

A Family Guide to Riccione

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#intro

Family holidays are a special moment **to get your fill of pampering and fun**. We really want this to come true, and have therefore decided to create **this guidebook, which concentrates all the best** of the Adriatic Coast for the **beach holidays of families with children**.

Some want to go to the **beach**, some to the **parks**, some want to enjoy **food and wine tours...** everyone has their own tastes and it is sometimes difficult to reach an agreement. Don't worry! This **to-do list** is intended to simplify things by proposing **the best of all!**

Read this guidebook, trust what **WE RECOMMEND** and find out **WHAT TO DO ON A RAINY DAY**: the Riviera Romagnola told by those who know it will surprise you! Enjoy the reading; we'll be waiting for you in Riccione.



#moving around riccione

In summer there is nothing better than wandering round the city in the open air! Leave your car in the parking lot for the entire duration of the holiday and enjoy the **pedestrian walkways and cycling paths**: it is very easy in Riccione and real fun for children!

Everything is at hand by bicycle! Ask the hotel for a free bicycle or rent one for just a few Euros per hour: you will enjoy the whole seafront by riding on the large cycling track that runs along the beach; for the more trained tourists, reaching Rimini will be a breeze!

Public transport covers all the areas of the city and the neighboring locations. **Romagna Smart Pass** is a practical and economical solution to move around in the territory of the neighboring provinces (Rimini, Ravenna, Forlì-Cesena. Info on www.startromagna.it).

Arriving by train is also very **convenient**, since the station is a few steps from Viale Ceccarini and the beach, and a few kilometers from most of the hotels of the Green Pearl.



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#most famous places of interest

Viale Ceccarini - Riccione

It is Riccione's living room, the place where tourists walk and admire **designer shop windows, trendy clubs** and the most exclusive restaurants. In the spring, children enjoy walking on the lawn of the Greenpark and playing with the lake of swans and the house of butterflies, while in winter they skate on the longest ice rink in Europe in between the stalls of the Riccione Christmas Village and Santa Claus House.

FREE ADMISSION

Museo del Territorio (New Promenade - Riccione)

This place is much appreciated by children because it allows them to live a real adventure in prehistory amid remains of giant millennia-old buffalos, bears, rhinos, elephants and deer. The beautiful collection of fossils and minerals is also worth watching. Moreover, interesting recreational and education workshops dedicated to archaeology and art are organized in the summer.

FREE ADMISSION

Museum of the Queen - Cattolica - It is divided into two sections, the Archaeological one located on the first floor and exhibiting materials dating back to the Bronze Age and the Roman times, and the section dedicated to the navy on the second floor, with boat models, a collection of photographs, sculptures, objects used by ancient sea craftsmen and many precious proofs for maritime lovers.

Nuovo Lungomare (New Promenade) - The Green Pearl has recently been further enhanced with the inauguration of a new beautiful and functional promenade, a green oasis embellished with fountains, cycling paths, benches and crosswalks to **safely reach the beach**. Here, tourists cycle with their family and participate in the many initiatives related to the wellbeing of mothers and children, such as **stroller and baby carrier workout** courses.

We recommend:

Ospedale delle Tartarughe (Hospital of Turtles) – Riccione Terme

The Hospital is managed by the **Fondazione Cetacea Onlus** and throughout the year it offers families the opportunity to join a guided tour of the spaces where turtles are treated and creative workshops, reading aloud and themed film shows. What's more, if you are lucky, you can also watch the **release of turtles in the sea**. This will be a great emotion for you and your children in a place where love and respect for animals are an important message to be shared.

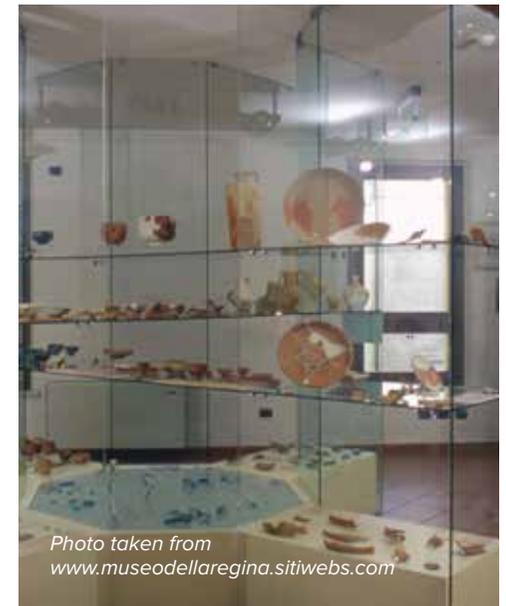


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Entertainment

Rallying cry: fun! For a break from the beach or a night out, when walking through the streets of Riccione you will feel like Pinocchio in Toyland!

If you love nature, you must absolutely take a walk in the magical **Park of Resistance** and breathe the scent of many tree varieties that live in this area, play in children's areas or relax on the shores of the lake. For another full nature experience you will just have to reach the other side of Viale Ceccarini, yes... you got it... would you expect a large park with centuries-old trees right in the heart of Romagna nightlife? The **Arboreto Cicchetti**, once occupied by 7 greenhouses with rare and precious plants, is now a charming corner where activities and initiatives are promoted for the protection of the environment. It also houses the **Galileo Galilei Planetarium**, an educational experience not to be missed: who among us is not fascinated by planets, stars and constellations?

There is no true Toyland without rides,

though! If you love **amusement parks**, you will jump for joy around here. With its 60 attractions, the "Ricciolandia" Park is one of the largest in the Riviera!

3 – 2 – 1 .. Go!! Isn't Romagna the land of motors? For those who like to ride on tracks, there are two **go-kart tracks** around here for adults and children to have fun.

While walking, you won't be able to resist playing in the arcade, enjoying on a slide in a park or taking a carousel ride... you will find a great deal while wandering around the city!





Parks

One of the prides of the Riviera Romagnola is the large number of **theme parks** present in this stretch of the coast and designed for all ages. Mirabilandia dizzying roller coasters, Aquafan water slides, San Marino Adventures high-altitude emotions and much more. Whatever your idea of fun, you will find a park that suits you!

Remember: **it is often possible to buy presale and discounted tickets**, and rely on comfortable **dedicated transfers**. Ask your hotel and find out how to spend a peaceful day in the parks!

Fiabilandia – The Fiabilandia Park offers **30 attractions inspired by the most popular fairy tales** and fantastic worlds, divided into five thematic areas: the Far West, the Magic Village, the Pirate Bay, the area dedicated to the Middle Ages and one dedicated to the East. Some attractions are “wet” and require the use of a bathing suit; some are just for daredevil children, such as the **Space Mouse**, and others for little adventurers, such as the **Grand Canyon**. The park, immersed in a green area of 150,000 square



meters, also organizes enthralling and exciting **live shows** especially during the summer.



Italia in Miniatura – A real national institution, the thematic park Italia in Miniatura has **270 miniatures** of the most significant architectural works in Italy and 30 miniatures dedicated to Europe. In addition, your children can have fun with **water games**, visit 1:5 scale Venice, canoe, become little Formula1 pilots, **throw themselves into the space**, discover the mysteries of science, meet **Pinocchio** and enjoy a wonderful landscape from the panoramic **Monorail**.



Aviation theme park – For children who love aircraft, the Aviation Theme Park is a real paradise. Open all year round, it is considered **among the most important in Europe** and displays more than 50 real airplanes that made the history of the Italian and world aviation, as well as memorabilia, photos, videos, uniforms and medals. There is also a **section dedicated to model aircraft** and an air-shop with children’s playground, theme gadgets and refreshment area.



MirabiliaIndia – The **largest amusement park in Italy** is divided into two different areas: the theme park with **45 breathtaking attractions** and stunt shows, and **Mirabilandia Beach**, with very fine sand, **thrilling slides and Caribbean pools**. Open **from June to September** and during the most important holidays like Halloween. Remember: **you get free admission on the second day!**



Aquafan – Aquafan is the most famous water park in Italy, where families with children are offered many alternatives for an unforgettable day, or better two, with the large **wave pool** to the 3 kilometers of slides suitable for all ages. For the little ones there is the Elephant Pool, the **Antarctic Baby Beach** with “ice” and cute polar bears, and the Focus Junior Beach with its amusing Noah’s Ark. Remember: **the admission ticket is valid for 2 days of your choice!**



Oltremare – An incredible park

ruled over by all the elements of nature. The **Dolphin Lagoon** is the largest in Europe, and every zone is dedicated to protecting the animal species it contains with stage routes through the **various ecosystems**. You will find the **rainforest**, the **sea planet**, the **Owl Mill**, which is a refuge for nocturnal and diurnal raptors, and much more. Younger visitors will also sleep with dolphins, meet parrots in the teaching farm and **search for gold nuggets** in waterfalls and streams.

Le Navi Park - Aquarium of Cattolica – At the **Le Navi Park - Aquarium of Cattolica** you can meet **penguins, turtles and jellyfish**, discover the history of the evolution of the planet, learn about the habits of otters and caimans, take a close look at **frogs, insects, chameleons and snakes** and above all **sharks**, by diving “face to face” into a thrilling experience.

Zoo Safari Park – Situated close to Mirabilandia, the **Ravenna Zoo Safari** is an exciting park for the whole family to learn about over 100 different species, without barriers and up close.

On board your car, an electric vehicle or a train with a guide, you can meet **lions, hippos, tigers, elephants, buffalos, zebras, antelopes, baboons and giraffes** in the wild.

San Marino Adventures – If you like adventures in contact with nature, **San Marino Adventures** is the right park! Considered among the greatest in Europe, it offers **26 tree trails** up to 35 meters high, with Tibetan bridges, tunnels, cable cars and walkways. Professional instructors will accompany young visitors through the most suitable trails for their age, to be experienced **in total safety**.

Beach Village – It is the only water park on the Adriatic coast situated by the sea and linked to its establishment, **Bagno 134 di Riccione**. An excellent alternative to larger parks, Beach Village offers pools, more or less thrilling slides, entertainment and many activities for the whole family, including mini club, games, sports and dance groups like **a real holiday village**.



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#food

Local specialties

Dining is an important moment, especially on holiday, when a family finally gets together at a dining table. The traditional cuisine of Romagna is rich in **flavors that tell the story** of an ancient land, which offers healthy and tasty **peasant** recipes capable of conquering youths and adults. **Piada, homemade pasta, meat** reared in the up-country and above all **Adriatic fish** are the basis of the culinary culture of Romagna, which offers dishes that smell homely and familiar.

Restaurants

Osteria Tacabanda – *Viale San Lorenzo* - This is a true restaurant for families! In the summer, children are free to roam in the **outdoor playground**, while in winter the small indoor room with **board games, markers and darts** is a real blessing and keeps your children “quiet” while you enjoy delicious crostini, bruschetta and stuffed piadina. **Thank you Baby Parking!**

Type:   

Trampolines - *Lungomare della Repubblica, Riccione* - A Riccione una vera istituzione. Personale gentilissimo, primi piatti fatti in casa, **porzioni generose, pesce freschissimo** e pizza veramente buona con gusti originali. E per i bimbi c'è uno **spazio dedicato dove poter giocare** in tutta tranquillità. Non fatevi ingannare dagli spazi immensi, sempre meglio prenotare!

Type:  

Docks – *Port, Riccione* - Docks is the perfect choice to satisfy the tastes of the whole family. If you want to try



 **Hamburger**

 **Piadina**

 **Fish**

 **Vegan**

 **Pizza**

 **Meat**

excellent sushi or **tasty Thai specialties**, don't restrain yourselves just because your children only eat burgers or simple pasta! The menu at Docks is extremely varied and this is the ideal location **for a dinner where everyone, adults and children, is satisfied!**

Type:  

Frenk – *Spiaggia 68, Riccione* - While parents taste excellent fish dishes, children choose between **pizza and pasta** and then dash off to play on the sand, since Frenk is right **on the beach!** This restaurant is a must of the summer. You will most probably eat too much, but don't worry: the pedestrian area awaits you for a nice family walk.

Type:  

Napizz - *Viale Ceccarini “alta”, Riccione* - **Neapolitan pizza** with an obsession for ingredients. **“Enjoy” the flavors with all your senses:** tomato

Photo taken from www.napizz.it

that “tells” a story of sun and freshness, fiordilatte, buffalo mozzarella and toppings selected one by one to be like you have never tried before. While you live this sensory experience, your children – after a baby pizza or other delicacies from the children's menu – will play in the fenced yard reserved for them! – pizza

Type: 



We recommend
“I like it because...”



Kitty recommends

Tanimodi – *P.le Azzarita - Riccione* “**Gourmet fish and hamburger restaurant**, to satisfy the desire of adult people for good food, with excellent fish dishes and the passion of little ones for **fast food**. However, hamburger are gourmet ones, homemade with the best meat”



NOT TO BE MISSED:

- **Gourmet bourgers with chips**
- **Tanimodi mixed starter with seafood tastes**
- **Spaghetti alla chitarra (egg pasta) with clams and black truffle**



Lau recommends

La Capannina – *Viale Calabria - Riccione* - ““Do you fancy a true Romagna-style dinner? Try La Capannina! At weekends it also offers a **great entertainment service**: so, while your children play, dance and have fun, you will be able to relax in front of a nice platter

of crostini and cold cuts”



NOT TO BE MISSED:

- **Fornarina pizza (rosemary, olive oil, salt) served with all dishes. Extraordinary!**
- **All pizzas: crisp, tasty with excellent toppings**
- **Mixed fresh fish starters**



Lucy recommends:

Brasserie – *Via Ippolito Nievo, Riccione* - “Brasserie is a special place, a little gem in the heart of Riccione, a few steps from Viale Ceccarini. I recommend it to families on Sundays, when fantastic and unmissable brunches are organized which are much loved by children!”



NOT TO BE MISSED:

- **Fragrant homemade bread with butter and organic jam**
- **Tasty American-style club sandwiches**
- **Sweet French toasts with sweet or savory stuffing**



Benedetta recommends:

Allotria da Clod (da Tonino) – *Via Torino Bagno 23* - “It is magical because it’s like going back in time: atmosphere of the past, fresh fish cooked simply as tradition dictates and infectious Romagna joy will enchant you. What’s more, tables are directly on the beach and cocktails are excellent!”



NOT TO BE MISSED:

- **Passatelli with chickpeas and clams from Oscar**
- **Skewers as if there is no tomorrow**
- **Starters strictly accompanied by hot piadina!**





Ice-Cream Parlors

Panna e Cioccolato (Riccione) – A delicious and natural snack: that is ice cream in this small laboratory that has become an ice-cream parlor with direct selling. It is the perfect place to stop during an evening family walk: try the **fresh fruit smoothies with ice cream**.

Il Pellicano (Cattolica) – This historical ice-cream parlor of the Riviera offers **42 different flavors of ice cream** to be combined with **fragrant wafers or soft buns**. You will realize you are close to Pelicano because you smell the scent of vanilla in the air and the plate for cooking crepes is always ready: just choose the filling and your gourmet break is served.

Cremeria di Via Mancini (Cattolica) – This small shop in the center of Cattolica embodies all the passion for the art of ice cream. “It is the best ice cream in Cattolica”, this is the most common sentence in the many positive reviews. Do not miss the **real Sicilian water-ice** with concentrated juice on crushed ice as it was made in the past.

Kitchen Ice Gelato Cucinato (Riccione) – This truly original, modern and sophisticated ice-cream parlor in the Riviera, pervaded by a refined atmosphere, revives the **traditional art of cooking ice cream**. The ingredients are first cooked in freely visible old copper pots and then processed in batch freezers with blades.

Kitanda (Riccione) – This cheerful and colorful place evokes distant lands, especially Brazil, with its music, its perfumes and its energy specialties that can be a great alternative to ice cream. A bomb of blueberry and chocolate flavored antioxidants, **Acai with banana and cereals** is a must.



#seaside activities

Who says that at the seaside you can only have fun with a shovel and a bucket? **There are many activities designed for the family** to spend nice different days and for adults and children to get rid of boredom.

On the seafront, fun is guaranteed by renting unusual transport: if your children are tired of walking or you just want to offer them an unforgettable adventure, we suggest that you rent a **rickshaw** for the whole family: pedaling together has never been so much fun! At sea, enjoy a bath off by renting a **classic pedal boat** or a two-seater canoe: you will live a safe experience capable of enchanting

your children.

Have you ever tried a **motorboat trip**? The **ship Lady Cristina** departs from the port of Riccione and makes trips every day of the week, in the morning or in the afternoon. Destinations change every day and range from the exploration of the Baia degli Angeli in Vallugola to day-time excursions to the Oltremare park, with **special night tours** along the lit coast in July and August, on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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#green activities

Did you know that the name Green Pearl was chosen for Riccione just for its numerous beautiful green spaces? The many urban parks are the lungs of the city and make it cool and shaded, even on the hottest days.

The **Park of Resistance** is the largest and most loved in Riccione: the open space is loved for football games and the spring picnicking by young people and families! Go past flying frisbees and children cycling on the grass, and follow the beaten track: you will end up surrounded by the scent of pine trees in the shade of oaks, elms and lime trees. Along ups and downs that hide a surprise behind every curve and hill you will get to the center of the park, the best area for children: the lake, inhabited by swans and ducks that are never sated with crumbs offered by visitors.

If you love nature, do not stop here! There are a great many urban parks in the Green Pearl: the Papa Giovanni II park, opposite the station, is centrally located and often hosts exhibitions and events; the castle of the Agolanti is surrounded by a green embrace recommended at sunset for a

panoramic view of Riccione and the coast as far as Gabicce; do not miss the zero-km market in the wonderful Cicchetti arboretum on Tuesday mornings...always follow the cycling paths and you will not be disappointed!

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#educational farms

Especially if you come from a large urban area in the hinterland, choosing Riccione for your holidays will allow you to give your children a unique emotion: discovering the sea.

What if we told you that we have another special suggestion to make your family holidays linger forever in the eyes and heart of your children?

Yes, Riccione is not just seaside! Follow us on this **fascinating journey to discover trees, flowers, animals** and typical local products: it will enchant your children!

I Muretti Farm Holiday House
Montecolombo, Rimini – A real **oasis of peace set in the valley of the river Conca**, an enchanting place to live great emotions within the picturesque stone and wood house surrounded by the rolling hills of Rimini.

Choose I Muretti for a break from the beach and you will not regret it! You can taste the best of typical Romagna cuisine: **hand-rolled pasta, tagliatelle with knife-cut meat sauce**, seasonal jams, ice cream with herbs...a real explosion of authentic and genuine flavors.

Meanwhile, children....

Many **educational workshops and recreational activities** to promote the playful knowledge of the territory: **CONSERVA IL BELLO** (PRESERVE BEAUTY, creation of herbals and paintings through the knowledge of edible plants); **PERCORSI STAGIONE** (SEASON ACTIVITIES, grape stomping, winery tours...); **RACCOLTA DELLE OLIVE** (OLIVE HARVEST, olive milking, crushing...), **TEMPO DI RIPOSO** (REST TIME, nursery rhymes and sowing for the little ones, the cycle of life for the older ones); **E' SCOPPIATA LA PRIMAVERA** (SPRING HAS BROKEN OUT, flower paintings, discovery of aromas and scents...); **ESTATE GIORNO E NOTTE** (SUMMER DAY AND NIGHT, a picnic in the olive grove searching for fireflies).

Educational Farm Amaltea
Montegridolfo, Rimini – **Workshops, guided tours, traditional cooking courses** for the whole family...the Educational Farm Amaltea offers all this and much more, in the quietness of the sweet hills of Rimini that frame the organic cultivation of cereals and legumes and the rearing of sheep and

goats for the production of milk and cheese.

Get a break from the beach and take your children there: they will go crazy over the amusing proposals! From activities intended to learn about and **be in direct contact with the animals of the farm** (you will find **many nice donkeys** waiting for you!) to paths to discover the methods of producing cheese; from the visit to the mill (with the possibility to “get your hands in the dough” for the production of bread, piadina and cakes) to sense stimulating activities through the use of aromatic and medicinal plants.

Worth of mention is the **educational vegetable garden**, a fantastic tillage experience suitable for children, with the chance for them to prick out a seedling to be taken home or make a scarecrow with recycled material to be planted in the vegetable garden of the farm.



Case Mori Farm *Colline Riminesi* – The Casa Macanno Green Area is a wide open space of over 10,000 square meters, where to enjoy the most diverse **environmental education activities**, from **garden planting** to the possibility to watch and rediscover animals and native plants at risk of extinction; from archery courses to **play activities with dogs and donkeys**.

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WWF Oasis Cà Brigida

In the heart of Valmarecchia, halfway between the picturesque village of Verucchio and the spellbinding Republic of San Marino, the **Cà Brigida Oasis, donated to WWF** to protect its woods, watercourse and farmhouse with adjoining park forever, extends for over 14 hectares in a highly diversified environment that fosters the spread of many plant and animal species.

Children will love the sense of freedom that can be felt everywhere in this green corner of the world: **boundless spaces, fields, woods and paths** stimulate action, movement and discovery!

Many environmental educational and awareness-raising initiatives are promoted by the Rimini WWF Association, from the **visit to the butterfly garden** to a guided tour to discover tour ancient plants; from educational workshops of all kinds to **walks along the course of the Rio Felisina**, through the suggestive “path of orchids”.



#the inland of wonders

San Leo – *Once upon a time there was a curious youngster called Giuseppe Balsamo, who started out of boredom or pleasure to become interested in mysterious esoteric practices and, feeling at ease in perpetrating these magical alchemies, decided to change his life and his name to Count of Cagliostro...*

What remains of the history of Cagliostro, with his tragic end, is guarded by the imposing walls of the **Castle of San Leo**, an impregnable fortress in which he was imprisoned for the rest of his days after being convicted of heresy. The mystery of Cagliostro still lingers on in the halls of the castle. Enjoy discovering its legend together with your children: they will be enchanted! (What's more, **admission is free** for them and that's one more reason not to miss out on it!)

After visiting the castle, don't fail to see the **Parish Church**, the oldest religious building in Montefeltro, and the wonderful Romanic **Cathedral**, and enjoy walking through the picturesque and charming streets of the old town. And if your children get hungry... do

not hesitate, have a seat at the table of an authentic local eatery, satisfy their needs with **timeless tagliatelle with meat sauce** that are loved by adults and children, and order the famous **Pasticciata alla Cagliostro** (sliced beef marinated in Sangiovese served with tomato sauce and spinach sautéed with butter, raisins and pistachios): awesome!

Oh! If you visit San Leo in August, don't miss out on **AlchimiAlchimie**, a festival that celebrates Cagliostro with four days of shows, traveling narratives and

Not everyone knows that:

San Leo is one of "I Borghi più Belli d'Italia" (Most Beautiful Villages in Italy) and Bandiera Arancione (Italian Touring Club Orange Flag).

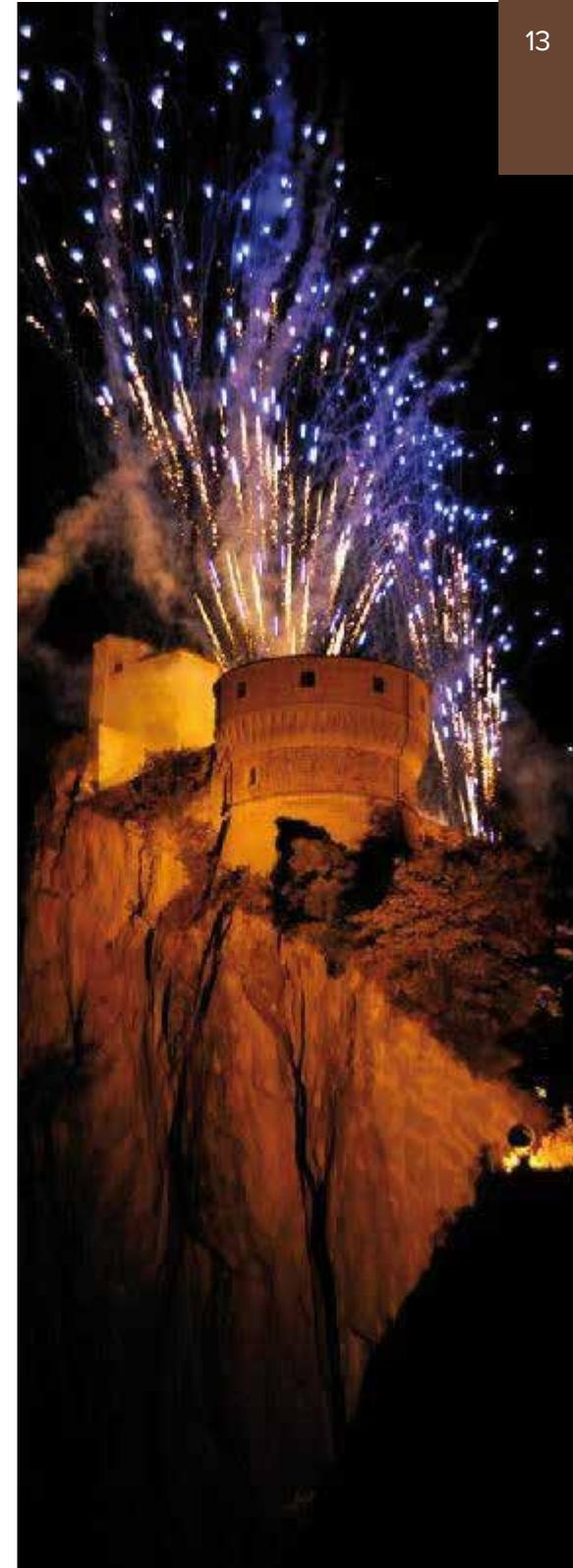
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amazing fireworks: your children will be delighted by the feats of jugglers, fire eaters, mimes and stilt walkers!

San Marino – *Once upon a time there was a young Christian stonemason called Marino, who, after fleeing his homeland in Dalmatia to escape persecution, reached Mount Titano, deemed it strategical and safe, and decided to settle there and found a small community of Christians. It was the year 301 A.D. and the history of the oldest republic in the world had just started...*

With such great preconditions, the history of the Republic of San Marino could but beget magnificent works, such as those decking the top of Mount Titano, which overlooks the sea on one side and the verdant Valmarecchia on the other side from its rocky spurs. Don't miss the 3 **wonderful medieval towers** perched on the rock "Guaita", "Cesta" and "Montale", the central **Piazza della Libertà** dominated by the splendid **Public Palace**, the **Basilica of San Marino**, the **State Museum** and the controversial **Torture Museum**.



Once you have satisfied your adult curiosity, it is time to think about how to entertain your children. That is very easy in San Marino!

1) Visit the historic center on board the **motor train**

2) Fly over the top of the mount in the **cable car**

3) Stop at **Museum of Old Weapons**, with its collection of bows, crossbows and armors

4) Do not miss out on the **Museum of Curiosities**, with great oddities (like the longest nails in the world!)

Remember: you cannot say you have been to San Marino without buying one of the typical souvenirs in the Republic; without a hand-painted

piece of pottery, a stamp or a collector coin, you will not be allowed to go back home! (However, your children wouldn't let you do so...how can you resist the charm of wooden mini-crossbows sold in every shop of the historic center?)

Urbino – *Once upon a time there was an ambitious young man called Federico who loved beauty so much that he decided to turn the town where he lived into a magnificent princely court where to revel at the sight of the wonderful artistic and monumental works created by the most original and brilliant personalities of the Italian Renaissance...*

The ambitious young man was Federico da Montefeltro, and the brilliant personalities gathered by the great patron were no other than the likes of Piero della Francesca, Luciano Laurana, Leon Battista Alberti and Francesco di Giorgio Martini, the main creators of the so-called “**cradle of the Renaissance**”, Urbino, a city of rare intensity and disarming charm.

If you happen to stay in the area, a visit



to Urbino is a must. Trust us: it will give you unexpected emotions! While walking along its typical narrow streets and steep slopes (Editor's note: if you are traveling with babies, cut out the stroller and opt for a far more comfortable ergonomic baby carrier, and your legs and arms will thank you!) you will enjoy a splendid view of all the buildings of the Renaissance Urbino: the Church of San Domenico, the Mausoleum of the Dukes, and one for all, the majestic Palazzo Ducale. This is surely a place where it is worth

stopping for at least a couple of hours, as it contains unmissable masterpieces kept intact, such as Flagellation of Christ and the Madonna of Senigallia by Piero della Francesca and the sublime Muta by Raffaello. (Talking about **Raffaello**, did you know he was a native of Urbino? Yes, he was! Take advantage to visit his birthplace, which has now become a real museum full of works of art, paintings, sculptures, ceramics ... well, there's something to suit every taste!). Going back to the **Palazzo Ducale**, once you

Not everyone knows that:

- In San Marino, districts equivalent to the Italian provinces are called Castles.

- You can reach the historic center by cable car! Park your car and enjoy the ride while admiring a terrific view of the entire Adriatic Coast.

have seen the art gallery most of the visit is done, but you cannot leave without enjoying a **tour of the vaults**, a maze of stairs and caverns where children can have fun pretending to be little explorers.

What else can you do in Urbino?

A flying visit to the **Albornoz Fortress**, a marvelous fortified building located on the highest point of the hill, is a must for those travelling with children: here they will find a beautiful playground where to roam happily and freely and a bar for the sudden “mom I’m hungry!” that should always be reckoned with. Of special interest is also the **Museum of Weapons** with its nice collection of harquebuses and armors.

Not everyone knows that:

Every year in September Urbino hosts the important Kite Festival. The main objective for the ten participating districts is to fly their kite higher than the others.

Montegridolfo – *Once upon a time there was a rich Rimini Guelph family who could no longer find peace at home during the conflicts with the Ghibellines and therefore decided to change their life and seek refuge elsewhere...*

The family was conquered by **Montegridolfo** (the Gridolfi), and we cannot prove them wrong. Montegridolfo is, in fact, a beautiful enchanted village, protected by high

walls that rise on the border of the Conca Valley, in Romagna, and the Foglia Valley, in the Marche, offering wonderful views of the beautiful landscape below that stretches, free and wild, up to the sea. The village is dominated by the lovely **Malatesta Castle**, totally renovated and restored to its original splendor, which overlooks the picturesque houses of the village and its enchanting shady alleys. Next to the tower, the Town Hall and the splendid **Palazzo Viviani**, an ancient house that is now home to a very popular hotel and restaurant, complete the delightful enchanted environment.

To keep it short...Montegridolfo makes you dream!

per farla breve...Montegridolfo fa sognare!

Not everyone knows that:

Montegridolfo is one of “I Borghi più Belli d’Italia” (Most Beautiful Villages in Italy).



Verucchio – *Once upon a time there was a child destined to become a great leader. He was called Malatesta da Verucchio and had a string of conquests and successes, although his methods were quite unorthodox and earned him a place in Dante's Inferno with the epithet of Mastin Vecchio...*

The history of the **Verrucchio Fortress** is linked to that child. The symbol of the town par excellence, it stands majestically atop a steep rocky spur overlooking the village, the valley and the plain to the Adriatic Sea. Known as "Rocca del Sasso" (Rock Fortress) due to its location, it is one of the largest and best preserved Malatesta fortifications and, since it can entirely be visited, it is certainly worth the trip. Do not miss the **Great Hall**, with a fine collection of weapons and the curious Malatesta family tree, and the **Tower of the Owl**, whose clock has marked the time for the inhabitants of Verucchio since 1956.

After visiting the fortress, stay a little longer on the streets of the village, walk through the narrow alleys and picturesque lanes and then stop for a

drink in the main square: there is a place you do not expect! It's called **Tipicità Italiane** and offers a variety of unmatched culinary excellences to be enjoyed by candlelight in the intimate tavern obtained in the back of the place. And while you enjoy a romantic candlelight toast, your children will be free to browse through the shelves of the shop, with candies, chocolates, cookies and delicacies of all kinds in floods. Impossible not to get back home with at least a bag of candies!

Not everyone knows that:

- In Verucchio you can visit the Oasis of Cà Brigida, donated to WWF to protect its woods, river and farmhouse with adjoining park forever.

Gradara – *Once upon a time there were Paolo and Francesca, two unfortunate lovers that fate had dared to separate but who decided to defy everything and everyone in the name of love greater than the sky and the sea, to finally reunite, even on pain of death...*

These are the poetic feats narrated by the famous **Gradara Castle**, a beautiful medieval castle among the best preserved in Italy, standing out, beautiful and imposing, on top of a gentle hill overlooking the sea.

The visit to the castle gives great emotions: you can see the interior of the fortress through a romantic path to discover fascinating Dantesque secrets and mysteries, visit the armory and the torture room, and even walk along the walls that surround the entire village, enjoying a splendid view of the Romagna coast from the heart of the so-called **Lovers Walk**: breathtaking!

What can you do after visiting the castle?

It is worth stopping a little longer in the quaint historic village, strolling lazily through cobbled streets and narrow alleyways and then enjoying a nice culinary experience of local specialties. One for all is **tagliolini con la bomba** (noodles in broth with fried lard and onion): give it a try! (its strong flavor is loved by everyone, but if you



want to avoid unnecessary complaints from your children...certainly you will play it safe with delicious meat sauce tagliatelle!)

If you visit Gradara in July, do not miss out on the **Assedio al Castello** (Siege of the Castle), a unique historical commemoration in the village with shows, animations, scenes of medieval life and an impressive music and firework show, while if you are passing in August the **Fantasy Festival The Magic Castle of Gradara** is a must with fairies, goblins, dragons and knights enhancing the most magical event of the year.

Not everyone knows that:

Gradara was a favorite destination of several distinguished personalities of the early twentieth century. Just think that Guglielmo Marconi used to go there accompanied by his driver, open a folding table at Porta Nova and enjoy the view of the coast.





Fortresses and Castles of the Conca Valley

Suggesting the unmissable “classic” excursions was not an easy task: there would be dozens of other destinations to propose, and certainly none would disappoint you.

Come to think, they are worth mentioning. Therefore, here are some other alternatives suitable for your children, just to puzzle you a bit more with mysterious castles, breathtaking landscapes and enchanting views for a walk in the Conca Valley:

Castello di Azzurrina – *Montebello* - A medieval castle perched on a rocky spur, a **blue-haired ghost girl**, a mysterious vault: these are the ingredients of the most mysterious legend of Romagna. Daytime visits focusing on the historical aspects of the castle and **night tours focusing on paranormal aspects** (mind the latter: your children may be frightened. It's definitely better to opt for an afternoon visit)

Onferno Caves – *Gemmano, Rimini* - Perfect excursion of the whole family. Wearing a torch and helmet,

you will discover a nice natural cave, with close encounter with its inhabitants: **bats!**

Children will have a blast crossing halls and bottlenecks, amid gypsum crystals and beautiful environments. After visiting the cave, a nice walk in the greenery of the **Riserva Naturale Orientata di Onferno** (Onferno Nature Reserve) will be a great way to end the day.

Photo taken from www.riviera.rimini.it



Riccione is always beautiful, in any season! If you want to enjoy a vacation to discover the traditions of the place or simply understand how to spend an unusual evening, here you will find the **calendar of the main events in the area**, divided by month. We have tried to tell you about the unmissable appointments, those involving thousands of tourists and locals every year. Discover them with us and live your holiday in Romagna as protagonists!



04 March

Green Park – *Riccione* Walking on a soft lawn, immersed in a large park in the town center, with many games designed for all children, is possible from March to June in the heart of Viale Ceccarini and its backstreets, a few steps from Riccione beach. Many are the activities organized every day: **interactive games**, magical forest, butterfly house, Tibetan bridge, **face painting** and much more **for families!**

04 April

Paganello *Marina Centro di Rimini* – Live music, food stands, parties and events: during Easter weekend the beach of Rimini comes alive with Paganello, the annual **international frisbee tournament** that gathers athletes from all corners of the world. A well-established tradition, a show for the whole family, while waiting for the summer in Romagna.

Kite Festival - *Pinarella di Cervia* – The Kite Festival has attracted youths and adults to Cervia for over 30 years, enchanting them and keeping them nose up to admire wind artists from the 5 continents, for a unique show, with the **sky coming alive** and turning for the occasion into a real animated circus, where creativity and respect for nature find their best expression.

05 May

Cervia Garden City – *Cervia* - The love and protection of nature has been the guiding value of Cervia Garden City for more than 40 years. Every year, this **event dedicated to greenery** and its architecture brings together fans and onlookers who walk in the open air, with demonstrations, exhibitions and markets, for a fascinating journey through the beauty of nature.

06 June

Piccolo Mondo Antico (Little Ancient World) *Rimini* – This fun

event allows children to discover the importance of preserving memory and **heritage education through play**, suitable for children aged 3 and upward, with Roman Rimini, its history and characters on the background. Participation in the event, which provides for multi-sensory involvement, is by reservation.

Mare di Libri (Sea of Books)

Rimini – **The Festival of children who read**, as explained by the subtitle of the event, takes place in Rimini every year, with great books and great authors. Meetings, group readings, events dedicated to one of the finest passions: reading and discovering fantastic worlds, to be experienced together.

Al Méni *Marina Centro di Rimini* – A real culinary circus dedicated to hand-made food: **show-cooking, tastings and street food**, and a constant gourmet imprint. “Al Méni” means “hands” in the local dialect and refers to everything you can find here, a few steps from the beach, including handicraft markets and starred chefs with a finger in the pie.

La Notte delle Streghe (Night of the Witches)

San Giovanni in Marignano – Every year, San Giovanni in Marignano, in Rimini hinterland, hosts the famous Notte delle Streghe: your children will be amazed by magicians, **jugglers, musicians, fire-eaters**, mimes and eclectic artists, as well as magical markets and food stands, for a fast dinner between one show and the other.



July

Notte Rosa (Pink Night) *around Romagna* – Among the events that mark the beginning of a new summer in the Riviera you cannot miss the Notte Rosa (Pink Night), the **Summer new year's eve**: dozens of parties,

concerts, events for all tastes. Every year the calendar is rich in unmissable events: discover the best and choose how to spend the longest and most magical night in the Riviera Romagnola!

Santarcangelo dei Teatri

Santarcangelo di Romagna – Santarcangelo dei Teatri is one of the most prestigious theater festivals in Italy. Its program includes 10 days with **theater shows** that will make you love



this wonderful art and will give you the perfect excuse to discover Santarcangelo, a small hidden gem of Romagna hinterland.

Medieval Days

San Marino – On top of Mount Titano you will be catapulted into a magical world, where one breathes the atmosphere of ancient times. The best occasion to do it is certainly the Medieval Days, when the whole town comes alive, as if by magic. **Ladies and knights, flag wavers, archers**, swordsmen, markets, food stands, shows and much more.



August

Color Run

Rimini – **The most colorful and craziest run in the world** is held on the beach of Rimini... This non-competitive 5-km-long run designed for curious people and families with children alike is an event that annually brings together many enthusiasts who run, have fun and enjoy a truly evocative afternoon together, with music, entertainment and colored powders.

The Magic Castle

Gradara – The

Magic Castle is the perfect opportunity to discover the village of Gradara. The event, dedicated to magic, will be loved by your children, who will enjoy watching about 60 shows every evening. **A charming atmosphere, with fairies, elves, goblins** and many other magical characters, enlivens the center with exhibitions, dances and theater performances.

Deejay On Stage

Riccione – The best hits of the moment, the most played singers on the radio, the summer hits: every year Radio Deejay decides to spend its summer in



Riccione and to offer a month of **free concerts** to all of its loyal listeners. For the occasion, Piazzale Roma turns every evening into a perfect stage.

Palio del Daino Mondaino – A leap into the past, Rimini in the fifteenth century, with performances by musicians, **jugglers, craftsmen stalls** and exciting challenges: this is the Palio del Daino, held in the village of Mondaino, including magical suggestions and settings, until the

highlight of the whole event: the exciting challenge between the four districts of the village, to be lived with the whole family.

 **09 September**

Sapore di Sale (Taste of salt) Cervia – The famous Cervia salt is the undisputed star of Sapore di Sale (Taste of Salt), a **cultural and culinary event dedicated to the white gold**, symbol of the town of Romagna.

Photo taken from www.themagiccastlegradara.it



During the event, do not miss the historic commemoration of the Armesa de sel: this ritual reproduces the distribution of salt carried along the canal.

Giardini d'Autore Rimini Marina Centro – Giardini d'Autore, a **weekend dedicated to gardening**, is held within the wonderful setting of the Rimini Federico Fellini Park. It is a unique opportunity to walk through rare plants and essences, ancient fruits, ornamental sages, succulents, aquatic plants, tropical plants, bulbs, ancient roses and much more.

 **10 October**

Festival Internazionale del Cibo di Strada Cesena – The flavors of the best street food liven up the streets of Cesena: **Argentine empanadas, Japanese sushi, Greek pitas**, Thai ramen, Indian chay masala and Iraqi falafel are just some of the international dishes you can taste in Cesena. Italian regional specialties will also have a place of honor: come and try them all.

Photo taken from www.mondainoeventi.it



CiocoPaese - Riccione – Those who love chocolate raise your hands! If you are an insatiable sweet tooth, you cannot miss the sweetest autumn event in Riccione. CiocoPaese awaits you **for three days** of workshops, tastings, entertainment and **food stands** dedicated to the sweetest taste of all!

 **November**

San Martino Fair *Santarcangelo di Romagna* – The San Martino fair awaits you with **food stands dedicated to autumn flavors**, especially truffle, honey, cheese, new wine and excellent preserves. Also, don't fail to walk under the Arch of Ganganelli Square where the famous "horns" are hung, and to enjoy a ride on the carousels that are set up every year during the feast.

 **December**

Christmas *In giro per la Romagna* – Christmas in Romagna is always a feast: every year Viale Ceccarini in Riccione hosts the longest skating rink

in Europe, surrounded by igloos, themed markets and on-ice DJ sets in the **Riccione Christmas Village**. The little ones can have fun at **Christmas Wonderland**, a toy land with rides and attractions for children. The **markets in the center of San Marino and Rimini**, as well as the wonderful sand cribs that cross the whole coast from Ravenna to Cattolica, are also worth visiting.

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#what to do on a rainy day

A **summer storm** can be an opportunity to discover new places and enjoy unexpected experiences.

Don't worry if it rains. The Riviera offers many possibilities to make the most of a rainy day. Trips to **theme parks**, readings with mom and dad in dream places, **greedy snacks** and, why not, some fun in the **bowling alleys** and **arcades** on the seafront. **Follow our advice, you won't regret it!**

A MORNING IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH NATURE

Your children are lovers of nature and the depth of the abyss? This is the right chance to visit the **Aquarium of Cattolica** at the Le Navi Park! Get ready to open your eyes to the wonders of the sea and its inhabitants! The park is completely closed and the rain will not disturb your visit.

The **Riccione Oltremare Park** could also be a viable alternative: here most of the attractions are indoors, such as dolphin pools and shows, the farm, the butterfly greenhouse and the musical Emotions, where nature emotions

come to life in a music, dance and color show that will delight adults and children.

BOOKS, GAMES AND DELICACIES FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE AFTERNOON

After an exciting morning in close contact with the animals, you can return to the old town of Riccione. Here enjoy a **delicious snack at Lievita**, a bakery that has quickly won the hearts of all Riccione citizens: a wide variety of cakes, croissants, freshly baked bread and a warm welcome will make you love this little place located not far from the pedestrian center.

The afternoon will continue with a dip into the creativity and poetry of **Boccabè**, a **real toy workshop**, as its owners call it. Here you will find wooden and cloth toys, houses for dolls and castles, Red Indians' tents and pirate ships and much more to stimulate children's imagination! Book lovers can spend some time at **Block 60**, the most popular concept store in

Riccione. It houses a **wonderful library and an area** with small chairs **for children** to browse through their favorite books.

A FUN EVENING

Do not let the rain ruin your evening programs! If you are looking for some ideas to spend some time together, we recommend a visit to the bowling alleys and arcades of the area. The closest ones are **Disco Bowling in Miramare**, with 18 alleys, videogames and billiards, ideal for teenagers, and the arcade **Happy Days** a few steps from Viale Ceccarini.

At Le Befane Shopping Center, you can take on challenges at **GoKartTiamo**, where you will find an amusing indoor go-kart track open all day until 10 pm. Befane also houses a **multiplex**, with 12 halls open until late at night, which put on all the latest movies.





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