

CASTELVETRO 2017 EVENTS CALENDAR

FROM MARCH TO NOVEMBER

TASTE, NATURE, CULTURE

A season dedicated to discovering the region, its colours, traditions and taste. These itineraries are created in order to promote the excellence of Castelvetro from different points of view, either cultural, naturalistic, historical, its landscape or related to our food and wine tradition. 2017 has been proclaimed the national year of the villages by the Ministry of cultural heritage, activity and tourism. (#Borghiviaggioitaliano) **An Italian journey, Exciting Italy!**

Are you ready for a journey on the edge of wonder?

MAY, 28

GRASPALONGA GOURMET Castelvetro by bike!

The taste of truly good food, among the hills that produce fine wine; a fantastic weekend in a spirit of nature, sport, food & wine and its culture. All this through the picturesque cycling routes of Castelvetro: an **easy bike circuit** suitable for both adults and children requiring no particular expertise, with **tasting stops** at wineries and farms.

JUNE, 3-4

MERCURDO, THE BIZARRE MARKET

Right in the centre of the ancient Castelvetro you will be able to see **shows, performances and exhibitions devoted to everything that is "bizarre"**.

Buy unusual and strange objects from accurately selected stands.

JUNE, 30

LA VIE EN ROSE'

An elegant picnic prepared with traditional products in the beautiful setting of Levizzano Rangone castle, nestled among the rolling hills of Castelvetro. Starring the **Lambrusco rosè wine**, a very special evening enjoying being barefoot on the grass under a starry sky, lulled by sweet melodies and living a unique experience surrounded by hills embroidered with vineyards.

AUGUST, 10-11

GOBLETS AND STARS

August, 10 This appointment gathers **food and wine excellence** in a night devoted to tasting and stargazing. Local wineries will present the top of their products and restaurants will offer gourmet delicacies. A journey through traditional flavours to the beat of captivating music.

August, 11 A **night stroll** on the hills of Grasarossa Lambrusco **under the shooting stars** followed by a wine tasting session and a snack of local products. An amazing tour led by a qualified environmental guide and an astronomer. This event is

promoted by the **National Wine Cities Association** and **Italian Wine Tourism Movement**.

SEPTEMBER, 9-10

CASTLE FEAST AND HISTORICAL COSTUMES PARADE The fifteenth century and its suggestion

September, 9 This historical re-enactment brings back to life **the feast given by Rangoni marquises in honour of the poet Torquato Tasso**, who took shelter in Castelvetro. A solemn celebration will be held in the main square that features a giant chessboard. During dinner, suggestive performances will entertain the guests, dressed in Renaissance costumes.

September, 10 The association Dama Vivente will present the Renaissance-style dresses which are part of the permanent exhibition "Fili d'oro a palazzo". This **parade** will help to explain the historical context and the characters that inspired the creation of these precious costumes, strictly embroidered by hand.

SEPTEMBER, 16-24

GRAPE AND LAMBRUSCO GRASPAROSSA DI CASTELVETRO WINE FESTIVAL

This historical event aims to enhance and strengthen the agricultural vocation of Castelvetro's territory enriching the history and characteristics of its main product: **Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro** which will also be the main topic of the event through the alleys and squares of the ancient village. You will find itineraries to discover the places that create it, guided tasting sessions and a wide choice of stands offering traditional delicacies, You will also find musicians and children entertainment. Finally a parade of carts dedicated to Bacchus will close the event.

SEPTEMBER, 22-25

POETRY FESTIVAL

A four-days festival dedicated to poetry in Castelvetro as well as other villages between Modena and Vignola. Shows and meetings with international guests among which: poets, actors, musicians and other artists that will captivate the audience with the charm of poetry.

SEPTEMBER, 24 and OCTOBER, 1

BANDIERA ARANCIONE DAY

Touristic and cultural national days to discover the best Italian villages certified by Touring Club Italiano through the "Bandiera Arancione" (orange flag) quality label. Italian villages welcoming visitors (#Borghiviaggioitaliano) **An Italian journey, Exciting Italy!**

OCTOBER, 1

PASSA LA PAROLA 7th "Word of mouth" Children and kids reading festival

Meetings, readings, workshops and exhibitions at Levizzano Rangone castle.

OCTOBER, 29 – NOVEMBER, 5

FOTO ART

National photographic exhibition dedicated to contemporary art and photography at Levizzano Rangone castle.

DECEMBER, 8-10-17

CHRISTMAS TIME IN CASTELVETRO

During the weekends before Christmas the medieval centre and the shops of Castelvetro will be animated by an evocative Christmas atmosphere with lights, Nativity scenes and our Christmas market. You will find also entertainment and creative workshops for both adults and children. Also, traditional food and wine tastings