



10,000 steps in the beauty of Delta Po Park

Walking is perhaps the only way to fully discover the Po Delta Park in Italy. It takes 10,000 steps (about 7 kilometers) to cover some of the most interesting parts of the largest natural park in Italy, which spreads over 66,000 hectares, stretches over two regions, and is an official UNESCO World Heritage site. Through the Excover cross-border (Interreg Italy-Croatia) project, the DELTA 2000 organization created 4 episodes in cooperation with the Icarus Ultra television channel, which suggest itineraries for exploring hidden treasure sites of the Po Delta Park, namely the locations in the Municipality of Alfonsine and Vallette di Ostellato. In Alfonsine, there is an itinerary of about 7 kilometers along the banks of the Senio River, a symbolic place of the Resistance during World War II, where you can admire the sunsets of Boscoforte, discover the secrets of the mysterious Casa del Diavolo, and imagine the daily life of the women of the Resistance by visiting the house where the movie *And Agnes Chose to Die* was shot in 1976. There are several

thematic routes dedicated to the Resistance in the lowlands and swamps around Alfonsine and Comacchio, which are important to understand and identify the people, places, and events related to local history in regards to World War II and the Resistance.

On the other side, there is Vallette di Ostellato, which is a remnant of the ancient Mezzano valleys - a natural oasis about 10 kilometers long, where land and water coexist in harmony, making it the ideal place for walking, hiking, birdwatching, sport fishing, and nature photography. There, it is possible to admire the Cielo Stellato sculpture park, which consists of 21 large sculptures located in the nature reserve. Inspiration for the sculptures was found in the sky and stars, while they were made using contemporary and traditional materials. Besides Po Delta Park, the Excover project in Italy also includes the Natural Park of the Sasso Simone e Simoncello and its bike and hiking tours, the natural heritage in the Pesaro and Urbino provinces, music tours in the Carnia region, the craftsmen of Campobasso, the Predappio wineries, and the history

of Rive d'Arcano. On the Croatian side, there is Platak mountain near Rijeka, the birthplace and memorial center of Nikola Tesla near Gospić, as well as the old towns and fortifications in the Karlovac county. ❖

- 1 City of Comacchio is known as the "Little Venice";
- 2 Birdwatching is very popular in Delta Po Park;
- 3 Fishermen can be found along the whole park;
- 4 Beautiful animals are part of the nature reserve;
- 5 Casa del Diavolo hides many mysteries.

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