Santa Maria di Castellabate [from Wikipedia.org]

[A building with palm trees

Description automatically generated](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Santuariosmariaamre2.JPG)Santa Maria a Mare Sanctuary[A city next to the water

Description automatically generated](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Santa_Maria_di_Castellabate_in_May_2024.jpg)Aerial view of Santa Maria di Castellabate

**Santa Maria di Castellabate** ([Cilentan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cilentan_dialect" \o "Cilentan dialect): *A Marina*) is a southern [Italian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy) town and hamlet (*[frazione](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frazione" \o "Frazione)*) of [Castellabate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Castellabate" \o "Castellabate), a municipality in the [province of Salerno](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_Salerno), [Campania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Campania). It is the most populated *frazione* of its *comune* and the [seat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seat_(legal_entity)) of the town hall building.

**History**

[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Santa_Maria_di_Castellabate&action=edit&section=1)]

The town was known in the 18th century as "Isca delle Chitarre", its original area and now the old town. The downtown is extended by two squares, Piazza Matarazzo and Piazza Lucia and the oldest houses are located in front of the little harbour in a place named "Porte le Gatte".

**Geography**

[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Santa_Maria_di_Castellabate&action=edit&section=2)]

Santa Maria lies in the central-northern side of [Cilento](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cilento), alongside the [Tyrrhenian Sea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tyrrhenian_Sea), and is extended from the zone of Lago, to the beach of Pozzillo. The town is only 3 km away from the old town of Castellabate, 12 from [Agropoli](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agropoli" \o "Agropoli), 20 from [Acciaroli](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acciaroli" \o "Acciaroli) and 60 from [Salerno](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salerno). The town has a little harbour, the greatest port in the *comune* is at the nearer hamlet of San Marco.

**Tourism**

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The town is a part of "[Cilento and Vallo di Diano National Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cilento_and_Vallo_di_Diano_National_Park)", its natural environment is composed of "[Maquis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maquis_shrubland)", which is typical of [mediterranean](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mediterranean_Sea) countries. It attracts a lot of [tourism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tourism), especially in summer, because of good road links to Agropoli, Salerno and [Naples](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naples) and because of the quality of its water; which give it the [Blue Flag beach](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_Flag_beach)[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Santa_Maria_di_Castellabate#cite_note-1) award every year from 2003.

**Media**

[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Santa_Maria_di_Castellabate&action=edit&section=4)]

[*Benvenuti al Sud*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benvenuti_al_Sud),[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Santa_Maria_di_Castellabate#cite_note-2) an Italian adaptation of the [2008](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2008_in_film) [French](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France) film [*Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bienvenue_chez_les_Ch%27tis), has been set in [Castellabate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Castellabate" \o "Castellabate) and partly in Santa Maria and [San Marco](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Marco_(Castellabate)).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Santa_Maria_di_Castellabate#cite_note-3)