

Rimini Province Guide

what to do and see



The province of Rimini (Italian: provincia di Rimini) is in the Emilia-Romagna region of Italy. The provincial capital is the city Rimini. The province borders the independent state of the Republic of San Marino.

The area along the sea is a true Fun Factory, with a great many aqua parks and theme parks, Acquamania, Aquafan, Italia in Miniatura, Mirabilandia and Miramare Park to name a few. Our groups stay mostly in either Riccione or Rimini, both of which offer a wealth of night and day entertainment, restaurants and discos, not to forget cultural and social events.

Riccione

Riccione has always been synonymous with fun and entertainment. By day, you can enjoy your holiday to the full on the beach, sunbathing, having a game of beach-volleyball or playing in the water till the sun goes down. Night-time in Riccione is enlivened by evening aperitifs, fashionable nightspots on the beach or in the centre, and some of Europe's coolest discos. The stylish boutiques in streets such as Viale Ceccarini and Viale Dante offer unique opportunities for shopping, with the best Italian brands on sale. They are the birth-place of trends, with new fashions being adopted by the young and then taken home when their holiday in Riccione is over.

Rimini

Rimini, for a relatively small city, has a huge amount of things to do, Roman relics, jam-packed beaches, hedonistic nightclubs and the memory of film director and native son Federico Fellini make sometimes awkward bedfellows in seaside Rimini. Although there's been a settlement here for over 2000 years, Rimini's coast was just sand dunes until 1843, when the first bathing establishments took root next to the ebbing Adriatic. The beach huts gradually morphed into a mega resort that was sequestered by a huge nightclub scene in the 1990s. Despite some interesting history, Fellini-esque movie memorabilia and a decent food culture, 95% of Rimini's visitors come for its long and boisterous beachfront.

Beaches

The beach at **Riccione** offers lots of services, designed for the comfort and safety of all the family. It is judged to be one of the safest and most child-friendly beaches in Europe. It has a total of 151 bathing-stations, designed for the comfort of families and amusement of the young, as well as for sports-lovers who want to pursue their passion on holiday. The bathing-stations offer the following beach services:

- * Comfortable bathing-huts for changing
- * Cabins with changing-mat for changing your baby
- * Free hot and cold showers
- * Warm showers for younger children
- * Mini-clubs and large enclosed areas with games and inflatables, supervised by expert activity leaders
- * Pedalo hire service by the sea
- * Gymnastics and warm-up exercises every morning, gym area with equipment
- * Facilities for playing beach volleyball, beach tennis and squash
- * Magazine corner



Rimini One of the reasons that so many families choose Rimini for a holiday is because of the beach and sea. This part of the Adriatic is amongst the safest, as it's shallow, and there are lifeguards all along the Rimini beachfront. If you want you can also rent a pedalo boat, to easily reach deeper waters. Most of the beach facilities include playgrounds – and many have games like giant trampolines, ping-pong tables, beach volleyball and a variety of sports.

Many of the beachfronts also have a kids club, with organised games, child minders and activities. Relaxing on the beach, Rimini style, means space for all the family to relax and enjoy themselves.

The bars and restaurants all; along the beach give all the family the chance to sample Romagna specialities such as piadina bread or fish-based first courses, to enjoy a welcome coffee break or to eat a cold ice-cream on a hot summer day.



Things to do

There's a reason that Rimini Province is one of the leading summer destinations for Italian families, it's a place that puts kids very much at the centre of things, and there are loads of great things to keep the kids (and by extension, their parents) happy. We've collected just a few here.....

Theme Parks: The Adriatic Riviera has loads of theme parks, and Rimini has the two most child-friendly ones, **Italia in Miniatura** and **Fiabilandia**.



Italia in Miniatura is on the outskirts of the city, and is an amazing model recreation of Italy (and some other European monuments). You can hop over from Sicily through to mainland Italy, looking at fantastic models of the famous buildings in Naples, Rome, Rimini, Firenze and much more. There are also lots of games to keep the kids happy.

Fiabilandia is a theme park dedicated to younger kids, there are loads of great rides that the whole family can enjoy. A real treat, and great idea for families with younger children who might feel left out in the bigger theme parks.

There's also a **Luna Park** in Rimini, a fun fair old/style which makes for a great night out.

Over in Riccione there are two more theme parks: **Aquafan aquatic park**, with the most famous water slides and games in Italy. This is the classic aquatic park on the Romagna Riviera, The other park in Riccione is **Oltremare**. Situated right next to Aquafan, this park is sure to attract you with its fascinating journey back in time, right to the era of the Big Bang.



Aquafan attracts families with children looking for fun, relaxation, and an escape from the summer heat! The complex is divided into 4 themed areas: children's games, water games, relaxation, and sport & fun, with attractions to please all tastes. There's also an area with entertainment services and 2 dance floors.

Oltremare through its spectacular, funny, original and exciting shows with dolphins and the charming little sea-horses. There are three sections: the first is a journey back in time to the origins of our planet; the second is a voyage from the oceans to the Adriatic Sea, whilst the third focuses on the animals of Emilia Romagna and their habitat, in particular around the Po Delta.

Fireworks: Everybody love fireworks, right? Rimini is the place to check out amazing firework displays throughout the summer. It's not just the big events that have firework displays, although **the Notte Rosa** is simply spectacular, with synchronised displays all along the Riviera coast, lots of smaller, local events put on firework displays that are truly thrilling.

Rimini Ruota: One of Rimini's newest and most popular attractions is the giant panoramic wheel down at the port. The Rimini Ruota dominates the beachfront skyline, and is positioned perfectly to give you an amazing view as you soar up into the sky. In particular, it gives a beautiful view inland, up the port canal into the old city of Rimini and out towards San Marino and San Leo. A wonderful treat.



Ikart Go Karts: Europe's longest track on two floors. 600 metres of a real "street circuit" with climbs switchbacks down in perfect Monte Carlo style. The track layout is achieved with re-positionable safety barriers, and as the track is indoors you can drive all year round without getting wet, without getting dirty, without breathing exhaust fumes and above all, without sacrificing performance of the highest level.

A 'must do' visit - San Marino.



Whilst in Rimini you must visit San Marino, just 15 miles away but so different the historic centre of the Republic of San Marino is, in every part, a living monument.

San Marino is an independent republic enclosed within Italy. The Italian language is spoken, and you don't need a passport to enter the little country.

Despite its Italian character, San Marino is very proud of its independent status, which brings in hundreds of tourists and tax-free shoppers every day. It has its own football team, military force and stamps. The town's bus connection with Rimini is proudly labelled 'international service'.

Through diplomacy, luck and possibly a lack of strategic importance, San Marino alone of Italy's city-states managed to hang onto its independence through the centuries, even opting out when Italy was unified in the nineteenth century.

The territory of San Marino spreads for several miles around the capital, which is also called San Marino. The town is what most tourists come to see, though, and it is an impressive citadel. It is high above the coastal plains, with three fortresses perched atop a giddy cliff.

Monte Titano is 750m above sea level, so be prepared for winds and a cooler temperature than on the plains below.

San Marino tourist attractions: Although the steep slopes, cliffs and castles of San Marino are impressive enough in themselves, what really takes your breath away is the view from the town.



On a clear day you can see the Adriatic a few miles to the east, and in other directions the hilly land rises into central Italy. It's possible to make out small hill-top villages and other, less lofty, castles and fortresses, commanding their own small green patches of territory.

The most obvious attractions of San Marino are its defensive towers. Two of these (the Rocca and the Torre Cesta) can be visited with a combined ticket and offer good chances to climb towers and explore ramparts.

Colourful tourist appeal is to be had from the **changing of the guard ceremony** (at half-past every hour in the summer months) in Piazza della Libertà. The republic's militia are proud of their fancy uniforms.



San Marino also has its own stamps and postal system. To send a postcard from San Marino, you just need to buy a stamp in one of the town's shops and make sure you post your cards in one of the state's white postboxes before you leave. San Marino is a popular shopping destination. The historic part of town is full of shops selling duty-free goods like sunglasses, watches, handbags and huge quantities of toy and replica weaponry.

It doesn't take very long to see San Marino, it makes a comfortable short day trip. The centre is full of places to eat, several of the restaurants have wonderful views and very inviting terraces.

Shopping

Viale Ceccarini, the nerve-centre of **Riccione**, is the main focus of tourist and city life, with its fashionable hangouts, boutiques with international labels, bars, restaurants and even a special gazebo where you can meet celebrities from many different fields. However shopping in Riccione is also associated with finding special bargains. You only have to take a stroll through the pedestrian zone to discover discount shops for some top labels, offering the latest designs at reduced prices.

There are also many Markets in Riccione offering antiques, typical items and crafts. There are also three weekly markets, Every Sunday from end May up to mid September on Via Oriani/Fucini., Every Monday from end May up to mid September on Piazzale Kennedy. Every Monday from mid September to end May on Via Flaminia. All open at 8.00 a.m. and close mid afternoon.



Over in Rimini **Esplanade** is one of the most popular streets. Here you can find everything from conventional souvenir shops, to expensive jewellery shops and clothing. Normally people buy things displayed in shop-windows. However, these shops are not the main places for shopping.

Downtown, Rimini: You find shopping outlets of the most expensive and prestigious brands between the main squares of the city and narrow streets. It is worth visiting these shops, if you intend to buy an expensive fur coat or any other very high-quality and expensive clothes.

Shopping Malls: The largest shopping mall in Rimini is **Le Befane**, which, if translated, means "Witch". What to hide, this complex looks like a paradise for any girl. There are more than 130 stores to suit persons of different tastes, including many well-known brands. Opening hours: 9 am to 10 pm. You can reach there by bus Nos.: 8, 9 or 20, which pass through Rimini railway station.

Nightlife



The Adriatic is now buzzing to a different beat. An expanding club scene and increasing numbers of cool cocktail bars, chic restaurants and hip design hotels have made Rimini Italy's newest summer-party capital. With more than 100 different venues, from the slick super-clubs around Misano Monte to the dress-down dives on the beachfront, there's something for every taste and budget.

Port-based **Rock Island**, a wooden shack built over the water (Piazzale Boscovich, Molo di Levante, 0541 50178) is a real Rimini institution - great for beer, live rock music or just hanging out with the crush of bikers and tattoo merchants.

Sundowners: The beaches nearest to the port are home to the most fashionable sundowner bars. There is the Caribbean-themed **Coconuts** (Lungomare Tintori 5, 0541 52325), an Italian-style version of Miami's famous Clevelander, where a beach bar, palm trees and rum-based cocktails attract a young, casually dressed crowd who come to listen to live music, R&B and hip-hop under the stars.



Beach bites: Dangle your toes in the sand as you tuck into sushi, Latin-style. **Barafonda** (Viale Ortigara 4, 0541 21955) is a super-chilled beach-club taverna, where plateaux of raw fish and spaghetti with vongole or bottarga (clams and salted, dried fish roe) are house specialities.

Basilico, on beach 48 (Lungomare Murri, 0541 391882), is an oasis of relaxation with seafood treats including oysters, lobster, calamari and scampi, which you can digest with a post-prandial snooze in a hammock. The beach shack's grassy terrace comes into its own at night, when it is the venue for impromptu parties.



Cocktails: Kick off the evening with aperitivi and help-yourself snacks at **NoMi** (Via Bruno 28) the glamorous new starlet in Rimini's bar/club scene. Located in the historic quarter, it's part of the DuoMo, designer Ron Arad's extraordinary, ground-breaking boutique hotel.

The town's fashionable 20- and 30-somethings rate his swirly-curved brushed bronze bar, polished steel pillars and red lacquer flipper doors, but cool surroundings don't mean a cold reception. Pop by for agreeable DJ mixes, great cocktails created by master barista Marco and smiley service.



Stomach liners: Clubbing starts late and finishes late, so line your stomach for the big night out in one of the buzzy bars on handsome Piazza Cavour.

Catch a flavour of the old Rimini portrayed by local boy Federico Fellini in his Oscar-winning film 1973 *Amarcord* at **Bar Caffè Cavour** (Piazza Cavour Camillo Benso 12), great for people watching over a piadine farciti (stuffed, toasted flatbread) and a glass of Prosecco.

Or join chic diners on the charming terrace of Rimini's newest fish restaurant, **Farini** (Via Farini 13, 0541 709548).



Clubs: Midnight looms, so hop on Blue Line's nightbus, trawling the big-name clubs around Misano Monte, Rimini's answer to Beverly Hills.

Youth-focused is **Altromondo Studios** (Via Flaminia 358, 0541 373151). One of Europe's most famous discos, it's popular with both tourists and locals. Skimpily-dressed ravers come for the spaceship décor and flashing light shows. Altromondo has been going since the 1970s. Both Ray Charles and James Brown performed here.



There's the casual rave vibe of **Cocoricò** (Via Chieti 44, 0541 605183), an enormous glass pyramid where you can rave in comfort to the latest in Italian techno and house.

It's Fatboy Slim's favourite place to DJ here.

Byblos (Piazza Castello 24, 0541 690252) is slickly stylish. White-cushioned banquettes, spangly bars, a pool-side restaurant and two tiny dance-floors are spread over the courtyards of a mansion.

House-party evenings with a Latin vibe, hosted by global DJs. Be careful not to fall in the pool.

Know before you go

Electricity in Italy conforms to the European standard of 220V to 230V, with a frequency of 50Hz. Wall outlets typically accommodate plugs with two or three round pins (the latter grounded, the former not)

In a real emergency, dial 112, this is the equivalent of 999. You will then be immediately connected to an operator. Here are some other useful telephone numbers.

Emergency Police Help (also fire/ambulance) 113

Consular Agency of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Bologna c/o Studio Dallari – Via Amendola, 12 - 40121 Bologna Tel. +39 051 254480 - Fax 051 255600

Tourist Office: There are several tourist offices throughout the area. One in the centre of Rimini can be found at Corso d'Augusto, 235 - tel.: +39 0541 29833

How can I make a phone call from Italy?

To call a United Kingdom landline or mobile phone from Italy, dial 00 44, then the UK number without its leading zero. For example, the UK number 01632 234567 should be dialled as 00 44 1632 234567 from Italy.

Is smoking prohibited?

Smoking in Italy has been banned in public places including bars, restaurants, discotheques and offices since 2005. The majority of Italians supported the ban at the time it was first implemented, but there was a lack of support from smokers and some bar owners. 5% of bar and restaurant owners immediately introduced separate smoking rooms.

Other than cash how else can I pay?

With credit cards: Payment using recognised international credit cards is also commonly available in Spanish shops. They usually have signs indicating this option at the entrance to the establishment. When you make a payment you should show your passport or ID card.

With traveller's cheques: Traveller's cheques, accompanied by a passport, are also accepted in many hotels, restaurants and shops.

Where can you change foreign currency?:

You can change currencies in bureaux de change and some banks. This service is also available in many hotels and travel agencies.

Is tipping mandatory?:

In Italy service, which usually ranges from 1 to 3 euros depending on the restaurant, is automatically added to the check and must be visible on the menu. "Coperto," the charge for the tablecloth, silverware, etc. may be added. Normally, just round up the bill, a few Euro.

Public Holidays 2020

1 Jan	Wed	New Year's Day	15 Aug	Sat	Assumption Day
6 Jan	Mon	Epiphany	1 Nov	Sun	All Saints' Day
10 Apr	Fri	Good Friday	8 Dec	Tue	Immaculate Conception
12 Apr	Sun	Easter Day	25 Dec	Fri	Christmas Day
13 Apr	Mon	Easter Monday	26 Dec	Sat	St Stephen's Day
1 May	Fri	Labour Day			

How can you go online and check your e-mails?

If you want to connect to the internet, no problem! There are nearly 20,00 places throughout the area that free WiFi connections: cafes, restaurants, kiosks... You'll also find it in a number of airports, train and bus stations, and some shopping centres and hotels. You may sometimes need to ask for the password. What's more, many venues offer free WiFi in public spaces like parks or squares.

Remember that WiFi connections have a maximum speed limit, so they're mainly useful for finding specific information. You can also connect to the Internet via your mobile device. Remember to check your usual mobile phone operator's conditions and rates before you travel.

How can I send a letter or a postcard?

You don't need to visit an official post office, to buy a stamp, and to send your letter or postcard. There is a more convenient way to do so!



Stamps are sold in every well-equipped tabaccheria, and not only stamps for Italy only, but also international stamps. Those stores also sell tickets for local buses, besides many other things. So, all you have to do, is buy a postcard from somewhere you like, fill everything out according to the lines on the card, write the country you want to ship this to in big letters (to make sure everyone is able to read it) in either English or Italian language, go to a tabaccheria, mention you want to send this to country xy and you will get the stamp!

If it is not a well-equipped tabaccherie, with enough stamps, you might still need to visit an Poste Italiane Office. Once the stamp is on your postcard you can simply drop it in one of those bright red mailboxes. You will find them everywhere you're looking for them. Usually, they have one slit for local or national letters, and one for all the other ones.

Getting there

Rimini does have it's own airport but only [Ryan Air](#) fly there from London-Stansted.

The nearest airport is Ancona which is 53 miles away. [Ryan Air](#) fly there from London-Stansted.

The next nearest is Bologna (77 miles) [Aer Lingus](#) (seasonal) from Dublin. [BA](#) from London-Heathrow. [easyJet](#) from London-Gatwick. [Ryan Air](#) from Edinburgh, London-Luton, London-Stansted and Manchester, plus seasonal from Bristol and Dublin.