

## Fabriano

History

Inhabitants: 30.807 ca  
Area: 269,61 sq. mq.  
Altitude: 325 mt. above sea level

Fabriano is last limb of the Ancona territory towards Umbria, surrounded by green hills beyond which arise Mount Fano, Mount Maggio, Mount San Vicino and Mount Cucco. Fabriano possesses one of the most extended territories in of all Italy, full of naturalistic beauty and historically artistic properties. Fabriano is easily accessible by car via the S.S. 76, which connects to the Flaminia, via train (Rome-Ancona line), by plane (the Raffaello Sanzio Airport in Ancona).

## La storia History

Historians confirm that the word "Fabriano" originates from "Fabrius" original owner of the property where the city was then erected. "Fabrius" became "Fabriano" during the middle ages, at the time the well developed city was also a thriving community of blacksmiths (*fabbr*). In fact the city's coat of arms has a blacksmith pounding steel on an anvil as its emblem since the 13th Century. The territory of Fabriano situated in an advantageous position overlapping the Umrian-Marche Apennines favored the settling of stable communities since ancient times. Numerous testimonies exist of anthropological presence dating back to the Paleolithic era. During the Iron Age (9th-10th Century B.C.) the Picena (necropolis of Santa Maria in Campo) and native Umrian civilizations propagated the area, while during the 4th Century B.C. the Galli Senoni of Celtic origins (necropolis of Moscano) settled and prospered in the area. The town of *Attidium*

## Eremiti, abbazie e castelli

Hermitages, Abbeys and Castles

**Monastero di San Silvestro**  
The San Silvestro monastery founded in the early 1200's, the patriarch of the Benedictine congregation, is situated on Monte Fano in a suggestive panoramic position. The mediaeval building houses the crypt which can be visited and also the Vembrici spring. The painting of the "Madonna e Santi" by Claudio Ridolfi (16th Century) is among the artworks included which can be viewed at the monastery.

**Abbazia di Val di Castro (XI sec.)**  
The San Romualdo Abbey founded in 1005-9 is situated in a valley dominated by Monte San Vicino, preserves valuable testimony and frescoes of the 14th and 15th Centuries. The mediaeval architectural style of the building is very interesting and captivating in its surrounding countryside.

**Eremito di Val di Sasso**  
This antique Benedictine spiritual retreat of the, was restructured in the 1600's and boasts a small church built at the beginning of the 15th Century. A valuable copy of the 19th Century painting by Gentile da Fabriano "Polittico di Valleromita" can be viewed inside the church.

**Abbazia di San Cassiano in Valbagnola**  
Originating from the 12th Century, with a beautiful apse and distinct internal structure.

**Abbazia di San Biagio in Caprile**  
The "Abbazia di San Biagio in Caprile" abbey arises majestically situated near Campodonicco on the Umrian border originally dedicated to Saint Benedict. The abbey was founded in the 11th Century by the Counts of Nocera Umbra and Gualdo Tadino. A fire destroyed the abbey and remained abandoned by the monks until 1443 when the abbey was incorporated with the Silvestrina congregation, who remained there until 1810. The only buildings left of the original antique abbey are the church and a part of the foundation that constituted the monks quarters surrounding the cloister, but nowadays the abbey has been reconstructed and is

used as a hostel. The splendid church is completely built in dressed limestone, extraordinarily taking on a vertical silhouette; a beautiful monumental door with a pointed archway leads to a single nave closed by a semicircular apse.

**Eremito di Grottafucile**  
A rock hermitage boasting a spectacular view of the "Gola della Rossa" and the Frasassi mountains. This hermitage was the solitary abode of the devout Saint Sylvester from 1227 to 1231. Successively a monastery was erected on the site around the year 1265, of which remains part of the original facade and a grand barrel shaped vault, as well as some hermit monk cells hollowed out in the rock.

**Eremito dell'Acquarella**  
The small hermitage church of Santa Maria dell'Acquarella erected in the 14th Century is entirely in stonework internally and externally in its most classic simplicity.

**Castello di Albacina (sec. XII-XIV)**  
A remaining girded wall, the charming tower door and a triptych painting by the Maestro di Staffolo (15th Century) inside the Parish complete this castle.

**Castelletta (sec. XIII)**  
Throughout Castelletta there are consistent traces of medieval remains such as the access door protected by the round "rivellino", the tower door on the opposite side and a fresco by Antonio da Fabriano and a Cross in copper by the German school (13th Century).

**Castello di Precicchie**  
A castle constructed in feudal times is conspicuous for its noteworthy 13th Century layout, with a single entry door and part of the walls erected on rock.

**Villa del Marchese del Grillo (Dimora storica)**  
Built in 1771 by the Marquis Onofrio del Grillo, protagonist central character of a film with the same name starring Alberto Sordi, the residence was the summer estate for this noble Roman. The grand park surrounding the estate, the private chapel, the "Noble" level floor and the grand ex-cellar (currently restaurant hall), are the more important elements of the building. In the past the residence passed from titled families to presently being a classified as a Historical heritage estate of the Marche region, has been and is currently undergoing massive restoration to return it to its original splendor grandeur in order for its new classification as a prestigious Relais.

## Aula verde di Valleremita

The "Aula Verde" in Valleremita is a regional center for environmental education. Equipped with advanced didactical aids (schoolroom, projection room, naturalistic library, etc.) and also a didactical guideline, the center carries out regular didactical educational and environment awareness activities. For further information on guided visits tel: 0732 72328.



## Tradizioni e manifestazioni

Traditions and festivals

**Palio di San Giovanni Battista (June)**  
Reintroduced with success in recent years, this traditional mediaeval event is dedicated to the local patron saint. During the period of this festival the town is inundated with art and craft exhibitions, musical concerts and period costume performances, all the while surrounded by eateries in the form of taverns and inns serving optimal wines and local gastronomic delights. But the two most significant events of the Palio, which take place on the 24th June, are the "Infiolata" and the "Sfida del Maglio" whereby the blacksmiths representing the four town quarters dressed in period costume partake in a 'no holds barred' challenge.

**Preciochie (August)**  
This very peculiar contest takes place in the suggestive scenery of the Precicchie castle, where the finest bell-ringers challenge one another in being the best bell-ringer in the area. The contest is at the center of a festival with period costume representations, taverns and inns and live performances.

**Premio Critica Cinematografica (July)**  
An important study-convention on cinema (with round table discussions, viewings, debates) participated by film critics, famous actors and directors.

**Presepe vivente (December/January)**  
Wonderful reenactment of the nativity event, with fire torches illuminating the mediaeval walled town center.

**Festa di Santa Maria (15th August)**  
Magnificent fireworks display and gastronomy stands.

**Mostra Mercato dell'Artigianato (September)**  
One of the biggest trade market fairs in the Marche region, with numerous stands, where the best local handicrafts are displayed and much more.

**Fiera di San Filippo (26 May)**  
**Fiera delle Cipolle (26 October)**  
These two occasions mark the dates for the great town fairs, bursting with market stalls, gastronomy stands and local artisan products.

## Ospitalità

Accommodation

**Hotel - Agriturismo - B&B.**  
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Via Cavour 103 - 0732.22308  
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Viale Zonghi 29 - 0732.251160  
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P.le XX settembre 34 - 0732.251422  
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Ristorante "Il Ristorantino di Walter"  
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Ristorante Pizzeria "Bellavista"  
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Ristorante "Osteria da Fortino"  
P.zza dei Partigiani 10 - 0732.24455  
Ristorante "Da Lucignolo"  
Via Corridoni 22 - 0732.21387  
Ristorante "Casa del Giovane"  
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Via Nenni 20 - 0732.23185  
Ristorante Pizzeria "Fagiano d'Oro"  
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Ristorante "La Fonte del Papa"  
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## Salame di Fabriano

Fabriano Salami

The noted Italian gastronome Edoardo Raspelli defined the Fabriano salami as a real and actual jewel of the Marche region, an excellence among the typical Italian produce which the recently constituted "Consorzio per la Produzione e la Tutela del Salami di Fabriano" [Consortium for the Production and Protection of Fabriano Salami] intends to re-launch this product in respect of the more authentic salami which misplaces its origins over time.

A publication in 1877 by Oreste Marcoaldi states that "...salami is a Fabrianesse speciality like mortadella is for Bologna and zampone is for Modena". In confirmation of the fame attained by the typical product at the time can be read in a letter by Giuseppe Garibaldi to his Fabrianesse friend B. Bignonzetti "tanto buoni salami ricevuti" [salamis received

were very good] referring to the salamis received as a gift, made entirely with pork lean meat off the ham finely minced and cubes of lard added, seasoned with salt and black pepper. A recipe taken exclusively from the local production identified in the inland hills between the municipalities of Pergola (PU) and Esanatoglia (MC). For further information visit relevant website: www.salamedifabriano.it.



## Prodotti tipici

Typical Local Products



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