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# Abruzzo



Where the sea meets the mountains this best-kept secret in Italy offers an authentic, affordable and healthy lifestyle filled with natural beauty.





#### ROCCA SAN GIOVANNI

A small town with less than 3000 inhabitants, Rocca San Giovanni as the name itself says, stands on a rocky hill 500 feet above sea level.

It has always been under the influence of the religious authorities, first under the jurisdiction of the Benedectine monks and later under the Vatican State

The main pedestrian street leads to a panoramic terrace where you can admire the whole valley below and the coastline with olive groves, vineyards, orange groves, and waves breaking on the rocky shore and pebble beaches.

The closest train station is approx 20 minutes drive away.

Population: 2,300





#### CIVITELLA DEL TRONTO

The town is in high Abruzzo, close to the border with the Marche region with a population of just over 5000 people

Thanks to its strategic panoramic position on a hilltop, overlooking the whole area around from the mountains to the Adriatic Sea, Civitella has always been considered as a "sentinel town" especially in the time when this area was part of the Kingdom of Naples.

The fortress built by the Spanish Kings, after long restorations, still stands out and is the main attraction of the village.

The town is around 40 minutes far from the shore where you can also find the train station of Alba Adriatica.

Population: 5,000





#### ALBA ADRIATICA

As the name says, the town is on the shore, with long sandy beaches and a clear sea.

In the summer the town is much visited by Italians and there are lots of initiatives and celebrations that give new energy to the social life.

The town has its own train station that makes moving around much easier than living inland. The closest airports are Ancona and Pescara, approx an hour away by car.

Along the coastline, there are several miles of a long bike and pedestrian lane flanked by palm trees, where people love to stroll, jog and drive their bikes breathing the sea breeze.

Population: 12,400



#### **TORTORETO**

The town of just over 11,000 residents, it is divided into two parts, the old town Tortoreto Alta, with its medieval aspect is a terrace overlooking the coastline and the lower part where the majority of the residents live.

The lower part faces the shore, long sandy beaches, clean sea, and a pleasant cycle path running along the coast.

Tortoreto was and is a summer destination for Italians and foreigners who look for a more intimate place.

Close to the shore, there are beautiful liberty-style villas and elegant gardens. Tortoreto has its own train station to reach the biggest cities.

Population: 11,600



### COLONNELLA

Colonnella is a charming little jewel on a hilltop with just under 4,000 residents.

On clear days you can see all the major mountains in the area, the Gran Sasso, the Majella, the Monti Sibillini, and the Adriatic shore.

The location is very convenient for several reasons, the upper position makes the climate always pleasant but you can easily reach the beach in 10 minutes.

The historical center is made of narrow roads, tiny squares, and medieval palaces.

Population: 3,700



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