

WHAT TO EAT

The area is small but rich in agricultural products such as: apples and apple juice (Gemona), small fruits (Trasaghis), pumpkins also decorative and lavender in Venzone. Honey (made on the karst in Peonis). There are also excellent cheeses and the original breadsticks with pumpkin or lavender.

Others typical products are Gnocchi with pumpkin, the Frico and the trout cooked in various ways.



EVENTS

Gemona:

" Gemona, formaggio e dintorni " : is organized by pro-loco Gemona and the cow-breeders of Friuli-Venezia Giulia to promote the quality cheeses of the Gemona's territory. Visitors can taste and purchase the best cheeses. (8-9-10 November)

From the end of July to the middle of August the "Medieval August festival" take place in the fabulous scenario of the ancient Via Bini and fascinating atmosphere in the historical centre of Gemona.

Venzone:

Pumpkin day (end of october). The historical center ancient city's is crowded with medieval knights and ladies. Restaurants and engastronomic stalls offer: pumpkin's dishes prepared in many different ways.



Lavander's day (10-11 august)

ACCOMMODATION

In the area of Gemona you can find simple hotels, luxury hotels, bed and breakfast, or you can stay in beautiful cottages surrounded by nature. You can also stay in alpine huts located on Mount San Simeone or Mount Cuarnan to enjoy the uncontaminated perfume the nature offers.



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Gemona, Venzone and Bordano

THE LAND OF THE REBIRTH



Gemona del Friuli is a comune in the Province of Udine in the Italian region Friuli-Venezia Giulia located about 90 kilometres northwest of Trieste and about 25 km northwest of Udine.

Gemona del Friuli is close to Bordano and Venzone. After the earthquake of 1976 Gemona has been rebuilt thanks to the national and international solidarity and to the strong bond between the inhabitants and their place of birth. The city has been renovated in its architectural aspect, but even in its traditions.

HISTORY

In the past, Gemona was populated by Celts and later by the Ancient Romans who founded the two customs posts and castrum. In the second half of XII century it was a free town, instead in the XIII and XIV century it was an important centre for commerce under the Patriarchate of Aquileia. After in 1420, the town had a long period of decline, until the recovery in the second half of the XX century.

1976...THE NIGHTMARE OF THE EARTHQUAKE

Friuli became sadly famous in 1976 due to the earthquakes that caused the death of 989 people. The earthquake of 6th May of 1976 at 20:59 p.m for a long, long minute shock the earth of the whole Venzone and High Friuli area causing deaths, serious damage and terror to the people. The earthquake was 6.4 degrees on the Richter scale. The epicenter was on the mountain San Simeone, between the town of Bordano, Venzone and Gemona. Another earthquake on the 15th September completely destroyed the city of Gemona and Venzone and moreover the historical centre and the villages of Carnia, Pioverno and Portis. Today Venzone has been rebuilt where it was and how it was in the past. For example the cathedral of St. Andrew Apostle was built again by anastylolosis, recovering the original stones.



WHAT TO SEE

In Gemona we find a lot of monuments that recall the peoples who invaded this territory. We find the ancient Castello longobardo, The Duomo di Santa Maria Assunta which is a romanico-gothic building where you can see various works of art there inside. We suggest visiting: The Santuario di Sant'Antonio, the Museo d'arte sacra and Palazzo Elti, where you can find the Museo Civico. Venzone has been declared a National Monument, as it is one of the most beautiful examples of artistic renovation. Here we can admire the characteristical historical centre, the Cathedral and Cappella di S.Michele where you can find the ancient mummies whose history dates back to 1647; the Walls that were used as a defence of the town and Palazzo Comunale, an example of gothic architecture. The Romanic Church of S. Giacomo and Anna with frescos of Vitale da Bologna.



In Bordano you can find Butterfly Farm. Tons of colorful butterflies fluttering in a tropical forest. Their natural habitat where they live and reproduce has been created. The site is surrounded by unique plants and flowers. And then you can't miss Bordanomurales. Viewing Murales of Bordano is like leafing through an album of postcards. Each painting tells a story, captures the charm of these paintings.

WHAT TO DO

In this wonderful place you can go horse riding on the Alpine pasture of Mount Cuarnan or you can visit the forts of the Mount San Simeone and Mount Festa.



The Lake of the Three Towns, whose official name is Lake Cavazzo, is a beautiful natural lake, the largest in Friuli. Here, it is possible to go fishing do canoeing, windsurfing or sailing. Moreover this area is rich in naturalistic and bicycle paths. People can go shopping in Manifatture which is a shopping centre and you can buy whatever you want. We recommend buying souvenirs at "Il papiro di Londero Nerina" or at "Panificio Cragnolini". In Venzone you can buy the Lavanda which is a typical plant in this area both as a parfume and plant. We recommend buying souvenirs at the shops near the historical centre. If you are a butterfly lover you will find all the souvenirs about them at Casa Delle Farfalle. If you love swimming, in Gemona you can find a swimming pool with sauna and for the lovers of films there's a cinema which was rebuilt after the earthquake.

