

Events and Celebrations

A ferment of activity that they exalt the great passion of these people for the territory and the fruits...

January:

- To **Monteforte D'Alpone** it is very important the "**Walk of St. Anthony Abbot**" called **Montefortiana**, it is an international celebration, which takes place on the occasion of the Patron Saint's Day.

February:

- To **Illasi** takes place "**The Peara' Party**", where you can taste pearà' with cotechino.

- To **Monteforte d'Alpone** (even out of the provincial boundary) the Carnival is very popular here it is called "**Carnevalon dell'Alpon**", on this occasion people elect the masks of the village the "Re Torbolin" and "Sior Carnevale", all the celebrations will be accompanied by rich gourmet big meals, and you can taste potato dumplings, chiacchere (grustoli), fritters, sweet ravioli (rufioi), everything will be accompanied by Soave wine and white Novello, called "Torbolin".

- The Saturday before Lent always keeps to **Monteforte d'Alpone** the nightly paraded of **allegorical wagons** and of masked groups . The Tuesday before Lent keeps a bigger procession, which attracts many guests and tourists from all the world.

- On the last Tuesday of the month at **Soave** takes place **the agricultural fairy**.

March:

- On the first Sunday of the month to **Montecchia di Crosara** takes a **walk upon the hills**.

April:

- Between the end of March and the beginning of April to **Soave** there will be an **international exhibition of electric, ancient and collection guitars**.

May:

- During the third weekend to **Colognola a i Colli** takes place "**The peas village fair**" a typical product in addition to the wine of Colognola. The importance of this product in the village economy, is testified by the Carnival tradition, in which the most typical masks are the "**Biso**" **king** and the "**Lasagna**" **queen**. In fact the local dish is Lasagne with peas.

- To **Colognola ai Colli** takes also place the "**Showcase of local wines**".

- To **Montecchia di Crosara** will be performed many musical exhibitions.

- On the third Sunday of the month at **Soave** takes place the **medieval festival** of the white wine, on this occasion many authorities of Veneto and many important people, who come from all over Italy, get together in the Soave Castle to take part to a ceremony.. During this the Order of the Imperial Castellania of Suavia (a group of young ladies, who have in common the love for the Soave wine; this association was born in 1971) renew the rite of the Lady of the castle, the princess of Swabia, who was Federico della Scala's wife in the fourteenth century. Federico della Scala was the Valpolicella's count and he discovered that the white wine contained some regenerative qualities. During the medieval festival of the white wine, it takes place a recalling of situations of medieval life with fancy dressed characters, a classical parade, a reproduction of a medieval market and a representation of ancient arts and crafts.

- To **Soave** takes place **in the castle the ceremony of investiture of the Ladies of the Castle**, who belong to the Order of the Imperial Castellana of Swabia, accompanied by an historical parade and by the participation of many confraternities.

- Around the end of the month to **Monteforte d'Alpone** takes place the famous **wine-festival** (born in 1959) **and the artists-festival**, who get together in the square, on this occasion there is the prize-giving of the wine producers and of the best Soave and all this is accompanied by several folk and gourmet events.

In addition to this you can participate to the guided visits of the wine vaults of Monteforte and the conventions dedicated to the soave wine.

Nowadays in addition to the wine festival there is an exhibition, called "Vinchioistro", where you can taste wines and some specialities, offered by the local agricultural farms.

- On the third Sunday of the month, to **Roncà**, together with a national bicycle race, takes place "**The Lessin Durello Festival**".

June:

- On the first Sunday of June to **Cazzano di Tramigna** takes place the cherries provincial show "**La Sagra delle More**".

- On the third Sunday of June to **Montecchia di Crosara** takes place the **Cherries Festival**.

- At the beginning of the month to **Brognoligo** takes place **the cherries Feast and the Saint's wine Feast**.

- On the last Sunday takes place to **San Giovanni Ilarione** **the Castle's cherries Feast**.

- On the last Saturday of the month to **Soave**, takes place in the Scaligero Castle's courtyard a **manifestation with European and national chorus**.

July:

- On the third Sunday of the month to **Castelcerino di Soave**, **Saint Maria Maddalena Feast**.

- On the fourth Sunday of the month to **Terrossa**, takes place, in Maria Maddalena's occasion, **the donkey's ancient Palio** a nice ride, where the jockeys ride donkeys. Before the competition there is a parade of floats.

August:

- The 5th of August to **Montecchia di Crosara** takes place **the Castle's Madonna Feast**.

- On the 10th of August to **Monteforte d'Alpone** takes place a great gourmet manifestation during **S. Lorenzo's night**.

September:

- On the second Sunday to **Cazzano di Tramigna** takes place the **iris' market-exhibition**.

- On the second Sunday to **Monteforte d'Alpone** takes place the famous "**Grape-harvest Festival**" where the protagonists are the artists of the village, because they are engaged in a competition (wine treading), ancient agricultural tradition, to win the Palio.

- On the third Sunday of the month to **Soave** takes place **the grape's Feast**, born in 1929, thanks to a Luigi Zannini's idea, who was the wine growers cooperative President. During this Feast there are many cultural activities: art and photograph shows, conventions

about the wine, music and dance and obviously you can taste Soave wine.
At the end of the Feast takes place the Castle's fire, a very enchanting pyrotechnics display.

October:

- To **Montecchia di Crosara** takes place many **theatrical performances**.
- On the second Sunday of the month to **San Giovanni Ilarione** takes place the **chestnuts' Feast**.

December:

- During the Christmas' period to Palazzo del Capitano in **Soave** takes place the **great crib**, the biggest one in Veneto, and in the S.Maria of Domenicani's church there is an exhibition of many cribs.

- Every third week of the month to Soave takes place the antique market.