

## **Il Palio delle Barche at Passignano sul Trasimeno From 21/07/2008 to 27/07/2008**

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The middle Ages and Renaissance live on the shores of Lake Trasimeno

In 1495 a small army of Siennese and Perugian exiles occupied the castle of Passignano, but Perugia's reaction was so violent that the invaders hoisted boats on their shoulders and crossing the lake, tried to save themselves by sailing in the direction of the islands, but in vain. From that event of long ago comes the present-day Palio delle Barche (Boat race). It is highly spectacular, and unique of its type, a race that is divided into three stages: the first and the third in water, the second on the land, the contestants with the boats on their shoulders crossing the narrow streets of the historic centre. The race, which takes place on the last Sunday of July, involves no less than 160 contestants divided into four neighbourhoods: Historic Centre, Centre 2, Oliveto and S. Donato. They take as symbol four lake fish: Queen Carp, Pike, Eel and Perch. During the Palio there is also the "Corsa delle Brocche" that is restricted to women.

The programme includes:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: neighbourhoods individual trials

Friday: "Corsa delle Brocche"

Saturday: launching of the challenge

Sunday: Historic Parade and Palio delle Barche

Taverns are open every evening.

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Villa La Rogaia is an agriturismo situated near Lago Trasimeno in Umbria, Italy. It offers holiday apartments and a variety of creative classes, such as painting, dancing, cooking, Italian language and many others. It offers also special holiday events, like participating in the olive harvest. Villa La Rogaia is also an organic farm, that cultivates olive trees, produces finest extravergine olive oil and raises medicinal herbs and fragrant plants

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