



Press release

Appointment with the nature of Slow Spring 2010

On foot, by bicycle, on horseback and by boat to the discovery of Emilia-Romagna Po Delta Park, from 1st April to 30th May

Comacchio – To discover the most suggestive foreshortenings of Emilia–Romagna Po Delta Park, an only, hanging territory between earth and water that reserves to the visitor continuous surprises. Slow Spring comes back, nine weeks of initiatives, from the 1st April to 30th May, dedicated to the nature of Delta, to taste in “slow” way and in the respect of the environment and of the biodiversity. On foot, on bicycle, on horseback or covering the valleys by boat, many are the offered possibilities to the tourist to gather the infinite facets, colors and fauna that live unmolested in the Park. Very rich is the calendar of proposed excursions for months of April and May – the appointments will be inaugurated in 1st April with **OPEN DAY** of Po Delta Park, with the free entrance in the visit centers Saltwork of Cervia, Palazzone of Sant'Alberto, Manifattura dei Marinati, Valleys Museum of Argenta, that will open the special “**Cervia, the city-nature**” in Cervia (Ra) from 1st to 11th April. Culminating event will be the **5th edition of the International Po Delta Birdwatching and Nature Tourism Fair** from 30th April to 2nd May in Comacchio – dedicated to the discovery of the nature but enriched also by economy and ancient uses and historical-architectural millennial beauties.

Here then the amazing visit in the **Saltwork of Cervia**, an unique place and “home” of numerous kinds of birds, such as avocets, stilt-birds, flamingoes, ducks.. Suggestive the occasion to see the Saltworks at sunset (all Saturdays of the event) with departure from the Visit Center of Saltwork, equipped of binoculars, with standstill to taste the characteristic products of the territory.

Numerous also the destinations of the walking tours, to discover the most beautiful **naturalistic sites** of the Park in province of Ferrara - Valleys of Comacchio, Saltwork of Comacchio, oasis of Canneviè – Porticino, Boscone of Mesola, Valleys of Ostellato, Valleys of Argenta, Bando oasis – or in province of Ravenna: Saltwork of Cervia, Pinewood of San Vitale, Pialassa della Baiona, Valle

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della Canna, Pinewood of Classe and Ortazzo Lagoon. To not lose then the **sites of artistic and architectural interest**, as the Castle of Mesola, the town of Comacchio and the Abbey of Pomposa.

For the lovers to the calm, to not lose the different proposals of walks by bicycle: in the Valleys of Comacchio until **Argine Reno**, to stop and have lunch with a menu on the base of typical local dishes; at **Valle Foce** it will be possible to embark to visit the traditional fishing "Casoni", or at **Altemps Duke's Wood**, at the **Pinewood of Cervia** and the Natural Park or at the **Pinewood of Classe** until **Bevano mouth**.

Very interesting then, for the lovers of the excursions by **boat**, the possibility to navigate on the most suggestive coppers of Po Delta, between Goro and Gorino, or discover the Saltwork of Cervia with a silent electric boat and compare with the local tradition, stopping for this a tasting in the fishermen shed.

During the weekend dedicated to the **International Po Delta Birdwatching and Nature Tourism Fair**, the program of excursions will be rich in appointments, with **free guided visits on foot**, toward numerous destinations of **Po Delta Park**, as Punte Alberete, the Valleys of Ostellato, Argine Reno and the Nature path at Prato Pozzo farm holidays, Canneviè – Porticino, Ortazzo and Classe Pinewood, the oasis of Boscoforte and the Saltwork of Comacchio.

Original and suggestive the **night excursions**, foreseen during Slow Spring, dedicated to the discovery of fascinating animals that live at night, as the walk in the Pinewood of San Vitale to observe the nocturnal rapacious, or the "astronomic" excursion at the oasis of Bando dedicated to the observation of the sky, with the help of experienced astronomers.

For an experience to total contact with nature finally, **walks on horseback** at Azzurra Ranch are foreseen, or at Prato Pozzo farm holidays and on the bank of Reno, at the end of which will be possible to taste an excellent supper on the base of Romagna typicality.

Lastly, on 8th and 9th May, in Ravenna the weekend will be dedicated to the environment and to the birdwatching, with **Green Days**, in the circle of which is held the Po Delta Park Festival "**Environment enjoying mind**".

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