

Feste, Sagre e Fiere – Feasts, Festivals and Fairs

During the year there are many special events, some linked to festivals of the Catholic Church, others to the changing seasons. Every little village in Italy has its own wonderful festivals. Many are associated with the harvest (especially wine) or to local produce. The remainder tends to be historical re-enactments linked to jousting, costumed cavalcades or music events. You will often see banners in villages or posters on trees advertising these local festivals. Here is a guide to some of Le Marche festivals. The initials PU, MC, AN or AP following the name of the village, refer to the particular region of Le Marche in which that village is found:

- **Pesaro-Urbino (PU)**
- **Macerata (MC)**
- **Ancona (AN)**
- **Ascoli Piceno (AP)**

JANUARY		
LOCATION	NAME	TRANSLATION / DESCRIPTION
Most villages	Carnevale	Carnival time

FEBRUARY		
Acqualagna (PU)	Fiera Regionale del Tartufo	Regional fair of the precious black truffle
Gradara (PU)	Gradara d'Amare	Celebration of love and San Valentino
Pesaro (PU)	TuttiSapori Expo	Taste festival
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MARCH		
Civitanova Marche (MC)	Marche da Mangiare	Eating in Marche
Castelvecchio Monte Porzio (PU)	Sagra della Salsiccia	Sausage festival
Mondolfo (PU)	Spaghetтата di Quaresima	Celebration with 5 tons of spaghetti flavoured with oil, tuna & anchovies
Porto Recanati (MC)	Bara di Notte	Good Friday Procession when 10ft long coffin is carried by 12 barefoot fishermen
S. Costanzo (PU)	Sagra della Polenta	Polenta festival
San Lorenzo in Campo (PU)	Festa di Castagnolo	Chestnut festival

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APRIL		
Ascoli Piceno (AP) Camporotondo di Fiastrone (MC) Fermignano (PU) Marotta (PU) Pioraco (MC) Recanati (MC) S. Marcello (AN)	Fritto Misto all'Italiana Sagra del Rosso Piceno Palio della Rana Garagoj Festival Cantamaggio I Sapori dell'Infinito Sagra della Salsiccia	Fried food festival Red wine festival Frogs in wheelbarrows are raced through the streets, first Sunday after Easter Fish festival Rustic rhymes and songs to welcome spring Taste festival Sausage festival

MAY		
Apiro (MC) Auditore (PU) Camerino (MC) Cessapalombo (MC) Chiaravalle (AN) Gualdo (MC) Monetacassiano (MC) Montelupone (MC) Monteporzio (PU) Monterubbiano (AP) Orciano Pesaro (PU) Ostra (AN) Ripatransone (AP) Tolentino (MC) Treia (MC) Treia (MC)	Sagra della Porchetta Sagra della Fava e Formaggio Corsa alla Spada e Palio Sagra del Fungo Sagra delle Fragole Formaggi d'Autore Sagra dei Vini Marchigiani Sagra del Carciofo Sagra della Gallo Arrosto Sagra dei Piceni Sagra del Piccione Sagra delle Fragole Festa della Madonna di San Giovanni Tolentino 815 Calcione & Ravioli Festival Sagra dell'Oca	Porchetta festival Beans & cheese festival Historic representation of the late XV century Mushroom festival Strawberry festival Show/exhibition of Italian cheeses and local produce Festival of typical Le Marche wines Artichoke festival Rooster festival Historic procession Pigeon festival Strawberry festival Fire Horse festival consists of huge model horse going up in fireworks Military representation of Napoleonic period, held first Sunday of month Pasta festival Feast of the goose

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JUNE		
Apiro (MC) Civitanova Marche (MC)	Festa della Formaggio Pecorino Festa del Mare	Cheese festival Festival of the sea
Cartoceto (PU) Fabriano (AN)	Sagra dei Vincigrassi Palio di San Giovanni Battista	Celebration of the local lasagna – vincigrassi Procession and traditional games celebrating the life of St John the Baptist
Pergola (PU) Pianello di Cagli (PU)	Festa del Vino Sagra della Lumaca	Wine festival Snail festival
Porto Recanati (MC) Senigallia (AN)	Sagra del Pesce Sagra del Pesce	Fish festival Fish festival
S. Severino Marche (MC) S. Severino Marche (MC)	Sagra della Porchetta Palio dei Castelli San Severino	Porchetta festival Historic representation set in XV century
Tolentino (MC)	Musica al Castello	Music, food and wine at the castle

JULY		
Bologna (MC) Carassai (AP)	Festa della Montagna Sagra delle Tagliatelle con la Papera	Flavour of the mountain Celebration of the local pasta dish
Castelplanio (AN) Corinaldo (AN)	Sagra della Crescia sul Panaro Contesa del Pozzo della Polenta	Stuffed flat bread festival Polenta festival
Colmurano (MC) Fano (PU)	Festa della Pappardella Jazz by the Sea	Pasta festival Jazz by the sea
Falerone (AP) Macerata (MC)	Teatro Classico Stagione Lirica	Classical theatre held in Roman amphitheatre Open air opera festival held in the Sferisterio amphitheatre
Marotta (PU) Matelica (MC)	Sagra del Pesce Sagra della Rana	Fish festival Frogs in wheelbarrows raced through the streets
Matelica (MC)	Sagra del Verdicchio	Celebration of the local white wine – verdicchio
Montappone (AP) Mogliano (MC)	Il Capello di Paglia Mogliano 1744	Straw hat festival Historic representation set in mid 1700s, held first week of month
Montecassiano (MC) Montecarotto (AN)	Palio dei Terzieri Mostra Mercato dei Vini Marchigiani	Historic representation set in mid 1400s Exhibition of Marche wines
Montecavallo (PU)	Sagra del Castrato e Pecorino	Mutton and pecorino cheese festival

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JULY (CONT)		
Montellabbate (PU) Montemarciano (AN) Ortezzano (AP) Osimo (AN) Ostra Vetere (AN) Ostra Vetere (AN) Petritoli (AP) Polverigi (AN) Porto San Giorgio (AP) S. Agata Feltria (PU) S. Agata Feltria (PU) San Severino Marche (MC) Sefro (MC) Sefro (MC) Tolentino (MC) Trea (MC) Urbino (PU) Urbisaglia (MC)	Sagra delle Pesche Sagra del Pesce Sagra dell'Agnello Arrosto co'vattuto International Dance Festival Festa della Trota Sapori ed Aromi di Casa Nostra Festa delle Cove Festival Internazionale Inteatro Festa del Mare Gastronomia in Musica Fiera dei Formaggi Blues Festival Festa della Pizza Festa del Tortellino alla Boscaiola Musica e Arte Festival La Disfida del Bracciale International Festival di Musica Antica Teatro Classico	Peach festival Fish festival Feast of the local type of roast lamb International Dance Festival Trout Festival Local food, music and a procession of old farm machinery Ancient display of devotion honouring gods of land & harvest Contemporary theatre festival Festival of the sea Gastronomy & music Cheese fair Blues festival Pizza festival Pasta festival Music and art festival Historic presentation set in early 1800s Early music festival Classic theatre held in Roman amphitheatre

AUGUST		
Acqualagna (PU) Amandola (AP) Amandola (AP) Ancona (AN) Apecchio (PU) Ascoli Piceno (AP) Ascoli Piceno (AP) Belforte di Chienti (MC) Cagli (PU)	Fiera Regionale del Tartufo International Theatre Festival Harvet Procession Festa del Mare Sagra del Bostrengo La Quintana La Notte Bianca Sagra della Polenta Palio dell'Oca	Truffle fair International Theatre Festival Harvest festival procession in medieval costume, held third Sunday of month Festival of the sea Celebration of a typical local dessert Medieval games incl jousting in the main square, held first Sunday of month From 7pm 'til sunrise a night of art, music, theatre, shopping etc Polenta festival Medieval games played to win a golden goose

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AUGUST (CONT)

<p>Caldarola (MC) Caldorola (MC) Carassai (AP) Castel S Angelo (MC) Cingoli (MC) Cingoli (MC) Civitanova Marche (MC) Cupramarittima (AP) Esanatoglia (MC) Fabriano (AN) Falerone (AP) Fano (PU) Fano (PU) Fermo (AP) Fiordimonte (MC) Fratteosa (PU) Frontone (PU) Loro Piceno (MC) Macerata (MC) Massignano (AP) Mondavio (PU) Montecosaro (MC) Montefiore dell’Aso (AP) Monte Vidon Combatte (AP) Monterubbiano (AP) Monteprandone (AP) Moresco (AP) Muccia (MC) Offida (AP) Ostra Vetere (AN) Porto Recanati (MC)</p>	<p>Giostra del le Castella Medieval Games Sagra degli Gnocchi Sagra delle Lenticchie Sagra di Prosciutto e Melone Cingoli 1848 Sagra del Pesce Sagra delle Vongole Sagra del Gambero Sagra della Lumaca Teatro Classico Festa del Mare Il Violino e la Selce Sagra delle Vongole Festa degli Arrosticini Festa della Faraono al Coccio Sagra del Coniglio in Porchetta Sagra del Vino Cotto Open Air Opera Season Sagra delle Fritelle Caccia al Cinghiale Contesa dei Centi Ducati Sagra dei Fagioli con le Cotiche Sagra delle Quaglie Sagra della Polenta con Stoccafisso Sagra delle Olive Fritte Sagra delle Polenta con le Vongole Festa della Trota Il Fusello D'oro Festa dell’Oca Palio Storico di San Giovanni</p>	<p>Historic representation set in the mid XV century, held first Sunday of month Medieval games, held on second Sunday of month Gnocchi festival Lentil festival Prosciutto and melon festival Historic representation of mid 1800s, held second week of month Fish festival Clam festival Crayfish festival Snail festival Classical theatre held in Roman amphitheatre Festival of the sea Open air season of modern music, dance and opera Clam festival Festival of the roast Guinea fowl festival Rabbit porchetta festival Cooked wine festival Open air opera season held in the Sferisterio amphitheatre Pancake festival Three days of events, activities based around the traditional Boar Hunt Banquet Historic representation set in 1300s, held first weekend of month Beans with pork rind festival Quail festival Polenta festival Fried stuffed olives festival Festival of polenta served with clams Trout festival The Golden Bobbin - lace fair Feast of the goose Historic representation set in late 1800s</p>
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Pedaso (AP) Pedaso (AP)	Sagra delle Cozze Sagra degli Gnocchetti alla Marinara	Mussel festival Festival of pasta, seafood, wine, music and dance
Pesaro (PU) Porto Potenza Picena (MC)	Rossini Opera Festival Sagra delle Vongole	Rossini opera festival Clam festival
Porto Recanati (MC) Ripatransone (AP)	Sagra del Pesce Sagra del Montone	Fish festival Mutton festival
Rotella (AP) S Angelo in Lizzola (PS)	Sagra delle Pappardelle Sagra del Buongustaio	Pasta festival Gourmet festival
San Ginesia San Severino Marche (MC)	Palio di San Ginesia Sagra della Ceca	Medieval games festival, held 13th-15th of month Chick pea festival
Sarnano (MC) Sassoferrato (AN)	Palio del Serafino Sagra del Cinghiale	Historic representation set XIII century Wild boar festival
Senigallia (AN) Serra San Quirico (AN)	International Piano Competition Sagra del Coniglio in Porchetta	International Piano Competition Festival of roast rabbit and fennel
Serravalle del Chienti Serrungarina (MC)	Sagra dei Dolci Caserecci Sagra della Pera Angelica	Homemade dessert festival Pear festival
Sefro (MC) Staffolo (MC)	Festa della Trota Festa del Verdicchio	Trout festival Verdicchio wine festival
Talmello (PU) Tolentino (MC)	Palio della Rana Dono dei Ceri a San Nicola	Frog in wheelbarrows are raced through the streets Historic representation set in 1400s, held first week of month
Tolentino (MC) Urbino (PU)	Sul Ponte del Diavolo Festa del Duca	Historic representation set in XII century Medieval pageant, held third Sunday of month
Urbisaglia (MC) Vererotta (AP)	Teatro Classico Sagra della Vitella allo Spiedo	Classical theatre held in Roman amphitheatre Spit-roasted veal festival
Visso (MC)	Toreo delle Guaite	Historic representation set in XIII century

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SEPTEMBER		
Arcevia (AN)	Festa dell'Uva	Grape festival
Apiro (MC)	Sagra della Polenta	Polenta festival
Cerreto d'Esì (AN)	Festa dell'Uva	Grape festival
Cingoli (MC)	Sagra dell'Olio d'Oliva	Olive oil festival
Corridonia (MC)	Contesa della Margutta	Historical representation set in mid XV century, held first week of month
Fermo (AP)	Sagra della Bruschetta	Bruschetta festival
Frontino (PU)	Sagra del Fagiolo	Bean festival
Jesi (AN)	Jesi Opera Season	Jesi Opera Season
Lapedona (AP)	Sagra del Vino Cotto	Cooked wine festival (Le Marche version of Vin Santo)
Matelica (MC)	Matelica Munidpium Romanum	Historic representation set in 1 st century AD, held first week of month
Montecassiano (MC)	Sagra del Pesce	Fish festival
Piandimileto (PU)	Fiera del Fungo	Mushroom fair
Recanati (MC)	Sagra della Fritella	Pancake festival
Recanati (MC)	Festa dell'Uva	Grape festival
Sansisito (PU)	Sagra del Fungo	Mushroom festival
Santa Maria Nuova (AN)	Sagra della Quaglia	Quail festival
Sarnano (MC)	Borgo di Vino	Wine festival
Senigallia (AN)	International Piano Competition	International Piano Competition
Talamello (PU)	Palio della Rana	Frogs raced in wheelbarrows through the streets
Treia (MC)	Sagra della Polenta	Polenta festival
Urbino (PU)	Festa dell'Aquilone	Kite-flying competition

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OCTOBER

Acqualagna (PU) Acquasanta Terme (AP) Amandola (AP) Auditore (PU) Castelfidardo (AN) Castelsantangelo sul Nera (MC) Jesi (AN) Lunano (PU) Montemonaco (AP) Sansisito (PU) S. Agata Feltria (PU) S. Angelo in Vado (PU) Serra S. Abbondio (PU)	Fiera Nazionale del Tartufo Festa d'Autunno International Theatre Festival Mostra dei Prodotti Tipici International Accordion Festival Sagra del Marrone Castellano Jesi Opera Season Sagra della Castagna Sagra della Castagna Sagra del Fungo Mostra del Tartufo Bianco Mostra del Tartufo Bianco Palio dell'Oca	Truffle fair Autumn produce festival International Theatre Festival Exhibition of local produce International Accordion Festival Chestnut festival Jesi Opera Season Chestnut festival Chestnut festival Mushroom festival White truffle fair White truffle fair Medieval games played to win a golden goose
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NOVEMBER

Acqualanga (PU) Amandola (AP) Ancono (AN) Cupramontana (AN) Jesi (AN) Talamello (PU)	Fiera Nazionale del Tartufo Bianco Diamanti a Tavola Ancona Jazz Festival Festa del Vino Jesi Opera Season Festa di Formaggio di Fossa	White truffle fair Celebration of white truffles and typical produce from the Sibillini region Ancona Jazz Festival Wine festival Jesi Opera Season Festival when cheeses buried early in the year see light of day once more
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DECEMBER

Ascoli Piceno (AP) Porto Recanati (MC)	Fiera del Natale Il Celebre Brodetto	Christmas market with 300 stalls Celebration of the local fish soup, Brodetto
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