



**BORGO  
SANT'ANTONIO  
PORTA PESA**



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## **Celebration for Sant'Antonio abate**

**15 January 2023**

The celebration for Sant'Antonio abate, protector of all animals, is in Perugia on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, in the ancient district dedicated to the Eremite Saint.

The occasion, deeply felt and attended by the inhabitants of the district, attracts many spectators along the narrow medieval lanes to assist to the official celebrations and all side events of the rich programme. The celebration, in its simplicity, involves actively the bystanders, who become in their turn, part of the event itself.

The benediction of the animals is certainly one of the most fascinating moment for the peculiar atmosphere it creates, exalting the sharing of values as sociality, sense of community, respect and love for animals.

It will finally be possible to relive this magic atmosphere for the 2023 edition, without all pandemic restriction of the latest years

Again, along the streets of the District the market – exhibition with multi-coloured stalls, the stables for domestic animals, the procession with the Statue of the Saint, exhibitions of local artists, the big concert of the Filarmonica di Pila, the music of the street bands and the tasting of traditional products.

Many the novelties and surprises for all visitors, starting from the naming of the “Piazzetta del porcellino” recalling in the District the regular monks of Vienne. This will turn out a special occasion for a guided tour to not so known places of our Borgo Sant'Antonio.

History, tradition, innovation, a mix of proposals for those loving to redescover the beauty of our city and of its ancient Districts.

*Viva Sant'Antonio*