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Things to do in Ancona, Italy. An Itinerary of Food, Art & Travel in the Marche region in Italy, between the countryside and the seaside.



When I first was invited to the Marche region, in Italy, to explore the urban art and flavors of the Ancona area, I was a little surprised. I already knew that food in the Marche region (<http://www.everysteph.com/eat-italy-marche-food-guide/>) is some of the best, but I had no idea that a project such as the Pop Up! Festival existed there.

M.A.C., the cultural enterprise behind the festival, is also the mind behind the POP UP! GLUPPA Art, Food and Travel project whose goal is to bring the festival to the world. www.gluppa.com is the official website where you can find all the information about the festival and the street food fair. www.gluppa.com is the official website where you can find all the information about the festival and the street food fair. www.gluppa.com is the official website where you can find all the information about the festival and the street food fair.

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Then we headed to the Arcevia quarry, where nature and art perfectly blend together. DJ (<http://www.dreameurotrip.com>) and I had quite some fun climbing on roofs, jumping, and taking about a trillion photos in front of the artwork by Moneyleft and Zio Ziegler (from a previous edition of the Pop Up! Festival). Adulting, you say? Maybe another time!

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A man and a woman are jumping in the air in front of a large, colorful mural on a hillside. The mural features a large white circle on a blue background, with a red vertical stripe on the left. The background is a steep, green hillside under a clear blue sky. The man is wearing a grey jacket and blue shorts, and the woman is wearing an orange top and black shorts. They are both smiling and have their arms raised in the air. The image is a full-page background for a travel-related article.

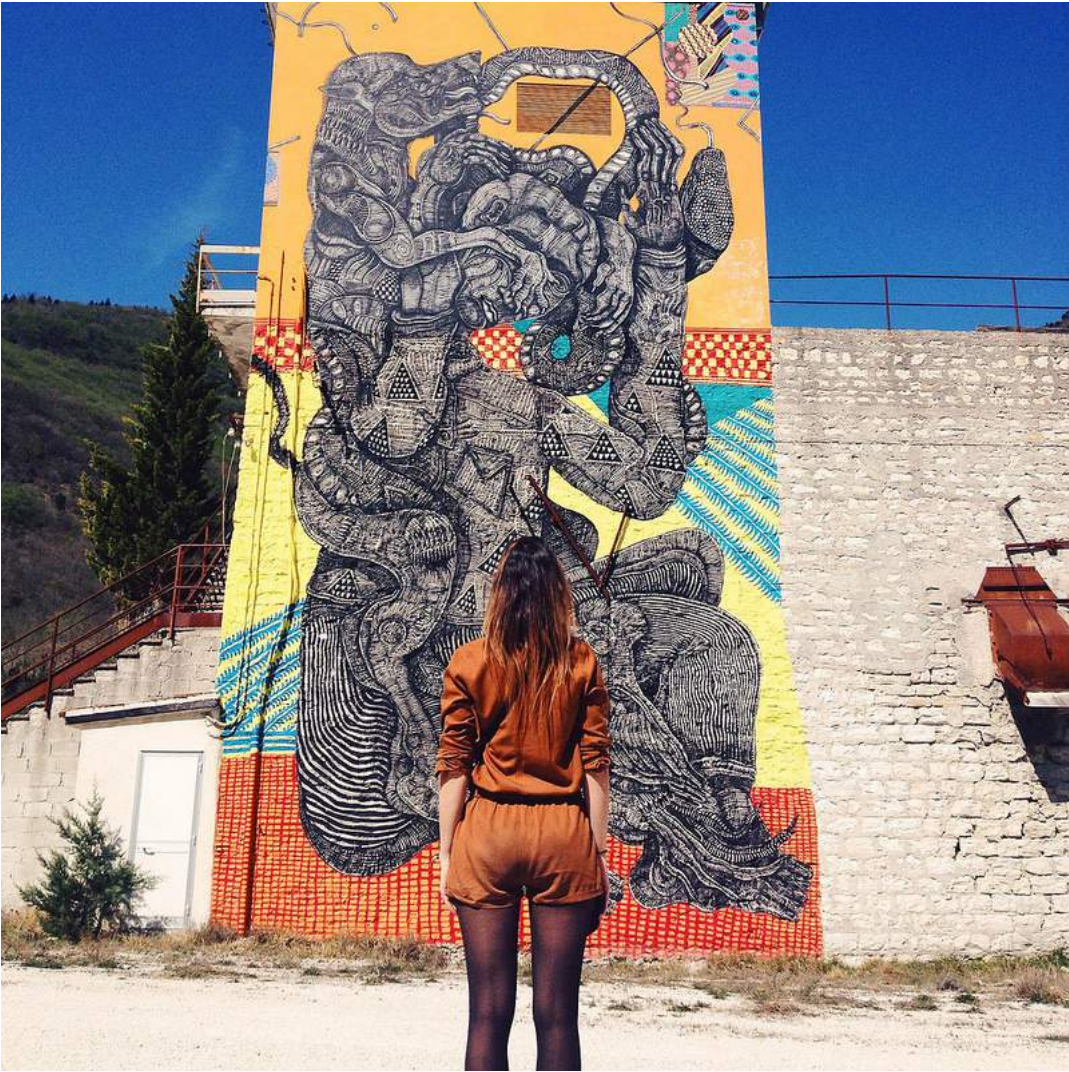
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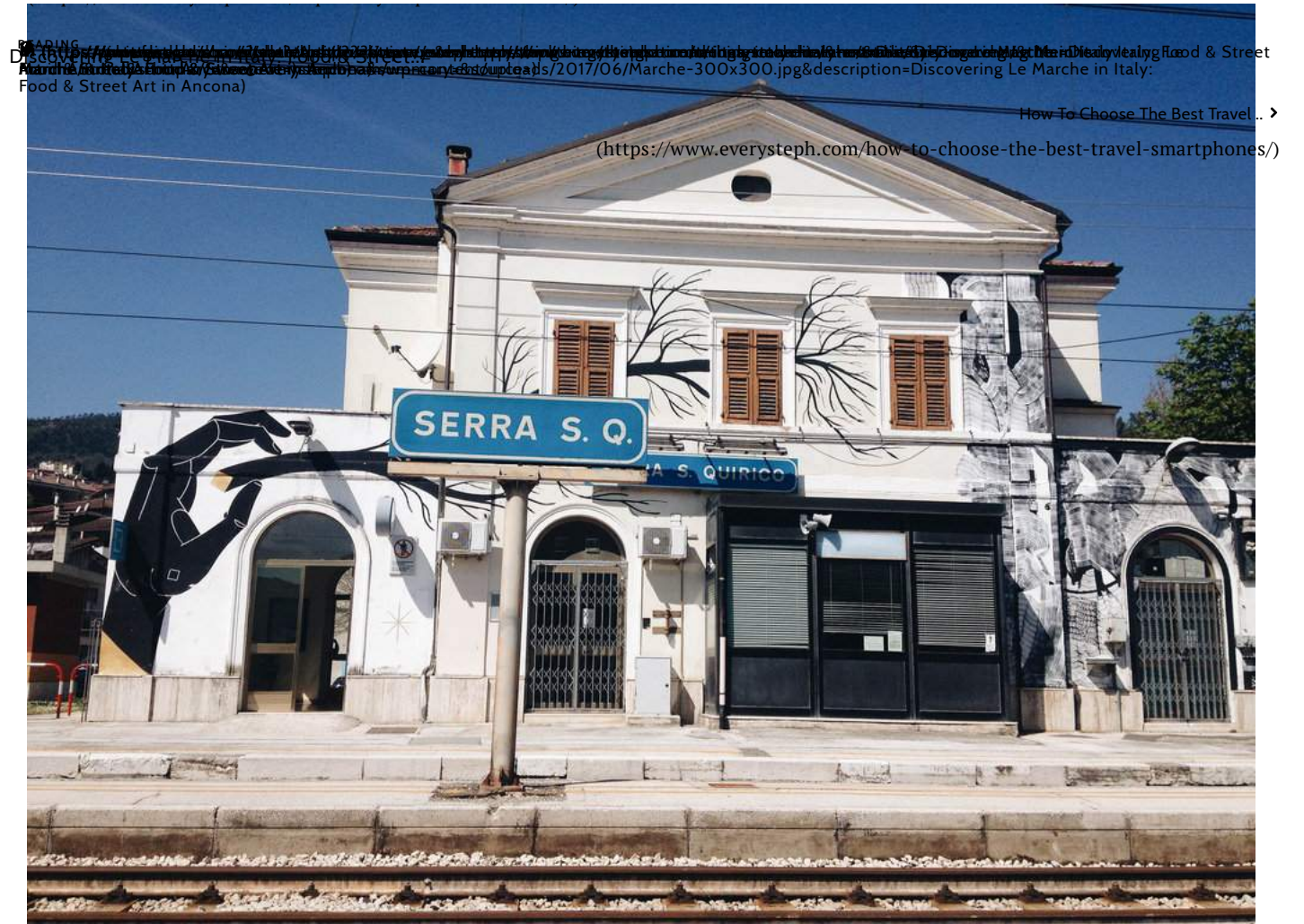
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The cool part about the Pop Up! Festival is that it takes places that were forgotten, abandoned, or overlooked and transforms them into art pieces. An exemple is the minuscule station of Sierra San Quirico that was painted by artists Basik and 2501 a couple of years ago.



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2| HAVE A VERY GLAMOROUS PICNIC

We were extremely lucky with the weather, so much that we all wanted to just relax and soak up the sun as much as we could. And we got lucky, because the organizers had put in place a wonderful picnic at the Eremo dei Frati Bianchi (<http://www.eremo.net/eng/>) (an old hermitage) in Cupramontana.



But don't imagine a picnic with simple sandwiches and some fruit. This was a royal buffet where we were presented with all the traditional Easter dishes: cheese bread, anchovies, salame, and three different kinds of wine. So delicious.



We had our food and wine on some beautiful hand-made tableclothes that are part of the Pop Up Gluppa project, then I had a little photoshoot with the help of our photographer for the event. A girl can have her fun, right?

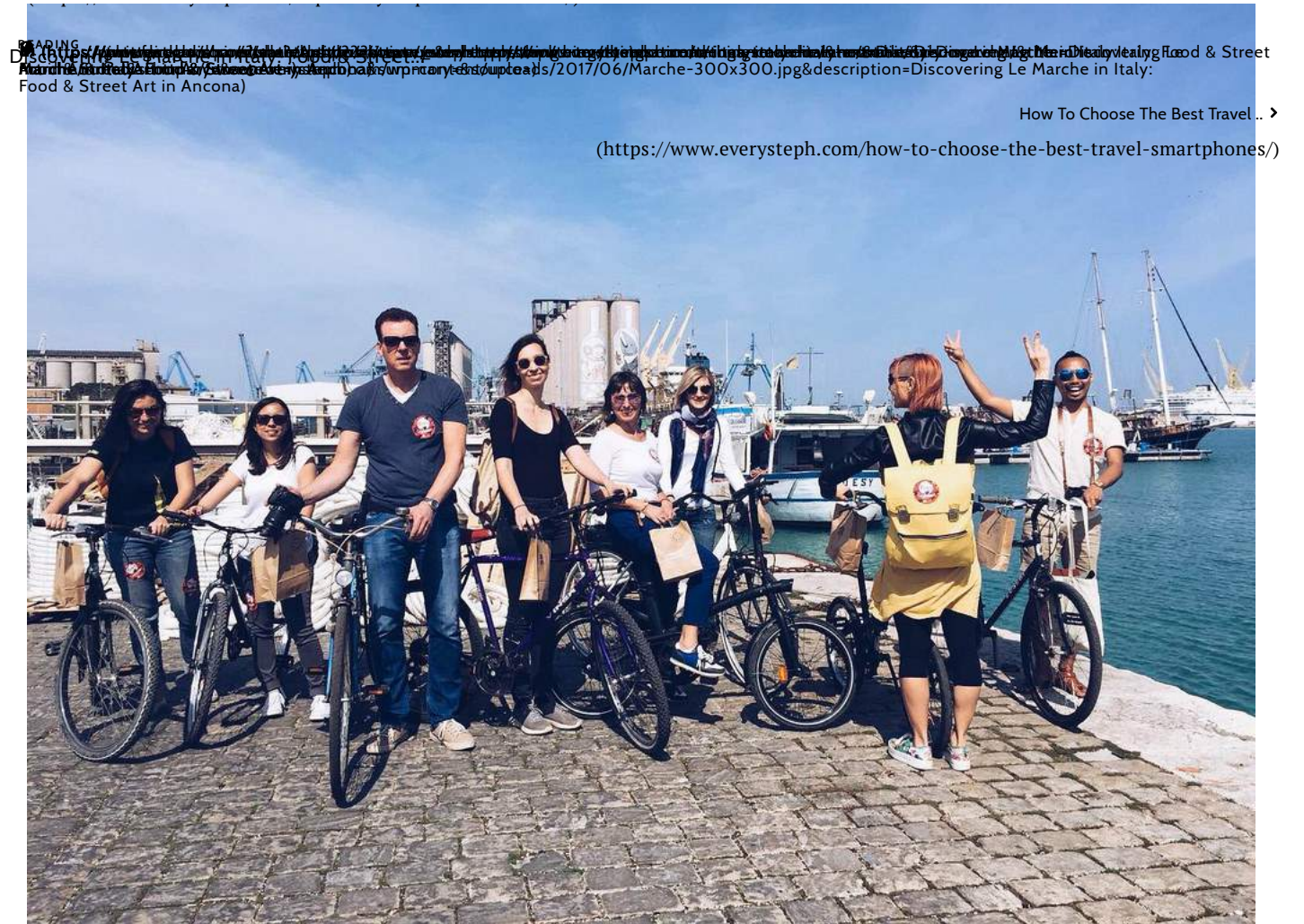


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3| EXPLORE ANCONA ON A BIKE

I won't lie, Ancona is not the most interesting city in Italy, and honestly I think there are much better places to visit in the Marche region. However, this isn't to say that you can't have a good time in Ancona! I had no idea there was so much street art around the city, and going on a bike tour to spot it was really fun.



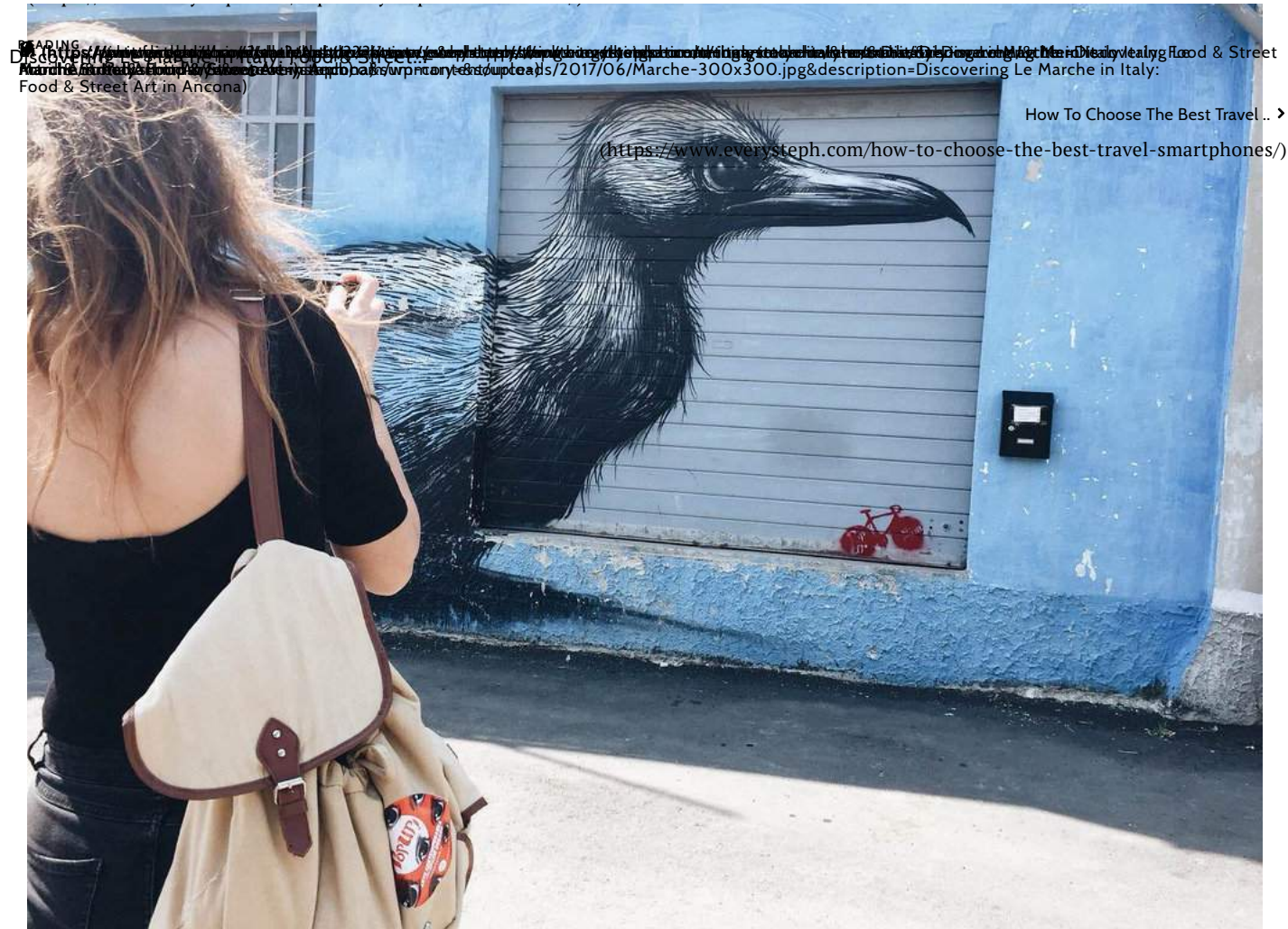
We started from the port area, where Ericailcane and Blu have painted this huge piece on two silos.

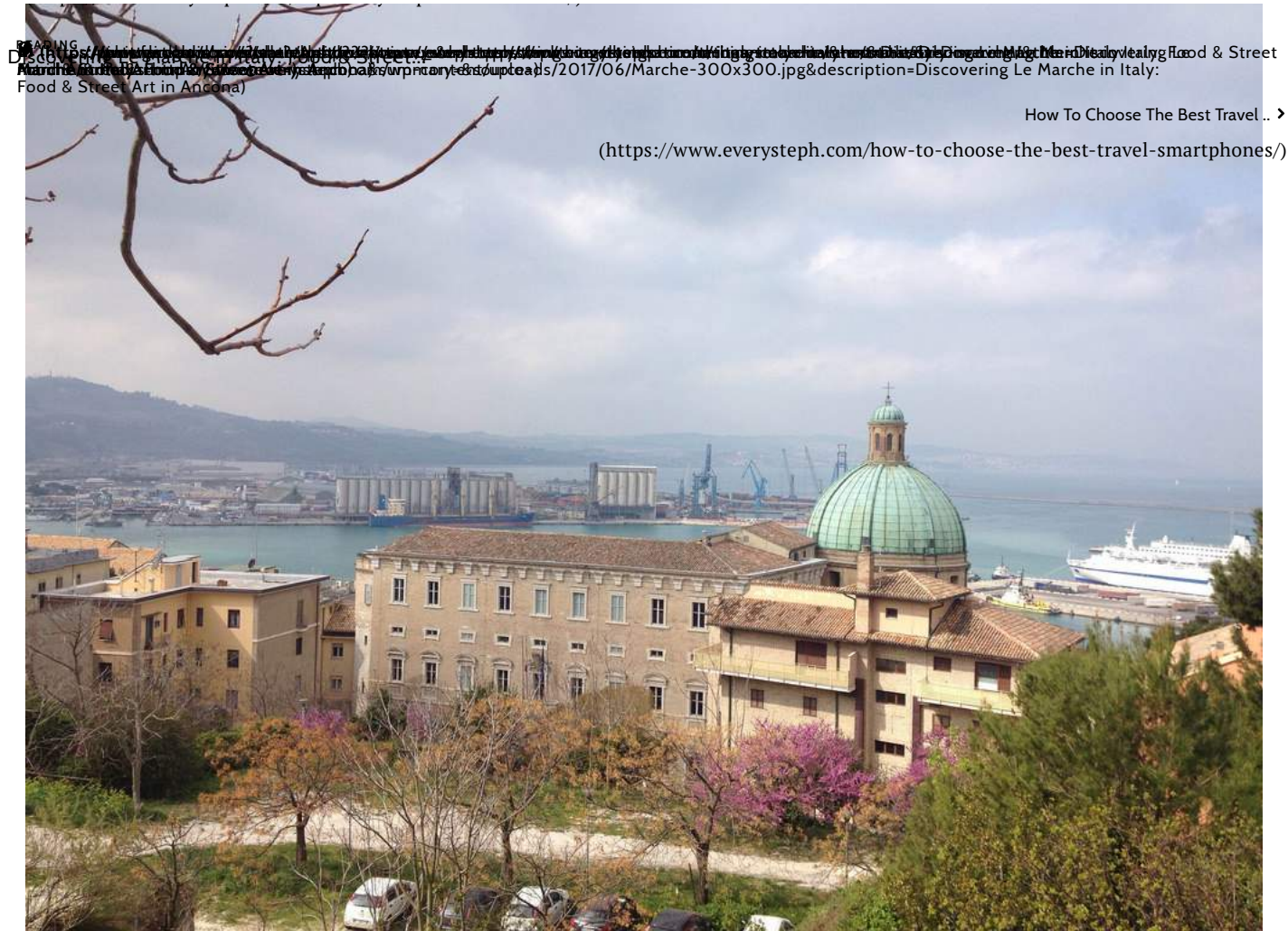


Then we went on to find other streetart on a window shop, in the middle of a roundabout... You can find a map of all the Pop Up! Festival
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Ancona from a panoramic point



4| EAT TILL YOU DROP

The first day of our tour was all about the countryside and the traditional, hearty food of the region.

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It was all about many pasta, and many different kinds of cheese, bread, meat, and great wine. Are you feeling hungry yet? Just look at these pictures... just, don't drool too much!



The next day of the trip instead was about the seaside, so we headed to one of the most beautiful spots in central Italy, Parco del Conero. Breathtaking views, hiking trails, and beautiful beaches are what made this place so popular. We headed to one of the most popular restaurant in the area, *Il Laghetto* in Portonovo (<http://www.illaghetto.com/>) also known as *da Marcello* – the owner’s name –, where we ate literally by the sea. I could see why the place was so crowded, the seafood was really good and fresh... and of course we washed it down with some more wine!

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If you don't want to spend your days just lounging by the pool surrounded by a breathtaking scenery (not saying that's a bad idea, not at all!), the staff at the resort can organize all sorts of activities: trekking, horse riding, quad excursions and off-road driving, which is what we did. We were able to see how huge the property is and to fill our lungs with fresh air.

