

## PRESS RELEASE SAN MARINO: A WORLD LIKE NO OTHER

A world Heritage site since 2008, San Marino is the oldest Republic and fifth smallest country in the world, located in the heart of Italy. Intense, magical and unique, San Marino offers authentic and exclusive experiences with more than 1700 years of independence and freedom, amid history and legend.

The capital town and original settlement San Marino is located on the top of Mount Titano, 750 m above sea level. The old-town centre, enclosed by imposing medieval walls, is criss-crossed by narrow streets closed to traffic and lined with buildings and monuments built entirely of local stone. The Three Towers and the Public Palace are the most visited and photographed attractions but in the hidden land there are lesser-known attractions that may astonish visitors.

Right on top of Mount Titano, the Republic of San Marino is also the perfect destination for nature's lovers. As a matter of fact, only in San Marino visitors can enjoy an outdoor holiday immersed in a generous and unspoiled nature and choose unique and exciting active and green experiences. Trekking, bike, climbing and archery are among the wide range of adventure activities that San Marino has to offer.

Beautiful and surprising itineraries of different difficulties are ready to make bikers live an unforgettable experience and for adventurous types, the hilly natural trails are perfect to be explored by ebike. The Walk of the Titano, a 43 Km route divided in several trails rich in beautiful landscapes and fascinating views, allows excursionists to explore the most hidden corners of San Marino and plunge into the history and millenary culture of the Small State. Climbing a mountain that is a World Heritage Site is a breathtaking experience for both adults and children who can enjoy safe climbing in contact with nature. And for those who dream to be an archer for a day, archery wild is the perfect choice.

Slow travelling and enjoying nature may also bring to meditation and to regain a relationship with ourselves while listenning to the sweet sounds of the surrounding nature. In this spirit of sharing true experiences of the soul, on 20th April 2023 the first itinerary dedicated to the Saint Founder of the Republic of San Marino was inaugurated: The Walk of Saint Marinus, a 80 km long itinerary divided in four stages. Visitors can cover them on foot or, in some sections, by bicycle. The Walk starts from Rimini and reaches San Marino, and many different towns in the San Marino and Montefeltro area well-known for their religious, historical, cultural, naturalistic and landscape values.

During the 20 km of the Walk on the territory of San Marino, visitors may see emblematic spots that have a special place in the hearts of Sammarinese people: the Church of Acquaviva, a meaningful place as, according to the tradition, here Saint Marinus baptized his followers through the spring that flowed up from the rock, today embellished by a modern fountain. The Sacellum of Saint Marinus, the first place that hosted Marinus and where he founded the Republic. And, after reaching the old town centre, the Basilica of Saint Marinus where inside, behind the altar, towers the statue of Saint Marinus and where, a small urn contains the bones of the Saint.

The San Marino Tourism Board promotes all these touristic activities providing tour operators and holidaymakers with all the information and special offers in order to make the visitors' holidays an unforgettable and unique experience.

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