

# LE MARCHE: our region

## Some info:

- ❖ It is situated in the centre of Italy, on the Adriatic Sea, in front of Croatia
- ❖ It extends over an area of 3,743 square miles, for two-thirds it is covered by hills, and the coastal area is 107 miles long
- ❖ It has got a population of about 1,500,000 people
- ❖ There are 5 main towns: Ancona (chieftown), Pesaro, Ascoli, Macerata and Fermo
- ❖ The logo of the region contains a woodpecker, worshipped by an ancient local population



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- ❖ The main developed economic sector is the third sector (services): tourism, trade, transports and logistics
- ❖ The agricultural sector is important and its main products are olive oil, cereals, wine
- ❖ Fishing is a key sector: the main fishing ports are S. Benedetto, Ancona and Fano
- ❖ Industries are widespread all over the region: shoe makers (Tod's, Nero Giardini), furniture (Guzzini, Scavolini, Lube, Faber), household appliances (Ariston, Elica), luxury shipping yards (CRN-Ferretti Group), musical instruments (Eko, Fatar), mechanic industries (Pieralisi), paper traditional industry (Fabriano), entertainment industry (Rainbow Group)



# LE MARCHE: its VIPs

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**GIACOMO LEOPARDI - poet**



**RAPHAEL – painter and architect**

**GIACOMO ROSSINI – musician and composer**



**MARIA MONTESSORI – scientist –  
educational method**



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# LE MARCHE: some sightseeing

**URBINO** became famous in the 15<sup>o</sup> century when the Montefeltro family built the famous Ducal Palace and supported arts and culture – it became one of the cultural centres in the Italian Renaissance – Raphael was born in Urbino





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**ASCOLI PICENO** has several Roman remains such as the city walls and 2 bridges but the town now is important for its medieval centre, full of towers, churches and impressive squares like **Piazza del Popolo**





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**FRASASSI CAVES** were discovered in 1971 and since then on they have been visited by millions of people from all over the world as they are one of the most interesting cave site. The Big Cave of Wind and the Cave of Candles are unique!

Inside the temperature is constantly at 14° and you can walk along the path for 1 hour immersed in an underground wonder!!







**CONERO RIVIERA** is about 18 km long and very crowded in summer as it offers beautiful blue sea and rocky beaches, small hotels and B&B, little villages on the coast and a charming landscape characterised by hills, meadows and sunflowers.

**ANCONA** has a population of about 100,000 people and lies on the coast; it has got a strategic port with ferries to Greece and Croatia, its town centre is rich with churches, palaces and charming narrow roads climbing the hills.





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## THE LANDSCAPE



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**VALENTINA VEZZALI (born in Jesi) –  
Olympic fencer**



**VALENTINO ROSSI (born near Urbino) – MotoGP world champion**



**ROBERTO MANCINI (born in Jesi) – Football Manager and Coach**