

International Birdwatching and Naturalistic Tourism Fair

2007 Edition Special Slow Tourism

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Po Delta Park

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TRAVELLING THROUGH NATURE WITH MOM AND DAD

***Didactic labs and excursions for children at the
International Po Delta Birdwatching Fair***

COMACCHIO (Fe). International Po Delta Bird-watching Fair takes place for the fourth year. It is one of the most important meetings devoted to bird-watching and natural tourism in Europe, and it will be hosted in Comacchio (Ferrara), in the Po Delta Park in the region of Emilia Romagna, from April 28th to May 1st 2007. The Fair has always welcomed youngsters and families with children, and will dedicate a special area of the exposition village to young visitors and their parents, to pupils and groups of teenagers.

The activities, designed for children of all ages, but also for teachers and parents wanting to approach nature in an active and dynamic way, aim to combine the knowledge of nature and its respect.

Families with children can take part to various activities, mainly the free Workshops of environmental education, proposed by Environment Associations supporting the Fair or by qualified educational co-operatives. For example, LIPU offers a small course to become true birdwatchers, and an interesting competition to test one's skills, challenging others to recognise our feathered friends.

The co-operative Atlantide will teach how to recognise birds and how to “build” some inhabitants of the park through a funny educational game; they will also make children discover all the secrets of the flight of insects.

Together with the association Aqua Scuola e Natura the youngsters will become true artisans: using clay, they will build small pottery objects, like ocarinas and other art items, in the shape of various animals.

The EcoMuseo della Civiltà palustre (Ecological Museum for Marsh Civilisation) offers a lot of creativity and fun as well, teaching how to create bags and baskets using the spontaneous vegetation of our territory, proposing plays with wood, paper, tin and materials gathered from the waste of our homes. Proposals are not over yet: other associations supporting the event, such as WWF, have designed games and workshops for young visitors.

Families will be able to put into practice all they have learnt, taking part to guided tours led by expert group leaders, like true explorers with the total respect for the environment, to discover the marvels of Po Delta Park of Emilia Romagna.

The International Po Delta Birdwatching Fair is also a chance for teachers, children and families to explore the nature and get in contact with the world of birdwatching thanks to very favourable conditions and fees. You will be able to receive, by request, special packages designed by local agencies according to your needs, in order to spend a nice weekend in contact with the nature, or spend the night in “bird-watching-friendly” structures, offering special discounts.

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