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- Tourist information-tourist passport visa - Tel. 0549 882914
- Tourism - info@visitsanmarino.com - www.visitsanmarino.com
- Philatelic and Numismatic Office - Tel. 0549 882353
- Guide Office - Tel. 0549 882393
- Cable car station - Tel. 0549 883590
- Taxi - Tel. 0549 991441
- Police - Tel. 113 / 0549 888888
- Chemist's - Tel. 0549 883858
- Post Office - Tel. 0549 882905
- RTV San Marino Radio-TV station - Tel. 0549 882000
- Kursaal Congress Center - Tel. 0549 888040
- Ancient Saint Clare's Monastery / University Tel. 0549 882540
- Library - Tel. 0549 882248
- Titano Theatre - Tel. 0549 882416
- Cinema Turismo - Tel. 0549 882966

- € Bank / Exchange
- Rocky wall gym
- WC
- Lifts
- P Parcheggio / Parking - Tel. 0549 883808
- Defibrillators (devices in various points of the city center)
- WiFi zone (Old Town)



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OLIMPIA VISUAL PLAN

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## A REPUBLIC COMING FROM AFAR

The Republic of San Marino has a long history, which, according to tradition, originates from a small Christian community, formed in the 3rd century AD around the charismatic figure of Saint Marinus. The stone cutter of Dalmatian origin chose Mount Titano as an ideal place to devote himself to solitude and prayer. Later, a Roman noblewoman named Felicissima donated the Mount to Marinus to thank him for the miraculous healing of her son.

Over the centuries, the people of San Marino built themselves a solid identity, based on the common values of democracy and peace, which is still recognised despite the small size of the Country. Today, San Marino, the oldest Republic in the world, plays an important role in the assembly of the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

The institutions guiding and characterising San Marino are ancient and unique in the world. The two Captains Regent (the first ones we know of were appointed in 1243) hold their office for six months and their institutional functions correspond to those of a head of state. Every year, an impressive ceremony of investiture regulated by an ancient protocol takes place on 1 April and 1 October.

“San Marino is one of the world’s oldest republics and the only surviving Italian city-state, representing an important stage in the development of democratic models in Europe and worldwide. (...) The Site, for its universal value, deserves protection for the benefit of all mankind”. With these words the World Heritage Committee inscribed San Marino on UNESCO World Heritage List on 7 July 2008 thus acknowledging its vocation for independence and freedom and its importance in international relations.

## THE LANDSCAPE

Mount Titano is a large terrace offering a 360-degree view over the surrounding territory: from the Alta Valmarecchia and the Montefeltro area to the Adriatic coast and further away up to the Croatian coast, when the sky is clear. A breathtaking landscape which changes into a unique spectacle in the hours of sunset.

The local nature is that of a land suspended between the sea and the countryside, with the shades of green of olive trees, vines, pines, firs and oaks blending with the colors of local crops and flowers along scenic trails.

Do not miss an unforgettable walk in the open air along the profile of Mount Titano with a view over the Adriatic coast.

## THE OLD TOWN CENTRE – MUSEUM AND MONUMENTS

Dedicated lifts connect bus park no. 1 (Piazzale Calcigni) and car park P.9 to Piazzale Lo Stradone and Porta San Francesco (Saint Francis Gate), both leading to the old town. From Porta San Francesco take Via Basilicius up to Piazzetta del Titano. There, the State Museum is worth a visit. Along Via Eugippo, starting from Piazzetta del Titano, is the so-called Cava dei Balestrieri (Crossbowmen’s Quarry), which was dug into the rock and now hosts the main shows arranged by the San Marino Crossbowmen’s Federation and other big events.

A little further up, is one of the most beautiful panoramic sights of the Republic: the so-called Cantone (Corner). From there visitors can enjoy breathtaking views over the sweet hills of the Tuscan-Emilian Apennines and the Adriatic coast.

Next to the Cantone is a modern cable car which leads to Borgo Maggiore. As you continue along Contrada del Pianello, you will come to Piazza della Libertà (Liberty Square), where is the Public Palace. This square is dominated by the imposing local Statue of Liberty, donated to the Republic by Countess Otilia Heyroth Wagener in 1876.

Going up from Piazza della Libertà, you will reach the Basilica of Saint Marinus. Next to the Basilica is the small Church of St. Peter. Leaving the Basilica behind, take Contrada della Pieve and Contrada dei Magazzeni and continue along Salita alla Rocca, leading to the First Tower or Guaita.

Heading towards the Second Tower (Cesta), you can walk along the enchanting Passo delle Streghe (Witches Path), which offers wonderful views over the Adriatic coast. After a visit to the Museum of Ancient Weapons inside the Second Tower, go down Salita alla Cesta to reach the Cava Antica (Ancient Quarry). Continuing your descent along Contrada Santa Croce, you will reach Piazza Garibaldi (Garibaldi Square), dominated by an imposing statue dedicated to the great hero. The collectors of ancient coins and stamps will not miss the opportunity to visit the Philatelic and Numismatic State Society on the same square. Via Basilicius will lead you back to Porta San Francesco.



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and Mount Titano  
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## STATE MUSEUMS AND MONUMENTS

**Public Palace – Piazza della Libertà:** It was rebuilt in a neo-Gothic style in 1894 according to the project by architect Francesco Azzurri over the remains of the pre-existing “Magna Domus Communis” and restored in 1996 by architect Gae Aulenti. It is the most representative building of the State since it is the seat of the Captains Regent (heads of state), the Great and General Council (parliament) and the Government of the Republic. It also hosts the most important civic celebrations.

**Changing of the Guard:** Changing of the Guard: the Guardia di Rocca is on duty at the Public Palace where the Changing of the Guard is carried out. The uniform worn by these soldiers is very attractive: dark-green double-breasted jacket with white and red braiding, red trousers with a green band, headgear (kepi) with a red pom pom and white gaiters.

Times: from 9.30am to 5.30pm every hour on the half hour (from May to September).

**State Museum – Piazza del Titano** - It is housed inside the ancient Palazzo Pergami (Pergami House) and exhibits important archaeological and artistic remains about the legend of Saint Marinus, the history of the Republic and its institutions. Precious finds dating to the Egyptian, Etruscan, Roman, Hellenic and lapygian Ages are also on exhibition. Not to be missed is the collection of San Marino ancient coins and medals dating from the period between 1864 and 1937.

### First Tower (Guaita) – Salita alla Rocca

It is the first fortress built in San Marino and dates back to the 11th century. Subsequently enlarged and remodelled, it achieved utmost splendour in the 15th century during the last war fought by San Marino against the Malatesta family from Rimini on the side of the Dukes of Urbino and the Pope (1463). Officially chosen as the seat of the Guardia di Rocca in 1754, it was used as a prison up to 1975.

### Second Tower (Cesta) – Salita alla Cesta

It is the second fortress built in San Marino probably around the 13th – 14th century. Situated on the top of Mount Titano (at 750 metres above sea level), it offers breathtaking views. Presently it is the seat of Museum of Ancient Weapons, which houses finds dating back to the period between the 13th and the 19th century.

### Third Tower (Montale) – Salita al Montale

It is the last fortress built on Mount Titano around the 13th century. It was used as a guarding post looking over some stone trenches which do not exist anymore. It was a prison as well. Its entrance gate, which is situated at a height of about seven metres from the ground, was a typical architectural pattern of prisons of that age. This tower is not accessible inside.

### St. Francis Museum and Art Gallery – Via Basilicius

It is housed inside the cloister of the homonymous church erected in 1361. It exhibits an important collection of frescoes and paintings by the main exponents of several regional schools between the 15th and the 18th century. It also displays the sacred furnishings which were once used by the local friars.

### Tickets for State museums and monuments

- Full price € 3.00
- Discount ticket € 1.50: for groups of at least 25 people and for groups of students and accompanying people
- State Museum: free entry
- Combination ticket to 1st and 2nd Tower € 4.50
- Combination ticket to St. Francis Art Gallery and Public Palace € 4.50

Free entry for:

- People with serious handicap and accompanying people (a specific form has to be signed)
- Children under 5

### Opening times of State museums and monuments

- 2 January - 9 March / 20 October - 31 December: 9.00am - 5.00pm
- 10 March - 8 June / 15 September - 19 October: Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday and Sunday 9.00am - 6.00pm  
- 9 June - 14 September: 8.00am - 8.00pm  
- Easter Monday: 9.00am - 7.00pm

Closed: 25 December and 1 January. On 2 November, closed only in the afternoon.

www.museidistato.sm - tel. 0549 991369 – 0549 991295

## Museum of emigration

### Centre for the study of emigration - Contrada Omerelli, 24

Housed in some rooms of the former monastery of St. Clare, it preserves the historical memory of emigration from San Marino.

Opening Times: from April to October - from Monday to Friday: 9.00am-6.00pm

Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 12.00am-6.00pm

From November to March - from Monday to Friday: 9.00am-2.00pm

Saturday, Sunday and holidays: upon reservation

tel. 0549 885171 - www.museoemigrante.sm

## SHOPPING

San Marino offers a number of opportunities for any kind of shopping thanks to a large and widespread network of shops. Thousands of items and souvenirs turn the old town centre into a fascinating open-air shopping centre amidst ancient streets and breathtaking views of incomparable beauty. In the surroundings, there are also shopping centres, specialist shops and outlet stores which offer a wide range of different products.

## GASTRONOMY

The love and attention for the products of our land have made local cuisine a simple art, yet one rich in traditions renewed over the years. Unique flavours, a wholesome cuisine combining traditions with quality to keep alive the huge rural heritage of our country and catering for even the most discerning gourmets.

Amongst courses we can include different types of hand-made pasta such as tagliatelle, strozzapreti, ravioli, cappelletti and passatelli. Then we have roast meats, good bread, piadina, extra-virgin olive oil, accompanied by red or still white wines. Amongst the desserts are bustrengo, caciattello, ciambella to be enjoyed with a glass of Moscato or fine dessert wines.

## CURRENCY

The present currency is the Euro. Since 2002, San Marino has had the right to mint euro coins with effigies of San Marino at the Italian mint.

Base metal coins range from one cent to two euros. San Marino also mints 5 and 10 euro silver coins, 20 and 50 euro gold coins, and gold “scudi” for collection. Since 1974, gold coins with legal tender status only on the territory of San Marino have also been minted.

## FLAG AND COAT OF ARMS

The San Marino official flag is formed by two horizontal strips, one white and the other light blue with the coat of arms of the Republic in the middle. The official coat of arm is a shield with three hills and three towers with feathers on top. On the two sides, there are two green branches of oak and laurel tied up together by a ribbon with the word LIBERTAS in black capital letters. On top of the shield is a crown, symbol of sovereignty

## INTERNATIONAL AREA CODE

+378 (for landline numbers) +39 (for mobile numbers)

## TOURIST INFORMATION AND PASSPORT TOURIST VISA

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Passport visa € 5.00 - Opening times: daily 10.00am - 5.00pm

## HOTEL BOOKING

Consorzio San Marino 2000 s.r.l.

Via Piana, 103 - tel. 0549 995031 - fax 0549 990573

info@sanmarino.sm - www.sanmarino2000.sm

## GUIDED TOURS OF THE OLD TOWN CENTRE

Ufficio Guide, Piazzale Lo Stradone

tel. 0549 882393 fax 0549 882398 - ufficioguide.turismo@pa.sm

## STAMP & COIN COLLECTION

Sale point - Piazzetta G. Garibaldi, 1

tel. 0549 882353 – fax 0549 882363 – www.aasfn.sm

Opening times: From Monday to Thursday: 8.15am – 6.00pm; Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday: 8.15am - 2.15pm

