



2024/25 PROGRAM OF FORIO EVENTS

2024/25 EVENT PRESENTATION AND NEW INFO POINT OPENING: APRIL 2024

Contextually to the inauguration of the new Info Point nearby the Port of Forio there will be a press conference for the presentation of the 2012/2025 events calendar.

FORIANO THURSDAY: EVERY THURSDAY FROM APRIL 25th 2024

On spring, summer and autumn Thursdays the port and the historic centre of Forio become the hub of Ischia's *Movida*, a place and an event designed for the entertainment of young and young at heart people between music, live bands and drinks.

ECOLOGICAL DAY: APRIL 21st 2024

In Spring the ecological Days take place: the main streets of Forio will be emptied by cars and filled by children playing, bicycles, games and entertainment for all. The circulation will be diverted elsewhere to give all islanders a place without cars and without dangers in the name of ecology.

ECOLOGICAL DAY: APRIL 27th 2024

An ecological Saturday: the main roads will be emptied by cars and filled by children playing, bicycles, games and entertainment for all. The circulation will be diverted elsewhere to give all islanders a place without cars and without dangers in the name of ecology.

MATIA BAZAR CONCERT: APRIL 27th 2024

In the extraordinary setting of the historic centre of Panza the group Matia Bazar will perform, for an evening in the name of memories and nostalgia.

INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY: APRIL 30th 2024

An unforgettable evening of jazz that will transform the charming historic centre into a living stage of sounds and atmosphere. The event celebrates art and passion for music in a unique and evocative setting. The romantic and carefree atmosphere of San Gaetano will be enriched by the sensual notes of jazz, creating an unforgettable experience for residents and visitors of the island.

ANDAR PER SENTIERI (HIKING THROUGH PATHS): APRIL 24th – 1st MAY 2024

In spring Ischia has to be discovered by foot: at the start of the ninth edition of Andar per Sentieri, among woods of Acacie, semi-dormant volcanoes and pastures you will get to the typical stone houses, cellars with fans (tunnels dug into the rock that represent ancient systems of natural ventilation) until you get to the hermitage of S. Nicola now become a precious museum on the highest peak of the island, the Mount Epomeo. The path of the wood of Zaro with a visit to La Colombaia (the residence that was property of Luchino Visconti) and the path of Punta Imperatore lighthouse, today exclusive an luxury Resort, which will give hikers an unforgettable experience with tasting at sunset, on the trail of the first female Pharisee and last guardian of the lighthouse, Lucia.

ECOLOGICAL DAY: MAY 12nd 2024

The main streets will be emptied by cars and filled by children playing, bicycles, games and

entertainment for all. The circulation will be diverted elsewhere to give all islanders a place without cars and without dangers in the name of ecology.

DISCOVERING THE SARACEN ALLEYS: MAY 2024

History, culture and active participation of the pupils of the local schools will be the mix that will accompany this interesting event ever held in Forio. The interest and charm of our roots will lead tourists and islanders into the deepest bowels of Forio, among its alleys, where: smells, sensations and rediscovered will be the protagonists.

DORF TIROL BAND: MAY 19th 2024

The Municipality of Forio d'Ischia is pleased to host an exceptional concert by the renowned Dorf Tirol Band, coming from the picturesque region of Trentino-Alto Adige. This extraordinary musical event promises to bring a touch of tradition and craftsmanship to the lively atmosphere of Forio.

ECOLOGICAL DAY: MAY 26nd 2024

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RABBIT FESTIVAL: JUNE 1st 2024

The rabbit Ischia is the oldest recipe and identity for Ischia, in this evening we will taste how they cook our grandmothers and our chefs, all accompanied by our extraordinary local wine and our folk songs

7 KM OF SUNSET: MAY - JUNE - JULY - AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

The most beautiful sunset in the world, 7 km to show its beauty in all it: from the viewpoint of Zaro to the church of the rescue, to the lighthouse of Punta Imperatore. Every day in a different place, with different shades with a different “aperitivo”.

SAN VITO FAIR: JUNE 13rd – 16th 2024

The festivities related to the Saint see the participation of the whole village: the Fair of San Vito, very important for the community, provides for 4 days of festivities: the liturgical phase includes the celebration of the Saint carried on the shoulder throughout the village, the fair of San Vito will then see stands of local products and crafts, performance of the band of music, the illuminations and fireworks. Our patron has a long tradition linked to the vine, so we thought of a wine event, "A Cup of Culture" to show our guests and all the islanders, the quality of our products.

VINTAGE SAILS IN NAPLES: JUNE 19th – 23rd 2024

In the evocative scenery of the Gulf of Naples, the prestigious international regatta "Le Vele d'Epoca a Napoli" returns. A breathtaking event that welcomes classic sails from all around the world, some of which boast even a century of history. A unique opportunity to admire the elegance and craftsmanship of the wooden boats that ply the waters of the gulf, making this regatta a true spectacle not to be missed.

YOGA ON THE SUMMER SOLSTICE: JUNE 21nd 2024

With the Church of Soccorso in the background, the setting sun, and the Sun Salutation on the day of the Summer Solstice: the Yoga Ischia association will be hosting a free yoga session open to all. Just bring along your yoga mat and a smile.

JUDO SUMMER CAMP ADRIANA SERPICO MEMORIAL: JUNE 24th-30th

Judo tournament that will involve more than 500 athletes from all over Italy

“SUONNE DI AJERE” (Dreams of yesterday): JUNE 22nd 2024

An evening dedicated to the celebration of the rich Neapolitan musical tradition. The event takes place in the picturesque setting of Piazza San Gaetano, the beating heart of the cultural life of Forio. The square will be transformed into a living stage, where renowned artists and musical groups will perform the unforgettable melodies of Neapolitan song. From timeless classics to new interpretations, the music will fill the air with its captivating notes and overwhelming emotions that characterize the Neapolitan repertoire.

MONTERONE IN CELEBRATION: JULY 20th 2024

A festival that tells the story of our community, between wine and local food and folk dances: flavors, smells, emotions of an old Forio.

SAN LORENZO UNDER THE STARS: AUGUST 10th 2024

An event that offers a unique opportunity to celebrate the magic of the Night of San Lorenzo in a spectacular and safe environment such as Chiaia Beach. An unforgettable experience that combines the beauty of nature, technological innovation and festive tradition in a breathtaking evening, with "bonfires" and/ or electric lanterns, towels and lots of romance.

MID-AUGUST IN THE FALANGA WOOD: AUGUST 15th 2024

For years now in August we eat typical bread and tomato, on the slopes of Mount Epomeo, but before the tour of the ancient stone village of Frassitelli.

FESTIVAL OF WINE AND SAUSAGE IN PANZA: AUGUST 17th 2024

The most important festival in Ischia takes place in Panza: wine, sausages, our local products, traditions, dances and folklore "N'drezzata" will give you the most beautiful peasant evening ever.

SWIM RACE IN FORIO: AUGUST 25th 2024

The most important swim race of the island takes place in Forio. It starts from the beautiful Bay of San Francesco with arrival at the Chiaia Beach. Everyone can participate only one is the winner!

JAZZ UNDER THE STARS: SEPTEMBER 7th 2024

Jazz day is celebrated in Forio, an evening of Jazz, the virtuoso and harmonic sound of the Sax, the charming voices of the Blues, in a unique concert in Piazza San Gaetano in Forio

SANTA MARIA AL MONTE: SEPTEMBER 12th 2024

One of the most felt by pilgrims and people who love folk, the ascent on foot to the slopes of Mount Epomeo, where the sanctuary of Our Lady of Santa Maria al Monte is located. Here once you arrive and have visited the beautiful church there will be a glass of wine and a plate of pasta that you can eat in the adjacent grove, extremely suggestive.

SAN LEONARDO CELEBRATIONS: SEPTEMBER 10th-15th 2024

The unique devotion to San Leonardo tightens the whole hamlet of Panza, besides the devotional liturgical program, the whole village dresses up with lights, local products, and folk dances.

ANDAR PER CANTINE (GOING TO WINERIES): SEPTEMBER 20th - OCTOBER 6th 2024

From September 20th to October 6th, a busy program of walks, discoveries, wineries, tastings, wine and meetings following the rows of vines that for three thousand years have shaped the landscape of the island on the hills overlooking the gulf, in the sunny valleys, along the sides of the Epomeo, on the terraces exposed to the sea winds, up to the most inaccessible points of the rocky coast. A journey

with multiple facets and opportunities, that each participant can build to the measure of their steps, their tastes and their curiosity. Emotions and pleasures to share with other travellers along the itineraries with the names of the vines that have made honour to the island of Tifeo; in the cellars, where the rite of the symposium will be repeated, while exalted in the eternal verses of the Coppa di Nestore; in the evening gatherings, to enjoy together the glories of the sunset and the wonders of the evening, accompanied by wines and genuine products of a land always generous. With the warm colours of autumn, the intense scents of must and aromatic herbs, the true taste of its fruits and the empathy of its people, the island opens its green heart to those who love exploring it. Have a nice experience.

PANZA HARVEST FESTIVAL: SEPTEMBER 21st 2024

The main course of Panza is transformed into an immense cellar: among presses, grapes, wine, must, farmers, vines and traditional food. While there are those who mend with raffia baskets there are those who cook and those who crush the grapes with the ancient process: all accompanied by local dances.

ISCHIA SUNSET TRIATHLON 13° EDITION: SEPTEMBER 5th 2024

One of the most wanted races in the sporting panorama of Ischia, a Triathlon race that will take place on our territory.

RABBIT DAY: SEPTEMBER 27th 2024

Present in the program of the events of "Andar Per Cantine", this event celebrates one of the most beloved and characteristic dishes of Ischia: the rabbit.

SAN MICHELE CELEBRATIONS: SEPTEMBER 29th 2024

The festival of San Michele Arcangelo involves the whole district of Monterone: traditional local dances, traditional food and wine products, illuminations and lots of fun.

LAMPUGA FISH FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 12th 2024

The event celebrates one of the most delicious and characteristic dishes of the island's cuisine: lampuga. This fish with delicate and tasty meat is the undisputed protagonist of the festival, which offers a unique opportunity to enjoy it in all its culinary variations. Numerous food stands, run by the best local restaurateurs and experienced fishermen, will offer a wide range of dishes based on lampuga, prepared with traditional and innovative recipes. A wonderful event that will shine in the fantastic and characteristic setting of the Bourbon pier, a place of culture and stories for this we chose to show you, it will be really impressive to admire the theatrical stories of fishermen.

WINE FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 31st – NOVEMBER 1st

Our deep Greek root has a *fil rouge* that takes us back to ancient times: vine! Wine is a constituent part of our culture, our history and our records. This festival is designed to introduce our different wineries, their stories and their Flavors.

SWITCH ON" LET CHRISTMAS BE: DECEMBER 7th 2024

All ready to celebrate Christmas together, the Christmas events begin with the lighting of the Christmas illuminations throughout the village: the mayor and the entire administration in the presence of a big national and international music.

ICE RINK OPENING: DECEMBER 8th 2024

The ice rink in Forio has become the protagonist of our Christmas card: the lights in the background to "colour" our monuments and it in the centre under our beautiful Christmas tree. We meet together to

inaugurate it with a show designed for the occasion with one or more protagonists of the panorama of international and/or national skating.

THE GRINCH STEALS CHRISTMAS: DECEMBER 8th 2024

A shady figure has Christmas in his hands... it's the Grinch! Will Santa be able to save Christmas together with the many children present?

SANTA LUCIA CELEBRATIONS: DECEMBER 13rd 2024

The district of Santa Lucia celebrates its Santa, the stalls with nougat, peanuts and candies, lights, hot chocolate and singing competition.

"SCAROLE" PIZZA COMPETITION: DECEMBER 15th 2024.

The Scarole pizza represents the identity Christmas product of Forio and the island of Ischia, the record is due to the strong feeling of tradition that follows his process, for this reason the race take place. Which will be the best pizza of the year? It's a competition for sure! But above all it's the meeting place for the Forian and Ischia culture that between dances, tastings and anecdotes of the elderly in a afternoon full of celebrations.

THE GREATEST NATIVITY SCENE CRAFTSMAN IN THE WORLD: DECEMBER 18th 2024

Francesco Capuano with his family is the most famous nativity scene representation craftsman in the world, coming from generations of craftsman, his atelier is one of the most important reality of the Neapolitan art and therefore the world, he is president of the Nativity Scene Art Representation Association of San Gregorio Armeno and he will be with us for a Performance Art where he will complete a scene in front of the public.

CHRISTMAS LETTERS: DECEMBER 20th 2024

Have you written the letter to Santa Claus? What do you wish? You will tell both in this event that involves not only the little ones but also the young at heart. Santa's knees are ready to welcome you.

OUR ISCHITAN BREAKFAST: DECEMBER 21st 2024

The cornetto Ischitano, the bread and tomato, the escarole "trecciuta", the beans soup, the pizza of red flour, the migliaccio, the pizza of scarole, the zingara sandwich are just some of our meals, old and new. In this fantastic event we will make you taste them all!

WHITE NIGHT WITH SURPRISE GUEST: DICEMBER 21st 2024

Last Christmas period we amazed you with the beauty of our extraordinary white night: the full bars, the shops open, the families walking and... a guest of national level. This year will be the same!

TREASURE HUNT: 22 DECEMBER 2024

The territory of Forio becomes a hiding place for a hidden treasure, all night the teams will be occupied with the discovery of the precious hidden. Among alleys, secrets, riddles and discoveries, here is the most beautiful treasure hunt on the island of Ischia.

FISH "ASSISE": DECEMBER 24th 2024

The most important event of the Forio Christmas tradition: the morning of Christmas Eve we meet before dawn in Piazza San Gaetano for the blessing of freshly caught fish, enjoying together the soup of beans from the history of Forio peasants.

CHRISTMAS EVE BRUNCH: DECEMBER 24th 2024

On Christmas Eve the entire island community meets between the port of Forio and the port from noon to celebrate together: between a glass of wine and a fried pizza we will dance until sunset.

SAN VITO CHRISTMAS CHOIR IN THEATRE: DECEMBER 25th 2024

The choir of San Vito, masterfully directed by the master Gianvito Di Maio is pleased to present the theatricalization of the most beautiful and traditional Christmas songs, the event will take place in the charming Basilica church of San Vito Martire.

QUANDO NASCETTE NINNO IX: DECEMBER 26th 2024

The Neapolitan theatre living nativity scene representation in our characteristic palace doors in Via Torrione.

LIVING NATIVITY SCENE REPRESENTATION IN PANZA: DECEMBER 28th-29th 2024

The traditional theatricalization of the Living Nativity scene representation in Panza transforms the entire Old Town of Panza into an extraordinary Bethlem: the lights, the smells, the burning embers, the ancient crafts, will lead you along the long path through the alleys to the cave where Jesus was born, in walking you will find the old open shops that will also serve local products.

PALACE DOORS ARE OPEN: DECEMBER 29th 2024

The deepest and most relevant cultural event of the calendar, a path that investigates the deep roots of Forian culture thanks to the theatricalization of the stories of the most important characters of our past cultural stage, all this in ancient gates: they at the time undisputed protagonists of our history.

FORIO RACE: DECEMBER 30th 2024

The sportive event of the year takes place in Forio, it involves the whole old town and animates the parties with a challenge that attracts athletes from the mainland. Not just a run but a route designed to show those who run our extraordinary scenic beauty: from the waterfront to the tower, to the church of rescue. An event that will leave you breathless, in every sense.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BRUNCH: DECEMBER 31st 2024

The New Year's Eve the entire island community meets between the port of Forio and the port from noon to celebrate together: between a glass of wine and a fried pizza we will dance until sunset.

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE SQUARE: DECEMBER 31st 2024

Celebrate New Year's Eve in Forio with the count down to the new year, bottle of sparkling wine in your hands and we will wait for the beginning of 2025 and immediately after a nationwide artist will make us dance all night, so we are ready to take the first croissant Ischia of the year, at dawn and just out of the bakeries.

JAZZ SHOW IN FORIO: JANUARY 1st 2025

"Immerse yourself in an atmosphere of elegance and refinement with our Jazz Evening! An unforgettable experience awaits you, with the enveloping and evocative notes of jazz that will fill the air. A perfect mix of musical talent and cozy atmosphere will make you spend a lovely evening. Join us for a journey through jazz classics and the most exciting improvisations that will capture your heart and mind. Don't miss the chance to get carried away by the magic of jazz on a special night to remember."

GOSPEL SHOW: JANUARY 2nd 2025

It's not Christmas without the sweet song of Christmas Gospel! Celebrate an evening of joy, inspiration and spirituality with our gospel event. Join us for an amazing musical experience that will convey the power and beauty of gospel music. With engaging performances of gospel choirs, solo singers and musical groups, this event promises to lift hearts and fill souls. Do not miss the

opportunity to be part of this unique celebration and let yourself be carried away by the joy and faith of gospel music!

TOMBOLA SCOSTUMATA: JANUARY 3rd 2025

The Neapolitan Christmas game known all over the world and reworked in an ironic and unscrupulous key for the enjoyment of the adults.

COMICITTA' IN THE SQUARE: JANUARY 4th 2025

A comedian from the national stages will entertain us in an evening of carefree.

LETTERS OF THE EPIPHANY: JANUARY 5th 2025

Have you written the letter to the Befana? What do you wish? You will tell them both in this event that involves not only the little ones but also the young at heart. Will you receive charcoal or sweets?

THE BEFANA COMES BY NIGHT: JANUARY 6th 2025

Here the Befana brings sweets, candies to the good children and coal to the bad children: cotton candy, music and fun for the little ones.

2025/2026 EVENTS PROGRAM PRESENTATION: JANUARY 10th 2025

The mayor and the administration intervene in order to introduce to the citizenship, the islanders, the press and the operators of the field the program of the events 2025/26

CARNIVAL OF MONTERONE: MARCH 2nd 2025

The Carnival of Monterone is included in the I.P.I.C. Inventory of Campania Intangible Cultural Elements, according to the parameters of the UNESCO Convention. An event over 100 years old, now in its 105th edition, which expresses all the philosophy, culture, customs and traditions of the history of the district of Monterone: : allegorical floats, sausage sandwiches, wine, zeppoles, races, masks and festoons; all accompanied by the Phantasmagoric Band of Monterone, which to the rhythm of "scetavaiasse", "putipù" and instruments literally invented, involve the whole country parading through the streets.

VALENTINE'S DAY: FEBRUARY 14th 2025

The Lovers' Festival fills the historic centre of Forio with romance: hearts, music, balloons, love phrases, heart-shaped frames and themed gadgets. Let Cupid struck you!

SANT'ANTONIO CELEBRATIONS IN PIELLERO: JANUARY 17th 2025

Saint Anthony is the protector of animals, and the community of Piellero together with islanders and tourists, meets near the votive chapel of Dant'Antonio blessing their animals. Then around a fire you can taste the delicacies of the Forian peasant tradition.

SEARCH FOR EASTER EGGS: APRIL 17th 2025

An event totally dedicated to children, On Holy Thursday the historic centre of Forio turns into a magical and magical place where children will be the protagonists of the search for eggs, between cotton candy, sweets and cartoon characters.

VIA CRUCIS: APRIL 18th 2025

On Good Friday, the historic centre of Forio becomes the Jerusalem of 30 AD, as soon as darkness falls the torches and the lights of the fires illuminate the streets that will be a great stage to tell the final hours of the Passion of Jesus Christ.

ALLOR CHE NEL SEPOLCRO GESU' FU RINSERRATO: APRIL 19th 2025

The Opera in Musica del Sabato Santo is dedicated to the painful hours of the Virgin Mary after the

death of Christ. The itinerant event will take place between the stairs of Church of Rescue, Giovanni Paolo II square, Townhall Square and Cloister of Old Townhall.

THE ANGEL RACE: APRIL 20th 2025

On Easter Sunday the whole Forio community meets on the main street of the village to attend the most important and most heartfelt event of the year, the Angel "runs" to report to Our Lady and Saint John that Jesus Christ has risen. The great participation of the people is sealed by the characteristic and traditional song of Regina Coeli.

EASTER MONDAY BRUNCH ON THE BEACH: 21 APRIL 2025

We spend Easter Monday with the first spring warmth on the beach of Chiaia, sitting with the family to enjoy the delicacies of tradition: a happy outing between relaxation, sun, local products and music.

LA COLOMBAIA VILLA OF LUCHINO VISCONTI:

Even this year in the villa of the famous director Luchino Visconti there will be available guided tours and permanent exhibition with images from the set of the various films of the Director. There will be a specific program of events (which will be included in this program) that occurs from June with the Ischia Film Festival (Masterclass and international guests) and it will continue with exhibitions, workshops on cinema and theater, workshops and musical meetings whereas the Villa will be open until December. From December there will be the program "Meetings of the Author" as last Christmas, and the beloved "Studio Space" where for who Wish to It is possible to go studying in the beautiful setting left to us by the Master.

This program is in constant developing, working in progress the details of the single events and the names of the participating artists will be added.