



SAN MARINO

Capital: San Marino
Population: 32,000
Currency: Euro (€ or EUR)

Language: Italian
Time Zone: EST plus 6 hours
Electricity: 220V. 50Hz

Fun Facts



- San Marino is the third smallest country in Europe after Vatican City and Monaco; it is also the world's oldest republic
- It is considered improper to refer to locals in San Marino as Italians – they are very proud of their independence
- The entire country is situated along the slopes and on the top of a hill; it has no flat terrain

Rising an impressive 657 meters above the Italian territory below, San Marino clings bravely to Monte Titano in the rugged Apennine Mountains. Centuries ago, there were dozens of tiny independent states throughout the country now known as Italy, and thanks to its strategic location, the Republic of San Marino is the only one remaining to this day. A veritable fortress, the historic center and hill-top capital city is protected by old defensive walls, magnificent gates and and three characteristic watchtowers, which are connected by a ridge-top trail. San Marino is an essential stop among the many cities of Italy!

Aside from the discounted shopping, the charming town streets, great food and tradition, the views from the top of San Marino are unparalleled. “Sweeping views” does not begin to describe the sensation from the very peak of the mountain – where a sense of peace and the overwhelming freedom of the people of San Marino is palpable. It is named after its founder and eventual Patron Saint Marinus. According to tradition, Saint Marinus left what is now present-day Croatia and went to the city of Rimini as a stonemason. After the Diocletianic Persecution of his Christian sermons, he escaped to nearby Monte Titano, where he built a small church and aided other persecuted Christians, thus forming the city and state of San Marino in 301 A.D. The rich tradition of this sacred territory fills the streets and welcomes its visitors with open arms.

It is a quiet and proud jewel of the Italian peninsula, completely surrounded by Italy, but very much its own dominion – with strong traditions, identity, and some of the most boast-worthy views in the Apennine Mountains.

VISAS AND PASSPORTS

Visas to San Marino are not required for U.S. citizens. If you hold a passport from another country, please check with your local consulate about requirements for travel to San Marino. All passengers traveling internationally are required to have a passport. Please carry proper identification (your passport) on you and do not leave it in your suitcase or hotel room.

European law requires you to carry your passport with you at all times.





COUNTRY CODES

The country code for San Marino is 378. When calling to San Marino from overseas, dial your international access code (011 from the U.S./Canada) followed by the country code, area code, and phone number. Phone numbers in San Marino are 10 digits in length. Dialing from the U.S./Canada: 011 378 ##### #### ####.



CURRENCY

The official currency of San Marino is the Euro (EUR)

1 EURO (€) = 100 Cents (c)

- Banknote denominations: €5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200, €500
- Coin denominations: 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, €1, €2

For the most current exchange rates, please go to our Web site at www.globusfamily.com/currency.

Credit cards are accepted in San Marino, and you should have no problems using them in larger shops, but some restaurants may not accept them. It is recommended you confirm what forms of payment are accepted before receiving services. Visa and MasterCard are most accepted. Smaller shops may ask you to pay in cash or have a minimum amount required to use a credit card.



BUDGETING AND SHOPPING

The following budget guidelines are just approximate values or starting values for meals and are per person. Actual prices will vary widely by restaurant and city within a country but below are some averages as provided by our experienced personnel.

The approximate cost of a soft drink/mineral water/coffee is €3-5.

An average lunch consisting of a salad or sandwich and a soda or water starts at approximately €15.

A steak dinner at a mid-range restaurant with dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage starts at approximately €30.



TIPPING

Service charges are included in restaurant bills, which cover tipping for the wait staff. However, it is customary to leave an additional 8-10% as a tip for wait staff.

A tip for taxi drivers is not customary. If you would like to tip, round up the fare to the nearest whole Euro.

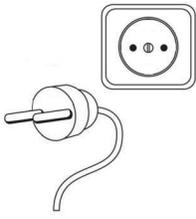
Tip hotel staff €1 for room service.

A few small denomination Euro coins may be needed for public toilets.

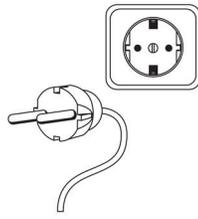


ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

Voltage for outlets is 220V. North American voltage is generally 110V. Therefore, a converter may be necessary for your travels. Adapters will be necessary to adapt your plug into the outlet but may not convert the voltage, so both devices are necessary.



Type C



Type F



TEMPERATURES

The climate in San Marino is Mediterranean with continental influences, having warm summers and cool winters

To help you plan, below are average low and high temperatures for San Marino.

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
34/44°F	36/49°F	42/57°F	48/63°F	57/74°F	64/82°F	68/86°F	68/86°F	60/77°F	54/67°F	45/55°F	37/46°F

To convert to Celsius, subtract 32, then multiply by 5 and then divide by 9.



FOOD SPECIALTIES

The cuisine of San Marino is extremely similar to that of its Italian neighbor, and especially the adjoining Emilia-Romagna and Marche regions, but it does have a number of its own unique dishes and products. Its best known is probably the *Torta Tre Monti* ("Cake of the Three Mountains" or "Cake of the Three Towers"), a wafer-layered cake covered in chocolate depicting The Three Towers of San Marino. The country also has a small wine industry.



A FEW WORDS OF THE LOCAL LANGUAGE

Italian:

Good morning/day: Buongiorno, **Good evening:** Buonasera, **Hi:** Ciao, **Please:** Per favore, **Thank you:** Grazie, **You're welcome:** Prego, **Yes:** Sì, **No:** No, **Do you speak English?:** Parla inglese?, **I don't understand:** Non capisco, **How much?:** Quanto costa?, **1:** Uno, **2:** Due, **3:** Tre, **4:** Quattro, **5:** Cinque, **6:** Sei, **7:** Sette, **8:** Otto, **9:** Nove, **10:** Dieci, **Where is...?:** Dov'è...?, **Telephone:** Telefono, **Bathroom:** Toilette, **Tea:** Té, **Coffee:** Caffé, **Bottled water:** Acqua minerale (**carbonated**=gassata, **non-carbonated**=non gassata), **Cheers!**: Salute!, **Restaurant check/bill:** Il conto, **Have a nice day!:** Buona giornata!

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