



A scenic landscape featuring a river, a dilapidated barn, and a cloudy sky. The river flows from the foreground towards the right, bordered by green fields. In the middle ground, a large, weathered barn stands on a grassy bank, surrounded by several hay bales. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds against a blue background. The overall scene is peaceful and rural.

DISCOVERING
ALFONSINE

HOW TO GET THERE

Alfonsine is located northeast of Lugo, where the main road Adriatica SS16 meets the provincial road Naviglio SP8; the main road, which is named via Reale in Alfonsine, connects Ferrara with Ravenna and the latter leads to Bagnacavallo.

A CULTURE OF COMMITMENT

Today Alfonsine is a flourishing and important modern farming area, thanks to the commitment of many generations of local people who defended and rebuilt their town over the centuries and in recent times. The locals' commitment to their heritage is shown in their strong and warm character and is also manifested in the widespread interest for culture.

HISTORY

The town's origins are linked to a family called Calcagnini. In 1465 Borso d'Este, the Duke of Ferrara, donated land to the Count Teofilo Calcagnini; these territories were located on the right side of the river Po di Primaro and included the towns of Filo and Longastrino. They consisted mainly of woods and marshes and Teofilo started a series of reclamation

works that his son Alfonso continued to carry out; the son called the reclaimed lands "Le Alfonsine". Alfonsine was on the border between the municipality of Ravenna and the lands of the Este, so the boundaries were disputed for a long time and Alfonsine became a municipality only in 1814. In June 1914 the town appeared in the newspapers' headlines because of the "Settimana Rossa", in which the town hall and the local church were burnt down. During fascism, the locals suffered harsh repression. Toward the end of World War II the town became a key battle front for a very long time, resulting in a devastating 75% destruction of all buildings; the historic town centre disappeared and a new town was built on the left bank of the river Senio.



CALCAGNINI
COAT OF ARMS





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PIAZZA DELLA RESISTENZA

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VIA PRIMO MAGGIO
VIA REALE
VIA STAZIONE
VIA RASPOVA
VIA EUMEO COSTA
VIA DEGLI ORSINI CERVI
VIA RAVENNA
VIA TOSCANA
VIA SALVADOR ALLENDE
VIA FRATELLI CERV
VIA DON GIOVANNI MINZONI
VIA ALCIDE DE GASPERI
VIA DEGLI ORSINI
VIA ALFREDO BALLOTTA
VIA GIOVANNI XXIII
VIA D
VIA BORSE
VIA LUIGI LIVERANI
VIA EUGENIO CURIE
VIA AGIDE SAMARITAN
VIA MARIO PASI
VIA GIUSEPPE VERDI
VIA CARLO MARGOTTI
VIA 4 NOVEMBRE
VIA FRATELLI ROSSELLI
VIA ALFREDO BALLOTTA
VIA ETTORRE ZALAME ANI
VIA BRUNO BUZZI
VIA BEDESCHI
VIA AURELIO RAVATOL
VIA GOTTFRIDO MAMELLI
TORRENTE SENIO
CORSO GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI
VIA 2 GIUGNO
VIA REALE
VIA DESTRA SENIO

THINGS TO SEE

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MUSEO DELLA BATTAGLIA DEL SENIO

Piazza della Resistenza, 2 - Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 09:00 - 12:00 and 14:00 - 17:00; in April and May also Saturday and Sunday, 09:00 - 12:00 and 15:00 - 18:00; during the rest of the year open on Saturday by appointment (tel. 347 4628668); closed: August, 01/01, 01/05 and the afternoons preceding a public holiday Tel. +39 0544 84302 / 866672; e-mail museodelsenio@racine.ra.it

Museo del Senio is a modern museum documenting the final stages of the attacks on the Gothic Line, culminating with the battle of April the 10th 1945, an important event of World War II. The museum has two main displays: one is about the transit of the Allied troops and the other documents partisan resistance in Romagna. The collection includes a large number of photographs, original maps, military uniforms and equipment, flags and military items that were converted for everyday use after the conflict. In 1997, the **Istituto Storico della Resistenza e dell'Età Contemporanea** of the Province of Ravenna has joined the museum on site with its 10,000 plus books collection about resistance and contemporary history.

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CHIESA ARCIPRETALE DI SANTA MARIA

Corso della Repubblica, 22 - Tel. +39 0544 81357; e-mail ufficiocultura@comune.alfonsine.ra.it

The original 19th century church was destroyed by World War II bombing; this reconstruction lies on the site of the "new town". The interior features remarkable windows in the apse and valuable ceramics made by Gaetano Dalmonte from Faenza. The canvas depicting *The Christening of Jesus* was painted by Anacleto Margotti and donated to the church as a reconciliation token by a former U.S. airman who had taken part in the bombing of Alfonsine; it features an early mural paint created by the young Margotti and now destroyed. Jesus facial features closely resemble those of the pilot and hero Francesco Baracca.

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IN THE AREA

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RISERVA NATURALE DI ALFONSINE (see page 154)

CASA MONTI

Via Passetto, 3 - Opening hours: from September to November and from March to May, Monday to Friday, 09:00 - 13:00, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday also 14:00 - 17:00; from December to February and from June to August, Monday to Friday, 09:00 - 13:00; closed: Saturday, Sunday, from 22/12 to 06/01 and from 09 to 24/08 - Free admission - Tél. +39 0544 869808

The house where the neoclassical poet Vincenzo Monti was born is located about 1 km from the town centre, in an area formerly known as "Ortazzo".

The house has been recently restored and now houses a museum. From the outside it's a beautiful 18th century two-storey rural house with several memorial plaques on the façade. Inside there is a large staircase leading upstairs to the Museo Montiano; the museum has three rooms: "Sala della culla" (with a display of antique furniture), "Sala dei documenti" (with very rare first printed editions) and "Saletta Montiana" (with the precious 18th century marble bust of Monti, several items and manuscripts of the poet



and of his daughter Costanza). The ground floor houses the information centre of Parco del Delta e della Riserva di Alfonsine and its natural history museum.

CASA DELL'AGNESE

Via Destra Senio, 88 - Tel. +39 0544 81208 / +39 338 8002962; e-mail casadeldiavolo@libero.it - www.lacasadeldiavolo.it

From the river Senio walk along the Canale Destra Reno (make sure it's on your right) for about 1 km and you will reach Casa dell'Agnese; this is a typical late 19th century rural house with all the original features (bricks and mud walls, flat tiles and thatch in the attic).

In 1975 the director Giuliano Montaldo shot his film *L'Agnese va a morire* here. The cattle shed has a display of farming tools that were once used in the fields and at home. The wide shaded barnyard also features the old barn and the oven. In summer the house hosts cultural events.

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SHOPPING

SHOPS

In Alfonsine most shops are located on the left bank of the river, in the area near piazza Gramsci, corso Matteotti and corso della Repubblica; shops on the right bank of the river Senio can be found mainly along corso Garibaldi.

MARKETS

- Monday morning: piazza Resistenza - **Weekly market**
- Thursday morning: piazza Monti - **Weekly market**
- **Roba vècia e roba nova** - Street market with new and vintage items, art and collectibles, furniture and other things - Last Sunday of the month, from September to May, from 09:00 till sunset: piazza Gramsci - Tel. +39 0544 866667 / +39 339 8503411; e-mail seganti.stefano@comune.alfonsine.ra.it

MAIN EVENTS

Dates are subject to change. For information please visit the website www.romagnadeste.it

FEBRUARY - Carnevale Alfonsinese - Traditional carnival parade with floats and costumes in the streets of the town

APRIL 10 - Official celebration of the anniversary of Liberation in Alfonsine

APRIL 25 - Nel Senio della Memoria - Remembrance day celebrating Battaglia del Senio, Resistance and the Constitution with theatre shows, music, history and tales along the banks of the river, for pedestrians and cyclists
Tel. +39 0544 866672 - www.nelseniodellamemoria.it

🍷 **LAST of MAY - Sagra delle Alfonsine** - Traditional feast
Tel. +39 0544 866648

JULY and AUGUST - Pensiero, narrazione e voce - Poetry, literature and music in private and public gardens

🍷 **2nd of OCTOBER - Festa dell'Uva** - Wine tastings with the sommeliers from the national association AIS; dance and folk music, arts and craft, exhibitions and gastronomy
Tel. +39 339 8503411

OCTOBER 31 - La Festa di Halloween
Tel. +39 0544 866667/673

Tourist Information Centre at Casa Monti
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