IN THE SURROUNDINGS

Curated by your host, Ben











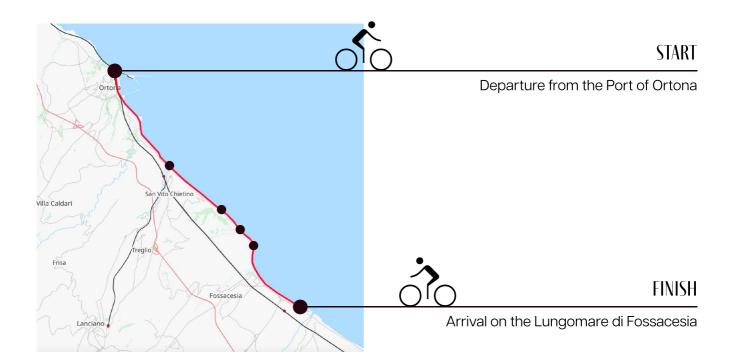
BICYCLE PATH

From Ortona to Fossacesia by bike along the Costa dei Trabocchi

The "Via Verde della Costa dei Trabocchi" runs along one of the most evocative coastal stretches in Italy, following the former route of the Adriatic railway. A 50 km entirely cycle path spread over 8 municipalities, among the beaches of the Abruzzo trabocchi. A fascinating route suitable for everyone: expert cycle travellers, groups of friends and families.









BIKE RENTAL IN ORTONA



Departure from the Saracens! Convenient place for plenty of parking and for the possibility of renting the means for this adventure: bicycles.

Scan the QR code to conveniently book your bike from the dedicated website.

Ready Set Go!





PUNTA DELL'ACQUABELLA 🐼 🙈





The seaside village of Punta dell'Acquabella was a refuge for Turkish pirates and is now completely abandoned to nature. Here the color of the sea merges with the turquoise blue of the sky and the clear water puts the sandy and pebbled seabed on display.





SAN VITO CHIETINO

The first real reason to stop

excellent quality artisan ice

in San Vito Marina is the

cream.













"Gusto Cellipieno al Montepulciano"



After the ice cream.. don't wait 3 hours to jump into the sea! With another 5 minutes of pedaling you arrive in a place surrounded by greenery, backed by rocks with a view of the trabocco: Calata Turchino beach.







Along the way, it is worth stopping for a moment to admire the small port of Vallevò.

Small, but big enough that way back on August 16, 1960, a whale followed two lucky fishermen in there.







SPIAGGIA DELLA FOCE 🔗 🏽





To combat the summer heat, another recommended stop is the Spiaggia della Foce in Rocca San Giovanni. A dip in the pristine clear water and... we're off again!





FOSSACESIA MARINA







Fossacesia, this is where the tour on the Via Verde of the Costa dei Trabocchi ends. A promenade that offers free beaches equipped with showers and trendy bathing establishments.



FOR THE MORE DARING: PUNTA ADERCI



For the more adventurous, it is possible to continue to Vasto, in the south of Abruzzo.

The protected area of Punta Aderci aims to reconcile the naturalistic aspect of the area with the tourist one.







WHERE TO EAT 🔀

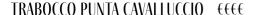


SOTTO SALE €€€

Seafood tavern of the de Sanctis family. On the beach of Rocco Mancini, a small restaurant dedicated to the catch of the day.



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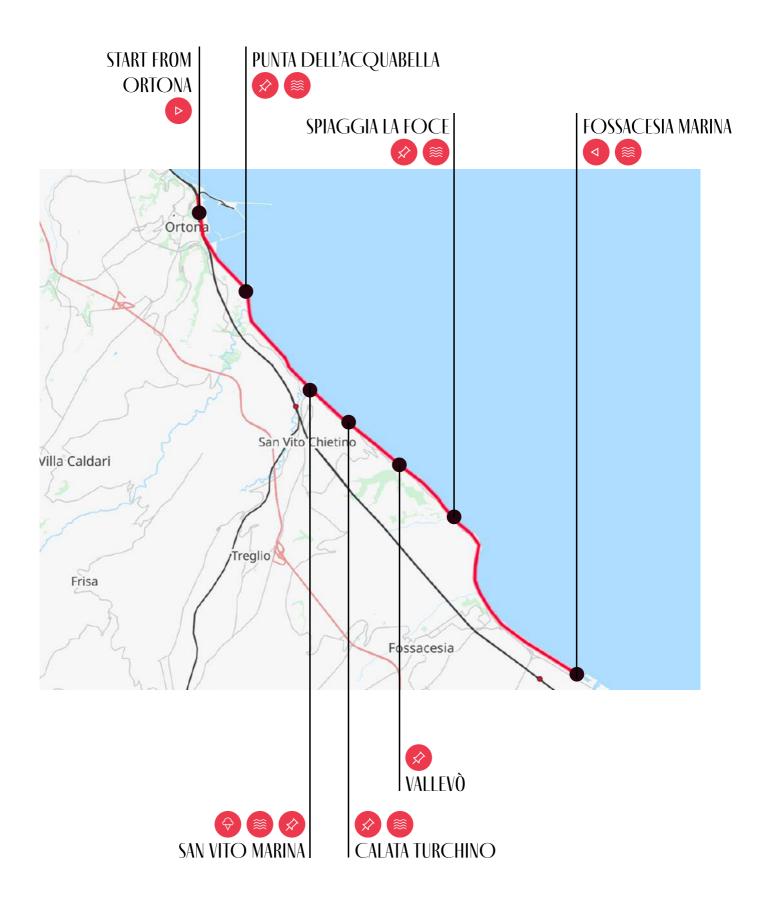








SUMMARY



ORTONA

Places to see in our town

Ortona is our splendid town where I have the honor and responsibility to welcome you. This village, extended thanks to its districts, has so much beauty, nature, gastronomy and culture to offer.











YOU ARE HERE

CATTEDRALE DI SAN TOMMASO

The Basilica of San Tommaso Apostolo rises in the center of the city and rests on the ruins of a pagan temple dedicated to Janus from the 6th century. Since 1258 it has kept the relics of the Apostle Thomas in the crypt.





CASTELLO ARAGONESE



The Aragonese Castle was built in 1452 by the Aragonese family on top of a previous structure from the 13th century from the Angevin era, belonging to the Caldora family.



ENOTECA REGIONALE

The Abruzzo Regional Enoteca is located in the historic Palazzo Corvo. Its rooms collect the wines of the area, including a special space for tasting, even guided.





MUSEO MUSICALE D'ABRUZZO



The Musical Museum of Abruzzo was inaugurated on April 9, 1994 mainly to make visible the heritage relating to Francesco Paolo Tosti. It is the first museum dedicated to music in the region and one of the few in Italy.



TEATRO FRANCESCO PAOLO TOSTI

The building dates back to 1930. However, its construction was decided 20 years earlier, to replace the old municipal theater, which was located in the Terravecchia district, where Francesco Paolo Tosti had made his debut.





PALAZZO FARNESE: PINACOTECA CASCELLA

On the second floor of Palazzo Farnese, built in the 16th century by order of Margaret of Austria, the art gallery mainly displays works by Basilio Cascella, to whom an entire room is dedicated, and by his son Michele, as well as paintings by Gioacchino and Tommaso.





SAN DONATO CANADIAN MILITARY CEMETERY



Arriving at the Moro River Cemetery, the passage is welcomed by the small church of San Donato, from which the hamlet of Ortona where the cemetery stands takes its name. In our city, the end of the Gustav Line on the Adriatic, the highest number of Canadians killed on Italian soil took place: 1375.



BEIVEDERE IDEALE

The Punta dell'Acquabella Controlled Regional Nature Reserve extends for about 28 hectares in the southern part of the Ortona coast, in the locality of San Donato. From the Ideal Belvedere the panorama is breathtaking, with the infinite sea embracing the town on the opposite hill.





MUSEUM OF THE BATTLE OF ORTONA



The Museum of the Battle of Ortona, the MUBA, documents the dramatic war events of 1943, which earned the city of Ortona the award of the Gold Medal for civil valor.



FONTANA DEL VINO

The Wine Fountain is a special place with a special history. The idea was born from the intuition of Dina and Luigi, two passionate walkers from Ortona who, during their pilgrimage to the tomb of Santiago de Compostela, came across a fountain of wine.





BEACHES

Beaches for all tastes, but to visit all

The Costa dei Trabocchi offers a wide variety of beaches, both free and with establishments, suitable for everyone, families, couples, adventurers and four-legged friends.











YOU ARE HERE

½ LIDO SARACENI ☐ 6 MIN







A small gulf of the Ortonese port, so named after the landing of the Turks in 1566. There are the tourist port and the sandy

Ideal for families, it is the beach closest to the Dimora dei Portici.





...BATHING FACILITIES

LIDO ELDORADO



DEA VENERE

ACAPULCO





ELIDO RICCIO (IMIN









A wide, sandy beach, equipped with all services and very popular with young people. The sand that slowly hangs into the water, the presence of rocks that act as a protective barrier make the beach suitable for families.

IL GUFO



...BATHING FACILITIES

LIDO RICCIO



LIDO BARRACUDA





RIPARI DI GIOBBE







Set between two stacks of rock, dominated by the green cliff of Ortona, the Ripari di Giobbe are known for their crystal clear sea and paradisiacal natural environment.





§ PUNTA DELL'ACQUABELLA ☐ 6 MIN







Punta dell'Acquabella beach is located within the Natural Reserve of the same name and is an area of great geological interest that has still remained untouched.





SPIAGGIA LIBERA SAN VITO MARINA









This free beach in San Vito Marina is located just after the last tourist facilities on the Via Verde.

Small in size, but equipped with an outdoor shower, this beach is one of my favourites. Easily accessible both by car and by



E CALATA TURCHINO (14 MIN







The Calata Turchino beach takes its name from the crystalline color of its waters which in the morning merge with the color of the sky. One of the most beautiful beaches on the coast, thanks to its proximity to the ancient Turchino overflow of the poet D'Annunzio.













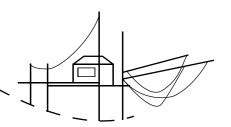
The Lido la Foce beach develops around the river of the same name. Characterized by stones and a couple of cliffs, it is untouched by man. Easy to reach by car and by bike.





Most of these beaches develop along the "Via Verde" cycle path. I therefore recommend visiting them all by following the Cycle Path Program in the guide. Good sea!











The Cavalluccio beach is characterized by fine sand and transparent waters that gently slope towards the open sea. Partly free, the beach also has an establishment with bar and restaurant, as well as an overflow.





FOSSACESIA MARINA (

23 MIN











The coast of Fossacesia extends near the hamlet of Fossacesia Marina and is characterized, for the most part, by white pebble beaches. In the southernmost part, near the mouth of the Sangro River, the coast becomes lower and you can also find small sandy shores.
Suitable for young people and families.



...BATHING FACILITIES



MIMÌ BEACH



LIDO SIRENELLA



SUPPORTER BEACH













The Lido la Foce beach develops around the river of the same name. Characterized by stones and a couple of cliffs, it is untouched by man. Easy to reach by car and by bike.



RESTAURANTS

Natural beauties yes, but also culinary ones! From excellent meat to fresh fish, for us it is tradition.

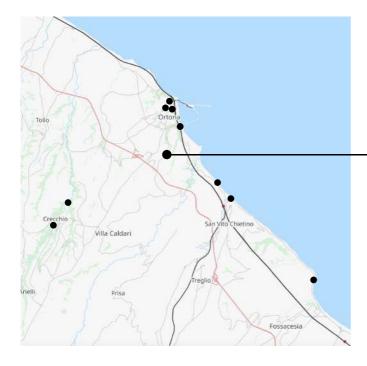
As in all of Italy, also in Abruzzo the culinary tradition is a pillar of local culture. The raw material is of the highest quality, thanks to the presence of local producers, and the handling of it is taken to a new level in the restaurants listed here.











YOU ARE HERE



BEN RECOMMENDS

"Trattoria San Domenico is the perfect location for those who love genuine dishes from our sea, located in the middle of the historic center of Ortona in front of the Aragonese Castle, from which you can enjoy the magnificent view, and from where you can admire the wonderful panorama of the sea and the port.





E RISTORANTE AL VECCHIO TEATRO









"The Al Vecchio Teatro Restaurant offers an environment that puts the quest at ease, offers a cuisine linked to traditional values, skilfully combined with a search for the best local products."



TERRAMIA



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"The Terra mia restaurant was born from the passion for good cooking, our raw materials are purchased directly from the producers. The goodness and genuineness of our dishes are guaranteed every day."





HOSTARIALA VECCHIA LANTERNA









Tradition, tradition and more... tradition. During your stay, you cannot fail to visit this intimate restaurant which will make you savor all the flavors of our Ortonese land.



ELA PICCOLA CANADESE





Small restaurant in the historic center of Ortona with both meat and fish menus.





"Ours is a proposal based on many genuine raw materials sourced from trusted fishermen that allow us to prepare first and second courses as well as side dishes and tasty appetizers: many dishes that can also be combined with wines and other drinks.





RISTORANTE PROSPETTIVE



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"Prospettive is a research restaurant, 25 seats on the viewpoint of Francavilla al Mare in the province of Chieti. For four years he has been working with innovation keeping his roots firmly in the genuineness and excellence of local raw materials."



📱 ESSENZA CUCINA DI MARE 🥏



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"Essenza Cucina di Mare is the realm of modern seafood cuisine, on the Costa dei Trabocchi. It was one of the first to offer Raw Fish which it has been serving since its opening and every day, guaranteeing the blast chilling of local fish, the traceability of Oysters and all its cuisine.





SOTTO SALE (







"Simplicity, the taste for genuine and seasonal things, the preservation of a cultural heritage which is that of the memory of our fathers, our grandmothers SottoSale is a culinary conservation project."



DA MATTI STREET FOOD



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"Street food" restaurant equipped with a garden where you can enjoy your sandwich. Quality raw material and its handling at unique levels. It is no coincidence that they are also appreciated by Gambero Rosso.







"Genuinity and Tradition, also for takeaway!"





🖁 LA LOCANDA DEL MARE 💿 🥫





"Our restaurant was born in 2012 to offer high quality cuisine at an advantageous price and create a welcoming, friendly and dynamic environment for customers."



≣ GIANGI PIZZA E RICERCA 💎





Giangi Pizzeria Gourmet, in 38th place in the latest edition of 50 TOP PIZZA, is among the best pizzerias in Italy. A must to





SAPORI DI CRECCHIO





A restaurant with medieval flavors, with attention to detail with location in the center of the village of Crecchio.



PARCO DEI MULINI

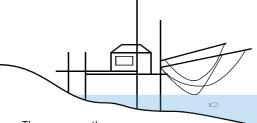


"The Parco dei Mulini is immersed in a protected area, in a corner of unspoiled nature that houses an ancient water mill. We built the restaurant in wood and glass to leave nature as the protagonist. In summer you can comfortably enjoy our dishes outdoors. The Park of the Mills. Cool in the summer, warm in the winter."





I TRABOCCHI



Trabocchi are ancient fishing machines. They were the workplace of fishermen who faced everyday bad weather, in exchange for their daily bread: the catch.

To date, most of these structures have been transformed into restaurants, where the highest quality fish, always the protagonist, is served with care in the dishes of those who want to experience the unique experience of being suspended between sky and sea.





TRABOCCO PUNTA CAVALLUCCIO



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"Trabocco Punta Cavalluccio has a tradition that has been handed down for almost two hundred years, in which experience and professionalism will accompany you in this unique emotion.





TRABOCCO MUCCHIOLA





"Gli Ostinati Restaurant is not just a restaurant but an immersive experience in a territory waiting to be discovered: Abruzzo. Sea, hills and millenary traditions are the flavors that characterize this land, enhanced by the passion that has always distinguished the people who have undertaken this project."



₹TRABOCCO PUNTA FORNACE (



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"The Punta Fornace overflow is not just an ancient fishing machine, but it is the mirror of a deep seafaring tradition that is divided between land and sea and we are happy and proud to share it with our customers every day."





BREAKFASTS AND APERITIFS

A selection of bars for the best breakfasts and aperitifs

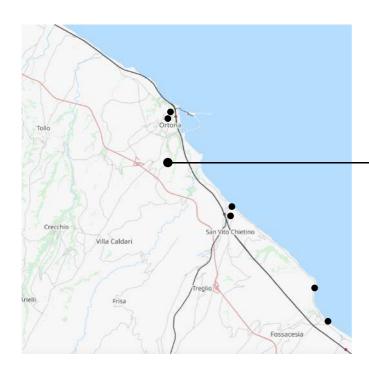
Cappuccino and croissant, thank you! Why not a nice slide instead? Or a Spritz? Maybe a glass of wine? Whether it's breakfast or an aperitif, this list of bars will not disappoint you. Host's word.











YOU ARE HERE







La Magnolia offers breakfasts and aperitifs. The restaurant inside is in a literary style with a mezzanine where there are books, board games and musical instruments. Seats outside offer views of St. Thomas Cathedral.





EXAMPLE DIEM







Cozy place located in the historic center, in front of the Cathedral of San Tommaso.

It offers classic, savory and American breakfasts, lunch with freshly made dishes, aperitifs and after dinner with an open



ROSSO PEPE 🙉



Workshop that uses quality raw materials and manipulates them to obtain excellent products.





ECHAMPAGNINO









Champagnino is a cellar and pantry that offers aperitifs and more based on 100% Abruzzo products. Located in the historic center, the restaurant has a magical atmosphere in the evenina.



PASTICCERIA ROSSANA IEZZI







"Pastry shop, cafeteria and ice cream parlor is the ideal place for any moment of the day. Breakfasts, sweet and savory snacks, aperitifs, ice creams and cocktails."





COPA DE DORA





"Today 80 years have passed, Copa de Dora is an artisan ice cream shop, a pastry shop, a bar, but above all a place to feel at home.

Copa de Dora is a family business and as such it makes you feel: in the family!"





SCALINI SCALINI





"Cocktail bar in the historic center of San Vito 'up' a few meters from the balcony with a panoramic view of the Abruzzo coast and its overflows.

The perfect place to relax and enjoy your cocktail in an iconic Made in Italy setting."



DA MASINO (A)







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SUPPORTINO







"The new concept of the Supporter brand: SUPPORTino"

FOR THE YOUNG



GROCERY AND SHOPPING

§ SPAZIO CONAD E C/C ORTONA CENTER



Conad hypermarket with a vast assortment of food and nonfood products, inside the Ortona Center shopping centre.



SIDOT S

Well-kept discount store with a good assortment of products.





TIGRE AMICO



Local supermarket with good assortment of products.



EC/C MEGALÒ

The largest shopping center in Abruzzo, with cinemas and many branded shops such as Zara, H&M, Calvin Klein, Nike and others.



