

Ciao, fellow traveler!

October in Italy is a feast for the senses. Crisp air, golden vineyards, lively piazzas, and age-old traditions set the stage for one of the most enchanting months of the year. Across the peninsula, towns honor saints, celebrate harvests, and gather around tables to enjoy local specialties.

October 4: Feast of San Francesco d'Assisi

Celebrations unfold across the country, but the heart of the devotion beats in **Assisi**, the hilltop town where Francesco was born and lived.

Pilgrims gather for solemn processions, torchlight vigils, and special Masses at the Basilica of San Francesco. The streets are illuminated with candles and filled with the sound of choirs, creating a deeply moving atmosphere.

For those who cannot be there in person, **you might be able to watch some of the events live from Assisi through their webcam:** [Assisi Live Stream](#)

Harvest and Food Festivals

Sagra del Vino in Marino (Lazio)

One of Italy's most unique celebrations takes place in **Marino**, just south of Rome. During the **Sagra del Vino**, the town's fountains famously flow with wine. See the event on my YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/htFNYS2erFQ?si=O7cMDhonI7XoFya>

Sagra del Calzone in Acquaviva delle Fonti (Puglia)

In Puglia, October brings one of the most beloved food festivals, the **Sagra del Calzone**. This traditional savory pie is filled with onions, black olives, and anchovies, baked to golden perfection. It is a perfect way to immerse yourself in Puglia's culinary traditions while enjoying the autumn weather.

Chestnut Festivals Across Italy

October is also chestnut season, and villages across Italy celebrate with lively **sagre della castagna**. The scent of roasted chestnuts fills cobblestoned streets, and local specialties like chestnut cakes, jams, and liqueurs take center stage.

Some of the most famous chestnut festivals include:

- **Sagra della Castagna di Soriano nel Cimino (Lazio)**, one of Italy's oldest, complete with historical reenactments and medieval markets
- **Sagra della Castagna di Marradi (Tuscany)**, known for chestnut pastries and scenic train rides through the Apennines

These festivals are full of local pride, music, and an inviting sense of community.

Other October Celebrations

- **October 7: Madonna del Rosario** is celebrated with processions and special liturgies, especially in Venice and Naples.
- **October 26: Saint Demetrius the Great Martyr in Piana degli Albanesi (Sicily)** features Italo Albanian Byzantine chants and rituals, a unique cultural experience in the Sicilian mountains.
- **October 31 and November 1: All Saints' Eve and Ognissanti** bring solemn vigils, concerts, and local traditions that bridge autumn with the spiritual rhythm of Italian life.

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Jubilee Events in October 2025

- **October 4–5:** Jubilee of the Missions and Migrants
- **October 8–9:** Jubilee of Consecrated Life
- **October 11–12:** Jubilee of Marian Spirituality
- **October 27 – November 2:** Jubilee of the World of Education

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