend at the entrance of the town; in Via Garibaldi, along the street on the right; in Località Pieve San Paola, in the church square, with a fountain; in Località Sorrivoli, in Via Provinciale Sorrivoli.

### What to see

Oratorio Madonna dei Trotti and Museo di Arte Sacra near the chiesa di San Biagio • Pieve di San Paola • Castello di Sorrivoli

### Don't miss

Well-trained bikers can't miss a visit to all the castles of the territory of Roncofreddo, the village of Monteleone surrounded by a boundary wall, and the Tempio Malatestiano of Montecodruzzo.

### Outdoor activities

On the website of the Comune di Roncofreddo, there are maps and information about the Sentiero degli Otto Castelli, del Fiume Rubicone e della Via dello Zolfo.

### Art and food

The olives of this territory are highly appreciated, and among the many fruits and vegetables, the cherries growing in the basin of Ardiano are definitely worth trying.

### When to go

*May* Sagra del Pisello • *August* Festival dei Burattini • *November* Piccola Fiera d'Autunno

### Useful information

Comune di Roncofreddo, Via Cesare Battisti 93, tel. 0541 949211, [www.comune.roncofreddo.fc.it](http://www.comune.roncofreddo.fc.it). Pro Loco Roncofreddo, Via Cesare Battisti, [proloco.roncofreddo@hotmail.it](mailto:proloco.roncofreddo@hotmail.it). Castello Sorrivoli, Via Castello Montenovo 55, tel. 0547 326035, [www.sorrivoli.it](http://www.sorrivoli.it).



The green countryside of Borghi; above, the staging point and the ruins of the Castello Malatestiano.

Opposite page, the bell tower of the chiesa di Santa Croce overlooks the town; in the circle, the typical dessert *bustreng*.

## Borghi

About twenty-five kilometres away from Rimini and Cesena and not far from San Marino, the territory of Borghi is perched on the first hills of the inland of Romagna, that are delimited by the valleys of the rivers Uso and Rubicone. The municipality is divided into two main towns: Borghi, seat of the town hall, and San Giovanni in Galilea, with a panoramic view both of the Adriatic coast from Gabicce to Ravenna and of the spurs of the Apennines upstream, namely, of the Montefeltro, Monte Titano, Monte San Leo, Monte Carpegna, and Monte Fumaiolo. The municipal administration is committed to giving value to what the territory has to offer: it welcomes visitors interested in its excellences and in sustainable tourism through a diversified approach, thanks to an interesting mix of culture, entertainment, local gastronomy, and contact with nature.





## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Staging point in Località San Giovanni in Galilea, in the car parks next to the historic city centre, with a fountain. Staging point in Via Gorolo, near the chiesa di Santa Maria Maddalena, with drinking water.

Staging point in Via Del Poggio, suitable for small vehicles.

### **What to see**

In Borghi: the “mura Malatestiane” (walls) of the ancient castle, the chiesa di Santa Croce e di San Cristoforo, the cistern, and the “loggetta Malatestiana” (lodge) • In San Giovanni in Galilea: the ancient Medieval village, the ruins of the fortress and of Castellungo, and the ancient tower

### **Don't miss**

In San Giovanni in Galilea, a visit to Museo Renzi, founded in the 19th century by historian Don Francesco Renzi: it houses three rich, valuable archaeological collections of the territory (tel. 0541 939028, [www.museorenzi.it](http://www.museorenzi.it)).

### **Outdoor activities**

Paths for hiking well-marked along the Cammino di San Vicinio.

### **Art and food**

Together with piadina, tagliatelle, cheeses, and the local dessert *bu-streng*, it is possible to buy fruits and vegetables, refined oil, and wine in the farms of the territory.

### **When to go**

**Sunday after Easter** Sagra del Raperonzolo • **May** Sagra de' Bu-streng • **June** Moon Light • **July** Sound Zan • **August** Borgo Sonoro and Hippyness

### **Useful information**

Municipio, Piazza Lombardini 7, tel. 0541 947411.

Pro Loco, tel. 333 3737879, [www.prolocoborghi.it](http://www.prolocoborghi.it).



## Sogliano al Rubicone

**F**rom the Montefeltro to the Rimini area, from the upper Cesena area to the Middle Bidente Valley: wherever they look at, tourists will enjoy a breath-taking panorama from Sogliano al Rubicone. Situated among the upper valleys of the rivers Uso and Rubicone, the town became a city in 2009: it was honoured with this title by the President of the Republic because of its outstanding history, monuments, art, and culture. Here visitors are spoilt for choice: nature lovers have trails for hiking or biking at their disposal, art lovers can find interesting museums and ancient churches, while food lovers can enjoy the Formaggio di Fossa (fossa cheese), a speciality that obtained the Dop certification in 2009. Sogliano and Giovanni Pascoli share a profound bond: the poet was appointed honorary citizen in 1906; his maternal grandmother Olimpia Allocatelli was born here, his aunt Rita Vin-



A panoramic view of the Adriatic Sea from the town of Sogliano al Rubicone; above, a partial view of the historic city centre. Opposite page, the fossa cheese and the museum of the azienda Fossa Pellegrini; an R.V. parked on the hills between Sogliano and Mercato Saraceno.



cenzi married a resident of Sogliano, and his sisters Ida and Maria were schoolgirls in the cloister of the Augustinians from 1874 to 1882. Moreover, some of the most touching poems were written in Sogliano, and for others he drew inspiration from these places.



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Staging point in Via Ugo La Malfa, next to Parco Le Greppe, with a fountain.

### **What to see**

There are lots of exhibitions with free entry: Collezione Veggiani, Museo della Linea Christa, Museo Leonardo da Vinci e la Romagna, Museo Minerario, Museo del Formaggio di Fossa, Museo Agostino Venanzio Reali Arte e Poesia, and Museo Don Onofri • Chiesa del Suffragio • Abbazia di Montetiffi • Pieve di Santo Stefano in Murulo • Chiesa di Santa Maria Riopetra

### **Don't miss**

The Museo di Arte Povera and the Museo del Disco d'Epoca, both in Palazzo della Cultura in Piazza Garibaldi 19, are open every Sunday, August excluded (for info tel. 0541 948418).

### **Outdoor activities**

The Sentieri dell'Alto Rubicone offer 150 kilometres of trails for hiking, mountain biking, and horse riding, with specific road signs.

### **Art and food**

The Formaggio di Fossa, that obtained the Dop certification in 2009, is the gastronomic symbol of Sogliano al Rubicone. The hamlet of Montetiffi is renowned as the "paese dei tegliai": it is the only place in Italy where the centuries-old artisanal production of pans for cooking the piadina is still alive.

### **When to go**

*November and December*  
Fiera del Formaggio di Fossa.

### **Useful information**

Ufficio Comunale del Turismo, Piazza della Repubblica 35, tel. 0541 817339, [www.comune.sogliano.fc.it](http://www.comune.sogliano.fc.it).  
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## Forlì

**F**ounded in Roman times with the name of *Forum Livii*, Forlì is known as a city of hospitality, thanks to the ability to interact with every external domain while being faithful to its own traditions. This is well demonstrated by the conflicts of the Ghibellines led by Guido da Montefeltro in the 13th century, by the loyalty to the Ordelaffi family, by the effort of Caterina Sforza to resist Cesare Borgia's siege, and by the big personalities from the field of science that arose under the dominion of the Church. After the people of Forlì enthusiastically took part in the struggles of the Risorgimento and then in the social struggles of the early 1900s, the years of the regime changed the face of its urban planning, leaving evident architectural signs. Today, there are prestigious cultural centres in Forlì, such as the Musei San Domenico that host international exhibitions, the chiesa di San Giacomo, Palazzo Romagnoli, and a branch campus, detached

Palazzo delle Poste overlooks Piazza Saffi; above, bas-reliefs of the war memorial and the interior of the chiesa di San Giacomo.

Opposite page, the basilica di San Mercuriale, the courtyard of Palazzo Guarini, a painting of Caterina Sforza, and the Statue of Icaro in Piazzale Vittoria.



from the main University of Bologna. The city's long history and hospitality, typical of Romagna, create a perfect balance of culture, beauty, and good living.



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Staging point and motorhome service at the car park Parcheggio dell'Argine in Via Donne della Costituente.

Staging point in Piazzale Giolitti and in Piazzale Zambianchi (parked allowed from Friday at 6pm to Monday at 7am); next to the railway station.

Staging point in the car park of Via Marsilio da Padova.

Staging point in Via Lunga; on the side with the odd house numbers.

### **What to see**

Musei San Domenico • Chiesa di San Giacomo • Pinacoteca Civica • Palazzo Romagnoli

### **Don't miss**

The sepulchre of Barbara Manfredi in the basilica di San Mercuriale • The mosaics with the art of flying in the former Collegio Aeronautico • Piazzale della Vittoria, war memorial

### **Outdoor activities**

By hiking or biking, it is possible to enjoy the artistic and natural beauties of Forlì: don't miss a visit to the Parco Urbano Franco Agosto.

### **Art and food**

The piadina, undisputed symbol of the Romagna food culture, obtained the IGP certification in 2014 • Among the arts and crafts, the typical cloths of Romagna are printed by using rust.

### **When to go**

**September** Settimana del Buon Vivere

### **Useful information**

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At the end of June, the historic city centre of Forlìpopoli is animated by the Festa Artusiana (also on the opposite page above); in the details directly above, the cookery school of Casa Artusi and the inner courtyard. In the other images on the opposite page, a guided tour, the festa delle Segavecchia, and a suggestive image of the town at sunset.

## Forlìpopoli

While it's true that all over Romagna, art and gastronomy are inextricably linked, it is in Forlìpopoli that the two elements reach a state of perfect harmony. Those who arrive in the "Città Artusiana" and visit the small yet prestigious Museo Archeologico (Archaeological Museum), will find out that *Forum Popili* – founded by the Romans in the second half of the 2nd century BC – became a lively centre for the production of such particular wine amphorae that they are mentioned in archaeology textbooks as "Tipo Forlìpopoli". This shows the territory's aptitude to giving value to its products; and indeed, here is Casa Artusi, the first and only centre of gastronomic culture in Italy, devoted to Italian home cookery, that hosts lots of cultural courses and events. Furthermore, Forlìpopoli is the birthplace of Pellegrino Artusi, author of *La Scienza in Cucina e l'Arte di Mangiare Bene* (*Science in the Kitchen and the Art of Eating Well*), a cookbook known worldwide.



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Motorhome park area in the car park of Via del Tulipano, next to the indoor stadium.

### **What to see**

Rocca Ordellaffa • Teatro Comunale Giuseppe Verdi (visits on reservation): here, the "Passatore" and his gang made an incursion on the night of the 25th of January 1851 • Museo Archeologico Civico Tobia Aldini • Chiesa dei Servi (visits on reservation)

### **Don't miss**

With the Festa Artusiana, in its 22nd edition, Forlimpopoli honours its most famous fellow citizen, Pellegrino Artusi. For nine days, an irresistible weave of sounds, aromas, and flavours invades the historic city centre, which becomes the scene of a unique dialogue between gastronomy, culture, and entertainment ([www.festartusiana.it](http://www.festartusiana.it)).

### **Outdoor activities**

Hikes in the area of the Acquedotto Spinadello • Visits to the river park I Meandri del fiume Ronco (on reservation)

### **When to go**

**Metà Quaresima** La Segavecchia • **June** Festa Artusiana • **August** Festival di Musica Popolare • **September** Un de int la Roca ad Frampul

### **Useful information**

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## Bertinoro

**B**ertinoro is also known as the “town of hospitality”: in order to put an end to the quarrels between the twelve noble families over welcoming foreigners, the so-called Colonna delle Anella (Column of the Rings or Column of Hospitality), each belonging to a family, was erected at the beginning of the 13th century; upon arrival, visitors tied their horse up to one of the twelve rings and the corresponding family would host them. The ancient village, with its cobblestone roads and squares, is a balcony with a panoramic view of the Adriatic, and belongs to the network of “Italy’s Authentic Villages”. It offers greedy and curious tourists lots of opportunities: a wine production of excellence, the fortress built around the year 1000 that houses the Museo Interreligioso (Interreligious Museum), the exclusive spa of Fratta Terme with a wide variety of therapeutic waters, and last but

The town of Bertinoro rises among hills cloaked in vineyards, that attract biking lovers; directly above, the spa of Fratta.

Opposite page and from above, the Museo Interreligioso, a resident in a historic costume, and the 13th-century Colonna delle Anella.





not least, the network of cycle and pedestrian paths allows the active discovery of landscapes, traditions, and flavours.



**Where to park**

Motorhome park area in Via Superga, in Località Fratta Terme. Staging point in the car park of Via Badia.

**What to see**

Cattedrale di Santa Caterina • Pieve di San Donato in Polenta, made famous by Carducci in the ode *La Chiesa di Polenta*

**Don't miss**

The Museo Interreligioso investigates the common aspects of the three monotheist religions, thus promoting dialogue between cultures.

**Outdoor activities**

The scenic route of Bertinoro's hills is an incomparable stage for well-trained bikers, while the network of cycle and pedestrian paths for hiking and mountain biking is against a background of rows, woods, and thickets. Next to the spa of Fratta, there is the adventure park called Indiana Park.

**Art and food**

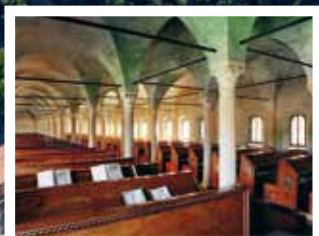
The Romagna Albana and the Romagna Sangiovese originate from Bertinoro's hills. Some typical local products are the Squacquerone DOP, the saba, which is a grape syrup, and the savor, which is an exquisite home-made jam.

**When to go**

**January and February** | Pomeriggi del Bicchiere • **June** Vini e Sapori in Strada • **July** and August Donne in Blues and JCE-Entrotterre Festival • **September** Festa dell'Ospitalità

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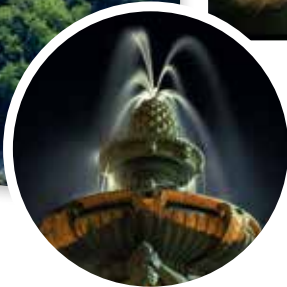
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An aerial photo of Cesena's historic city centre, with the Rocca Malatestiana and the chiesa di Sant'Agostino. In the details, the Biblioteca Malatestiana and Via Zefferino. Opposite page, Ponte Vecchio, the laboratory for the restoration of ancient books in the abbazia di Santa Maria del Monte, the fountain Masini, and a moment of the Festival Internazionale del Cibo di Strada.

## Cesena

**S**ituated between the Via Emilia and the riverbank of the Savio, Cesena is an important destination for its art and history; of Etruscan and Umbrian origins, it reached the height of its splendour between 1378 and 1465 under the rule of the Malatesta family: they changed the face of the urban planning and donated the beautiful Biblioteca Malatestiana, recognised by UNESCO as "Memory of the World" in 2005. By walking through the historic city centre, it is possible to uncover its lively roads: the one from Piazza del Popolo – enclosed by Palazzo Municipale, Loggetta Veneziana, and Torrione del Nuti – to Piazza Almerici, with Palazzo del Ridotto and the bronze statue of Pio VI looking out of the balcony, and the road from the cattedrale di San Giovanni Battista to the neoclassical Teatro Alessandro Bonci. Don't miss a visit to the Rocca Malatestiana, that houses the Museo di Storia dell'Agricoltura (Museum of Agricultural History).



# i n pratica

## Where to park

Staging point in Piazzale Paolo Tordi (the motorhome service is in the adjacent Piazzale Ambrosini, in the hippodrome area). Motorhome service in Via Calcinaro, in front of the local purifier.

## What to see

The thousand-year old abbazia di Santa Maria del Monte • Villa Silvia, that houses the museo della musica meccanica ([www.museomusicalia.it](http://www.museomusicalia.it)) • Museo della centuriazione romana (tel. 340 6226207)

## Don't miss

Commissioned by Malatesta Novello, lord of Cesena, and designed by Matteo Nuti, the eleven spans of the Biblioteca Malatestiana host 58 "plutei" (pine wood desks) containing 340 codes.

## Outdoor activities

In the city and along the riverbank of the Savio, there are lots of parks for those who love walking, running, and exercising in the open air.

## Art and food

The piadina is the most typical product of Romagna: it is often eaten just like bread, but it is better to eat it in the characteristic stands, with different fillings.

## When to go

**June** Fiera di San Giovanni • **October** Festival Internazionale del Cibo di Strada

## Useful information

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## Gambettola

Since ancient times, Gambettola has been known as *e bosk* ("il bosco", that is, the woods), because the territory is part of the last strip of the Selva Litana that used to cover the plain of Romagna. Situated in the countryside between Cesena and Rimini, it is committed to the processing and exportation of fruits and vegetables. Nonetheless, the town has also been characterised by the activity of the "stracciaroli", and indeed, in the small garden connecting Corso Mazzini to the car park of Piazza Foro Boario, there is the "monumento allo Straccivendolo" (in dialect, *e strazèr*, that is, the ragman). Since the 1700s, the Pascucci and Bertozzi artisanal workshops have been renowned for the hand-printed cloths, which make Gambettola known worldwide.

Above and on the opposite page, the interior with the ancient printed cloths of the Pascucci workshop; still on the opposite page, the signs of the workshop Bertozzi and Palazzo Comunale. Above on this page, the cultural centre Federico Fellini (in the circle, an image of the great maestro) and the monumento allo Straccivendolo.



## i n pratica

### Where to park

Staging point in the car park of Via Foro Boario, a few metres away from the town centre. Motorhome service in Via Luciano Lama, in the Zona Produttiva Europa 3.

### What to see

In the archaeological area of Piazza Pertini, finds dating back to the 15th century have emerged, and today, they are held in the Biblioteca Comunale • The parrocchiale di Sant'Egidio Abate holds a ceramic by artist Malmrendi di Cesena • Casa Fellini, in Via Sopra Rigossa, is the place where the paternal grandparents of the film-maker used to live.

### Don't miss

The tradition of the cloths printed by using rust has been passed down through generations in the Pascucci and Bertozzi artisanal workshops.

### Outdoor activities

Wellness paths around the right bank of the torrent Rigossa • Parco urbano Federico Fellini

### Art and food

During the last weekend of November, the "Antica Fiera della Canapa" makes it possible to rediscover ancient crafts and forgotten activities; along the town centre's roads there is a lively cloths market.

### When to go

*Easter Monday and following Sunday* Corsi Mascherati di Primavera • *Second weekend of May and first weekend of September* Mostrascambio Gambettola • *September and October* Festival Internazionale dei Burattini e delle Figure.

### Useful information

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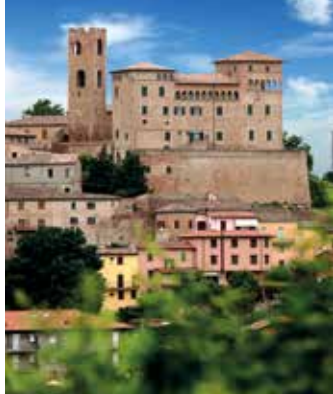


## Longiano

**I**n the Rubicone Valley, on the hills between Cesena and Rimini, stands the territory of Longiano, which covers the residential areas of the hamlets along the Via Emilia and the hilly countryside, rich in olive groves and fruit trees. The historic city centre is divided into two built-up areas, with the 18th-century, lower one leading to the village above: it dates back to the Early Middle Ages and is characterised by a perfectly preserved double boundary wall and by a network of circular streets leading to Piazza Malatestiana and Corte Carlo I Malatesta, dominated by the 13th-century Torre Civica (Civic Tower) and the mighty Castello Malatestiano.

The Christmas tree and the lights of the decorations make Longiano's historic city centre even more suggestive; below, the Festival degli Organetti and a statue of Ilario Fioravanti.

Opposite page, the Rocca Malatestiana, the kitchen of Palazzo Vicini, Teatro Petrella, and an aerial photo of the town.



## **i**n pratica

### **Where to park**

Motorhome park area in Piazza Racca, next to Teatro Petrella: twelve motorhome seats (not reserved), water, little well, and sanitary facilities.

### **What to see**

Castello Malatestiano • Museo della Ghisa, museo d'Arte Sacra, museo del Territorio, and Galleria delle Maschere • The 19th-century Teatro Petrella, characterised by an excellent acoustics • Collegiata di San Cristoforo, with masterpieces dating back to the 1600s and 1700s • Santuario del Santissimo Crocifisso, that holds a precious wooden crucifix of the "pisano-giuntesca" school

### **Don't miss**

The Fondazione Tito Balestra holds an important art collection of engravings and paintings by the 20th-century major Italian artists, next to a small but significant selection of artworks by foreign artists.

### **Outdoor activities**

The territory of Longiano offers many trails and paths for walking and mountain biking.

### **Art and food**

The fragrant extra virgin olive oil, wines such as Sangiovese and Trebbiano, as well as cherries, apricots, plums, and peaches.

### **When to go**

*May* Festa degli antichi mestieri • *June* Sagra della Ciliegia • *July* Vini e Sapori in Strada and Settimana Longianese • *October* Festa dell'Uva • *December and January* Longiano dei Presepi

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*Camping Acquacheta, Viale Acquacheta 7 bis, Località San Benedetto in Alpe, tel. 342 9482909 or 345 1859788, [www.campingacquacheta.it](http://www.campingacquacheta.it), [info@campingacquacheta.it](mailto:info@campingacquacheta.it). Open from 1-4 to 30-11*

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## SANTA SOFIA

*Campeggio Vivaio, Via della Foresta 4, Località Corniolo, tel. 327 3293439, [www.campeggiovaio.it](http://www.campeggiovaio.it). Open from 1-6 and from 15-9 (only on weekends from 24-4 to 31-5)*

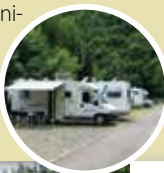
Capacity 4 motorhomes, 4 caravans, 25 tents. Water supply and water discharge. Heated swimming pool, bar service and breakfast, barbecue, tent rental, fridge usage, picnic area



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*Camping Ridracoli, Borgo Ridracoli, tel. 0543 917912, [www.ecomuseoridracoli.it](http://www.ecomuseoridracoli.it), [ladigadiridracoli@atlantide.net](mailto:ladigadiridracoli@atlantide.net). Open from Easter to 1-11*

Capacity 13 motorhomes, caravans, and tents. Water and electricity supply and water discharge. Bar, barbecue, sanitary 10 facilities, and sink. Next to the campsite, there is the Idro Eco-museo delle Acque of Ridracoli



*Alto Savio Camping, Via Strada Provinciale 43 37c, Località San Piero in Bagno, tel. 0543 1991465 or 340 5993070, [www.campingaltosavio.it](http://www.campingaltosavio.it), [info@altosaviocamping.it](mailto:info@altosaviocamping.it). Open from 1-5 to 31-10*

Capacity 69 motorhomes, caravans, tents. Water supply and water discharge. Small catering and bar service, washing machine and dryer (free consumption); tents, caravans, and bungalow rental



*Agricampeggio La Banditina, Via Banditina di Sopra 97, Località San Piero in Bagno, tel. 347 7534680, [luca822013@libero.it](mailto:luca822013@libero.it)*

Capacity 15 motorhomes, 15 caravans, 30 tents. Water supply and water discharge. Socket, bar service, breakfast. Possibility to practice equestrian tourism and put up horses



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*Campeggio Tiber, Via Tevere 27, Località Balze, tel. 338 3531062; [www.campingtiber.it](http://www.campingtiber.it). Open from 1-4 to 31-10*

Capacity 10 motorhomes, 10 caravans, 10 tents. Water supply and water discharge. Bar, e-bike rental, barbecue



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Staging point, lay-bys: 1 motorhome, with water and electricity supply. Catering, tasting and sale of products, bicycle rental, swimming pool, whirlpool bath



*Agriturismo La Sabbiona, Via di Oriolo 10, Loc.  
Oriolo Fichi, tel. 0546 642142 or 335 5852754  
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44°13'35.31"N 11°54'54.82"E*

Lay-bys: 3 motorhomes, 2 caravans. Catering by reservation, tasting and sale of products and self-produced wines, swimming pool



*Agriturismo Trerè,  
Via Casale 19, tel. 0546  
47034 or 348 8089108,  
[www.trere.com](http://www.trere.com), [trere@trere.com](mailto:trere@trere.com),  
GPS 44°13'58.71"N 11°48'18.54"E*

Agricamping: 3 lay-bys; telephone notice and reservation are necessary. Catering from Friday to Sunday, tastings, bicycle rental, petting zoo, swimming pool. Products to be purchased: extra virgin olive oil DOP of Brisighella, honey, jams, preserves, liquor



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Azienda Agrituristica  
La Quercia, Via Molino  
Del Rosso 35, tel. 0546 81824  
or 339 5612708,  
GPS 44°14'28.9"N 11°49'02.2"E

Staging point for 5 motorhomes, with water supply. Restaurant (closed on Monday). Sale of fruits and vegetables



## TREDOZIO

Agriturismo Pian di Stantino, Podere Pian di Stantino 54, tel. 0546 943539, [www.agriturismopiandistantino.it](http://www.agriturismopiandistantino.it), [info@agriturismopiandistantino.it](mailto:info@agriturismopiandistantino.it), GPS 44°03'00.1"N 11°43'59.2"E

Staging point for motorhomes and tents, with water and electricity supply. Sanitary facilities, barbecue, and stone table. Catering, tastings, and sale of products. Fresh bread baked in wood-fired oven



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Azienda Agricola Il Pratello, Via Morana 14, tel. 0546 942038 or 335 1358728, [www.ilpratello.net](http://www.ilpratello.net), [ilpratello@gmail.com](mailto:ilpratello@gmail.com), GPS 44°07'04.3"N 11°48'10.8"E

Staging point, 5 vehicles. Catering, tastings, bicycle rental. Products to be purchased: Sangiovese Doc, Chardonnay Doc, Sauvignon Doc, Centesimino, Extra Virgin Olive Oil Dop of Brisighella



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Agriturismo Ca' di Rico,  
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[morenabarzanti72@hotmail.it](mailto:morenabarzanti72@hotmail.it),  
GPS 44°07'18.5"N 11°54'39.7"E

Staging point for motorhomes and tents; water and sanitary facilities (shower, toilet). Catering





### ROCCA SAN CASCIANO

*Agriturismo La Sorgente, Via Calbola 6, tel. 328 7445754, [www.agrilasorgente.altervista.org](http://www.agrilasorgente.altervista.org), [agrilasorgente@gmail.com](mailto:agrilasorgente@gmail.com), GPS 44°03'21.8"N 11°52'07.6"E*

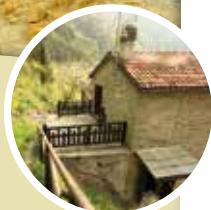
Staging point for 3 motorhomes and 8 tents, water and electricity supply. Catering on weekends



### PREMILCUORE

*Cooperativa Agroippoturistica Ridolla, Via Valbura 2, tel. 348 3806646, [www.ridolla.com](http://www.ridolla.com), [ridolla2012@libero.it](mailto:ridolla2012@libero.it), GPS 43°58'44.5"N 11°46'43.1"E*

Rest areas for motorhomes and caravans. Motorhome service and socket, with picnic tables, bar services, and swimming pool



### CIVITELLA DI ROMAGNA

*Società Cooperativa Agricola Fattorie Faggioli, Via San Giovanni 41, Loc. Cusercoli, tel. 0543 989826 or 335 6110252 [www.fattoriefaggioli.it](http://www.fattoriefaggioli.it), [ff@fattoriefaggioli.it](mailto:ff@fattoriefaggioli.it), GPS 44°00'36.4"N 11°56'49.7"E*

Staging point for motorhomes, water and electricity supply. Tasting and sale of typical products. Petting zoo, outdoor swimming pool, bicycle rental



*Agriturismo Acero Rosso, Via Seggio 5, tel. 0543 984035 or 335 5414002, [www.acerorosso.com](http://www.acerorosso.com), [info@acerorosso.com](mailto:info@acerorosso.com), GPS 44°0'59.07"N 11°57'43.43"E*  
Open from 1-3 to 31-12

Staging point for 5 vehicles. Catering, tastings, swimming pool, rooms. Products to be purchased: desserts, honey, preserves, liquor, distilled liquor, organic products. Access: narrow, sometimes sloping street







## MERCATO SARACENO

*Azienda Agricola Tenuta Casali, Via della Liberazione 32, tel. 0547 690334 or 347 2374261  
www.tenutacasali.it, info@tenutacasali.it, GPS 53°56'40.07"N 12°12'2.22"E*

Staging point for 5 vehicles. Production: Sangiovese Doc Superiore and Doc Superiore Riserva, cheeses. Wine cellar and vineyards tours, with self-produced wines tasting

*Agriturismo Clorofilla,  
Via Barbotto 3255,  
tel. 0547 691726  
or 320 9105829  
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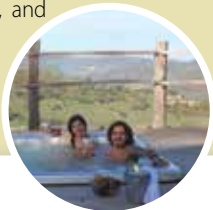
Staging point for 4 vehicles. Catering and opening by reservation, cooking with organic products, petting zoo. Products to be purchased: Sangiovese, charcuterie



## BAGNO DI ROMAGNA

*Agriturismo Incisa, Loc. Incisa 233, tel. 0543 910516  
www.agriturismoincisa.it, info@agriturismoincisa.it, GPS 43°51'45.5"N 12°03'11.2"E*

Staging point, motorhomes and 8 tents. Outdoor, room temperature swimming pool, heated outdoor Jacuzzi baths, five-a-side football fields, and tennis courts



*Agriturismo Mulino  
di Culmolle, Via Mulino  
di Culmolle 50,  
tel. 0543 913039;  
www.mulinodiculmolle.it,  
info@mulinodiculmolle.it,  
GPS 43°50'0.28"N 11°57'20.52"E*

Agricamping only for tents and by reservation only from 1-5 to 30-9. Tastings, catering, mountain bike and e-bike rental. Agreement with Terme di Bagno di Romagna



### RONCOFREDDO

*Agriturismo Ca' Marcella, Via Rudigliano 1385, Loc. Ardiano, tel. 0547 326167 or 0547 326338, agriturismo@camarcella.it, GPS 44°3'35.88"N 12°14'40.22"E*

Staging point for 3 vehicles. Access: narrow, sometimes sloping street. Catering (from Thursday to Sunday), tastings, swimming pool. Productions: oil, jams and marmalades, wine, cherries in spirits



### SOGLIANO AL RUBICONE

*Agriturismo La Rocca, Via Pietra dell'Uso 13, Loc. Pietra dell'Uso, tel. 0541 940723, 333 1291370, or 327 0308197, www.agriturismolarocca.it, agriturismolarocca@gmail.com, GPS 43°57'53.80"N 12°16'42.34"E*

Staging point for 10 vehicles (motorhomes, caravans). Open from Friday to Sunday, telephone reservation necessary. Catering, tasting of products (meats and cured meats, cheeses)



### FORLÌ

*Azienda Agricola Balducci, Via Fiscalla 5, Loc. Castiglione, tel. 0543 753051 or 339 7990438, www.balduccivini.it, info@balduccivini.it, GPS 44°13'30.3"N 11°56'28.7"E*

Staging point for motorhomes, water and electricity supply. Usage of tables and chairs, new wines tasting, wine cellar and company tours



*Agriturismo La Frulana, Via dei Sabbioni 24, Loc. Petrignone, tel. 347 5393825, GPS 44°12'42.7"N 11°56'00.4"E*

Agricamping for motorhomes, caravans, and tents, with water and electricity supply.



## CESENA

*Agriturismo Macin,  
Via San Mauro 5280,  
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aziendabudellacci@libero.it,  
GPS 44°8'10.50"N 12°10'49.73"E*

Staging point for 2 vehicles and tents, water and electricity supply. Tasting of products, sale of self-produced products (wine). Breakfast service. Access dirt road with bends. Telephone notice necessary



*Agriturismo La Stadera, Via Tessello 5000, Loc. Tessello, tel. 0547 6600000, www.agriturismo lastadera.it, azagrlastadera@libero.it, GPS 44°05'35.0"N 12°08'55.1"E*

Agricamping: 8 lay-bys. Catering. Products to be purchased: Formaggio di Fossa Dop, Sangiovese, fruits, vegetables, jams



*Azienda Agricola Conti Guarini Matteucci, Via Minarda 2, Loc. San Tomè, tel. 0543 476147  
www.viniguarini.it, info@viniguarini.it, GPS 44°15'25.20"N 12°1'3.00"E*

Staging point for 8 vehicles, water. Wine tastings, walnut tasting (in season). On reservation, wine cellar tour. Products to be purchased: Sangiovese of Romagna Doc, Albana of Romagna Docg, Pagadebit of Romagna Doc, Trebbiano Doc, Chardonnay, fruits, distilled liquor, honey



*Agriturismo La Valle dei Conti, Via Montiano 767, tel. 0547 378083,  
www.lavalledeiconti.it, info@lavalledeiconti.it, GPS 44°6'53.71"N 12°17'45.43"E*

Agricamping for motorhomes, caravans: 6 lay- bys; electric connection and water, sanitary facilities. Purchase: fruits, jam, liquor

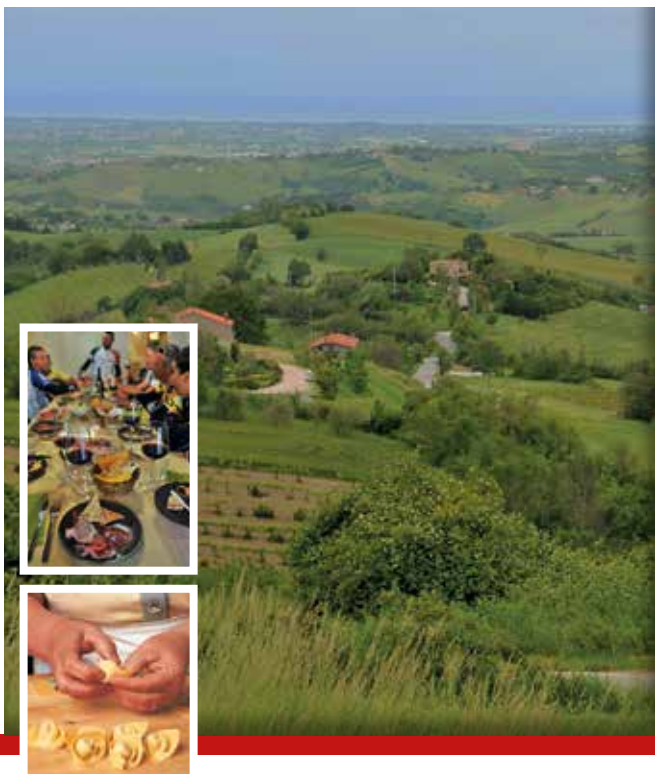


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# THE VIA EMILIA

The Via Emilia is an ancient, precious thread binding together the whole Emilia-Romagna, from Rimini to Piacenza, with lots of beautiful gems: from the ten cities of art and culture to the uncontaminated landscapes of the hills and mountains of the Apennines; a gastronomy unique in the world, without forgetting wellness through thermal baths and sport; a craftsmanship and a manufacturing industry of the highest quality and, of course, the Riviera Romagnola, an ideal holiday destination for families. Commissioned by the Roman consul Marco Emilio Lepido in 187 BC as a road link between the Via Flaminia and the Via Postumia, today the State Road 9 Emilia, together with our wonderful inland, is the perfect destination for slow tourism; through its itineraries, travellers will discover the forty-four regional products Dop and Igp, fifty wines Doc and Docg, Michelin-starred restaurants, osterie (inns), and stands with street food and piadina.

A thousand-year old history, museums, and monuments listed by Unesco as World Heritage sites: the cities of art of Emilia-Romagna are full of culture and knowledge, a great showcase for the Italian "grande bellezza" (great beauty). Romagna: the Roman Rimini; Ravenna and Faenza with their mosaics and ceramics famous worldwide; Cesena with the Biblioteca Malatestiana; Forlì with the annual, international art exhibitions. A region that was the cradle of great film-makers like Federico Fellini, Michelangelo Antonioni, Pierpaolo Pasolini, and Bernardo Bertolucci, of painters like Guercino, Carracci, Guido Reni, and Giorgio Morandi, and poets and writers the likes of Ludovico Ariosto, Giovanni Pascoli, Cesare Zavattini, Leo Longanesi, Tonino Guerra.

A land of culture, well-being, and sport. Along the Via Emilia there are twenty-five spas that offer relax and wellness. The Apennines between Emilia-Romagna and Tuscany encourage active tourism and sports tourism: in winter, there are more than 300 kilometres of tracks, 3,000 kilometres for cross-country skiing, fourteen snowparks, and countless itineraries for snowshoes or dog sleds; in summer, there are paths for hiking, mountain biking, and horse riding. Emilia-Romagna has 8000 kilometres of routes, dirt roads, and cycle paths (it is the first Italian region in terms of quantity). Some more kilometres of Via Emilia southward and there it is: the Riviera Romagnola, with 110 kilometres of sandy beach, fifteen amusement parks, and a relaxing Wellness Valley with a really magic inland.





# Planet Romagna

«I like Romagna, especially the inland of Romagna» says writer Alessandro Baricco, «because if you ask someone for information, they'll start telling you their whole life».

«It's a land without borders» wrote journalist and partisan Guido Nozzoli «you don't recognise it from its mountains, rivers, or weather, but from its people and habits: a region with personality, an island of feelings. Namely, a planet invented by its people».

This identity is especially clear in the hills and mountains of the inland of Romagna: it emerges more from the people than from the landscape, with the distinguishing features and the rhythm typical of a concrete, hardworking existence.

## The language of Romagna

The "parlata romagnola" is more than a simple dialect: it is a Romance language of ancient origin, influenced by the Gallic language, or Gaulish – which contributed to the creation of a consistent linguistic basis since the 5th century BC –, by the Germanic languages, and by the Franks too.

The words are characterised by a strong emphasis on the consonants, the vowels are reduced, at times, to the bare minimum, just enough to make the words pronounceable: *scièn* means "cristiano" (Christian), *sgnòr* means "signore" (sir) – with a strong accentuation that apocopates the final vowels –, *parsòt* means "prosciutto" (ham), *candlòt* means "candelotto" (candle), *piàt* means "piatto" (pla-

te). The Tuscan influences, typical of the areas that border on the Grand Duchy, are also very recognisable. Sometimes, certain salacious sayings are perceived as too hard-hitting by some people, but the “dialetto romagnolo” is indeed part of the jovial and direct, open and laid-back attitude that is universally recognised as “romagnolità”.

## E' magnè: the legendary food

In Romagna, the peasants culture is tied to the land, to the memory, to the folklore, to the territory. It is probably from here that comes the deep-rooted habit of drinking and eating, where the latter comes definitely first.

In his incomparable book *Romagna mitica terra: piccola guida sentimentale*, Beppe Sangiorgi, a writer from Faenza, says: «It is probably because of their ancient relationship with hunger, or because of their famous joy of life, especially when food is concerned; anyways, for a romagnolo, e' magnè is the most important thing. Tonino Guerra recalls that after the Second World War, once he finally got back from the prison camp in Germany, he met his father on the doorstep, and he didn't ask him how he was or what had happened, but...“Et magnè?”, that is, “Hai mangiato?”, meaning “Did you eat?”» (*my translation*).

And indeed, it's here, or rather, in Forlimpopoli that the author of the most famous cookbook in the world was born: *La Scienza in Cucina e l'Arte di Mangiare Bene* (Science in the Kitchen and the Art of Eating Well), by author Pellegrino Artusi, a cook for pleasure. Brilliant and ironic, he wrote: “Cooking is a troublesome sprite. Often it may drive you to despair. Yet it [is] also very rewarding”.

The queen of local gastronomy is still the “minestra” (soup), a word used in Romagna also for pasta dishes which are not broth-based, namely, the “pasta asciutta” (literally, dried pasta): sheets of pasta dough made with

wheat flour and fresh eggs, better if rolled-out by the mythical “arzadora di casa” (housewife).

«Making pasta dough – writes Corrado Contoli, who knew the “dialetto romagnolo” really well – is no mean feat. First of all, the dough (“l'impasto”, meaning *e' spassèl*) must be smooth, firm and fairly elastic, a task which requires a long and vigorous kneading; then comes the “spianatura”, the rolling out with the rolling pin (“il matterello”, meaning *e' sciadùr*), requiring a strong and expert hand, a watchful eye and a sense of proportion: because the dough must be rolled out to different thicknesses depending on the type of pasta to be prepared.». This is how the unique cappelletti (*caplèt*), passatelli (*pasadél*), strozzapreti (*strozaprit*), and tagliatelle (*taiadèli*) come into the world: whenever the people from Romagna hear these names, their eyes sparkle with joy.

## From Sangiovese to the pìda, our actual bread

While it's true that wines like the Sangiovese and the Albana – produced in enclaves with vine varieties selected in the hilly Romagna – are heading more and more towards excellence, among the gastronomy products, the place of honour is for the national bread of Romagna, i.e., the Piadina Romagnola IGP, or piada, or pìda: fragrant, with an inimitable flavour, especially if eaten hot. Giovanni Pascoli writes about the pìda:

*“But you, Maria, with your gentle hands tame the dough and then stretch and flatten it and behold it is smooth as paper and as big as the moon; and then you spread it on my outstretched hands, and I lay it softly on the hot surface, and you stand back. Then I flip it, and with the poker rouse up the fire beneath so that strident heat makes it swell with blisters: and the smell of bread fills the house.”*

Our home, Romagna.

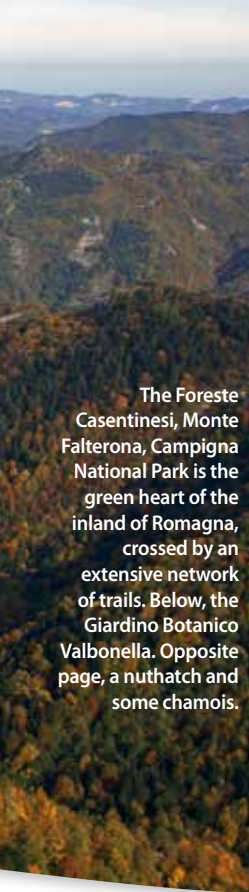
# Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona, Campigna National Park



**E**qually divided between Emilia-Romagna and Tuscany, the 36,000-hectare area of the Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona, Campigna National Park belongs to the territories of the provinces of Forlì-Cesena, Arezzo, and Florence. It crosses the Tuscan-Emilian Apennine, falling steeply towards the parallel valleys of the side in Romagna and falling more gradually towards the side in Tuscany, which has more gentle slopes, finally reaching the wide valley floor formed by the Arno.

Visitors who reach the massive, luxuriant Foreste Casentinesi National Park will live an unforgettable experience and feel strong emotions: the woods cover almost the whole territory, so much so that it could be crossed throughout without going out of the green area. There are also built-up areas rich in history and artistic signs, surrounded by a wonderful natural frame rich in flora and fauna, including the most important wolf population of the northern Apennines,





The Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona, Campigna National Park is the green heart of the inland of Romagna, crossed by an extensive network of trails. Below, the Giardino Botanico Valbonella. Opposite page, a nuthatch and some chamois.



### What to do

The park's territory has many opportunities to offer those who want to enjoy a holiday and discover the picturesque natural sceneries, the artistic and architectural signs, and the traditions of this part of the Apennines. A network of trails of around 600 kilometres allows to visit the protected area by walking, mountain biking, horse riding, and in winter, by backcountry skiing or by wearing snowshoes. The Riserva Integrale of Sasso Fratino usually cannot be visited, unless it is for justified study or research reasons, while the surroundings, equally beautiful and interesting from a naturalistic point of view, are accessible without any limitation. Finally, some itineraries like the Sentiero delle Foreste Sacre offer the possibility to travel around centuries-old forests, thousand-year-old places of worship rich in history, and learn about the illustrious predecessors who made them famous (among which Dante and Ariosto) or who found there the ideal environment for meditation and for the foundation of hermitages and sanctuaries, like Camaldoli and La Verna. If long itineraries need too many days and take too much time, another possibility is "Da Rifugio a Rifugio": three days around the eleven different loops connecting not only shelters, but also agritourisms, inns, and old farms that offer the best of rural hospitality.

as well as the exceptional presence of ungulates (mammals with hooves): wild boar, deer, roe deer, fallow deer, and mouflon. Inside the park, there is also the Riserva Naturale Integrale of Sasso Fratino, founded in 1959 and recently recognised by Unesco as a World Heritage site: it is the first in Italy with a 800-hectare area of woods, where free access and any kind of human intervention are denied.

Lots of visitor centres and info points are situated around the territory: it is possible to visit the planetary, the Giardino Botanico of Valbonella, and the Idro Eco-museo delle Acque of Ridracoli. There are also many equipped park areas with tables, benches, and oftentimes, "fornacelle" (charcoal barbecues) and fountains with drinking water (tel. 0575 503029, [www.parcoforestecasentinesi.it](http://www.parcoforestecasentinesi.it); Centro Visita di Bagno di Romagna, tel. 0543 911304).





# Vena del Gesso Romagnola Regional Park



**S**tretching over the 6,000 hectares of the hills between Faenza and Imola, the Vena del Gesso Romagnola Park protects and promotes a really valuable area: it is one big mountain chain exclusively made of gypsum crystals, thus being one of the excellences of the Apennines.

The outcropping of the gypsum of Miocene, in a series of spectacular cliffs like Riva di San Biagio and Monte Mauro, is formed by a soluble mineral and shows some important karstic phenomena, with a wide system of sinkholes, potholes, resurgences, and over 220 caves that cover more than forty kilometres, of which two are accessible, that is to say, the ones of Tanaccia and Re Tiberio.

On the southern side, with a hot, arid climate, tourists will see plants like the rare “felcetta persiana” (small, Persian fern) and the “gariga mediterranea” (Mediterranean garigue, that is, a type of scrubland), while on the northern

### What to do

**Itineraries** The Vena del Gesso Romagnola Park is cut perpendicularly by three main river valleys (Santerno, Senio, Sintria), with a fourth that brushes against it to the east (Lamone). Together with the four gypsum ribbons delimited by the watercourses, there are also four ring-shaped trails for walking; a fifth path connects them all by crossing the Vena del Gesso Romagnola Park from side to side. This system of hiking routes is directly organised by the Club Alpino Italiano (CAI), in coordination with the park.

**Nordic Walking Park** It is a network of short, circular tours that can be interconnected, suitable for those who want to start walking with specially designed poles and with the help of the detailed road signs that clearly show distances and difficulty levels. The itineraries allow to reach the most characteristic places of the Vena del Gesso that show its history, geology, and the extraordinary views of Brisighella's territory. Before and after every itinerary, visitors are taken to a car park where it is possible to leave the car. It is also possible to rent poles for free at the tourist office of Brisighella and at the Centro Visite Ca' Carnè ([www.parchiromagna.it](http://www.parchiromagna.it)).



Visitors inside the grotta Tanaccia.

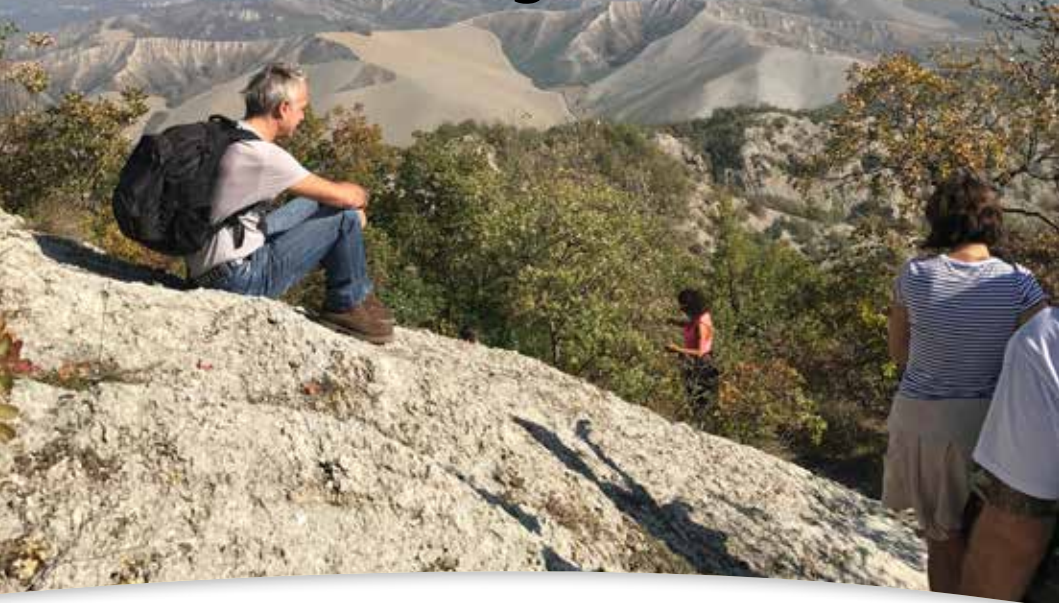
In the images on the opposite page, a colony of "ferro di cavallo euriale", i.e., a rare species of bats, and a concert in the suggestive frame of the cava Marana. On the right, the abyss Acquaviva and the Riva di San Biagio.

side, with a cool, wet climate, there are dense woods.

Among the rich flora of the park, there are nineteen species of ferns and thirty different varieties of orchids, while among the fauna, and specifically the mammals, there are nineteen species of bats, but also wolves, wildcats, and porcupines.

Among the birds, there are lots of species of birds of prey, both diurnal and nocturnal, such as the "pecchiaiolo" (European honey buzzard), the "albanella minore" (Montagu's harrier), the peregrine falcon, and the eagle owl. Man and the territory have a long, interesting history: it goes all the way back to prehistoric times, when the people used to wander around the caves, then continued in Roman times, when the mineral lapis specularis was extracted, and also in the Middle Ages, when villages and castles were built on the gypsum ridges.

# The walks of the inland of **Romagna**



**O**n the mountains and at the foot of the hills of the inland of Romagna, there are five “Cammini per Viandanti e Pellegrini” out of the fourteen recognised by the Regione Emilia-Romagna ([camminiemiliaromagna.it](http://camminiemiliaromagna.it)). The paths that cross the territory reach Rome and other important places of worship, such as the Eremo di Montepaolo in Dovadola, La Verna, Camaldoli, Assisi, and Sarsina. In some areas, especially on the mountains, the five walks overlap. This network of itineraries for modern wayfarers and pilgrims is a chance to have a contact with nature, discover the territory from a new perspective, and travel in a different way towards places of worship.



Saint Anthony's Walk looks back at some of the most meaningful places in the life of the Franciscan of Portuguese origin. In Romagna, the path crosses the Vena del Gesso and the Parco del Carnè, touching Brisighella, Modigliana, Montepaolo – an important “antoniano” sanctuary and the first Italian home of the saint, who lived there between 1221 and 1222 after meeting the “Poverello” in Assisi –, San Benedetto in Alpe, Camaldoli, and La Verna ([www.ilcamminodisantantonio.org](http://www.ilcamminodisantantonio.org)).



From the Eremo di Montepaolo in Dovadola, the Walk of Assisi (or Saint Francis's Walk) offers pilgrims



the opportunity to cross the territories of Portico, Premilcuore, Corniolo, Camaldoli and arrives to Assisi ([www.ilcamminodiassisi.it](http://www.ilcamminodiassisi.it)).



### *Il Cammino di Dante*

Dante's Walk follows ancient routes between Ravenna and Florence, crossing the places that inspired the "Sommo Poeta": the Acquacheta falls in San Benedetto in Alpe, Brisighella, Oriolo ai Fichi, Dovadola, Portico, Premilcuore ([www.camminodante.com](http://www.camminodante.com)).



The "Via Romea Germanica" follows the same journey that monk Alberto of Stade (in Lower Saxony) took in the 12th century to reach

Rome from Germany. From Ravenna, the walk goes along the Bidente Valley towards Santa Sofia, and then bends towards San Piero in Bagno, crosses Tuscany through the very ancient Passo Serra, and finally reaches Rome ([www.viaromeagermanica.com](http://www.viaromeagermanica.com)).



Saint Vicinious's Walk is a suggestive, ring-shaped itinerary that starts from Sarsina, often overlapping the ancient Roman road network; it crosses the same territories crossed by the saint thaumaturge, who was the first bishop of Sarsina. With fourteen legs, the route connects the Savio Valley, Monte Fumaiolo, La Verna, the Alto Rubicone, and the hills of Cesena, and then it goes back to the starting point ([www.camminodisancinno.it](http://www.camminodisancinno.it)).



## Riding a two-wheeler

The inland of Romagna is a true paradise for cycling tourists: it is very rich in streets and paths that clamber over villages, crests, and nature. The incredible network of quiet, lonely roads is ideal for asphalt lovers, while trails and mule tracks are stimulating for those who prefer exploring new places by riding a mountain bike. Sometimes the climb is steep, like on the Barbotta passage (between Mercato Saraceno and Sogliano al Rubicone) and the Trebbio passage (between Dovadola and Modigliana): the inland of Romagna is becoming more and more efficient in welcoming those who want to visit these territories riding on two wheels – with organised groups, with the family, or single-handed – and in offering them an increasing number of guided tours and a better service in terms of rental and assistance.

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