

PRESS RELEASE

DISCOVER THE TIMELESS CHARM OF THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

San Marino, the world's oldest republic and a UNESCO World Heritage site, will showcase its historical and artistic treasures, breathtaking landscapes and travel experiences at FITUR Madrid 2026.

Nestled on the slopes of Mount Titano, overlooking the Adriatic coast and the rolling hills of Emilia-Romagna, San Marino offers a fascinating blend of history, culture, tradition and gastronomy that reflects its unique identity.

Recognised by UNESCO in 2008 as an exceptional testimony to a democratic heritage of civic autonomy and self-government, San Marino represents a living cultural tradition spanning more than seventeen centuries.

The capital, also named San Marino, is the original settlement, perched on the summit of Mount Titano at 755 metres above sea level. Its Historic Centre, enclosed by medieval walls, is distinguished by the iconic Three Towers, the neoclassical Basilica of Saint Marinus, 14th- and 16th-century convents, the 19th-century Palazzo Pubblico and a rich, varied museum circuit.

Strolling through the narrow streets of the Historic Centre feels like a journey back in time. Visitors can relive centuries of history with festivals and events such as the "Giornate Medioevali" (Medieval Days) and the "Natale delle Meraviglie" (Christmas of Wonders), or attend official state ceremonies such as the Investiture Ceremony of the Captains Regent – San Marino's two Heads of State – celebrated with a public procession twice a year on 1 April and 1 October.

Beyond its historical heritage, San Marino is a paradise for outdoor activities. Its 61 square kilometres of territory encompass rocky cliffs, woodland trails and panoramic valleys, making it ideal for hiking, cycling and climbing.

The Cammino del Titano (Path of the Titan) is an iconic route linking San Marino's nine *Castelli* (districts) via 43 km of trails divided into 8 itineraries, offering panoramic views and immersive experiences surrounded by the natural beauty of this small but diverse territory.

Recently inaugurated, the Cammino del Santo Marino is the first itinerary dedicated to the Republic's founding saint. This 80 km route, divided into four stages, can be covered on foot or, in some sections, by bicycle. Starting in Rimini, the route reaches San Marino and various locations across its territory and the Montefeltro area, renowned for their religious, historical, cultural, natural and scenic value.

San Marino's culinary heritage is deeply rooted in its land and traditions. The Republic produces excellent extra-virgin olive oil, honey, bread, fresh pasta and distinctive local wines. The Cantina di San Marino brings together more than 100 winegrowers to create quality wines such as Tessano and Brugnato (red wines aged in cherry-wood barrels) and Biancale and Roncale (fresh, aromatic whites). Traditional dishes include handmade *tagliatelle*, *strozzapreti* and *stringhetti*, served with hearty sauces, beans, or game: simple yet authentic flavours that tell the story of San Marino's rural soul.

The San Marino Tourism Office promotes these activities by providing tour operators and specialists with information and special offers, ensuring that holidays in the world's oldest republic become unique and unforgettable experiences.

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