



Slow Spring 2010

Nature and photography protagonist in Emilia-Romagna Po Delta Park

Over two months of events dedicated to photography and naturalistic tourism and don't miss out the appointment, from 30th April to 2nd May, with the International Po Delta Birdwatching and Nature Tourism Fair

Comacchio – To capture with the objective a cloud of white and pink feathers in the blue sky, to observe a reflex of light in the brackish mirrors of the valleys or to be enchanted by the petal of a flower.

Don't miss out the show of the nature with its beauty and its multiform facets, the absolute protagonist of **Slow Spring 2010**, in the Emilia-Romagna Po Delta Park **from 1st April to 2nd May. Nine weeks** of events dedicated to photography, birdwatching and nature tourism fans, to discover on foot, by boat, bicycle, or on horseback the extraordinary territory of the Delta. Very important and really expected, during the weekend from 1st April to 2nd May, the return of the V edition of the **International Po Delta Birdwatching and Nature Tourism Fair** in Comacchio (Fe), an expository village dedicated to experts of birdwatching and naturalistic photography, with conferences, workshops, photographic exhibitions and naturalistic documentaries.

Special Cervia, the *Nature-City* - Cervia (Ra) April 1/11, 2010

The Fair inauguration will be held on 1st April with the Po Delta Park **Open Day**, that foresees the free entrance to the visits centers of Cervia Saltworks, to Casa delle Farfalle & Co. in Milano Marittima, to Palazzone in Sant'Alberto, to Manifattura dei Marinati in Comacchio and to the Valleys Museum in Argenta.

Slow Spring will open the doors of the Park on 1st April with the **"Special Cervia, the City-Nature"** that, until 11th April, will transform the beautiful maritime town in province of Ravenna in the kingdom of the naturalistic photography. In the field of the event, at the historical "Magazzini del sale" two important photographic exhibitions will be held: **"Nature from the world"**, edited by "Delta in Focus" photographers, with 80 images that will guide the public to discover far countries and **"De natura"** edited by the Italian Center of Fine Art Photography, with 130 images of naturalistic photography by the Tuscan territory and collected all around the world by Italian photographers.

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Therefore, during the weekend from 10th to 11th April, theoretical and on the field workshops of photography will be held, with the best naturalistic photographers and in the most interesting places of the territory as Cervia Saltworks and Ortazzo Oasis, two naturalistic heavens.

Always during "Cervia, the *City-Nature*" a range of wine and food and sport initiatives will invade the old town centre and the Channel Port, as the "Bio-market" with exhibition and sale of organic products, plants and objects for gardening, the Randonnée, a cycle-tourist pedaling on the ancient Romei's Street between Ravenna and Ferrara and Sportur, a cycle-tourist week on the "Tastes Roads" of Romagna. Excursions in delta Park on foot, by boat and by bicycle, as well as the didactic laboratories at Casa delle Farfalle & Co. and the Saltworks Visits Centre will complete these first appointments of Slow Spring.

V edition v of the International Po Delta Birdwatching and Nature Tourism Fair – Comacchio (Fe) from 30th April to 2nd May

"Clou" event of Slow Spring will be the V edition of the International Po Delta Birdwatching and Nature Tourism Fair that will be held in Comacchio (Fe) from 30th April to 2nd May.

The event confirms itself as the main *country event* of continental Europe, with the preparation of a renewed and quality expository village along Argine Fattibello that will see the presence of the best companies of optics and photography sectors, instrumentations and equipments of support for birdwatching and naturalistic photography, specialized publishing, clothes, trip destinations, didactic and environmental education, etc..

These three days of demonstration will be enriched by a wide program of collateral events that will make the 1st May weekend absolutely unique. Excursions, lessons of birdwatching, shows and workshops of naturalistic photography, conferences and seminars, didactic laboratories. Visitors of the Fair will be able to choose among a great quantity of different activities and live a weekend dedicated to the nature at 360 degrees. Therefore, the photography contest "**Delta in Focus**" will come back, dedicated to the best nature clicks of delta and world birdlife, and the contest **Digiscoping in the Delta** edited by EBN, dedicated to all photographers that use this particular photographic technique. To enrich the expository spaces and the historical buildings of the lagoon town some interesting shows of photography: "**Action in Nature**" edited by "Delta in Focus" Photographers, show of naturalistic photography in the expository village and then the best clicks of the "**National Contest of Naturalistic Photography 2010**" edited by ASFERICO, prepared in Bellini Palace (Comacchio) without forget the naturalistic photography exhibition with African subject edited by Namib Wildlife Art, **African Emotions**, in Ravenna and, at Manifattura dei Marinati, **Glanzlichter 2009**, exhibition of the main international naturalistic photography contest, in exhibition from 15th April to 30th May, that calls more and more professional and amateur visitors and has a relief position among world events of photography and nature.

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In the field of the Fair, the **“Festival of the Naturalistic Documentary”** realized jointly with the famous naturalist Francesco Petretti. A contest open to the professional and amateur productions that will be selected by a prestigious jury composed by personalities of the television, science and communication world and awarded in Comacchio on 29th April as preview of the Fair demonstration. During the festival it will be then possible to frequent, from 29th April to 1st May, the **First Italian Laboratory of the Naturalistic Documentary**, a specialized course of cinema and television production that will have as subject matters of scientific, environmental and naturalistic character.

Nine week-ends between nature and tastes, 1st April – 30th May in the places of Emilia-Romagna Po Delta Park

During the nine weekends of Slow Spring it will be possible to discover the places, the tastes, the traditions and the endless facets of the Emilia–Romagna Po Delta Park, with hundreds of initiatives opened to adults and children in the most beautiful naturalistic sites of the Park between Ferrara and Ravenna.

From the 1st April, in fact, excursions on foot or by bicycle in places unique by an environmental point of view and of the biodiversity, as the **Valleys of Comacchio, the Saltworks, Valle della Canna, the oasis of Canneviè-Porticino, the Pinewood of San Vitale and Pialassa della Baiona, the valleys of Ostellato**, etc. For people wanting discover the millennial history of the territory, excursions to the **Abbey of Pomposa**, quite an architectural jewel, to Museum of the Roman ship's charge in Comacchio (Fe) and to NatuRa Museum of Sant'Alberto (Ra) are foreseen. Boat trips' fans can discover the ancient Casoni of valley, operational bases and lodgings of fishermen in the antiquity, the Lighthouse of Gorino, in the knapsack of Goro, or sail excursions on Great Po, from Ferrara to Mulino del Po of Bacchelli.

Wide space in the field of Slow Spring will be given the wine and food and to the match between tastes and nature. People loving the taste can arrive to the Pinewood of San Vitale, Pialassa della Baiona or in Cervia Saltworks and stop in a shed for fishing for a tasting of products characteristic of the Delta as the delicious marinated eels. Furthermore, in contemporary to the International Birdwatching Fair, in Comacchio, in the courtyard inside Bellini Palace, the gastronomic review **“Tastes courtyard”** will be held, with exhibition and the sale of typical and traditional products of Po Delta, laboratories of kitchen and thematic menu proposed by the best chefs of the restoration, lessons of kitchen and many other moments dedicated to the products of the territory.

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