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## #intro

The Adriatic Coast is synonymous with sun, sea, sunbeds, suntan lotion, sand games, sunset drinks, moonlight dinners and music under the stars.

**Riccione** is all this, in the **glamour atmosphere** that has made it the **capital of discos**, fun and **new trends**.

This **Riccione to Gabicce** guidebook is a concentration of all the **must-see places**, clubs, events, amusement parks and attractions that make the territory and your holiday unique. Download it and keep it, as it will be useful for you to discover the best places for locals and will give you practical suggestions, **we recommend** places and the **what to do on a rainy day** section, which is good to take a break from your “tan mission”.

So we hope our readers will enjoy this guidebook and savor the sweet taste of their next holidays!



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## #moving in riccione

One of the main reasons why Riccione is one of the favorite destinations for Italians (and not only!) is undoubtedly the **ease of movement**, the convenience of having endless amenities a few steps from your hotel and the possibility of being able to park your car at the beginning of the holiday and forget about it all through your stay.

**Getting to Riccione by train is also very easy:** the station is a short way away from Viale Ceccarini and the beach, and a few kilometers from most hotels in the Green Pearl.

**Everything is at hand by bicycle!** Ask the hotel for a free bicycle or rent one for just a few Euros per hour: you can **ride on the seafront cycling track or on the pedestrian course**, one of the favorite activities of both tourists and locals.

What with young couples cuddling on benches, elderly people playing checkers, newspaper readers, tourists running to keep fit or walking their dog, **you will also feel at home** by simply enjoying this space.





# #most famous places of interest

## Viale Ceccarini - Riccione

It is Riccione's living room, the place where tourists and locals walk and admire **designer shop windows**, **trendy clubs** and the most exclusive restaurants. Here you will breathe a warm and welcoming atmosphere on summer evenings, watch fashion parades and concerts and skate in the winter on the longest ice rink in Europe in between the stalls of the **Riccione Christmas Village**.

## Villa Tour - Riccione

The first is **Villa Franceschi**, built in the twentieth century and the current seat of the **Modern and Contemporary Art Gallery**. The second is **Villa Lodi Fe**, which hosts the prestigious Journalism and Television Prize Ilaria Alpi and houses the Riccione Theater Association. Last but not least, **Villa Mussolini**, which houses a museum holding international exhibitions.

## Congress Palace - Riccione

Avant-garde building situated in the heart of Riccione, it is home to international conferences and congresses, as well as events, performances, film screenings and

concerts. It is worth visiting from sunset onwards, when you can admire the color variations produced by a **pioneering lighting system**.

## 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.

## Natural Park of San Bartolo - Gabicce

To visit it all you can take the wonderful panoramic road that crosses it. Don't miss **Fiorenzuola di Focara** and **Casteldimezzo**, the many paths ideal for trekking enthusiasts and the beaches of **Baia di Vallugola** and Fiorenzuola, the favorite destinations of locals where to plunge into totally unusual and wild scenery.





Electronic



Afro



Commercial



Rock



House

## Nightlife

The legendary Romagna nightlife leaves no room for bore, especially in the summer! Every night a different program is offered for both those who want to dance until dawn and those who wish to spend an evening with a few cocktails without staying up too late.

Do you fancy going wild? Romagna follows the flow of fashion too, and each period has its trendy club:

**Baia Imperiale** – the most “spectacular” disco, the favorite destination of tourists, especially youths who are fascinated by the majesty of this place. A real pleasure temple in the style of Ancient Rome, overlooking the sea.



**Altromondo Studios** – who does not know it? Summer or winter, no matter what, it always hosts top DJs! The program is varied, but some evenings are better for younger people (under the age of 30 you

cannot miss the **Foam Party**) and others are more indicated for people over the age of 30.



### **Villa delle Rose e Peter Pan** –

Surely among the favorites of Romagna night owls, they host unmissable evenings in summer months: “Mamacita” at Villa delle Rose on Sunday and “Villa Titilla” on Tuesday. The Magic Monday at Peter Pan every week.



**Aquafan** – you slide by day and dance at night! Spend your summer Sundays dancing by the wave pool until midnight, non-stop days with DJ Gabry Ponte!



**Cocoricò – The legend.** The most talked about pyramid in Italy is one of the most “transversal” discotheques since everyone likes it. Youth and adults, tourists and locals... nobody resists the beat of Cocoricò.



**Marano clubs** – Are you going to spend an evening by the sea? Marano is the right place for you! This stretch of beach is full of clubs to dance from happy hour until late at night. Let yourself be carried away by the energy of this area and, one by one, try them all: Beach Cafè, Operà, Mojito... you will dance up to the last record!



## **We recommend**

**Lamparino** – there’s no summer without Lamparino’s Tuesday night! Live bands and DJ sets take turns in the liveliest night in Romagna: music and cocktails for dancing with your feet in the sand ... and the port of Cattolica turns into an open-air disco!



**Tunga** – if there’s Tunga you cannot fail to be there! What is Tunga? The most spectacular and amusing evenings in the area! This “travelling” event held for the first time at Cocoricò now takes place in the clubs of the Riviera. We won’t tell you anything, you will enjoy the surprise... so hurry up and check the Facebook page!



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## 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!

**Mirabilandia** – 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!**

Type:



*Tale your swimsuit with you!*

**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.

**Aquafan** – Aquafan, with summer disco by **Radio DeeJay Walky Cup**, is a must for all young people. **Water park, incredible attractions**, real tests of courage, **wave pool, foam parties** with the best DJs...fun is guaranteed from morning until late at night. Remember: **the admission ticket is valid for 2 days of your choice!**

Type:



### 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.

### Park of the Cervia Salt Pans

– The Park of the Cervia Salt Pans is a must for lovers of marsh ecosystems and **quality handicrafts**. Here you can discover the treasures of the salt pans accompanied by a guide on foot, by bicycle or even by boat, and come across **flamingos, avocets and**

**black-winged stilts.**

**San Marino Adventures** – If you like adrenaline 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 to be safely experienced alone or in company, **archery** and exciting **airsoft** missions.

**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**.

Type:





# #food

## Local specialties

The traditional cuisine of Romagna is rich in flavors that tell the story of an ancient land, which has transformed peasant recipes into internationally renowned dishes. **Piada, homemade pasta**, meat reared in the up-country and above all Adriatic fish are the basis of the culinary culture of Romagna, finding new interpretations in the recipes of the most renowned restaurants of the Riviera.

## Restaurants

**Birrodromo August (Riccione)** – It is Riccione club par excellence, a masterpiece of informal refinement. With gourmet pizzas, unforgettable hamburgers and delicious salads, you can dine on a swing or at a table made from Indonesian railway slats, and sip excellent lager beers on draught.

FRIENDS

Type:



**HOPS! (Riccione)** – Giant hamburgers, tasty pizzas leavened for 24 hours, international ethnic dishes,

excellent homemade beers and unmissable desserts! Hops! is a real institution in Riccione, the perfect choice for an evening with friends. Mind you: bookings are not accepted!

FRIENDS

Type:



**Brasserie (Riccione)** – Beautiful in any season, Brasserie is a must at Christmas time, when it turns into a warm winter garden full of sparkling decorations and details (all for sale, among other things). Reserve a bow-window and start your special night: tasting the chef's meat and fish delicacies under the diaphanous light of Murano lamps will be an unforgettable experience!

COUPLE



 **Piada**

 **Fish**

 **Vegan**

 **Pizza**

 **Meat**

Type:



**Nona (Riccione)** – At Nona you can taste the best sushi in the Riviera. It's up to you to choose whether to do so with your feet on the sand or in the explosion of colors inside. Nona also organizes events: music, readings and exhibitions by young artists, to be enjoyed while drinking the coolest cocktails in Riccione.

And for a delicious but lazy lunch, Ninth @spiaggiatua delivers its delicacies directly under your umbrella!

COUPLE FRIENDS

Type:



**Kalamaro Fritto d'Osteria + Kalamaro Piadinaro (Riccione)**

Two restaurants but one heart! Kalamaro Fritto offers only the freshest catch of the day presented in fried, marinated and grilled food to be enjoyed with a splendid view of the harbor. Kalamaro Piadinaro is recommended for those who want to try the Romagna piadina in a gourmet version. Finally, you cannot fail to taste the excellent homemade desserts!

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MIND YOU: booking is a must!

COUPLE FRIENDS

Type:



**Le Vele (Misano)** – Suggestive sea-view location and refined, bright and enveloping environment for one of the most highly-rated fish restaurants in the Riviera: a marvelous window onto the beach, where every dish is an ode to the sea. Choose it for your special evenings: the view at sunset is lovely, and the daring food-wine combinations (they have as many as 110 labels to choose from!) are an alchemy of the senses.

COUPLE

Type:



**Gente di Mare (Cattolica)** – A platform suspended between sky and sea, particular tables where you'll be sitting with your feet hanging over the sea, and a wonderful view of the beach and the open sea: this and much more is Gente di Mare, an excellent fish restaurant in the heart of Cattolica dock, the ideal place to spend a special evening tasting





Piada



Fish



Vegan



Pizza



Meat

excellent seafood and sipping a glass of sparkling wine at sunset

COUPLE

Type:



**Il Buco (Riccione)** – Ask any Riccione citizen for some advice about a nice place to eat a typical dish and the answer will be “beans at Buco”, the grandmother’s “non-striped” bean recipe, with sausages or pork rinds, combined of course with homemade piadina. Pizzas, made with long rising time and particular dough, are also among the most popular in Riccione. In summer you can dine outdoors, in a fresh garden surrounded by jasmines.

COUPLE

FRIENDS

Type:



**La Siesta (Misano)** – This is the right place for eating good fish and having fun, thanks to a mouth-watering menu and welcoming staff. If you love fish and are hungry, try the special home dish “rimorchio” (trailer)! Perfect for dinners with friends and big groups... and after eating you are likely

to end up singing Romagna Mia all together!

FRIENDS

Type:



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**We recommend**  
**"I like it because..."**



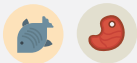
**Kitty recommends**

**Civico 26 - Riccione** –

"I recommend Civico 26 for spending the night, enjoying wine, craft beer or herbal tea along with many appetizers and homemade first courses. In winter you will be warmed by a wonderful wood stove!"

COUPLE

Type:



**NOT TO BE MISSED:**

- Creative mixed toasts, with unusual fish and meat combinations
- "Questo Piccolo Grande Amore": sublime light, crisp and dry mixed fry
- "Stella di Mare": delicious tuna tartare served on delicious burata fondue



**Lau recommends**

**Bel Sit – Gabicce Monte** –

"The most beautiful view of the

Adriatic coast for living a dream at sunset, when the golden reflections of the sun tinge everything ochre, red and orange, and glow on the sea and in the heart of beholders"

COUPLE

FRIENDS

Type:



**NOT TO BE MISSED:**

- Tarantina mussel pan with tomato, parsley, chili and delicious toasted bread slices
- Exquisitely breaded sardines served hot from the grill on a classical wooden board, with lemon and rosemary aroma
- Skewered shrimps and calamari, deliciously flavored with zucchini, carrots, cherry tomatoes and a generous grinding of fresh pepper



**Sara recommends**

**La Graziosa – Coriano, Riccione**

"On the hills of Riccione, La Graziosa is a gem to be experienced! Food is divine, the location is amazing, service is as friendly as easygoing and prices are reasonable"

COUPLE

FRIENDS

Type:



**NOT TO BE MISSED:**

- Homemade tagliatelle with meat sauce
- Zero-km sliced meat and side dishes
- Puff pastry with Chantilly cream



**Lucy recommends**

**Kiosquito 46 - Riccione** –

"A gourmet deli shop, where delicious freshly baked delicacies abound. Inside you will feel at home, thanks to the many colorful tables, knick-knacks hanging everywhere and a magical atmosphere".

FRIENDS

Type:



**NOT TO BE MISSED:**

- Empanadas: beef, chicken or ham... and a veggie alternative with herbs and cheese
- Side dishes of all kinds: kiosk gratin, baked potatoes, stuffed eggplants and herbs
- Argentine Asado meat: typical Argentine calf cut, accompanied by chimichurri



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**Benny recommends**

**Sol y Mar- Riccione** –

"For a romantic dinner or a gourmet lunch, this simple yet refined feet-on-the-sand restaurant, characterized by a Provencal vintage atmosphere, is perfect!"

COUPLE

Type:



**NOT TO BE MISSED:**

- Fish fry, very light
- "Sushi spaghetti", that is 4 types of raw fish combined with tasty cold spaghetti, photonic
- Zucchini flowers stuffed with shrimps and burrata.





## Happy Hour & Drinks

### **Pastrocchio - Riccione** –

Pastrocchio is perfect for breakfast, brunch and lunch. It is so loved and popular that you will find it open even for a drink from the happy hour until night (not too late, though).

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** you may come across a live broadcast by Radio Bakery, the web radio of Pastrocchio! And if you have an interesting story to be told, come forward: microphones are always on, for you too!

**Caffè del Porto – Riccione** – The first step of an evening in Riccione is Caffè del Porto, a historical location recently renovated, right on Riccione canal port. Warmth and friendliness have always been its strong point, excellent drinks, accompanied by finger food of all kinds. What about the night? Excellent spritz, mojito and long island until late at night, when it turns into an elegant cocktail bar with DJ sets and parties into the night.

**Bevabbè - Riccione** – This hidden gem located a few steps from Viale Ceccarini is the right place for a drink with friends at the happy hour or after



dinner. With its international look, Bevabbè is small but accurate in every detail, and drinks, cocktails and the food menu are selected with the utmost care.

**Cuccuma 54 – Porto Verde, Misano** – Nestled in the heart of the beautiful Porto Verde dock, the cocktail bar Cuccuma 54 is enveloped in a truly special atmosphere, where flowering oleanders and marvelous tropical palm trees are the perfect setting for vintage deckchairs, chaise longues and white sofas to sit and watch the sea while sipping excellent cocktails (ginger mojito is a must): a winning mix for your pre-dinner in the Riviera.

**Peledo – Cattolica** – Music, cocktails, nightlife and beautiful people, and if you love Gin based

cocktails, you will be spoiled for choice from among dozens of labels!

Peledo is a great classic for happy hours in Cattolica, a real ritual for locals because of its enviable location, just a few steps from the sea and the shopping street. Aperitifs, cocktails, snacks and light meals at any time of day: a guarantee.

**The classy cocktail: Belludi Quarantadue** – Belludi Quarantadue is a return to the Prohibition, when alcohol in the US was illegal and smuggled. A hidden club, no signs indicating the entrance and a drink list that includes cocktails such as Old Fashioned and Moonshine whiskey, expertly prepared by an exceptional bartender.







## Ice-Cream Parlors

**Panna e Cioccolato (Riccione)** – “The natural way to make ice cream!”; its slogan contains the essence and mission of this small workshop that has become an ice-cream parlor with direct selling, a must for walking ice cream and ice-cream cakes customized for the most important occasions.

**Il Pellicano (Riccione)** – 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.





Sports people from all over the world...come to Riccione!

The Green Pearl of the Adriatic is indeed a real paradise for lovers of active life who wish to combine the classic seaside holiday with sports, fitness and movement (even and especially to counter the dreaded weight accumulation that is otherwise inevitable when overeating piadina, fried fish and delicious evening ice cream!).



**SWIMMING** – Riccione is famous throughout Italy for its Swimming Stadium, a futuristic structure that often hosts many important swimming competitions and events. Those who are on holiday and just want to spend a few hours there to keep fit are spoiled for choice: an Olympic indoor pool with 10 lanes, two outdoor pools and two pools reserved for dives, jumps and moves!

**BEACH TENNIS** – Test your skills and challenge friends with racket strokes on one of many waterfront playgrounds: what better way is there to make friends, keep fit and get an enviable tan? Call at the Riccione Beach Arena, a huge complex consisting of as many as 10 playgrounds, relaxation area, beach umbrellas, bar and changing rooms. The playgrounds are even illuminated to allow you to experience the thrill of playing at night!

**SQUASH** – Would you like to try your hand at a less common sport than classic football, basketball and volleyball? The Federal Technical Squash Center is open to all! With 7



courts available, you will try your hand at a very trendy and healthy sport (do you want to tone your arms and legs at the same time? Just play a couple of 40-minute matches to start seeing the first benefits. Go for it!).

Tennis courts (indoor, outdoor, clay, synthetic, illuminated...), gyms, fitness clubs and fitted spaces are also available for you to try any kind of

sport (from basketball to fencing, from taekwondo to karate) at the Play Hall, a beautiful multi-purpose center in the heart of Riccione, situated next to the Park of the Resistance, and just 50 meters from the sea.

## #spa / wellness centers

As everybody knows, the sea makes you tired! Therefore, if you are not crazy about the idea of spending a week in the sun...we have thought of suggesting the best alternatives to the beach. There is nothing better than a nice wellness center to relax your nerves and regenerate your body and soul!

Enjoy relaxation!

**Riccione Terme** – Situated in a lush park a few steps from the sea, it offers cutting-edge therapies and medical treatments. Its secret? 4 springs which, with their unique and harmonious alchemy of precious elements, are an extraordinary resource for the care and well-being of body and soul.

**For those with specific needs** – Treatment agreements with the National Health Service

**For those seeking relaxation** – Oasi Spa: personalized beauty treatments and a great Sensory Spa Program



### Perle d'Acqua Park

An oasis of pleasure and relaxation surrounded by nature a few steps from the sea.

- **Large Pool**, a huge outdoor pool with 30° thermal water
- **7 Rainbow Waterfalls**, with heady water games and whirlpool jets
- **Revitalizing Water Courses** with different temperatures, the longest in Europe with their 140 meters

The park obviously provides plenty of space for the little ones: junior pool, children's area equipped with slides, inflatable games, a big colored castle and many fun creative workshops.





# #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, attracting throngs of tourists and curious visitors from every corner of the world. Don't be outdone!

After visiting the castle, don't fail to see to **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 you get hungry ... do not hesitate, have a seat at the table of an authentic local eatery 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 amazing fireworks!

## 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).



**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**.

Remember you cannot say you have been to San Marino without buying one of the typical souvenirs sold by all the shops in the center: without a



hand-painted piece of pottery bearing the coat of arms of the republic, a stamp, a collector coin or a small wooden crossbow, you will not be allowed to go back home! And if you are going to buy a more original and lesser used present, choose the typical **Torta Tre Monti** (Three Mountain Cake), a soft wafer filled with cocoa cream produced exclusively in the area of San Marino.

#### 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.

**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 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 have seen the art gallery most of the visit is done, but you cannot leave without walking the legendary climb of the spiral ramp, a scenic connection between the crowded Piazzale Mercatale, the main landing place of the city, and the beautiful Teatro Sanzio.

What else can you do in Urbino?



Make a flying visit to the Alborno Fortress, a marvelous fortified building located on the highest point of the hill. Don't be surprised if you find the lawns around the fortress full of people: the "Fortress", the name by which it is defined by locals, is the top place of leisure for many students who prefer peace, nature, outdoor life and good company rather than university classes (don't forget that Urbino is home to the prestigious Università degli Studi Carlo Bo and a famous Academy of Fine Arts).

#### 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!

#### 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 **Verucchio 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. Soft atmosphere and charm of yesteryear for true connoisseurs...like you!

#### 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!

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.

#### 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.





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 a protagonist!



## 04 March

**Green Park – Riccione** – Walking on a soft lawn, immersed in a large park in the town center, with the possibility of doing shopping in the most fashionable shops and enjoying a drink in the open air ... all this is possible from March to June in the heart of Viale Ceccarini and its backstreets, a few steps from Riccione beach.

## 04 April

**Kite Festival** *Pinarella di Cervia* – The Kite Festival is one of the most famous rallies in the world: for over 30 years the event has attracted wind artists from the 5 continents to Cervia 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.

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## 05 May

**VSQ** – Vini Spumanti di Qualità animates Viale Ceccarini every year. This journey to discover the most popular wineries of the area, along the course of the Riccione Green Park, lasts four days and gathers 20 sommeliers and 11 wineries, including Cà del Bosco, Bellavista and Berlucchi.

**Cattolica in Fiore** – Cattolica In Fiore has enlivened and colored the center of Cattolica for over 40 years. This exhibition-market dedicated to flowers and ornamental plants has now become part of the tradition of the Romagna town, which turns for the occasion into a wonderful open-air garden, capable of gathering more and more visitors, including industry experts and curious people, every year.

## 06 June

**La Notte Celeste (Light Blue Night)** *around Romagna* – Rimini, Riccione, Cervia are just some of the resorts participating each summer in the Notte Celeste (Light Blue Night), a great festival dedicated to wellness and relaxation throughout the region. It is a day dedicated to the care of body and soul, with spa centers enlivened with special shows and events. Treat yourself to some time to rest and join the Notte Celeste!

**Al Méni** *Rimini Marina Centro* – A real culinary circus dedicated to handmade food, with a show-cooking heart, 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.

**Molo Street Parade** *Rimini Port* – Dj sets and piadinas with sardines are the special recipe of a unique evening: join the huge crowd that invades the Port of Rimini every year and start your

journey in the world of musical genres played by the 80 deejays that take part in the event. Music is played for the occasion on 12 fishing vessels transformed into real floating consoles!

**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: 5 days of street entertainment with magicians, jugglers, musicians, fire-eaters, mimes and eclectic artists, as well as magical markets, food stands and everything necessary for esoteric rites.



**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.

### **P.Assaggi di Vino** *San Giuliano di Rimini*

– The village San Giuliano is the suitable setting for lovers of good wine thanks to P.Assaggi di Vino, the event that allows the main wineries of the area to become known. Perfect for spending a different evening and enjoying a glass of excellent wine while walking through the beautiful streets of the center.

### **Un Mare di Vino** *Rimini Seafront*

– 3 km seafront, 40 tasting points, 50 musical artists: this is just a taste of “Un mare di vino”, an event that takes place every year along the Rimini coast, along the stretch from

Establishment 51 to Establishment 100. Enjoy the evening sea breeze and a glass of wine in good company.

**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 sportive and simple curious people 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.

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**The Magic Castle Gradara** – The Magic Castle is the perfect opportunity to discover the village of Gradara. The event, dedicated to magic, hosts more than 200 artists who perform about 60 scheduled shows every night. 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.

### **Calici di Stelle (Star Cups)**

**Santarcangelo di Romagna** – A walk in the wonderful center of Santarcangelo, through little streets and picturesque corners. An then wine, the real protagonist. An empty cup and 5 coupons available, to enjoy some of the best wines of the area. Come and discover Calici di Stelle (Star Cups), the annual event that gathers thousands of people including mere curious ones and lovers.

**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

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exciting challenge between the four districts of the village.

### **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. 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. bulbi, rose antiche e tanto altro.

### **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.

**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 stands dedicated to truffle, honey, cheese, new wine and excellent preserves. The famous “horns” are hung for the occasion under the Arch of Ganganelli Square. Mind you: tradition has it that if they sway when a person passes by, this person is the victim of their lover’s betrayal!

### **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 a Ferris wheel, themed markets and on-ice DJ sets, in the Riccione Christmas Village. 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.



## EVENTS LIVED BY US

**Christmas:** Are you a big fan of Christmas like me? Then follow me through this glittering Christmas journey to discover the most amazing surprises and news in the Riviera Romagnola...for a full-blown **White Christmas on the Beach!**

Let's start from the morning: nothing is better to start the day at the top, than walking through the delightful **Christmas markets** set up in the center, along stunning Viale Ceccarini dolled up to the nines with wooden houses, multi-colored lights, sparkling Christmas trees and, above all, a suggestive **Christmas-style Ferris wheel**. Don't eat too much at breakfast, you may regret it! Dozens of stands and kiosks will tempt you along the way, investing your nostrils with heavenly scents of ginger bread and mulled wine which you will not be able (and above all you will not want) to resist!

Digestion is hard? No problem, because the **Riccione Christmas Village** is truly amazing and will allow you to skate on Europe's longest **ice rink!** It runs along Viale Ceccarini and, with the glitter of a thousand lights in the background, it will carry you into a

real dream dimension.

What can you do after lunch?

Head towards San Marino (it is just 20 minutes away) and leave your car right away to fly over the sky of the Riviera aboard the marvelous funicular that leads from Borgo Maggiore to the historic center offering your eyes a quite unique show of lights, colors and intense Christmas emotions. You will be catapulted into the heart of the **"Christmas of Wonders"**, a galaxy of markets, stands and little shops never seen before!

**Merry Christmas!**



# #what to do on a rainy day

The sky is overcast and the day is not the best to go to the beach? No problem. Maybe you don't know that there are so many things you can do to live Riccione even in the rain.

## Shopping passion

Viale Ceccarini, as is known, is the heart of the Green Pearl and surely the ideal starting point for a nice walk, even with an umbrella; with designer boutiques and shops for everyone, you can dedicate the day to shopping spree or just admire shop windows and latest trends.

## I feel peckish

If you are a glutton, your tour can only start with a pancake at Nuovo Fiore, a historic ice cream parlor overlooking Piazzale Roma, while if you prefer a more substantial snack, a stop at Reddy is a must: take Viale Gramsci, turn left ... and follow the scent! At Reddy you will not find special furniture – the pizzeria has been exactly the same for more than forty

years – but you will undoubtedly taste the most popular pizza by the slice in Riccione: the queue outside proves it and your palate will confirm!

## shop windows, cinema and exhibitions

If you want to keep watching “shop windows”, you can opt for Viale Gramsci, refined and quiet, or Viale Dante, with its shops, bazaars and arcades, lively and varied. If it is pouring or simply you do not feel like walking, reach the top of “Viale Cecca” and turn right before the underpass: a green lane lined with posters will lead you to the Riccione Congress Palace, a modern architecture combining steel and glass in between the pines of the center.

Here you can try the Cine Palace: a super technological multiplex within the Congress Palace. While waiting for the rain to subside, you can choose to see a 3D art exhibition, the opera or the ballet, the auteur cinema show with bio drink or attend the presentation of one of the latest films in the presence of the leading actors.

## Pure Enjoyment

Riccione has lots of arcades. In Viale Dante and Viale Gramsci there is something for everyone and not just for kids! Challenge your friends to old video games or the latest ones. In any case, fun is guaranteed!

Romagna is a land of motors, as everybody knows! In addition to the numerous go-kart tracks you can find in the area, there is one very special: iKart is a circuit that develops indoors and on two floors, 600 meters of curves, adrenaline and fun, with the possibility of organizing qualifications, challenges and tournaments. Must try!

## A different evening

### MERCOLEDÌ DE PAÌS – RICCIONE

The mercoledì de paìs (village Wednesday) is a regular event for Riccione citizens and an occasion for tourists to discover “the village of Riccione”. From the happy hour until late at night, Corso Cervi and its side streets come alive with music and outdoor kitchens: every bar and

restaurant moves grills and tables into the street, shops are open until late at night and markets expose handmade trinkets and products. “The Movida” – as Riccione citizens call it – combines music, street food and shopping in one evening, for all tastes and all ages!







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