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SAN MARINO v ENGLAND

2014 FIFA WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2013

STADIO OLIMPICO, SAN MARINO

KO 21:00 (LOCAL TIME)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Population: 32,404 (estimate)

Language: Italian

Time Difference: +1 hour (GMT)

Weather: High 11 (°C) Low 4 (°C)

Local Voltage: A standard European travel adapter is required (3-prong to 2-prong adapters).

Currency: Euro



ENTRY TO SAN MARINO



Visas

British nationals do not require a visa to visit San Marino. If you are staying in San Marino for less than 20 days your hotel or host must report your stay to the Ufficio Stranieri (Foreigners' Office) of the local Gendarmerie. For stays of longer than 20 days you must apply for a 'permesso di soggiorno turistico' (permit for tourism).

Passport validity

Your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay; you do not need any additional period of validity on your passport beyond this.

MONEY

Cash
Despite San Marino not being a member of the European Union, the local currency is the Euro.

Credit Cards
Traveller's cheques (preferably in US dollars) and credit cards are accepted widely in the country.

Currency Exchange
There are many facilities of currency exchange in San Marino, but each bank will vary their exchange rates so you may need to do a little research in order to find the best deal.

Tipping
Tips are not customary but, much like in England, are offered only if a special service is given.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

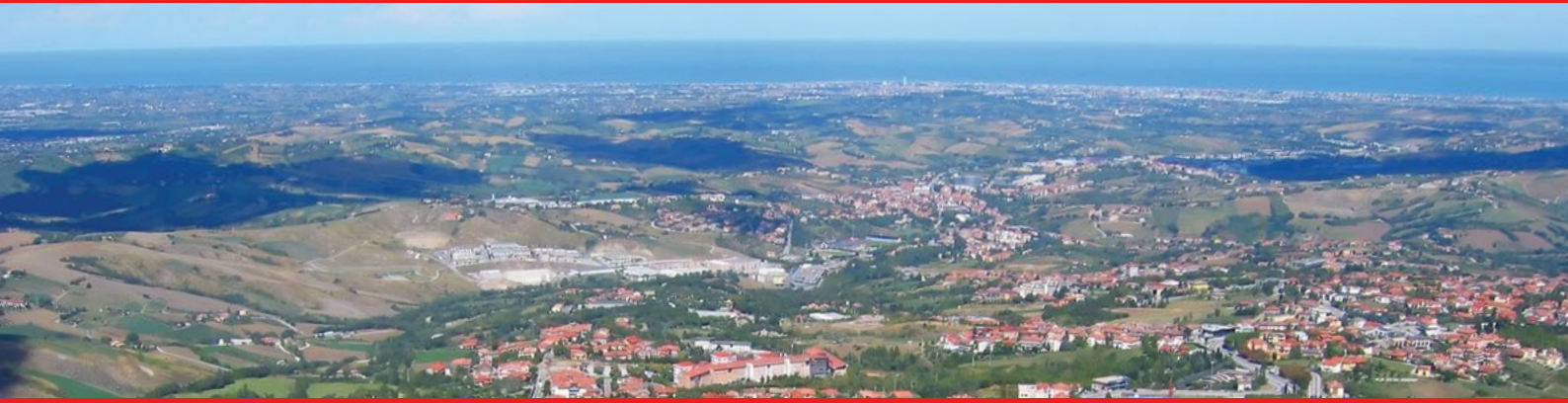
Make sure you have adequate travel health insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad and repatriation.

If you need emergency medical assistance during your trip, dial 118 and ask for an ambulance. If you are referred to a medical facility for treatment you should contact your insurance/medical assistance company promptly.

Embassy Information
UK consular affairs are handled in Rome.

Ambassador:	Mr Christopher Prentice CMG
Address:	British Embassy Via XX Settembre 80a 1-00187 Roma RM
Phone:	(39) 06 4220 0001
Website:	http://ukinitaly.fco.gov.uk/en
Office hours:	Local Time: Mon–Fri, 0900–1700

GETTING AROUND



Airports
San Marino has no airports; the nearest major airport is at Rimini. There are other nearby airports at Ancona, Bologna and Forlì.

Public Transport
San Marino has limited public transport facilities. We anticipate that many fans will spend time in the Italian city of Rimini which is very nearby to San Marino and has a regular bus service to take fans between the two places. Bus 72 runs from Rimini to San Marino daily at regular intervals. This bus can be found just outside Rimini train station and a return ticket costs around €9. This service stops at approximately twenty advertised locations in Rimini and within San Marino, with its two terminus stops at Rimini railway station and San Marino coach station, respectively. See 'Getting to the Stadium' section for details of the match-day shuttle buses.

San Marino also has its own small local bus system which could be useful if you intend to explore the Country and visit the smaller communities.

San Marino has no railway stations, the nearest major railway station is at Rimini.

Taxis
Taxis in San Marino are distinctive with licence plates which are white with blue figures, usually a letter followed by up to four numbers.

GETTING AROUND

There are seven licensed taxi companies operating in the Country, and Italian taxis regularly operate within San Marino when carrying passengers picked up in Italian territory as there are no restrictions to anyone crossing the border.

As an indication of the average taxi fare, a trip from Rimini to San Marino should cost in the region of €45, but note that nightly tariffs are around €4 to €6 more expensive. It is advisable to check the price of the journey with the driver beforehand.

Respect
San Marino is a very proud country and it should be viewed in this respect. Be respectful when having photos taken with the locals/authorities/guards, a smile will do, hand gestures/funny faces are not received well.

It would be considered very offensive to call them "Italians" - not that they don't like Italians, but they are just extremely proud of their independence.





MATCH INFORMATION

San Marino v England

Date: Friday 22 March 2013
Venue: Stadio Olimpico, Serravalle, San Marino
Kick Off: 21:00 (local time)
Capacity: 7,000

San Marino Kit: All light blue
GK: TBC

England Kit: All white
GK: TBC

(This may be subject to change at the referee's discretion on the day of the game).

England 5 – 0 San Marino
Friday 12 October 2012

England cruised to victory to go top of World Cup qualifying Group H as San Marino were put to the sword at Wembley.

Captain Wayne Rooney scored his 30th and 31st international goals to move fifth in his country's all-time scoring charts.

Rooney's Manchester United team-mate Danny Welbeck bagged a brace of his own while Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain scored his first senior England goal to cap a comfortable victory.

The hosts dominated possession from the start and Oxlade-Chamberlain saw an early long-range effort tipped over the bar by San Marino goalkeeper Aldo Simoncini.

San Marino had a lucky escape on seven minutes when Simoncini's airborne challenge on Theo Walcott left him in a crumpled heap inside the box.

The Arsenal forward received treatment on the pitch but could not continue and was replaced by Aaron Lennon shortly afterwards.

But England soon regained their momentum and after Rooney went close with a couple of long-range efforts, Oxlade-Chamberlain brought an excellent save out of Simoncini from the edge of the area.

Rooney then sent a far-post header from Tom Cleverley's cross narrowly wide before Michael Carrick smashed a shot against the bar.



Welbeck should have steered in the rebound but somehow managed to smash his follow up against a post.

England continued to pour forward in an attempt to open the scoring and they got their reward on 34 minutes when Welbeck was upended by Simoncini inside the box.

Rooney had no hesitation in stepping up to take the spot-kick and duly rammed the ball home from 12 yards.

Within three minutes, England had doubled their lead when Welbeck acrobatically turned home Lennon's low cross.

England started the second half as they finished the first, bossing possession and leaving San Marino chasing shadows.

Hodgson decided to inject a bit more life into his midfield by introducing Jonjo Shelvey for his debut in place of Carrick.

The Liverpool man had only been called up on the Monday and was actually suspended from England Under-21's play-off win over Serbia earlier that day, but FIFA's eligibility rules meant he could play for the seniors.

Rooney fired home from the edge of the area, a landmark goal which means he has only four more men to overtake and become England's greatest marksman.

Yet again, Welbeck followed up almost instantly, this time at the near post after Cleverley provided the cross for him to prod home from close range.

Oxlade-Chamberlain made his own little bit of history 14 minutes from time, tucking himself behind Tommy Lawton, Michael Owen, and England's youngest goalscorer of all, Rooney.

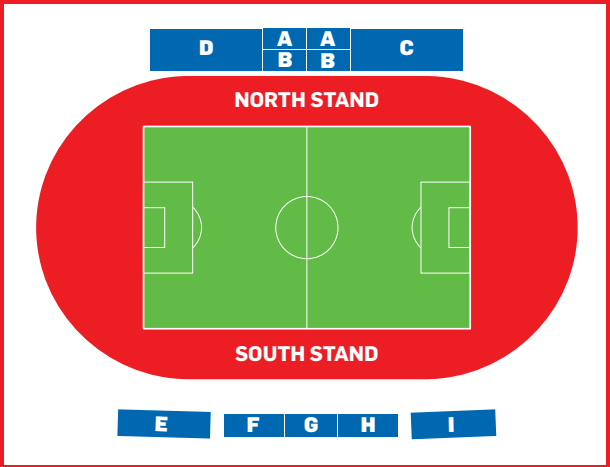
ENGLAND'S MATCH HISTORY WITH SAN MARINO

Match Date	Competition	Stadium	Score	Result
17/02/1993	World Cup Qualifier	Wembley Stadium	Win	6–0
17/11/1993	World Cup Qualifier	Dall'Aria Stadium, Bologna	Win	1–7
12/10/2012	World Cup Qualifier	Wembley Stadium	Win	5–0

P3 **W**3 **D**0 **L**0 **F**18 **A**1

* Table represents last three fixtures between England and San Marino

Stadio Olimpico, San Marino



The FA has taken an allocation of approximately 2600 tickets for this fixture for members of englandfans; The Official England Supporters Club.

The englandfans sections are:

- The entire south stand - blocks E, F, G, H, I
- Block C in the main stand

Stadium Address

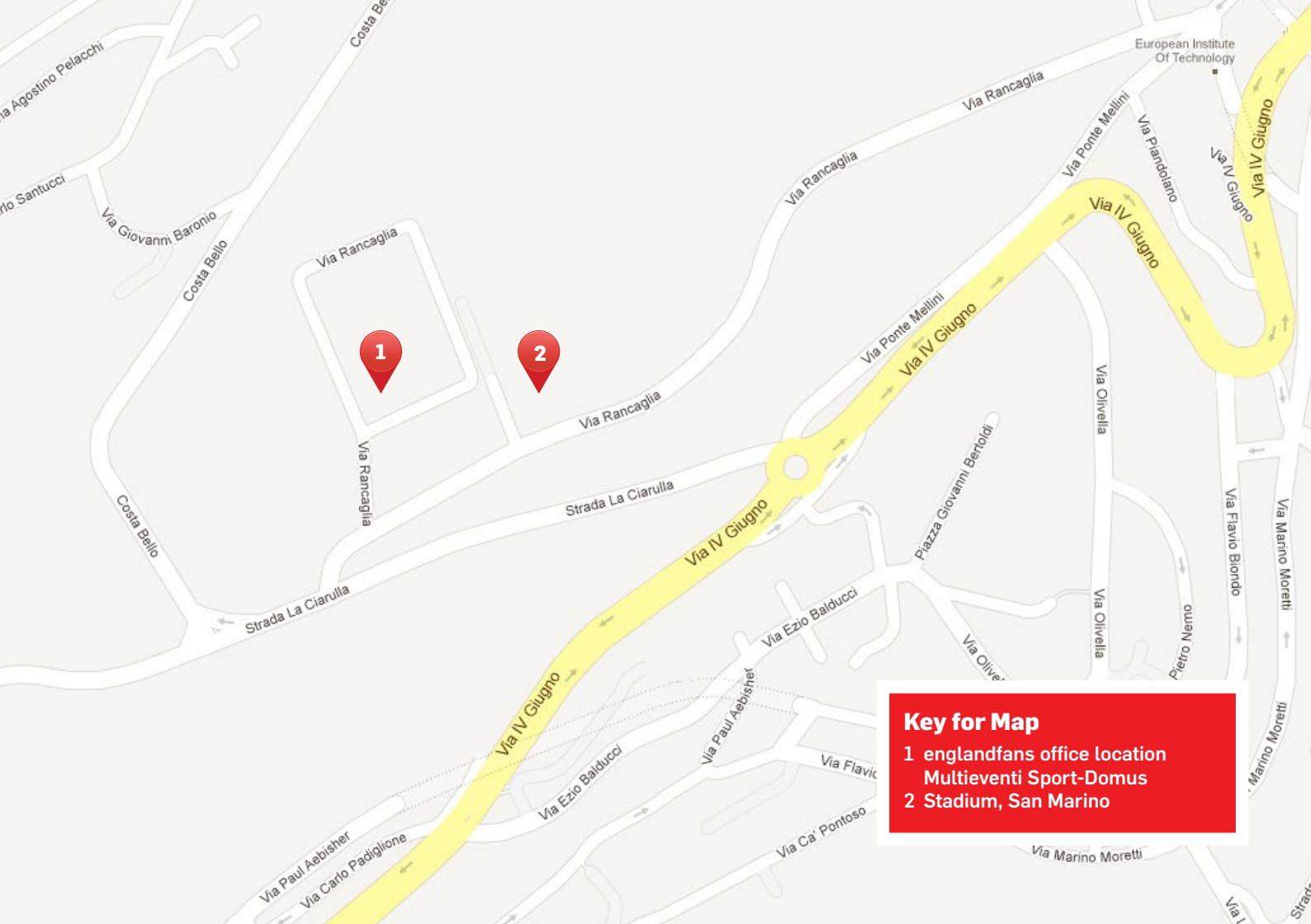
Stadio Olimpico
Via Rancaglia
San Marino
SM 47890

Shuttle Bus

A shuttle bus service will run from Rimini and Riccione to take fans to Serravalle Stadium and San Marino (historical centre) and return travel back after the match. Details have yet to be confirmed at the time of going to print, please keep updated with the latest information via the englandfans website.

Access to the Stadium

Photo ID will be required on entry to the stadium, the preference is to bring your current 2012–2014 membership card, however passports will also be accepted.



Key for Map

1 englandfans office location
Multieventi Sport-Domus
2 Stadium, San Marino

ENGLANDFANS REPRESENTATIVES IN SAN MARINO

FA representatives will be available on matchday at the stadium.

The location and opening times of the office is listed below:

Opening Times: 12:00 (midday) - 20:00 local time

Location: 'Multieventi Sport-Domus' (sports hall next to the Stadium)

Address: 22 Via Rancaglia, 47899, San Marino

Contact Details

T: 0845 458 1966

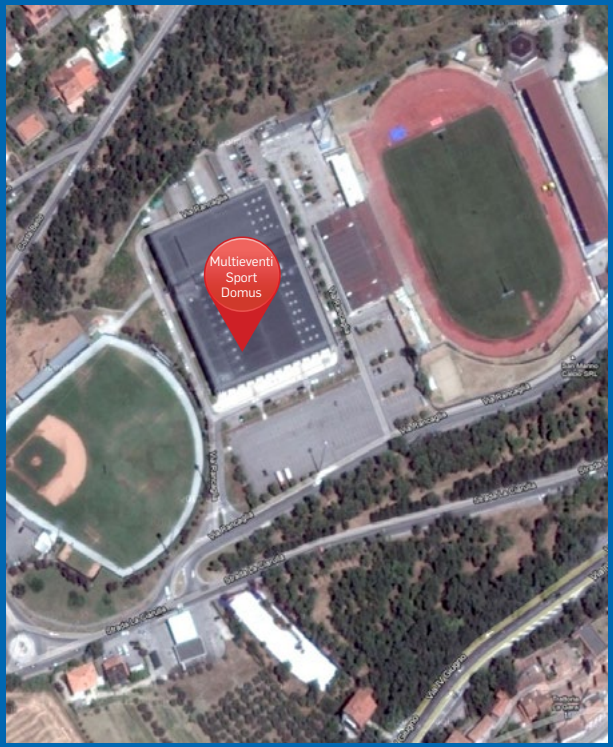
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PROOF OF TRAVEL AND TICKETING INFORMATION

All members will be required to collect their purchased tickets in San Marino on the day of the match. This is to ensure that those members who purchase tickets actually attend and is in conjunction with our ongoing security checks. Members will only be able to collect their individual tickets in person, i.e. if there are four members in your group, then all four members will need to visit the ticket collection point in person to acquire their ticket. It will not be possible to collect a ticket on behalf of another member.

As we are asking everyone to collect their tickets, there will not be any need to supply proof of travel documents in order to receive loyalty caps.

Collection check list:

- Each ticket must be collected in person.
- Photo identification must be presented, i.e. current englandfans membership card or passport.

Please allow enough time to collect your ticket, travel to the ground and proceed through the security cordons.

Thomson Sport

Members who travel on the official Thomson Sport trip will be provided with their tickets on the flight.

Please note that you will not be able to collect tickets for other members in your group who are not travelling on the official Thomson Sport trip.

STADIUM REGULATIONS – PROHIBITED ITEMS LIST

- Alcohol*
- Radios
- Sound emitting devices
- Laser pointers
- Long lens cameras
- Video cameras
- Propaganda material of racist, xenophobic, religious or political reasons
- Explosives
- Fireworks
- Flares
- Blades and weapons
- Gas cannister
- Darts
- Syringes
- Tools
- Extinguishers
- Rigid connection rods
- Bottles
- Glasses
- Cans
- Large quantites of paper or paper rolls
- Loudspeakers
- Air horns
- Balls
- Umbrellas
- Helmets

* On match-day the sale of alcoholic beverages will be banned within 500 metres from the stadium.

The Football Association accepts no responsibility or liability for the accuracy of the contents of this guide.

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