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Fasano - Italy

This is Italy:

Italy is a peninsula surrounded by the Mediterranean sea. The country is divided into twenty regions and two independent countries: the Republic of San Marino and the Vatican state in Rome. We live in Puglia, which is in the heel of the boot. The capital is Rome. The president of the Republic is Giorgio Napolitano.



Some Italian traditions and celebrations

In our country besides the others religious and civil celebrations that are included in all States like Christmas, Easter, Carnival day, Valentine's day, we have these civil celebrations :

❖ Anniversary of Liberation on 25^o April : it is a public holiday that marks the end of the occupation by Mussolini's Italian Social Republic in 1945.

❖ Workers' Day on 1^o May : it is the day of political demonstration and celebrations organised by the unions and socialist groups; here trades unions organize every year a concert in Rome with some famous singers.

❖ Anniversary of the della Republic on 2nd June : this day commemorates the institutional referendum held by universal suffrage in 1946, in which the Italian people were called to the polls to decide on the form of government. To commemorate it, a grand military parade is held in central Rome, presided by the President of the Republic .



Others Celebration Days

- Pasquetta (Easter Monday) : is the day after Easter Sunday and is celebrated as a holiday in some largely Christian cultures.
- Santo Stefano : is the day after Christmas where we remember the christian martyr Stefano.
- Also in Italy all cities celebrate their Patron Saint.

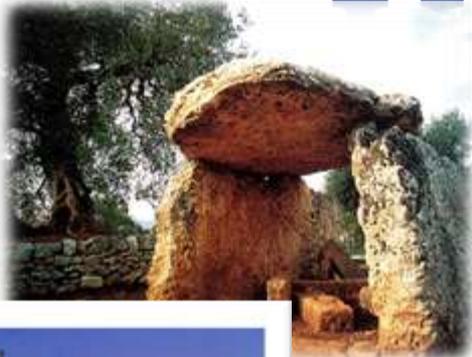
Every region has got its personal traditions that are very envied by all the world.

We prefer our Patron Saint celebration because there is also a particular tradition : “La Scamiciata” that is a historical demonstration of the Turkish invasion. In these days there is also a mobile Luna Park and some concerts or shows of famous people.

Moreover we like “Pasquetta” because we stay with our friends at their home (and we don't go to school).



FASANO



Fasano is a town in the province of Brindisi, in Puglia, southern Italy.

The name Fasano probably derives from the "Faso", large wild columbus doves.

Fasano is situated in an extended area with secular olive trees and its territory extends from hills to the sea with rich Mediterranean vegetation.

The coast is characterized by a peaceful atmosphere that prevails despite growing tourism.

Around Fasano are the Pezze di Greco, Montalbano, Speciale and Pozzo Faceto centres of secular olive cultivation and a range of medieval fortified masserie or farmhouses aimed at agricultural tourism.

Main sights are : Dolmen of Montalbano, Archaeological Park of Gnatia, the Selva di Fasano, today a garden with villas, original trulli houses and zoo Safari with Fasanolandia, the first of its kind in Europe.



Our Weekend

Saturdays

During the weekend at Fasano, we concentrate our funny moments in two particular days. On Saturdays mornings we go to school; in the afternoon we do extra-school activities such as playing football with school-mates, going to the cinema, while in the evening we go out and go to pizzeria or pubs, and we stay there until the midnight. If there is also a party, we go to the disco.



Our Weekend

Sundays

During Sunday mornings we go out to the centre of the city or we go to the church.

At launch we sometimes go to our relatives' and after the launch we watch Serie A football matches or we go to the stadium to watch the local team's football match and we do homework because we have to come back to school on Mondays.



A typical week day

Our typical week day is characterized by some funny moments that we enjoy very much. In the morning we usually go to school until 13 'o clock and so our school day ends. At school we study Italian, History, Philosophy, Latin, Greek, Maths, Science, English, French, Chemistry and Physical education. Here we meet teachers and friends, and we spend some of our time of the break with them. Sometimes we go to the Informatic and Bio lab or in the auditorium where meetings are held. We have lunch at home.

In the afternoon we do our homework and when we finish it, we go to the gym or go to musical school or we meet with friends if we have enough free time. So we enjoy playing football or going to the cinema or to some extra-school activities.

In the evening, after dinner, we chat with our friends or we watch TV with our family. But if we have a date we go out!

The day ends almost at midnight.





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Our families

Our families are usually composed by four or five people : a father, a mother, and sisters or brothers. With our families there is a happy atmosphere. We respect our parents and with them we spend a lot of time; we also cooperate with them when they need our help for every thing : for example we help them with the shopping. Usually, we speak with our mother about school and about relationships with the others friends while with our father we speak about sports and any kinds of problems; but with our brothers or sisters we have lovely arguments, but we take care of them.

The indipendence

We generally reach our indipendence at the age of eighteen. For example when we go to University and change city to go follow studies. For us indipendence means that we can drive a car and go out showing our responsability.

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