

THE PO DELTA: JUST BEYOND YOUR IMAGINATION 2011

1 - BIRDWATCHING AT THE LIGHTHOUSE

All Saturdays from 2 April to 28 May and from 3 September to 29 October, Monday 25 April – at 2.30 pm

A delightful excursion onboard motorboat Alessio into the dense reed-thicket wetland oasis near Gorino Lighthouse (the area is called Mezzanino Oasis), a paradise for its biodiversity. An area beyond reach by other means and a must for nature lovers. On this trip you'll have many chances to observe some rare marine birds in their natural habitat.

Duration: 2 hours.

Depart from Gorino Port where Motorboat Alessio docks

Departure guaranteed – Booking required

Fares:

€ 15.00 adults

€ 10.00 children aged 4 to 10

children under 4 free

2 – A JOURNEY INTO THE PLACID WATERS OF THE PO

All Sundays from 3 April to 29 May and from 4 September to 30 October – at 11.00 am

All Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 June to 1 September – at 5.00 pm

A real treat for those who love nature, this charming excursion onboard a small silent electrically powered boat will lead you into the dense reed-thicket surrounding the mouth of the River Po at Volano, an important habitat for many bird species.

Duration: 1,5 hours.

Depart from Volano – Oasi Canneviè wharf

Departure guaranteed – Booking required

Fares:

€ 15.00 adults

€ 10.00 children aged 4 to 10

children under 4 free

Notes: Binoculars will be provided during the excursion

3 – LAGOON TREASURES

All Saturdays from 3 April to 29 May and from 4 September to 30 October - at 2.30 pm

All Wednesdays from 1 June to 31 August – at 4.30 pm

An exhilarating boat trip for those keen on fishing. Aboard the comfortable motorboat "Carcana" you'll have the opportunity to visit the old mussel farms, then we'll head out to see the clam farms. While navigating, it will be pleasant and interesting to observe a traditional type of fishing, using the local "rasca".

Duration: 2 hours.

Depart: at 2.30 pm (or 4.30 pm) – from Gorino Port at the Motorboat Carcana mooring dock.

Departure guaranteed – Booking required

Fares:

€ 15.00 adults

€ 10.00 children aged 4 to 10

children under 4 free.

4 - LAGOON TRADITIONS: FISHING AND FOOD-TASTING EXPERIENCE

All Sundays from 17 April to 29 May - at 11.00 am

Depart from Gorino harbour

All Fridays from 3 June to 2 September - at 11.00

Depart from Volano Torre della Finanza Jetty, entry at nautica Nautica Mondo Via centro, Volano di Codigoro

Board a characteristic fishing boat and enjoy an exciting fully equipped fishing excursion across the wetlands of Gorino and the inlet of Goro. A delicious fish-based lunch is on the menu for you as a reward for your effort!

Duration: 4 hours.

Departure guaranteed – Booking required

Fares:

€ 35.00 adults

€ 28.00 children aged 4 to 10

children under 4 free

5 - FROM THE BEACH TO THE LIGHTHOUSE BY BOAT

All Saturdays and Sundays from 16 July to 28 August – at 4.30 pm

Board our motorboat "Cristiana" heading out into the inlet of Goro and, while enjoying the natural scenery of our area, discover the fishing techniques for clams and mussels. Then we will head further out to the Island of Love, a big sandbank separating the Goro inlet from the open sea and where the main lighthouse of the Po Delta is placed.

Duration: 2,5 hours.

Depart from Volano – Oasi Canneviè wharf

Departure guaranteed – Booking required

Fares:

€ 15.00 adults

€ 10.00 children aged 4 to 10

children under 4 free

6 - A DAY OUT ON THE "ISLAND OF LOVE"

All Wednesdays from 27 July to 24 August

A quiet and pleasant boat trip departing from the mouth of the Po river up to the Isola dell'Amore, a small island where an important lighthouse for the Po Delta has been erected. Share firsthand the unique scenery and wildlife of our area and spend a day in tranquillity on the beach, enjoying the unspoilt marine environment of the small uninhabited island in the extreme stretch of the Po Delta.

Duration: whole day.

Depart by bus from the bus stops listed in the table below. Price includes bus + boat ride. Those who prefer using their own vehicle can meet at 10 am at Volano – Oasi Canneviè wharf for boarding.

Departure guaranteed – Booking required

Fares:

€ 22.00 adults

€ 12.00 children aged 4 to 10

children under 4 free

Fares include bus ticket to Volano, transfer by boat to the Island and aperitif onboard.

7- DREAMS ON THE WATER

All Fridays in August – at 7.00 pm

In the suggestive frame of the lagoons at sunset, you will be served a delicious fish based dinner inclusive of our local wines called "Vini delle Sabbie" which will be selected from the highest reputed wine-shops of the area and which will be presented to you by wine-making experts.

Duration: 3 / 3,5 hours.

Depart from canal-harbour in Porto Garibaldi, M/N Delfinus or M/N Dalì

Booking required

Fares:

€ 35.00 adults

€ 15.00 children aged 4-10

children under 4 free

8 – GO SAILING!

Tuesdays from 17 May to 13 September - at 2.30 pm

Departing from the modern "Marina degli Estensi" you will freely and safely enjoy your sailing adventure along the coastline under the expert tuition of an experienced instructor. Onboard small cabin cruisers provided by "OltreMare" Sailing Center, you'll love to learn sailing and you will take the helm straight away. Experience our "hands on" sailing trip, you will enjoy it in perfect safety.

Duration 4 hours

Depart from Marina degli Estensi, Via Fortuna Maris, Lido degli Estensi (FE)

Booking required

Fares:

€ 35.00 per participant. Insurance and UISP card included.

Notes: suitable sports outfit, sun-barrier cream and wind-jacket required.

9 - CYCLING TO COMACCHIO LAGOONS

All Wednesdays in August – at 6.00 pm

On quiet lanes and tracks we will lead you from the seaside to the Comacchio lagoons. The route will provide you with some of the most spectacular views to be found in rural Italy, along the canals linking the lagoons to the open sea, between land and water, where you will enjoy the sight of numerous water-birds species, among which the rare pink flamingos.

Duration: 2,5 hours.

Depart at 6.00 pm from Lido di Spina, the large square opposite Aroldo Restaurant.

At 6.15 pm from Lido degli Estensi, Parking Area near the sports ground.

Booking required

Fares:

€ 5.00 Adults

€ 3.00 Children aged 4 to 10

children under 4 free

Notes: all participants must bring their own bike.

10 - HORSEBACK RIDING STROLLS IN THE HEART OF THE PO DELTA PARK

April 2- May 28 and Sept. 3- Sept.17 : Saturdays at 9.00 and at 11.30 am

June 2- Sept. 1: Thursdays at 9.00 am – 10.30 am – 4.00 pm– 5.30 pm

The meek Po Delta horses, a typical white-coat native horse breed from the highly qualified "Spiaggia Romea" Riding Centre, are particularly suitable for the peaceful strolls you can enjoy in the natural environment of the Po Delta. Accompanied by an experienced guide, you will appreciate your strolls on horseback in an outstanding natural beauty and you will be able to admire the flora and fauna which are typical of the area such as herons, stilt birds, little egrets and even – if your luck is in – bulls and fallow deer.

Duration: 1 hour.

Depart: by the Riding Centre "Spiaggia Romea", Via dell'Oasi n.2, 44020 Lido delle Nazioni (FE)

Booking required.

Fares:

€ 17.00 per participant

Notes: groups of 6 participants. Minimum age of 8-9 required for participants (ask the staff on the place for children admission).

11 - EASTER BREAKS AND "EEL FESTIVAL" IN COMACCHIO

COMACCHIO - BETWEEN LAND AND WATER

Saturdays 23 April - 30 April - 1 October - 8 October – at 3.30 pm

A sightseeing tour of the historic lagoon town of Comacchio, resembling Venice as it originally rose on thirteen small islands and still characterized by criss-crossing canals. A professional tour guide will lead you departing from the historic Eel Processing Factory, now a museum, displaying the working fishing life of the community and its products.

Duration: 1,5 hour.

Meeting with the Guide: at 3.30 pm at "Manifattura dei Marinati" (Pickling Factory), Corso G. Mazzini n. 200, Comacchio

Visit guaranteed – Booking required

Fares:

€ 6.00 adults

€ 3.00 children aged 4 to 10

children under 4 free

admission to Manifattura dei Marinati included

LEISURELY OUTDOOR PURSUITS IN THE VALLI DI COMACCHIO BY BIKE

Monday 25 April, Sundays 1 May - 2 October - 9 October – at 10.30 am

The cycling excursion starts at the Manifattura dei Marinati, the historic Eel Processing Factory, now a museum, displaying the fishing life of the community and its products. After the visit you will cycle along the Fattibello lagoon bank to the Pesca Foce fishing station where you will see the "Lavoriero", a traditional craft system to catch the eels.

Duration: 1,5 hour.

Meeting with the Guide: at "Manifattura dei Marinati" (Pickling Factory) Corso G.Mazzini 200 Comacchio

Visit guaranteed – Booking required

Fares:

€ 5.00 adults

€ 3.00 children aged 4 to 10

children under 4 free

admission to Manifattura dei Marinati included

Bike rental on site € 3,00