



Routes Europe to Land in Rimini, Emilia Romagna in May 2026
The 19th annual international event bringing together key airline, airport, and destination stakeholders will be held in Rimini from May 18-20, 2026



The airline industry's most important networking event will be held in the northern Italian region of Emilia Romagna for the first time in 2026. The 19th annual Routes Europe event, to be held May 18-20, 2026, in the city of Rimini, will host key stakeholders of Europe's leading airlines, airports, and destinations for three days of meetings, presentations, debates, round tables, and evening networking events.

More than 1,000 delegates and representatives of 100 leading airlines, airports, and tourist boards from all over the world are expected in Rimini. The event is part of the regional development plan of the integrated airport network of Emilia-Romagna and was made possible thanks to the Emilia-Romagna Region, the Municipality of Rimini, and Rimini and San Marino International Airport.

According to an independent analysis, airports in the previous host destinations saw their networks grow by around 6.9% more than comparable airports within three years, generating a direct turnover of 42 million euros.

Roberta Frisoni, Councillor for Tourism, and Trade of the Emilia Romagna Region, emphasized the importance of this event: "Hosting Routes is a major opportunity to further develop an integrated strategy for our regional airport network—Bologna, Rimini, Forlì, and Parma. This globally significant event will enhance Emilia-Romagna's visibility as a top-tier destination in international markets, while also encouraging investment and strengthening collaborative networks. It's a unique platform to showcase the region's most compelling tourism experiences—from motorsports and cultural heritage to seaside escapes, active holidays, and slow tourism."

About Routes

Routes events, part of Aviation Week Network, are unique annual forums dedicated to the development of new air services. Regional route development forums are held in the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Africa/Middle East. The flagship Routes World event takes place in September or October. The events are attended by senior decision-makers from the world's leading airlines, airports, and the destinations they serve. The events revolve around pre-scheduled meetings, an exhibition, and conference which are delivered in partnership with

host stakeholders. Each year, the events are hosted by a different destination. Hosts tend to be a collaboration between airports, tourism authorities, and investment partners. The bidding process takes place two to three years before the event takes place.

About Rimini: A blend of history, culture, and modernity

Rimini, located on Emilia Romagna's Adriatic coast, is a city that seamlessly blends its rich historical heritage with modern attractions. Known for its long sandy beaches, vibrant nightlife, and cultural landmarks, Rimini offers a unique experience for visitors.

Rimini's top 5 attractions not to miss:

1. **Arco d'Augusto (Arch of Augustus)**: This ancient Roman triumphal arch, built in 27 BC, is the oldest of its kind in northern Italy. It stands as a testament to Rimini's historical significance and offers a glimpse into the city's Roman past.
2. **Tempio Malatestiano**: Also known as the Malatesta Temple, this early Renaissance church was designed by the renowned architect Leon Battista Alberti. It houses beautiful frescoes and the tombs of the Malatesta family, who ruled Rimini in the 13th century.
3. **Ponte di Tiberio (Tiberius Bridge)**: This iconic Roman bridge, completed in 21 AD, spans the Marecchia River and is still in use today. It is a remarkable example of ancient engineering and a popular spot for visitors.
4. **Rimini beaches**: Stretching 9 miles along the Adriatic coast, Rimini's beaches are a major draw for visitors from Italy and beyond. With fine sandy shores, excellent bathing facilities, and a lively promenade lined with restaurants, bars, and hotels, the beaches offer a perfect blend of relaxation and entertainment.
5. **Federico Fellini International Museum**: Rimini was the hometown of Federico Fellini, one of the most influential filmmakers in the history of cinema. His legacy is celebrated at the Federico Fellini International Museum – the world's largest museum devoted to the life and work of the Italian film director and screenwriter. The museum offers a fascinating journey into the mind of the visionary director and showcases his iconic films, props and memorabilia.

Rimini's appeal extends beyond its top attractions. The city is home to a thriving culinary scene, with a wide range of dining options from traditional street food stalls to exclusive restaurants. Must-try dishes include fresh pasta dishes like *strozzapreti* and *tagliatelle al ragù* and the mouth-watering *piadina*, a local flatbread often filled with delicious ingredients. For dessert, visitors can indulge in a creamy gelato while strolling along Rimini's famous promenade.

For further information on Rimini, please visit:

<https://rimiturismo.it/en>.

For further information on ROUTES, please visit:

<https://www.routesonline.com>.

For further information on Emilia Romagna, please visit:

[Emilia Romagna Turismo – official tourist information website](#)

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Emilia Romagna



How to get there:

Emilia Romagna Region is in the North of Italy, just over the Apennine Mountains from Tuscany. Visitors from North America can reach the region's international airports in Bologna and Rimini by connecting through other major European airports.

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