A magical journey through history, fantasy, creativity and natural environment

In Autumn when days are shorter, the scent of moss stronger and nature turns gold, the castles of Strassoldo will host the thirteenth edition of “In Autumn: Fruit, Water and Castles” an enchanting event organized by Ombretta and Gabriella di Strassoldo, owners of the castles of Strassoldo “di Sopra” and “di Sotto” (Upper and Lower Castles of Strassoldo).

On 23rd and 24th October 2010 said private castles will open their doors and the visitors will be able to follow a magic thread winding through corridors, stone stairs and ancient halls prettily decorated with flowers, fruit and berries where many high quality antiquarians, decorators, artists and artisans will present their new collections.

Outside, in the gardens there will be a small and exclusive group of plant nurseries with ancient and modern fruit trees, all kinds of roses, hydrangeas, succulent plants, herbs and perennials in addition to garden furniture.

The atmosphere of the so-called water castles, because of their position on the spring-water belt between the Tagliamento and the Isonzo rivers, is really charming and ideal to produce a “magical weaving between history, fantasy, creativity and natural environment”.

Entrance fee: a ticket of € 10 allows you to enter into both castles, the Foledôr (granary), the Cancelleria (archives), the Pileria (rice mill) and in the park of the Castello di Sopra (Upper castle). The park of the Castello di Sotto (Lower castle) is not included but can be visited (see collateral events). Children up to 5 years old for free / from 6 to 12 years old: € 4. 10% discount for groups of at least 25 people.

Collateral events:

**Saturday:**
- **Conversation** with Mrs. Elisabetta Francescutti on “The restoration of the Fourteenth century cross of S. Maria in Vineis” – at 11 a.m. c/o the office of the Pro Loco
- **Conference** “Sissinghurst: a timeless garden and temple of English gardening, created by Vita Sackville West” – held by Mr. Daniele Altieri at 6 p.m. c/o the office of the Pro Loco.

**Saturday and Sunday:**
- **Visits to the park** of the castello di Sotto, guided by co. Ombretta Strassoldo. Fee: € 4 (not included in the event ticket). Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 3, 4 and 5 p.m.
- **Free guided visits** to the outside parts of the castles and the small chapel of S. Maria in Vineis with a tourist guide. Meeting point: Porta Cisis – at 11 a.m. and 3 and 5 p.m.
- **Visits on a jeep** with wine tasting at Ca’ Bolani in Molin di Ponte – from 09.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. T.335 7262404
- **Didactic laboratories** for children held by archaeologists in the Brolo/plant nursery area
- **Food stalls** in the courtyard of the castello di Sopra and in several other places of the village by local associations.
- **Visits** to Villa de Asarta-Kechler (Ronchis di Latisana) and its park, guided by the counts de Asarta-Kechler – at 10 and 12 a.m. and 3 and 5 p.m. – Fee: € 6. For information: mmkappa@gmail.com
- **Possibility to rent a bike** with navy and multimedia guide for the “Tour of the mills and castles” (in case of rain there will be an alternative tour on foot). An initiative of Sodales Aquileia, club Tabike and Progetto Aquileia Slow Touring. Bookings: info@tabike.it - www.terrediaquileia.it - www.tabike.it

**Sunday:**
- **Ancient music** inspired by autumn inside the castles by Emanuela Battigelli (harp), Sara Clanzig (flute), Federica Tavano (cello) e Giulia Tavano (violin).

**Notes & advice:**
The event will be heald even in case of rain because it is organized inside.
* Suggested parking place: the parking place of the Palmanova Outlet Village of Aiello, shopping centre with 90 stores, which will organize a shuttle bus connecting the Outlet (main entrance) to Strassoldo (Bar Acca/on the road to Joannis) Saturday and Sunday from 09.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
* To find less visitors it is advisable to come of Saturday or on Sunday morning.
* **Other nice places of the area** to add to the excursion to Strassoldo: Aquileia (ancient Roman colony), Grado (ancient seaside resort), Palmanova (star-shaped fortress), Villa Manin (home of the last doge of Venice) and many others.
Restaurant of the area (*those with rooms):
- Trattoria "Al Cavallino", Strassoldo, t.0431-93100
- Agriturismo "San Gallo" *, Strassoldo, t.0431-93039
- "Rainbow-Sapori alla piastra", Strassoldo, t.3395753886
- Agriturismo "Casabianca" *, SS Cervignano-Palmanova, t.0432-924723
- Ristorante “Forum Julii" *, Strassoldo, t.0431-93297/8
- Ristorante "La Rotonda" *, Cervignano d.Fr., t.0431-30751
- Pizzeria "Chichibio", Cervignano d.Fr, t.0431-32704
- Ristorante "Cina" *, Strassoldo, t.0431-93354
- Trattoria "Il Quadrifoglio", Privano, t.0432-928591
- "Dok dall'Ava", Palmanova Outlet Village, t. 0432-836488

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