

WHERE TO EAT

- "Osteria La Paesana" - Via Leopardi, 29 - tel. 0735 764539 - Acquaviva Picena
- "Osteria Ophis" - Corso Serpente Aureo, 54/b - tel. 0736/889920 - Offida
- "Ristorante La Botte" - Borgo Miriam, 51 - tel. 0736/889299 - Offida
- "Ristorante San Savino" - Contrada Sansavino, 42/A tel. 0735 9032 - Ripatransone
- "Ristorante Barone Rosso - Via Cavour - tel. 0735 9442 - Ripatransone
- "Osteria Enoteca La Petrella" - Contrada Petrella, 12 - tel. 0735 99342 - Ripatransone
- "Ristorante Lu Cuccello" - Via Camei, 2 tel. 0735 99766 - Ripatransone
- "Osteria Del Borgo" - Via Leopardi, 11 - 347 6616060 - Acquaviva Picena

WINE CELLARS

- "Azienda Agrituristica Ciu' Ciu'" - C.da Ciafone n. 106 - tel. 0736 810001- Offida
- "Cantina Terre Cortesi Moncaro" - Via Boreale, 35 - tel. 0735 764012 - Acquaviva Picena
- "Villa Pigna" - Frazione Ciafone, 63 - tel. 0736 87525 - Offida
- "La Cantina dei Colli Ripani" - via Toscano, 28 - tel. 0735 9505 - Ripatransone
- "Tenuta Cocci Grifoni" - c.da Messieri, 12 - tel. 0735 90143 - Ripatransone
- "Azienda Vitivinicola Saladini Pilastrì" - Via Saladini, 5 - tel. 0736 899534 - Spinetoli
- "Az. Agricola La Fontursia" - tel. 0735 97192 - Ripatransone
- "Cantina Le Caniette" - tel. 0735 9200 - Ripatransone
- "Az. Agricola S.Savino" - tel. 0735 90107 - Ripatransone (S.Savino)
- "Soc. coop. Agr. Castignanese - A.R.I." - Contr. S. Venanzo, 31- tel. 0736 822216 - Castignano

WHERE TO BUY

- "Palio del Duca" (typical local products) - Via Marziale, 29 tel. 0735 764115 - Acquaviva Picena
- "Colletta F.lli Forno" (mushrooms & chichi) - V.le Martiri Della Resistenza, 21 tel. 0736 880060 - Offida
- "Piccinini Artemio Vivai Piante" - Via Ciarulli, 26 tel. 0736 899728 - Pagliare del Tronto
- "Soc. Coop. Agr. Florovivaistica Pandaflor" - Contr. Salaria Inf., 1 - tel. 0736 898496 Colli Del Tronto
- "Azienda Agricola F.lli Bernabei" Vivaio Piante - Villa S. Giuseppe - Via Salaria tel. 0736 890588 - Colli Del Tronto
- "Pasticceria Nucci" - Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 30 - tel. 0735 9363 - Ripatransone
- "Oikos Merletto al Tombolo" - Via Roma, 17 - tel. 0736 888609 - Offida
- "La dispensa del contadino" - Via Salaria, 56 - tel. 0735 704146 - Stella di Monsampolo
- "Molino Oleificio F.lli Censori" - Via S. Maria Delle Grazie, 15/19 tel. 0735 62160 Monteprandone

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

- ACQUAVIVA:** August "Palio del Duca" - Historical pageant
Wednesdays in July and August "Crafts market", (evenings)
- OFFIDA:** First Sunday of August "Festival of stuffed Chichi"
Fridays in July and August "Fridays of Summer" - Typical market, for collectors, crafts
First week of September "Di vino in vino" - wine tasting
23rd. August "Festival of beato Bernardo"
3rd. May "Festival of the Croce Santa" - remembering the Eucharist miracle of Lanciano
"Offida Carneval": Maundy Thursday: childrens carnival, carnival Friday: lu Bov Fint,
Saturday: veglionissimo - live music, Tuesday: the vlurd procession
July/August: The land of lace - Bobbin lace trade show
August The golden spindle - lace competition
- CASTORANO:** Saturday and Sunday after 14th June "Historical show of S.Teopista"
- MONSAMPOLO DEL TR.:** 1st. half of August "Festival of prosciuto and melon"
Second half of May "Spring show"
- MONTEPRANDONE:** 1st. half of August "Festival of Ascolana style fried Olives"
July "Panorama of food and wine"
- RIPATRANSIONE:** 14/15th. August "Gastronomic puzzle"
1st. half of August "Festival of wheat and threshing"
1st. Sunday after Easter "The horse of fire" pyrotechnic display of '700.
- CASTIGNANO:** After 15th. August "Templaria" Medieval pageant.
1st. Sunday of September "Palio dell'Addolorata" Joust of the Ring.

WHERE TO VISIT

- MONSAMPOLO DEL TRONTO:**
Mummie exhibition - Crypt of the Church of Santissima Annunziata



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Acquaviva P.



Merletto al tombolo



Offida



Ripatransone

The fossilized remains of vitis vinifera dating from the Iron Age have been found close to Ascoli Piceno. It is therefore likely that the prehistoric Piceno population had already been able to make a drink from the vine. The first Roman colonies were amazed by the productivity of this land. It was Andrea Bacci, from Sant'Elpidio a Mare, in the Marche, the personal physician to Pope Sisto V, to carefully describe the wines and vines of his region and rank them for their goodness. The production areas of Rosso Piceno Superiore are: Acquaviva Picena, Appignano del Tronto, Ascoli Piceno, Castel di Lama, Colli del Tronto, Grottammare, Monsampolo del Tronto, Montepiccolo, Offida, Ripatransone, San Benedetto del Tronto and Spinetoli. It must have a minimum alcohol content of 12°. Ruby red colour with grainy tones; intense bouquet, warm, sometimes ethereal, dry, medium-bodied, correctly tannic with good aromatic persistence. It ages well, even longer than 6-8 years.

ACQUAVIVA PICENA

It is an area of vast historical and prehistoric interest. The monument that sets it apart is la Rocca which is certainly one of the most interesting, even outside of the Marche. To complete the picture, the remains of the castle walls with tenth century Gothic gate. Church of San Rocco (XIII century), Church of San Niccolò (XVI century), Church of San Francesco (XIII century). The famous "Peaches of Acquaviva" speciality pastries. We recommend a snack and wine tasting at the Acquaviva cellars. The same cellars are the starting point of a characteristic little train arranged for a trip into the countryside. You can also hire mountain-bikes for pleasant rides along the Rosso Piceno Superiore trail.

OFFIDA

Offida has kept its medieval urban structure intact and its historical centre is surrounded by walled battlements. Places to visit: La Rocca, a rectangular fortress with two cylindrical towers, The Palazzo Comunale (town hall) with its elegant structure; the bell in the tower was donated by Cardinal Peretti, later Pope Sisto V. The «Serpente Aureo» theatre (historical), is one of the most elegant of the Marche. Church of Santa Maria della Rocca a Romanesque Gothic brick building with a beautiful crypt with many naves, divided by low brick columns, containing frescoes dating from the second half of 1300's. The Sanctuary of Sant'Agostino is another very important national monument. The city of Offida is famous for the production of Bobbin Lace (already signs of it in 1476) which is celebrated each year during a special exhibition from 20th. July – 20th. August. The Offida lace is distinguished by 4 different stitches: the fine antique, the Cantù Offidano, the Renaissance stitch and the Venetian stitch.

CASTORANO

To see: the 15th. century Porta Castellana front gate, the 13th. century Castle Gate, the medieval polygonal tower with Ghibelline style battlements annexed to the parish church, all representing interesting and scenic testimonies of the old town walls. To visit: the Parish Church of Santa Maria della Visitazione.

MONSAMPOLO DEL TRONTO

Its origins are attributed to the French knight "Monsù De Saint Paul". To visit: the Porta Maggiore (main gate), built at the end of the 1400's. Arco della Morte (Arch of Death) near the Palazzo Comunale (town hall), Church of S. Maria e Paolo with crypt below. The town is famous for Fig Nougat which is made in various flavours and aromas as in the 1600's.

SPINETOLI

The discovery of a remarkable necropolis has testified to it being a Roman village that arose from the temple of the goddess Tellus. The medieval castle, a part of which still remains in the historical centre, was conquered and plundered by Francesco Sforza in 1425. An interesting process of restoration of the town is highlighted by the Palazzo Comunale (town hall) dating back to 500. the Sanctuary della Madonna delle Grazie, Piazza Belvedere, with a flight of steps of the same name, and Piazza Roma with the Church of S. Maria Assunta. To visit: the Museo della Civiltà Contadina (Museum of Rural Life).

MONTEPRANDONE

The old walls and alleys of the historical centre remain intact. It is the homeland of S. Giacomo della Marca (1393-1476) and of the artist Carlo Allegretti (1555-1622). We recommend visiting, Porta da Monte, Chiesa Collegata e della Madonna della Misericordia where a 17th. century organ is preserved in perfect condition, birthplace of S. Giacomo della Marca, old and characteristic Palazzetto Parissi, scenic viewpoint towards the sea and the mountains. The Convent of S. Giacomo, about a kilometre from the hamlet, preserves the relics of the saint, paintings by Cola d'Amatrice, Vincenzo Pagani and the 16th. century cloisters can also be admired.

RIPATRANSONE

It is one of the oldest centres of the Piceno. For its almost inaccessible territory on all sides, high in the hills, led to it being called "Propugnaculum Piceni" (the ramparts of the Picenes), and subjected it to many wars. It was once Guelph and Ghibelline. The Palazzo dell Podesta dates back to 1304 and has a transitional Romanesque to Gothic form. It was enlarged and renovated during the last century to become the "Luigi Mercantini" theatre. Palazzo Comunale (town hall): home to the community library having over 13,000 volumes, three incunabulum and 57 manuscripts. The Archaeological Museum is enriched with over 3,000 exhibits. The Public Art Gallery houses works by artists ranging from the 15th. - 20th. century. For the contemporary period there are works by Fazzini, Brindisi, Ciarrocchi, Annigoni, Gera, Cantatore, Guttuso. The Cathedral, built in 1597 on a design by Gaspare Guerra da Modena, the organ by venetian Gaetano Callido (1783). For the panorama that you have from the hill of San Nicolò with its Belvedere (viewpoint ... the town is called Belvedere del Piceno). For gastronomy, the unique "Lu Ciavarro", a dish based on an endless series of vegetables and aromas. The narrowest alley in Italy, just 43cm wide, is among the curiosities of Ripatransone.

COSSIGNANO

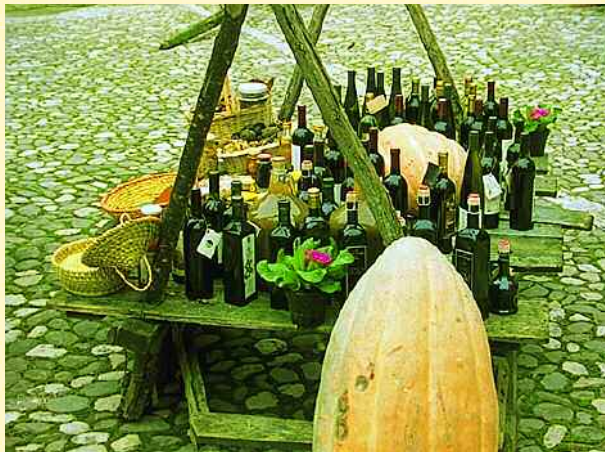
It takes its name from the Roman consul Cosinio. Set on top of a hill it is surrounded by medieval walls. The tower with Gothic arch, named after San Giorgio (14th. century), and set in the town walls, still remains intact. The Parish Church of Santa Maria Assunta preserves an oil on canvas painting of a Madonna del Rosario, a 17th. century piece representing Marche art. The small Church dell'Annunziata, is home to 14th.-16th. century frescoes. The Palazzo Comunale (town hall) Tower has a bell cast in bronze from 1303.

CASTIGNANO

Castignano is Farfa derived; perhaps its place name was to remember that in the past the entire area was rich with chestnut trees. The Parish Church dei Santi Pietro e Paolo is more interesting monumentally dating back to 1300. In the Crypt Dell'Addolorata are frescoes by Vittore Crivelli and of the Cola d'Amatrice school. Santa Maria del Borgo, Romanesque - Gothic erected in 1300, the bell, is from 1517: it was the funeral church of the Templar Fathers. Church of Sanegidio (1700) preserves the memories of the Franciscan friars in Castignano. The Reliquiario di Pietro Vannini (1488) contains a relic of the Holy Cross donated by Pope Nicolò IV in 1298. Castignano is a sausage producing area and each year it hosts a Festival of porchetta (roast pig) and watermelon. The town is also known for hand-woven bobbin lace production and for firework manufacturing.



Monteprandone



Castorano



Spinetoli



Castignano



Monsanpolo



Castel di Luco

Valle Castellana

M. dei Fiori

Castel Trosino

Colle S. Marco

Ascoli

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S. Egidio
alla Vibrata

Nereto

Colonnella

Martinsicuro

Porto
d'Ascoli

S. Benedetto
del Tronto

Grottammare

Cupra
Marittima

Pedaso

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Lago di
Gerosa

Montefortino

Amandola

Lag
San

Comunanza

Roccafluvione

Montefalcone
Appennino

M. dell'Ascensione

Rotella

Force

S. Vittoria
in Matenano

Montedinove

Castignano

Belmo
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