



Santa Sofia

SANTA SOFIA



Province of Forli-Cesena
Altitude 257 m. slm.
Inhabitants 4.231

According to the numerous archaeological finds dating back to the Eneolithic period excavated here, the first inhabitants of the area of Santa Sofia, which is located in the Bidente valley, were populations of hunters. The first important settlements developed in the early Middle Ages on the promontories on both sides of the Bidente river. Once the town of Santa Sofia was divided in two settlements included in two different states: Mortano in the Papal States, while Santa Sofia in the Grand duke of Tuscany. In 1811 Santa Sofia became a main city and in 1923 it was united with Mortano, thus becoming a single Municipality in the province of Forli. Among the most beautiful religious structures in the town, it is to mention the parish church of S. Lucia and Oratory of the Crocifisso.

As to historical buildings, worth seeing are Palazzo Giorgi, Palazzo Crisolini – Malatesta, which was purchased by the Counts Gentili to turn it into the town council, Palazzo Bianchini – Mortani, and Palazzo Nefetti, a former hospital housing today the Head Office of the National Park of the Casentino Forests.

In the area there are also other towns and villages famous since the Middle Ages for their churches, monasteries and fortresses, such as Isola, Corniolo and Spinello, all of which have a very interesting historical and architectural heritage. Not to be missed are, in particular, the works of art contained in the churches of Corniolo and Isola.

Other Tourist Attractions

- › Piazza Matteotti
- › Church of Corniolo
- › The "Vero Stoppioni" Modern Art Gallery
- › Open-Air Sculpture Park
- › The Casentinesi Forest, Monte Falterona and Campigna National Park
- › The Ridracoli Dam and Capaccio's Centre
- › Ridracoli "Idro" Eco-Museum

Useful Informations

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