

Repubblica di
San Marino

The Republic of San Marino

The Most Serene Republic of San Marino, one the smallest republics in the world, is situated in the Emilia-Romagna region in Italy, south of the city of Rimini on the northern part of the Adriatic coast. Its topography is dominated by the Apennines mountain range, and it has a rugged terrain. The highest point in the country, Monte Titano, is situated at 749 meters above sea level. The climate is Mediterranean, with warm summers and mild winters.



REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

The uniqueness of the oldest republic in the world, which is located at the heart of Italy, stems from its historical significance. To date, it is more than one thousand, seven hundred years old. During the centuries, popes, generals and emperors held high regards for this country, which values freedom above all.



Shopping

San Marino still claims to have craftsmen and artisans who use the ancient techniques to produce valuable local crafts. The old town center is a mecca for shoppers because of its dazzling display of lights and colors. Street corners and piazzas showcase all kinds of traditional souvenirs, ranging from treasures, like gold and silver items, to mementos of the past, such as crossbows and precision materials. Alongside with stone-working, ceramics can be considered as one of its major industries. Hand-painted plates, tiles and frames bought in workshops and stores are laden with history and legend of San Marino.

Because of the legacy that the Republic of San Marino has, it established the Artiginato Sammarinese (Designation of Origin and Typicality) in 1995 in order to upgrade and promote traditional production of such items, in addition to equally important products such as refined lace and embroidery, paintings, copper and wrought-iron works, glass and precious metals.



Their world-famous stamps and coins can be bought in every street corner.

Sights and Attractions

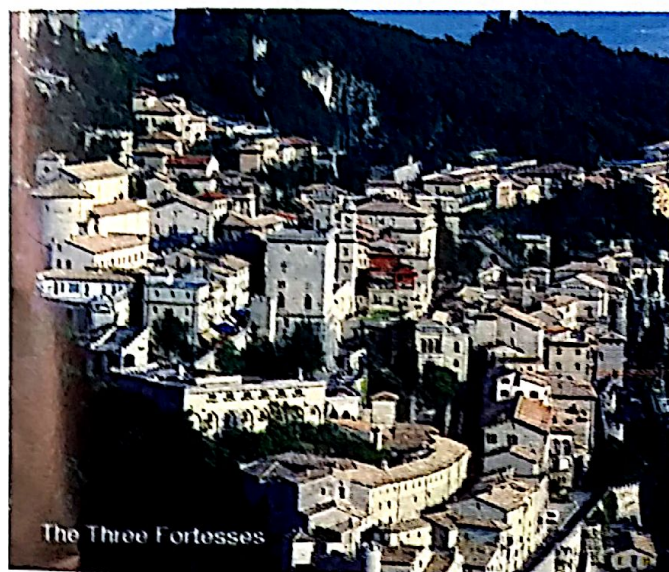
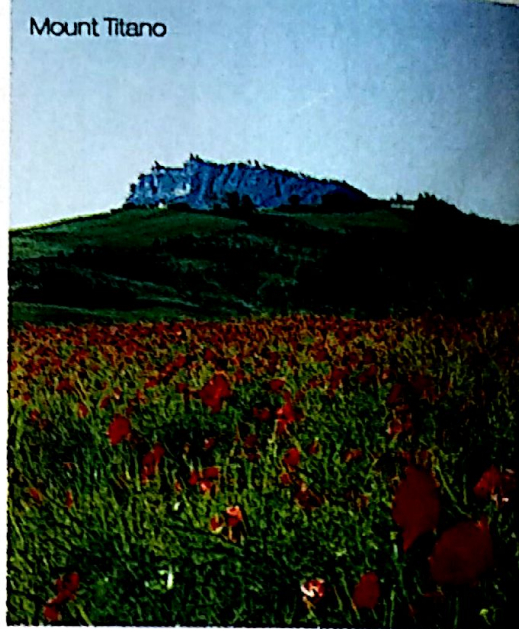
Mount Titano, the imposing mountain that characterizes the very core and spirit of San Marino.

Tourists climb to the top, where they can admire the natural landscape surrounding them and the view of the Adriatic coast is a really spectacular sight to behold. On a very clear day, the Croatian coast can also be seen from the viewing decks.

The Three Fortresses

On top of Mount Titano are three prominent rocks that are named

Mount Titano



The Three Fortresses

Church of San Francesco

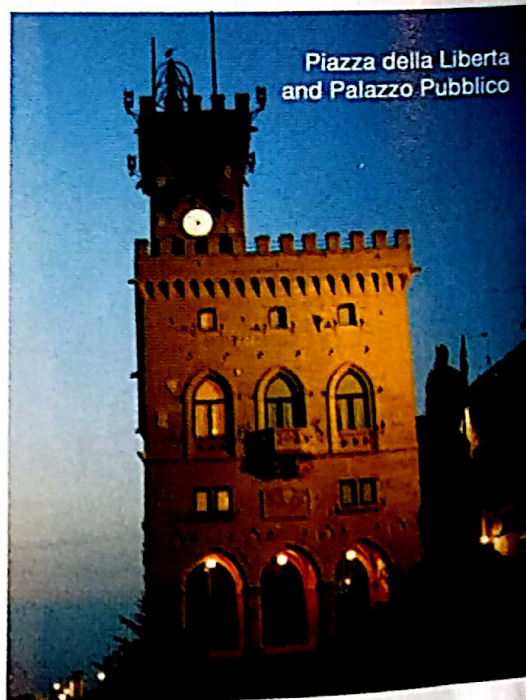


Guaiata, Cesta and Montale. On these rocks, three imposing castles were built as fortresses. The three towers are highly illustrated as part of San Marino's coat of arms.

Piazza della Libertà and Palazzo Pubblico, the life center of San Marino

The piazza is the symbol of perpetual liberty for the people of San Marino, hence the palazzo was declared as the seat of government. In the neogothic style, this Romanesque building was the work of architect Francesco Azzurri (1894) built over the foundations of the original 'Parva Domus Communis'.

Piazza della Libertà and Palazzo Pubblico



The Nucleo Uniformato della Guardia di Rocca (Uniformed Guards of the Fortress)

They perform honor services at the Palazzo Pubblico in Piazza della Libertà, and the Changing of the Guard Ceremony is performed every hour on the half hour from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. during the summer months or, more specifically from mid May through the end of September.

Church of San Pietro

This is the burial place of St. Marino and St. Leo.

Church of San Francesco

The Museum of Sacred Art and the State Museum can be found in this holy place, which houses art works dating from 1400 to 1900.

Other Sights

- Museum of Historical Weapons
- Palazzo Pergami
- Cava dei Ballestrieri
- Contrada Omerelli
- Teatro Titano
- Museum of Natural History Documentation and Research Institute
- San Marino Nature Centre
- Museum of Emigration and Centre for the Study of Emigration
- A fountain in San Marino with the characteristic symbol consisting of three rocks with the castles. The same symbol is found in the flag, emblem, seal and in the 50 cent coin of the country
- A magnificent view of the Romagna Riviera, which is only 15 kilometers away from San Marino



Nucleo Uniformato della Guardia di Rocca



Church of San Pietro



Consul General Jean Henri Lhuillier at a fountain in San Marino



View of Romagna Riviera

Events

Republic's Foundation and St. Marino's Day

Every 3rd day of September, the feast day of St. Marinus is commemorated. This is a big festival where the whole country is decorated in the true medieval spirit - where local people walk around in costumes, flag wavers and all-sorts of attractions abound, and the prestigious crossbow competition, or more popularly called *Palio delle Balestre*, is held.



Investiture of the Captains Regent

The 1st of April and October are also important dates. The streets of the historical center are lined up with festivities for the official parade and investiture ceremony of the Captain Regents.

Mille Miglia - 1,000 Mile Race

Mid-May. This legendary historic cars race passes by San Marino and stops in Piazza della Libertà.

San Marino's Ethno Festival

1st Week of July. For one week, the open-air stage of piazza Sant'Agata welcomes the best ethno music groups of the 5 continents.

Medieval Days

Mid-July. All senses are tickled by actors, musicians and cooks that recreate the atmosphere of the medieval times.

ATP International Tour Challenger Tennis Tournament

From July to August. Italian and European tennis champions challenge each other in this crowd-pulling tournament.

Cinziano Grand Prix of San Marino and the Riviera of Rimini MotoGP World Championship

1st Week of September. The world-class riders are invited to compete in the Moto GP, 250 and 125 cc class events.

Fairy Christmas

From December until January. In the decorated and illuminated historical center, you'll find small Christmas markets, see lovely shows and short performances that fill the hearts and souls during this season.

New Year's Eve

31st of December. As from 10 p.m., Sant'Agata is filled with people who celebrate the coming of the New Year. A spectacular firework display can be seen from every angle the old republic.

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How To Get There

Coming from Manila, the nearest international airport to San Marino is in Rome. Servicing and connecting airports are in Bologna (120 km.), Ancona (100 km.), Forli (50 km.), and in the nearby city, Rimini (27 km.).

The most accessible railway station is also in Rimini. From the station, there is a regular bus that goes to San Marino.

By private vehicle, take the A14 motorway, then exit at the Rimini Sud toll way. After exiting, take the Rimini-San Marino road.



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