



164th Anniversary of the Italian Army in Bari: Schedule and Map

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The [Italian Army](#) is preparing to celebrate a historic milestone: the 164th anniversary of its founding. An occasion to reflect on the decades of commitment and sacrifice that this Armed Force has dedicated to the defense of the Nation and the support of Italian communities. The celebrations will take place from May 1st to 4th, 2025 in Bari, at Piazza Libertà, where an "Army Village" will be set up, offering everyone the opportunity to learn about the soldiers' work, their daily commitment, and the cutting-edge technologies they operate with.

The "Army Village" will be an area dedicated to interactive activities and a static display of military vehicles and equipment, all accessible to the public. Among the main attractions, visitors can admire the artificial climbing wall, drones, the Centauro 2 armored vehicle, the VTMM Orso, the AH129 Mangusta helicopter, a flight simulator, and numerous EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) assets. All of this will be accompanied by the music of Radio Esercito, which will provide the soundtrack for the event.

The city of Bari, for the occasion, becomes the beating heart of a collective reflection on the importance of the Armed Force in the daily life of Italians, and the "Army Village" aims to be a meeting point between the public and the military. This event is a unique opportunity to get closer to the world of the Army, discovering not only the most modern technologies but also the value of the traditions and sacrifices that soldiers put into serving the Country every day.

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The celebration program

The activities of the "Army Village" will begin on May 1st with the official inauguration. At 10:00, the ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place, marking the start of the event, followed by the flag-raising ceremony with the participation of the Fanfare of the 7th Bersaglieri Regiment. The day will continue with the fanfare concert, which will be a moment of music and esprit de corps for all present.

On May 2nd, a series of military events and official ceremonies will begin with the laying of a wreath at the Sacrario dei Caduti d'Oltremare. The day will continue with a parade of the Formation Brigade, followed by a military ceremony featuring the moment of highest honor with the salute to the Army's War Flag and the Banners of the cities. There will also be spectacular moments such as the parachute jump by the Special Training Unit (RAS) paratroopers and the parade of military vehicles, including armored vehicles and other advanced equipment. The day will conclude with another concert by the Fanfare of the 7th Bersaglieri Regiment, to be held at Largo Luigi Giannella.

Finally, on May 4th, after three days of celebrations and commemorations, the "Army Village" will close its doors with the flag-lowering ceremony, symbolizing farewell and the end of the event. The ceremony will mark the conclusion of an important reflection on the value and role that the Army has in the daily life of every Italian citizen.

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The "Army Village" in Bari: a bridge between the Army and the population

The event is not limited to a formal celebration but also represents an opportunity for rapprochement between the Armed Force and the local community. The "Army Village" is designed to engage the public, offering a unique and interactive experience. The scheduled activities will give visitors the opportunity to get up close with the equipment and vehicles used by soldiers, to experience practical activities such as climbing the artificial wall, and to witness flight simulations and real-time military operations.

Every day, the citizens of Bari and tourists visiting the city will be able to interact with the military, discover the preparation and training that make them ready to intervene in emergency situations, both nationally and internationally. The initiative will help strengthen the bond of trust and mutual respect between the Italian Army and the civilian population, highlighting the soldiers' closeness to society and their commitment to the protection of the Country.

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Opening hours of the "Army Village"

The "Army Village" will be open to the public from May 1st to 4th, 2025 with the following hours:

- Morning: from 10:00 to 13:30
- Evening: from 17:00 to 21:30 (except on May 4th, day of early closure)

The public is invited to participate in large numbers, to experience together a great community celebration and to pay tribute to the long history of the Italian Army, which for 164 years has been a pillar of security and defense of our Country.