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Month: November

Country: Italy

Photo and name of selected flagship dish:

Dolce di San Martino



- Chosen region: Veneto
- Geographical situation:
It sits on the coastline of the north of Italy. Sharing borders with Bologna and Udine.
- How heavily/lightly populated is it?
It has a population of 4.9 million and has a density of 256 people per square kilometre.
- Brief history of the region (did it belong to another country in the past/notable historical events):
Originally it was owned by Indo-Europeans but was conquered by Romans in the third century. After the fall of Rome many Goths and Lombards invaded and the normal inhabitants fled to the swamps for safety and built settlements there.
- Dialect, if any (with examples):
The dialect is venetian and is very similar to Italian and most Italians would be able to understand it.
- Main tourist attractions:
 - Saint mark's basilica is a massive cathedral with big domes.
 - Doge's palace is a big Gothic designed palace with intricate carvings and decorations.
- Other claims to fame:
Stunning Adriatic Sea, nice mountains, pretty canals.
- Nearest airport and how to get there from Scotland (travel time etc.):
From Edinburgh to Venice airport direct would take 2 hours and 35 minutes.