

THE PO DELTA, A TREASURE TROVE OF ART AND CULTURE

Among museums, concerts and shows, the Po Delta Park provides a rich cultural experience

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Historic villages, archaeological and contemporary art museums, medieval churches and places where you can re-discover and experience valley traditions. The **Po Delta Park provides a rich cultural experience and several different itineraries to discover and visit places steeped in art and culture** where you can breathe in the history, life and memories of yesteryear.



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In addition to its extraordinarily fascinating natural environments, the Po Delta Park provides artistic and architectural beauty of immense value, which tell the stories and adventures of the past of men and people who have lived in and passed through these places over the centuries. From Mesola to Comacchio, from Ravenna to Cervia, from the coast to the hinterland, you will be spoilt for choice.

The imposing, majestic **Pomposa Abbey, a masterpiece of Romanesque art** just a few kilometres from the town of Codigoro must definitely be visited. It dates back to the 9th century and is undoubtedly one of the most important in northern Italy thanks to its treasures of art and history and the fact that, over time, it became a flourishing, famous monastic centre, whose fortunes were linked above all to the figure of the abbot St Guido. An ideal setting to visit at sunset, taking part in suggestive night walks accompanied by voices and music evoking Dante's characters and songs. On this impressive stage characterised by a magical interplay of light and shadow, you can also whet your appetite with a delectable tasting of wines and local products.



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Entire pages could be written on Comacchio and Ravenna, but apart from visiting the artistic and cultural masterpieces of these two splendid towns, we suggest some original experiences to jot down in your agenda. In the Byzantine capital, you can **try your hand at mosaic art** by going on the various guided tours provided each week and visiting one of the many workshops in the historic centre, where traditional techniques are combined with contemporary designs and ideas. The **Comacchio Saltworks, an enchanted landscape that magically turns pink at sunset, will be the stage for a series of unmissable concerts at sunset**: accompanied by expert guides, you will enter a corner of silence and tranquillity where the notes of music will be the only perceptible noises, enveloped in the harmony of a context of extraordinary environmental value.

Music and theatre will also be the protagonists of a festival that will accompany the summer months in Vallette di Ostellato (Ostellato Valley) The area also includes several **Delizie Estensi, the residences of the Dukes of Este in the Po Delta**, which, in addition to being residences for recreation, served as decentralised seats of government and played a strategic role in the reclamation of the territory. Among the most beautiful is Verginese, near Portomaggiore, which was originally a country farmhouse but was transformed into a ducal residence in the early 16th century by Alfonso I d'Este. For the summer, La Delizia proposes an interesting programme of contemporary art exhibitions alongside two permanent exhibitions: "Mors Inmatura", an exhibition of Roman archaeological finds from a small necropolis a few steps from the Delizia and an exhibition of works dedicated to the peasant civilisation.

All the trips and events scheduled to take place during "Primavera Slow" can be viewed on the new deltadelpo.eu website.

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