

TOUR 2023

*Pilgrimages of Faith, hiking in nature, passion for wine and food, adventurous activities, places of art and history...
discover our tours!*



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UMBRIA: "VILLAGES OF ART AND COLORS" TOUR (JULY)

DAY 1 - WELCOME! Accommodation in the hotel and excursion to the Menotre Valley.

THE CHARM OF SPRINGS, WATERFALLS AND CAVES AND RASIGLIA

We head to the Menotre valley, just 20 minutes from Assisi. We will go to visit with a guide a hermitage protected by the rugged rock, a sanctuary that leaves you speechless and from which you can enjoy a breathtaking view. Together with him we will have a beautiful trekking experience of about 1 hour and a half where we will reach springs, waterfalls and caves, also rediscovering the beauty of silence, of listening to your step, your breath, the sounds of nature. The guide will accompany you throughout the excursion, providing useful and interesting information on the route and the surrounding landscape. Together you will reach the village of Pale where a delicious lunch based on the specialties of our land awaits you in a typical restaurant.



Umbria is also the region of ancient villages. After lunch we will take you to discover one of these jewels, Rasiglia, the village of streams. The town, which preserves the typical characteristics of the medieval village by gathering in an amphitheater structure, is famous for its springs: walking through the suggestive alleys of the center it is impossible not to be enchanted by the waterways that cross the town, making it unique and fascinating. Even today, the life of Rasiglia continues to be marked by water: the element that passes through weaving, wool processing and dyeing that is revived through an ancient tradition, dating back to 1200.



Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 2 - MOUNT SIBILLINI PARK: THE FLOWERING OF CASTELLUCCIO DI NORCIA WITH LUNCH IN LOCAL RESTAURANT – VISIT OF NORCIA AND SPOLETO

A mosaic of colors awaits us, from yellow ochre to red, from lilac to indigo ... it is the flowering of Castelluccio di Norcia, in the evocative setting of the Sibillini Mountains Park, a feast for the eyes and the heart: lentils (characteristic and cultivated in Castelluccio, of which they are one of the most typical products), gentianella, poppies, daffodils, violets, asphodels, viola Eugeniae, clovers, sorrel and many other blooms that our expert guide will tell us about. After an exciting walk, during which we will take breathtaking photos, we will enjoy a typical Umbrian lunch.



At the foot of the Sibillini National Park, Norcia has kept its charm intact despite the wounds of the earthquake. We visit the splendid historic center and enjoy some free time to shop in the local butchers' shops. In fact, Norcia owes much of its fame to the ancient tradition of butchery. Particularly appreciated is the Norcia raw ham, but also other cured meats, caciottas and pecorino cheeses of the best quality, all processed on site with the guarantee of maximum authenticity and the authentic taste of rustic Umbrian cuisine. **Lunch in a local restaurant.**



SPOLETO

In the afternoon, the wonderful Spoleto awaits us, a picturesque and austere city, with an ancient history, is one of the main tourist centers of Umbria, as well as for the importance of its archaeological monuments: Roman, early medieval and Renaissance, for the interesting cultural events that take place there. Spoleto and the Spoleto Valley have become the symbol of Umbria: of its natural charm; of its artistic beauties; of the poetry that surrounds it; of the mysticism that was lived in it and that continues to emanate from it. Spoleto. Ancient capital of the Lombard dukes, Spoleto will leave you breathless thanks to the wealth of the city's historical and artistic heritage: Rocca Albornoziana, Ponte delle Torri, Roman Theater, Piazza del Duomo.



Return to hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 – VISIT OF FERENTILLO, KAYAK RIDE ON THE RIVER IN VALNERINA WITH LUNCH AND VISIT TO THE MARMORE FALLS

FERENTILLO In the midst of spectacular nature, immersed in the green Valnerina, within the River Nera Park, lies one of the most evocative and important places in Umbria. Divided by the Nera River into two settlements, Precetto and Matterella, Ferentillo has positioned itself for centuries as a cultural and religious center of considerable importance. Importance that is expressed today by the numerous architectural, artistic and archaeological testimonies.

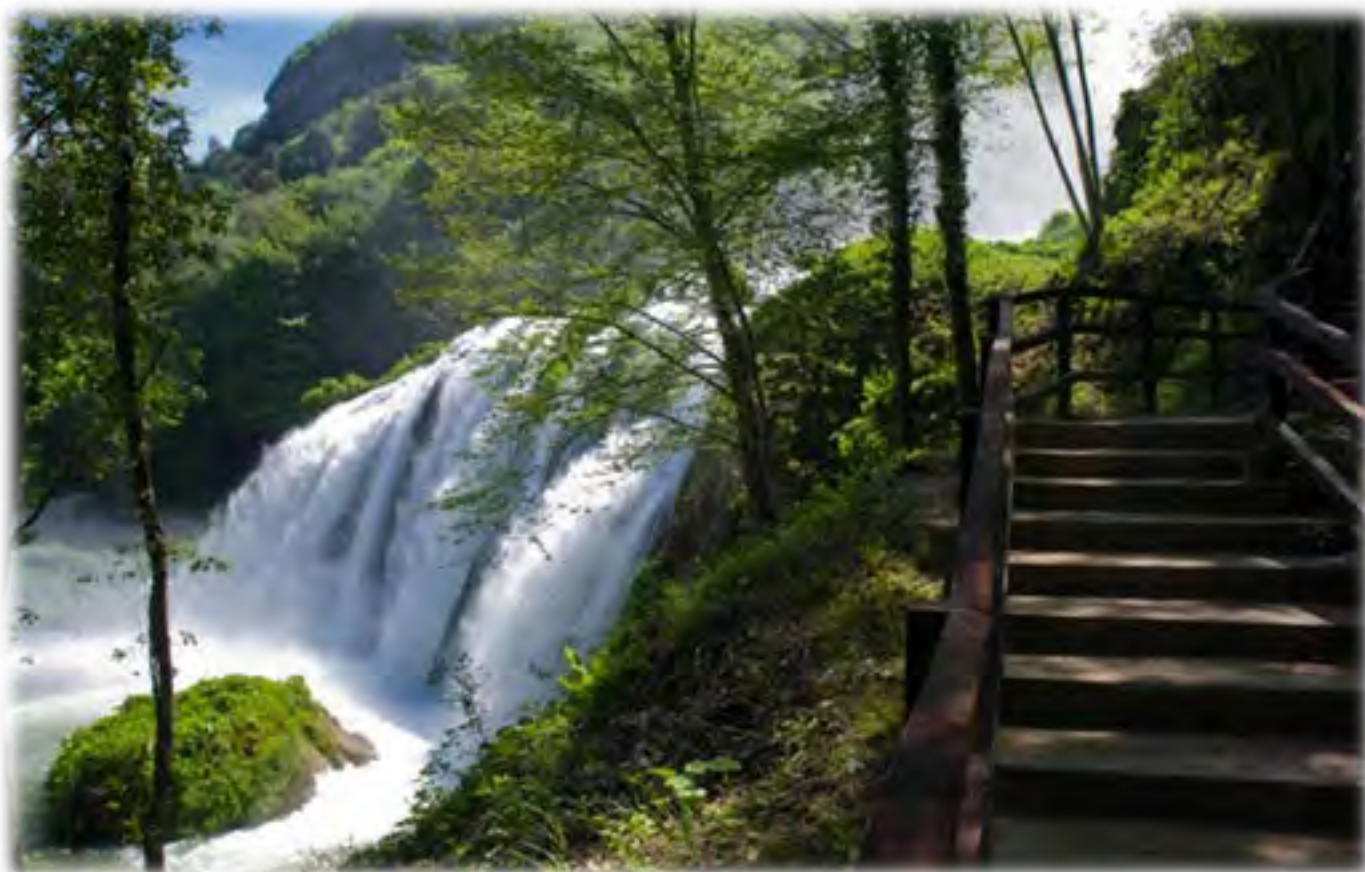


After reaching Ferentillo, it will be possible with expert guides, to take a ride on the river literally surrounded by nature. Peace of heart and soul. Those who are not interested in the kayak ride on the river can visit the "museum of mummies". The crypt still has architectural and artistic elements dating back to the medieval church phase of the 13th century. The floor is made up of the earth used for the burials compacted following the dripping action of the mountain spring water that penetrates through the ceiling. From the moment of its discovery (especially from the 19th century), this place has become famous for the collection of mummified bodies, so much so that it has aroused the interest of numerous scholars and many visitors.



Lunch in local restaurant – drinks included.

A few kilometers, and we will reach the Marmore Falls, which with its 165 m divided into 3 jumps, is the highest in Europe. The waterfall is located in the Terni Valnerina area and in the Nera River Park, also called the Parco delle Acque, a protected area that finds its point of excellence in the waterfall: an environment extraordinarily rich in cultural, historical and environmental testimonies. You will have time to independently visit the paths of the waterfall, relax at one of the many viewpoints, refresh yourself at a refreshment point, buy some souvenirs and above all take photos and selfies to take the extraordinary beauty of this place with you. **Entrance ticket included.**



ARRIVEDERCI! We say goodbye to Umbria keeping it in our hearts!



The tour includes:

- Accommodation 2 nights at a 4-star hotel;
- Accommodation in double room on a half-board basis;
- Trekking excursion to discover the Menotre Valley: The Charm of Springs, Caves and Waterfalls;
- Expert trekking guide during the excursion;
- Entrance to the caves and the hermitage;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in the Menotre Valley – drinks included;
- Visit of Rasiglia with a tour leader;
- Excursion to the Mount Sibillini "Flowering of Castelluccio di Norcia" with tour leader;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Norcia with drinks included;
- Guided visit of Norcia with a private tour guide;
- Guided visit of Spoleto with a private tour guide;
- Excursion: Kayak ride on the river in Valnerina – equipment included;
- Expert instructor / guide included;
- Entrance ticket to the museum of the mummies (*for those that will not do the kayak ride*);
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Ferentillo – drinks included;
- Entrance ticket to the Marmore Falls and guided visit;
- *Program of suggested visits and itinerary.*

The tour does not include:

- Tips, transfers, city taxes, medical insurance, and anything that has not been specifically mentioned in "the tour includes".

QUOTE ON REQUEST

Duration: 2 nights / 3 days

Execution period: From April to November, everyday according to availability – the flowering of Castelluccio di Norcia can only be seen in June / July.

Requirements: Suitable to everyone

Minimum participants: 2 adults

Locations: Menotre Valley, Rasiglia, Mount Sibillini, Castelluccio di Norcia, Norcia, Spoleto, Ferentillo, Marmore Falls.

NOTE:

- *The tours include accommodation in 4-star hotels in Perugia, Assisi or other ancient villages on a half-board basis. Upon request, it is possible to organize tours with other types of accommodations, for example farmhouses, country hotels, 3-star hotels, 5-star hotels, luxury hotels, private villas, ancient historic farmhouses, among others.*

UMBRIA, EASTER AND SPRING TOUR (2 NIGHTS / 3 DAYS)

DAY 1 – WELCOME! – GUIDED TOUR OF PERUGIA

Arrival and accommodation at the hotel, lunch and guided visit of the Umbrian capital city.

Perugia, the capital of the Umbria region, is worth a visit not only for the beauty of its hilly position, but also for its beautiful old buildings. Before passing under Roman rule, ancient Perusia was one of the twelve cities of the Etruscan federation and notable stretches of the Etruscan walls have been preserved, which extended for 2,800 meters around the town. Perugia is known to the art world as the center of the Umbrian School of Painting in the 15th and 16th centuries and its greatest exponents, Pietro Vannucci (called Perugino) and Bernardino Betti (called Pinturicchio) worked here. The young Raphael worked in Perugino's studio until 1504. You will find works by all three in the churches and public buildings of Perugia.



Return to accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 2 – SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI - LUNCH – GUIDED TOUR OF ASSISI

Inside the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, at the foot of Assisi, there is the "Porziuncola", a small church restored by St. Francis in which, in 1209, the saint founded the Order of Friars Minor, entrusting it to the protection of Virgin Mary. The Porziuncola is the heart of Franciscanism, the place where Francis discusses the "Rule" of the order with his friars and seeks new life for the preaching of the Gospel in the world. The courtyard of roses is also kept in the Basilica complex. According to sources, one night Francis, taken by doubt and temptation, rolled among the brambles of the Rose Garden to test himself and not give in to what could have separated him from God and his mission. Upon contact with the saint's skin, the roses turned into thornless roses giving rise to the "Rosa Canina Assisiensis", which since then has continued to bloom only at the Porziuncola.



12:30 pm - Tasty lunch at a prestigious restaurant with a view of the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli.
In the afternoon, we will go to visit, accompanied by a guide, the city of Assisi.

Pax et Bonum! This is the greeting with which Assisi welcomes you, the Franciscan place par excellence, not only in Umbria and Italy, but throughout the world. In fact, St. Francis was born in Assisi in 1182; in the place where it is believed that his birthplace was located, today stands the New Church. It is in Assisi that he is baptized, in the Cathedral of San Rufino, it is in its alleys that he spends his youth dreaming of a future as a brave knight, it is here, where today the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore is located, in the Piazza del Vescovado, which is it strips by repudiating earthly goods for love of God and brothers. It is still in Assisi, in the Church of San Damiano, that by praying in front of the crucifix, he receives the task of renewing the Church of Christ, it is in the town square that his preaching and his work of charity and peace begins, and it is finally here who died in 1226. His remains are preserved in the Basilica of San Francesco, but the saint still lives today in every stone of Assisi. Walk through its enchanting alleys and guided visit to the Franciscan places. Audio guide can be rented inside the Basilica of San Francesco.





Return to accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3 – TRUFFLE HUNT IN THE WOODS WITH TASTING AND LUNCH & RASIGLIA

Today with the truffle digger and his faithful 4-legged friend we will experience an authentic truffle hunt and discover all the secrets of a millenary activity. That of the truffle hunter is an ancient profession, made of great love for the territory, of intelligent observation, of waiting and also of profound satisfaction. We will make use of his wise guidance, assisted by an incomparable assistant dog, to learn the secrets of this noble tuber: research with the dog, quarrying and cultivation, through a naturalistic path of great beauty. Afterwards, a delicious lunch in the middle of the woods.



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VISIT OF RASIGLIA WITH TOUR LEADER

The town, which preserves the typical characteristics of the medieval village by gathering in an amphitheater structure, is famous for its springs: walking through the suggestive alleys of the center it is impossible not to be enchanted by the waterways that cross the town, making it unique and fascinating. Even today, the life of Rasiglia continues to be marked by water: the element that passes through weaving, wool processing and dyeing that is revived through an ancient tradition, dating back to 1200.



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The tour includes:

- Accommodation 2 nights at a 4-star hotel;
- Accommodation in a double room on a half-board basis;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Perugia with drinks included;
- Guided tour of Perugia with a private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Santa Maria degli Angeli with a view of the basilica – drinks included;
- Guided visit of Assisi with a private tour guide;
- Truffle hunting experience in the woods with truffle hunter and his assistant dog;
- Lunch and tasting of Umbrian typical products and truffle in the woods;
- Visit of Rasiglia with tour leader;
- *Program with suggested visits and itinerary.*

The tour does not include:

- Tips, transfers, city taxes, extras and anything that has not been mentioned in "the tour includes".

QUOTE UPON REQUEST

Duration: 2 nights / 3 days

Execution period: from April to October, everyday – according to availability.

Requirements: suitable for everyone

Locations: *Perugia, Santa Maria degli Angeli, Assisi, Valtopina, Rasiglia*

NOTE:

- *The tours include accommodation in 4-star hotels in Perugia, Assisi or other ancient villages on a half-board basis. Upon request, it is possible to organize tours with other types of accommodations, for example farmhouses, country hotels, 3-star hotels, 5-star hotels, luxury hotels, private villas, ancient historic farmhouses, among others.*

UMBRIA: ART, HISTORY AND FAITH STANDARD TOUR (2 NIGHTS / 3 DAYS)

DAY 1 - WELCOME! Accommodation in hotel, lunch and visit of Santa Maria degli Angeli.

SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI: Inside the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, at the foot of Assisi, is the "Porziuncola", a small church restored by St. Francis in which in 1209 the saint founded the Order of Friars Minor, entrusting it to the protection of the Virgin Mary. The Porziuncola is the heart of Franciscanism, the place where Francis discusses the "Rule" of the order with his friars and seeks new life for the preaching of the Gospel in the world. The courtyard of roses is also kept in the Basilica complex. According to sources, one night Francis, taken by doubt and temptation, rolled among the brambles of the Rose Garden to test himself and not give in to what could have separated him from God and his mission. Upon contact with the saint's skin, the roses turned into thornless roses giving rise to the "Rosa Canina Assisiensis", which since then has continued to bloom only at the Porziuncola.



Return to hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 2 – GUIDED VISIT TO EREMO DELLE CARCERI AND ASSISI GUIDED TOUR WITH LUNCH IN A LOCAL RESTAURANT IN ASSISI

Just a few kilometers away from Assisi, at approximately 800 meters above sea level on the slopes of Mount Subasio, we will reach the Eremo delle Carceri, hermitage where Saint Francis of Assisi and his followers retired to pray and meditate. It was donated by the Municipality of Assisi to the Benedictines, who gave it to Saint Francis, so that he could be "imprisoned" in meditation. The Eremo delle Carceri rises near some natural caves, frequented by hermits already in the early Christian age, and it is located in a holm oak wood which is associated with many tales of miracles carried out by Saint Francis. Visit of this magical place and continuation towards Assisi, the city of peace.



Lunch at a local restaurant in Assisi – drinks included.

ASSISI: Franciscan place par excellence, not only in Umbria and Italy, but throughout the world. In fact, St. Francis was born in Assisi in 1182; in the place where it is believed that his birthplace was located, today stands the New Church. It is in Assisi that he is baptized, in the Cathedral of San Rufino, it is in its alleys that he spends his youth dreaming of a future as a brave knight, it is here, where today the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore is located, in the Piazza del Vescovado, which is it strips by repudiating earthly goods for love of God and brothers. It is still in Assisi, in the Church of San Damiano, that by praying in front of the crucifix, he receives the task of renewing the Church of Christ, it is in the town square that his preaching and his work of charity and peace begins, and it is finally here who died in 1226. His remains are preserved in the Basilica of San Francesco, but the saint still lives today in every stone of Assisi. We stroll through his enchanting alleys and visit the Franciscan places accompanied by our guide. **Audio guide for visiting the Basilica of San Francesco included.**



Return to hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 – GUIDED VISIT OF ROCCAPORENA AND CASCIA WITH LUNCH IN RESTAURANT

Roccaporena, located only 6 kilometers from Cascia, is a village that has existed since the Middle Ages, when Santa Rita da Cascia was born there in 1381. It was in Roccaporena that the Opera di Santa Rita was founded, to promote the cult of the Saint, take care of and make her memories known in Roccaporena, do works of charity following her example by setting up an orphanage. At the end of the 19th century, Roccaporena became a meeting and excursion place for many Italian intellectuals for a decade. Not to be missed: Rock of Santa Rita, Via Crucis, Casa di Santa Rita, Miracle Garden, Sanctuary of Santa Rita, the Golden Grotto, Church of San Montano and the Lazzaretto, originally a hospital where the Saint treated many sick people. After the visit of about an hour and a half of Roccaporena, we will continue our journey towards Cascia.



CASCIA: Founded in Roman times, Cascia experienced its greatest splendor in the Middle Ages. Located in the most mountainous area of Umbria, Cascia owes its importance to the sanctuary erected in the name of Santa Rita, one of the most important spiritual centers in the region and a famous pilgrimage destination.
Lunch in a local restaurant – drinks included.



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The tour includes:

- Accommodation 2 nights at a 4-star Hotel in Assisi;
- Accommodation in a double room on a half-board basis;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Santa Maria degli Angeli – drinks included;
- Guided visit of Santa Maria degli Angeli and La Porziucola;
- Guided visit to Eremito delle Carceri with a private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Assisi with drinks included;
- Guided visit of Assisi with a private tour guide;
- Audio guides for visiting the Basilica of San Francesco;
- Guided visit of Roccaporena and Cascia with a private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Cascia – drinks included;
- *Program with suggested visits with itinerary and advice.*

The tour does not include:

- Transfers, tips, meals that have not been mentioned, medical insurance, and anything not mentioned in "the tour includes".

QUOTE UPON REQUEST

Type of tour: Religious tour – guided

Duration: 2 nights / 3 days

Minimum participants: 2 people

Execution period: All year round, everyday – according to availability;

Requirements: Suitable for everyone

Locations: Santa Maria degli Angeli, Assisi, Cascia, Roccaporena

NOTE:

- *The tours include accommodation in 4-star hotels in Perugia, Assisi or other ancient villages on a half-board basis. Upon request, it is possible to organize tours with other types of accommodations, for example farmhouses, country hotels, 3-star hotels, 5-star hotels, luxury hotels, private villas, ancient historic farmhouses, among others.*

UMBRIA, EASTER AND SPRING TOUR (3 NIGHTS / 4 DAYS)

DAY 1 – WELCOME! Arrival and accommodation at the hotel, lunch and guided visit of Perugia.

Perugia, the capital of the Umbria region, is worth a visit not only for the beauty of its hilly position, but also for its beautiful old buildings. Before passing under Roman rule, ancient Perusia was one of the twelve cities of the Etruscan federation and notable stretches of the Etruscan walls have been preserved, which extended for 2,800 meters around the town. Perugia is known to the art world as the center of the Umbrian School of Painting in the 15th and 16th centuries and its greatest exponents, Pietro Vannucci (called Perugino) and Bernardino Betti (called Pinturicchio) worked here. The young Raphael worked in Perugino's studio until 1504. You will find works by all three in the churches and public buildings of Perugia.
Lunch at a local restaurant in Perugia – drinks included.



20:30 - Rich welcome dinner at a farmhouse/restaurant selected by us for the quality of the food and the perfect representation of the Umbrian culinary tradition - drinks included.

Return to the hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 2 – GUBBIO GUIDED TOUR – VISIT TO WINE CELLAR WITH LUNCH AND TASTING

Gubbio is one of the oldest Umbrian cities. Here you can breathe history from every stone and there are many traces of its glorious past: the Roman Theater of the 1st century AD, the Basilica of Sant'Ubaldo which dominates the city and houses the remains of the saint, patron saint of Gubbio, the Gothic Cathedral, the Church of Santa Maria Nuova which houses the fresco "The Madonna del Belvedere" by Ottaviano Nelli, master painter and illuminator who owes his birth to Gubbio. In the Palazzo dei Consoli, seat of the Civic Art Gallery, we find the "Tavole Eugubine", seven bronze tablets bearing inscriptions in Umbrian characters from the III and II century BC. and Latin characters of the 2nd and 1st century BC, very important documents for the history of the Italic peoples.



You cannot visit Umbria without savoring its food and wine delights. The viticulture of our region has its origins in the time of the Etruscans and the ancient Umbrian people, who exploited the excellent predisposition of the soil for agriculture and the favorable climatic conditions for the cultivation of the vine. To date, Umbria has about 13,000 hectares of vineyards, where the quality of production, rich in native varieties of great value, and environmental sustainability, are the cornerstones of its competitiveness. In addition, the region's gastronomy offers many DOC and DOP certified delicacies for quality level. The excursion will take you to the deepest secrets of our cuisine. You will visit a renowned winery and taste some local specialties... Buon appetito!



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3 – SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI – LUNCH – GUIDED VISIT OF ASSISI

Inside the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, at the foot of Assisi, there is the "Porziuncola", a small church restored by St. Francis in which, in 1209, the saint founded the Order of Friars Minor, entrusting it to the protection of Virgin Mary. The Porziuncola is the heart of Franciscanism, the place where Francis discusses the "Rule" of the order with his friars and seeks new life for the preaching of the Gospel in the world. The courtyard of roses is also kept in the Basilica complex. According to sources, one night Francis, taken by doubt and temptation, rolled among the brambles of the Rose Garden to test himself and not give in to what could have separated him from God and his mission. Upon contact with the saint's skin, the roses turned into thornless roses giving rise to the "Rosa Canina Assisiensis", which since then has continued to bloom only at the Porziuncola.



12:30 pm - Tasty lunch at a prestigious restaurant with view of the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. In the afternoon, we will go to visit, accompanied by a guide, the city of Assisi.

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Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4 – EXCURSION TO THE MENOTRE VALLEY

THE CHARM OF SPINGS, CAVES AND WATERFALLS AND RASIGLIA WITH LUNCH

After breakfast we head to the Menotre valley, just 20 minutes from Assisi. We will go to visit with a guide a hermitage protected by the rugged rock, a sanctuary that leaves you speechless and from which you can enjoy a breathtaking view. Together with him we will have a beautiful trekking experience of about 1 hour and a half where we will reach springs, waterfalls and caves, also rediscovering the beauty of silence, of listening to your step, your breath, the sounds of nature. The guide will accompany you throughout the excursion, providing useful and interesting information on the route and the surrounding landscape. Together you will reach the village of Pale where a delicious lunch awaits you in a typical Umbrian restaurant.



Umbria is also the region of ancient villages. After lunch we will take you to discover one of these jewels, Rasiglia, the village of streams. The town, which preserves the typical characteristics of the medieval village by gathering in an amphitheater structure, is famous for its springs: walking through the suggestive alleys of the center it is impossible not to be enchanted by the waterways that cross the town, making it unique and fascinating. Even today, the life of Rasiglia continues to be marked by water: the element that passes through weaving, wool processing and dyeing that is revived through an ancient tradition, dating back to 1200.



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The tour includes:

- Accommodation 3 nights at a 4-star hotel;
- Accommodation in a double room on a half-board basis;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Perugia – drinks included;
- Guided tour of Perugia with a private tour guide;
- Welcome dinner at a farmhouse/restaurant selected by us for the quality of the food and the perfect representation of the Umbrian culinary traditions – drinks included;
- Guided visit of Gubbio with a private tour guide;
- Guided visit to a renowned winery near Gubbio;
- Lunch with 360° food and wine tasting in wine cellar;
- Guided visit of Santa Maria degli Angeli;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Santa Maria degli Angeli with a view of the basilica – drinks included;
- Guided visit of Assisi with a private tour guide;
- Trekking excursion to the Menotre Valley: "The charm of springs, caves and waterfalls";
- Expert trekking guide during the excursion;
- Entrance tickets to the caves and hermitage;
- Lunch at a local restaurant after the trekking excursion- drinks included;
- Visit of Rasiglia with tour leader;
- *Program with suggested visits and itinerary.*

The tour does not include:

- Tips, transfers, city taxes, medical insurance, extras and anything that has not been mentioned in "the tour includes".

QUOTE UPON REQUEST

Duration: 3 nights / 4 days

Execution period: from April to November, everyday – according to availability.

Requirements: suitable for everyone

Minimum participants: 2 people

Locations: Perugia, Gubbio, Santa Maria degli Angeli, Assisi, Menotre Valley, Rasiglia

NOTE:

- *The tours include accommodation in 4-star hotels in Perugia, Assisi or other ancient villages on a half-board basis. Upon request, it is possible to organize tours with other types of accommodations, for example farmhouses, country hotels, 3-star hotels, 5-star hotels, luxury hotels, private villas, ancient historic farmhouses, among others.*

UMBRIA, ADVENTURE AND FLAVORS WEEKEND (3 NIGHTS / 4 DAYS)

DAY 1 – WELCOME TO UMBRIA! – SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI

Arrival in Umbria and accommodation in a 4-star Hotel - accommodation in a standard double room, lunch and visit of Santa Maria degli Angeli.

Inside the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, at the foot of Assisi, is the "Porziuncola", a small church restored by St. Francis in which, in 1209, the saint founded the Order of Friars Minor, entrusting it to the protection of Virgin Mary. The Porziuncola is the heart of Franciscanism, the place where Francis discusses the "Rule" of the order with his friars and seeks new life for the preaching of the Gospel in the world. The courtyard of roses is also kept in the Basilica complex. According to sources, one night Francis, taken by doubt and temptation, rolled among the brambles of the Rose Garden to test himself and not give in to what could have separated him from God and his mission. Upon contact with the saint's skin, the roses turned into thornless roses giving rise to the "Rosa Canina Assisiensis", which has continued to bloom only at the Porziuncola ever since.



20:30 - Rich welcome dinner at a farmhouse/restaurant selected by us for the quality of the food and the perfect representation of the Umbrian culinary tradition - drinks included.

Return to accommodation and overnight stay.

DAY 2 – RAFTING ADVENTURE ON THE RIVER IN VALNERINA WITH LUNCH VISIT TO THE MARMORE FALLS IN THE AFTERNOON

This morning we will live an experience of great emotional impact, between adrenaline and ever new landscapes in a few strokes of the oar; river rafting is certainly one of the most fun and exciting activities to experience in Umbria. On board an unsinkable rubber dinghy, accompanied by our expert instructor, we will embark on an adventurous descent on streams, driven by water currents, between places of great naturalistic interest otherwise inaccessible: rock walls, waterfalls, woods and large meadows. All the equipment necessary for the experience will be provided (wetsuit, jackets, helmets, etc.) and upon arrival from the descent you will find changing rooms with hot showers. **Typical Umbrian lunch in a local restaurant - drinks included.**



After lunch we will go to visit the Marmore Falls, which with its 165 meters divided into 3 jumps, is the highest in Europe. The waterfall is located in the Terni Valnerina area and in the Nera River Park, also called the Parco delle Acque, a protected area that finds its point of excellence in the waterfall: an environment extraordinarily rich in cultural, historical and environmental testimonies. You will have time to independently visit the paths of the waterfall, relax at one of the many viewpoints, refresh yourself at a refreshment point, buy some souvenirs and above all take photos and selfies to bring the extraordinary beauty of this place with you. Guided visit to the Marmore Falls. **Entrance ticket included.**



Return to accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3 – ATV ADVENTURE WITH APERITIF IN THE WOODS - LUNCH IN LOCAL RESTAURANT AND GUIDED VISIT OF ASSISI IN THE AFTERNOON

This morning we will have an exciting experience, we will visit the nature that surrounds Assisi and Mount Subasio by quad. Driving a quad bike surrounded by greenery is a truly incredible experience! Few can resist the temptation to return, after having tried it only once. Its versatility, combined with the comfort of driving even for two people, make it a fun means of travel on any terrain: mud, stones, water, the quad does not ask for better! Furthermore, no particular driving skills are required: after the first few meters you will already be able to move confidently, and as soon as you have made the first kilometers you will never want to get off the saddle! The excursion is guided along a nature trail of about 1 hour with a pleasant stop inside the San Francesco wood, in the midst of nature, for a delicious aperitif included.



1:00 PM - Delicious lunch in a typical restaurant with a menu based on Umbrian specialties - drinks included.

Pax et Bonum! This is the greeting with which Assisi welcomes you, the Franciscan place par excellence, not only in Umbria and Italy, but throughout the world. In fact, St. Francis was born in Assisi in 1182; in the place where it is believed that his birthplace was located, today stands the New Church. It is in Assisi that he is baptized, in the Cathedral of San Rufino, it is in its alleys that he spends his youth dreaming of a future as a brave knight, it is here, where today the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore is located, in the Piazza del Vescovado, which is it strips by repudiating earthly goods for love of God and brothers. It is still in Assisi, in the Church of San Damiano, that by praying in front of the crucifix, he receives the task of renewing the Church of Christ, it is in the town square that his preaching and his work of charity and peace begins, and it is finally here who died in 1226. His remains are preserved in the Basilica of San Francesco, but the saint still lives today in every stone of Assisi. Walk through its enchanting alleys and guided visit to the Franciscan places. Audio guide can be rented inside the Basilica of San Francesco.





Return to accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4 – GUIDED VISIT OF PERUGIA – ARRIVEDERCI!

Perugia, the capital of the Umbria region, is worth a visit not only for the beauty of its hilly position, but also for its beautiful old buildings. Before passing under Roman rule, ancient Perusia was one of the twelve cities of the Etruscan federation and significant tracts of the Etruscan walls have been preserved, which extended for 2,800 meters around the town. Perugia is known to the art world as the center of the Umbrian School of Painting in the 15th and 16th centuries and its greatest exponents, Pietro Vannucci (called Perugino) and Bernardino Betti (called Pinturicchio) worked here. The young Raphael worked in Perugino's studio until 1504. You will find works by all three in the churches and public buildings of Perugia. **Lunch at a local restaurant – drinks included.**



ARRIVEDERCI! *Salutiamo l'Umbria, portandola nel cuore!*



The tour includes:

- Accommodation 3 nights in a 4-star Hotel;
- Accommodation in a double / twin room on a half-board basis;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Santa Maria degli Angeli – drinks included;
- Rich welcome dinner at a farmhouse/restaurant selected by us for the quality of the food and the perfect representation of the Umbrian culinary tradition - drinks included;
- River Rafting Adventure Experience - equipment and instructor included;
- Lunch in a restaurant near the Marmore Falls - drinks included;
- Entrance tickets to the Marmore Falls for 2 people;
- Guided visit of the Marmore Falls with private tour guide;
- "Guided ATV Adventure" experience in the woods (1 ATV every 2 people);
- Aperitif during the ATV guided excursion;
- Lunch in a typical restaurant in Assisi - drinks included;
- Guided tour of Assisi with a private tour guide;
- Guided visit of Perugia with a private tour guide;
- Lunch in a local restaurant in Perugia – drinks included;
- *Suggested visits program with itineraries and advice.*

The tour does not include:

- Transfers, city tax, tips, medical insurance, extras, and anything that has not been specified in "the tour includes".

QUOTE UPON REQUEST

Minimum participants: 2 people

Availability: from April to November, everyday – according to availability;

Locations: *Santa Maria degli Angeli, Assisi, Ferentillo, Marmore Falls, Perugia*

Requirements: Suitable to everyone - driving license for driving the ATV quad;

Minimum age for excursions (rafting and ATV): 6 years

NOTE:

- *The tours include accommodation in 4-star hotels in Perugia, Assisi or other ancient villages on a half-board basis. Upon request, it is possible to organize tours with other types of accommodations, for example farmhouses, country hotels, 3-star hotels, 5-star hotels, luxury hotels, private villas, ancient historic farmhouses, among others.*

UMBRIA: VILLAGES OF ART AND FLAVORS TOUR (3 NIGHTS / 4 DAYS)

DAY 1 - WELCOME! Accommodation at the hotel, lunch and guided tour of Spoleto with private tour guide.

Spoletto, a picturesque and austere city, with an ancient history, is one of the main tourist centers of Umbria, as well as for the importance of its archaeological monuments: Roman, early medieval and Renaissance, for the interesting cultural events that take place there. Spoleto and the Spoleto Valley have become the symbol of Umbria: of its natural charm; of its artistic beauties; of the poetry that surrounds it; of the mysticism that was lived in it and that continues to emanate from it. Spoleto. Ancient capital of the Lombard dukes, Spoleto will leave you breathless thanks to the wealth of the city's historical and artistic heritage: Rocca Albornoziana, Ponte delle Torri, Roman Theater, Piazza del Duomo.



Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 2 - ABBAZIA DI SAN PIETRO IN VALLE – FERENTILLO – KAYAK RIDE ON THE RIVER OR MUSEUM OF THE MUMMIES - CASCATA DELLE MARMORE AND ARNONE

The legend of the foundation of the abbey of San Pietro in Valle, has it that it was the Lombard Duke Faroaldo II in the eighth century. to build it, after a dream in which St. Peter ordered him to build a monastery in his honor where he met a hermit named Lazarus. With the end of the Lombard Kingdom and the subsequent Saracen destruction of the IX century. the Abbey fell into disrepair and was only restored in the 10th / 11th century. at the behest of Otto III first and then of Henry II. The Abbey was managed by both the Benedictine and the Cistercian orders and in the 14th century, placed under the control of the Lateran Chapter, it was entrusted to the Ancaiani family of Spoleto. Today the Abbey Complex has become an excellent period residence with the restored Abbey Church which can be visited every day.



Inside the Abbey Church you can admire works of art from various eras such as the six Roman sarcophagi of the III / IV century. and the Roman, Lombard and Carolingian reused materials with which the original building was built. Of inestimable value is the Longobard altar frontal known as "Ursus Magester" and the Romanesque fresco cycle from the mid-12th century. present in the nave with stories from the Old and New Testament. Near the Abbey you can still see the caves where the hermits lived before the construction of the monastery. Art historians all agree in assigning the "Unicum" seal to the Abbey of San Pietro in Valle for the finds that it jealously preserves inside, of different genres and eras.

FERENTILLO In the midst of spectacular nature, immersed in the green Valnerina, within the River Nera Park, lies one of the most evocative and important places in the whole of Umbria. Divided by the Nera River into two settlements, Precetto and Matterella, Ferentillo has positioned itself for centuries as a cultural and religious center of considerable importance. Importance that is expressed today by the numerous architectural, artistic and archaeological testimonies.



After reaching Ferentillo it will be possible, with expert guides, to take a kayak ride on the river literally surrounded by nature. Peace of heart and soul. Those not interested in the river walk can visit the "museum of mummies". The crypt still has architectural and artistic elements dating back to the medieval church phase of the 13th century. The floor is made up of the earth used for the burials compacted following the dripping action of the mountain spring water that penetrates through the ceiling. From the moment of its discovery (especially from the nineteenth century) this place has become famous for the collection of mummified bodies so as to arouse the interest of numerous scholars and many visitors.



Lunch in local restaurant in Ferentillo – drinks included.

ARRONE The village of Arrone, included among the most beautiful villages in Italy, is located on a rocky hill along the left bank of the Nera River, a short distance from the Marmore waterfall. Once an important commercial hub on the road between the Duchy of Spoleto and Abruzzo, it remains a place of strong charm, not only for the medieval aspect typical of many Umbrian villages, but also for the environmental context in which the ancient testimonies are inserted. The Park of the Nera River abounds in waters, trees, animals and strikes the imagination for its intense green, a prelude to the re composition of a habitat where the blue rock thrush, returned to nest in abandoned farmhouses, and the rare harrier, the bird of prey of the Apennines.



There are many reasons to visit Umbria, the scents, the dishes, the nature, the villages, but one more reason is Cantamaggio. **Cantamaggio** is a traditional begging song and celebrates the advent of spring and the agricultural rebirth. This ancient song has its roots in pagan fertility rites, it is a tradition strongly linked to peasant culture, a wish for well-being and a wish for the future. The arrival of spring after the cold of winter is celebrated with songs and ancient songs.

A few kilometers, and we will reach the Marmore Falls, which with its 165 m divided into 3 jumps, is the highest in Europe. The waterfall is located in the Terni Valnerina area and in the Nera River Park, also called the Parco delle Acque, a protected area that finds its point of excellence in the waterfall: an environment extraordinarily rich in cultural, historical and environmental testimonies. You will have time to independently visit the paths of the waterfall, relax at one of the many viewpoints, refresh yourself at a refreshment point, buy some souvenirs and above all take photos and selfies to take the extraordinary beauty of this place with you. **Entrance ticket included.**



Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3 – GUIDED VISIT OF CASCIA, WITH LUNCH IN LOCAL RESTAURANT GUIDED VISIT OF AMELIA, NARNI AND NARNI UNDERGROUND

CASCIA: Founded in Roman times, Cascia experienced its greatest splendor in the Middle Ages. Located in the most mountainous area of Umbria, Cascia owes its importance to the sanctuary erected in the name of Santa Rita, one of the most important spiritual centers in the region and a famous pilgrimage destination. Lunch in a local restaurant – drinks included.



Lunch in local restaurant in Cascia – drinks included.

Amelia is a small medieval village, but full of treasures. We will accompany you to discover the historic center, with entrance to the museum, to the suggestive Palazzo Petriniani and to another great tourist attraction from the Roman era: the Cisterns, a set of underground cavities that the Romans used as an escape route from the city, as a deposit or for the known skill in the design of sewage and plumbing systems in general.



Narni: Geographical center of Italy, it is located in the south of the Umbria region on a 240 m high hill that controls the last stretch of the Valnerina. Characteristic Umbrian city with strong medieval connotations, it still retains numerous historical and archaeological testimonies. There are numerous prestigious monuments in the historic center, the Romanesque cathedral, the 13th century church of San Francesco, the Palazzo dei Priori, located in the medieval square of the same name.





We will visit the Underground. Narni Underground is a group of hypogea discovered in recent years, some of which have been possible to open to the public. These environments are suitable for everyone, even the claustrophobic, thanks to the numerous openings to the outside along the entire route.



Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4 – ORVIETO AND THE MAGICAL LABYRINTH CITY OF LA SCARZUOLA

The day begins with a guided tour of Orvieto, an ancient city of Etruscan origin that dominates the valley of the Paglia river from the top of the tuff cliff on which it stands. You will admire the historic center, the Cathedral, the Palazzo Comunale, Sant'Andrea, the Torre del Moro, San Francesco.

The tour will move to the city of the visionary architect Tomaso Buzzi, La Scarzuola. It will be two hours of a story made up of fragments of esoteric, spiritual, religious, astrological and political notions, linked by a logical thread that is not always understandable but certainly fascinating and indispensable for moving among the metaphors of Buzzi's universe. **Lunch in local restaurant.**



ARRIVEDERCI! We say goodbye to Umbria keeping it in our hearts!



The tour includes:

- Accommodation 3 nights in a 4-star hotel;
- Accommodation in double room on a half-board basis;
- Welcome lunch at a local restaurant in Spoleto – drinks included;
- Spoleto guided tour with private tour guide;
- Guided visit to Abbazia di San Pietro in Valle and Ferentillo with private guide;
- Experience: Kayak ride on the river in Valnerina – equipment and instructor included (or *Visit to the Museum of Mummies* for those not interested in the kayak ride);
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Ferentillo – drinks included;
- Guided visit to Arrone and Cascata delle Marmore with private tour guide;
- Entrance ticket to the Marmore Falls;
- Guided tour of Cascia with private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Cascia with drinks included;
- Guided visit of Amelia and Narni with private tour guide;
- Entrance tickets to Narni underground and visit;
- Orvieto guided tour with private tour guide;
- Entrance to the Duomo di Orvieto;
- Entrance ticket to La Scarzuola;
- Lunch at a local restaurant – drinks included;
- *Suggested visits program with itinerary and advice.*

The tour does not include:

- Transfers, tips, city taxes, extra, and anything not explicitly mentioned in "the tour includes".

QUOTE UPON REQUEST

Duration: 3 nights / 4 days

Minimum participants: 2 people

Execution period: From April to November, every day – according to availability;

Requirements: Suitable for everyone

Locations: Spoleto, Ferentillo, Arrone, the Marmore Falls, Cascia, Narni, Amelia, Orvieto, La Scarzuola.

NOTE:

- *The tours include accommodation in 4-star hotels in Perugia, Assisi or other ancient villages on a half-board basis. Upon request, it is possible to organize tours with other types of accommodations, for example farmhouses, country hotels, 3-star hotels, 5-star hotels, luxury hotels, private villas, ancient historic farmhouses, among others.*

UMBRIA, FOOD AND WINE SPECIALTIES TOUR (5 NIGHTS / 6 DAYS)

DAY 1 – WELCOME! - VISIT TO WINERY WITH LUNCH AND 360° FOOD & WINE TASTING GUBBIO GUIDED TOUR IN THE AFTERNOON WITH A PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE

Arrival in Umbria and visit to a renowned winery in which we will have the chance to get in contact with the Umbrian wine traditions.

You cannot visit Umbria without enjoying its food and wine delights. The viticulture of our region has its origins at the time of the Etruscans and the ancient people of the Umbrians, who exploited the excellent predisposition of the soil to agriculture and the advantageous climatic conditions to grape vine cultivation. To date, Umbria has about 13,000 hectares of vineyards, where the quality of production, rich in very prestigious autochthonous varieties, and environmental sustainability, are the cornerstones of its competitiveness. Also, the gastronomy of the region offers lots of delicacies certified as DOC and DOP by quality level. The excursion will take you to the deepest secrets of our culinary and wine traditions at a renowned winery where you will have a 360° food and wine tasting... *Buon appetito!*



Gubbio is one of the oldest Umbrian cities. Here you can breathe history from every stone and many are the traces of its glorious past: the Roman Theater of the first century AD, the Basilica of Sant'Ubaldo which overlooks the city and houses the remains of the saint, patron of Gubbio, the Gothic cathedral, the Church of Santa Maria Nuova which houses the fresco "The Madonna of the Belvedere" by Ottaviano Nelli, master painter and miniaturist who owes his birth to Gubbio. In the Palazzo dei Consoli, home of the Civic Art Gallery, we find the "Tavole Eugubine", seven bronze plates bearing inscriptions in Umbrian characters of the III and II centuries BC and Latin characters of the II and I centuries BC, very important documents for the history of the Italic peoples. **Guided visit of Gubbio with private tour guide.**



Afterwards, transfer to Assisi and accommodation at the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 2 – COOKING CLASS: LET'S MAKE PASTA! WITH LUNCH IN FARMHOUSE ASSISI GUIDED TOUR WITH PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE IN THE AFTERNOON

Nothing makes us more famous in the world as pasta! And nothing can make us feel at home while we are away like a forkful of this dish, so simple yet so tasty! But do we really know its secrets and regional specialties? Don't worry, with us you will learn everything: the selection of the necessary ingredients and utensils, the preparation techniques, the preparation of the pasta, up to the preparation of tasty and excellent quality dishes. Today we will get in touch with our culinary art and we will have a wonderful experience from flour to pasta! This time the setting will be a farm near Assisi, where animals are raised in the wild and where food is grown without the use of pesticides and other chemicals. Here, after a tour around the property, we will have a fun and interesting cooking class of about 3 hours in which we will learn how to make traditional Italian pasta with clearly organic ingredients. During this lesson we will travel into Italian cuisine, a journey in which we will learn the delicate art of making pasta by hand, discovering all the tricks and basic preparations for making fresh homemade pasta, from simple pasta to filled pasta. At the end of the lesson, **lunch with the results of your work and other specialties with drinks included. Buon appetito!**



Pax et Bonum – meaning “Peace and Goodness” – is the greeting with which Assisi welcomes you, the Franciscan place par excellence, not only in Umbria and Italy, but throughout the world. In fact, Saint Francis was born in Assisi in 1182; in the place where it is believed that his birthplace was located, today stands the New Church. It is in Assisi that he is baptized, in the Cathedral of San Rufino, it is in its alleys that he spends his youth dreaming of a future as a brave knight; it is here, where today the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore is located, in the Piazza del Vescovado, which he strips by repudiating earthly goods for love of God and his brothers. It is still in Assisi, in the Church of San Damiano, that by praying in front of the crucifix, he receives the task of renewing the Church of Christ; it is in the town square that his preaching and his work of charity and peace begins, and it is finally here where he dies in 1226. His remains are preserved in the Basilica of San Francesco, but the saint still lives today in every stone of Assisi. Walk through its enchanting alleys and **guided visit to the Franciscan places**. Audio guide available for rent inside the Basilica of San Francesco.





Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 – TRUFFLE HUNT IN THE WOODS WITH TASTING AND LUNCH VISIT OF RASIGLIA WITH TOUR LEADER IN THE AFTERNOON

Valtopina is also appreciated in Umbria for its olive oil and black truffle. Truffle hunting in Umbria is an old age tradition. Umbria produces the highest number of black truffles in Italy, whose quality is famous throughout the world. Truffles are an integral part of Umbrian cuisine and culture. That of the truffle hunter, is a hard work made of deep love for the land, intelligent observation, waiting, and great satisfaction. We will take advantage of his wise guide, assisted by an incomparable four-legged scout, to learn the secrets of this noble tuber, through a naturalistic path of great beauty. And for those who still have some questions at the end of the hunt? Do not worry, the experience will end with a delicious truffle-menu lunch that will dissolve any doubt!



Umbria is also the region of ancient villages. After lunch, we will take you to discover one of these jewels, Rasiglia, the village of streams. The town, which preserves the typical characteristics of the medieval village by gathering in an amphitheater structure, is famous for its springs: walking through the suggestive alleys of the center, it is impossible not to be enchanted by the waterways that cross the town, making it unique and fascinating. Even today, the life of Rasiglia continues to be marked by water: the element that passes through weaving, wool processing and dyeing that is revived through an ancient tradition, dating back to 1200.



Transfer to Montefalco, check in at the hotel and accommodation, dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 - MONTEFALCO GUIDED TOUR WITH PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE VISIT TO A RENOWNED WINERY AND OIL MILL WITH FOOD & WINE TASTING

An Umbrian village of incredible history and beauty, Montefalco is surrounded by vineyards and olive groves, located on top of a hill overlooking the plain of the Topino and Clitunno rivers. Montefalco is called the "Balcony of Umbria" (Ringhiera dell'Umbria) and from its lookout points, in fact, it is possible to admire a 360-degree panorama over the entire valley between Perugia and Spoleto, from the slopes of the Sub-Apennines to those of the Martani Mountains. The village, which develops in a halo of suggestive cobbled alleys all around the wonderful central square, boasts numerous points of great interest: the city walls, the Torre del Verziere, and the magnificent museum complex of San Francesco. The complex, built by the Friars Minor between 1335 and 1338, houses spectacular frescoes made by Benozzo Gozzoli depicting episodes from the life of St. Francis, and numerous other works of great beauty and inestimable value. We will have the guided visit of the old town and afterwards, we will reach a local winery in order to enjoy the famous Rosso Montefalco and Sagrantino, pride of the local agriculture.



Wine also makes Montefalco proud: the prized Sagrantino di Montefalco is the red wine that has made Umbria famous all over the world for its wine production. The Sagrantino vine grows only here, or rather, it is in the green hills around this village that it achieves the best results, thanks to a combination of factors such as the composition of the soil, the microclimate, and the skilled care of the winemakers, which are preserved and handed down with passion for generations and generations. You cannot visit Montefalco without visiting its beautiful vineyards, its local wineries and enjoying its food and wine delights. After the guided visit of Montefalco, we will reach a local winery and oil mill, and we will learn everything related to the olive oil and wine tradition of this beautiful town. At the end of the visit, we will enjoy a delicious food and wine tasting that will dissolve any doubt!



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 – VISIT TO LA PERUGINA CHOCOLATE HOUSE – PIZZA LAB WITH *GIRO PIZZA* (LUNCH) PERUGIA GUIDED TOUR WITH PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE IN THE AFTERNOON

During our time in Perugia, we'll take a visit to the Perugina Chocolate House, located inside the renowned Perugina chocolate factory. A magic place to taste fine chocolate and enjoy a rich collection of pictures, labels, posters, gift boxes, and special old machines to produce the chocolate and its most famous product the "bacio". **Tasting of chocolate included in the guided visit.**



Short transfer from La Perugina Chocolate House to the outskirts of the city for an interesting Pizza Lab with an expert pizza chef that will end with a delicious Giro Pizza, accompanied by bottle of a good wine or beer.

Prepared in different ways and shapes and with many possible combinations, pizza is one of the best-known Italian dishes in the world and the second most eaten after rice. But how is it prepared? Today, in our cooking workshop, our expert pizza chef will tell us all the ingredients needed to prepare a tasty pizza, the utensils, the different types of oven in which it can be cooked and we will be witness of the process from preparing the base to adding the toppings before and after baking it. All raw materials, work kits, tools and ingredients will be provided and at the end, we will eat a tasty lunch with the result of our work. We will have a *giro pizza* accompanied by an excellent bottle of wine or beer.



Perugia, the capital of Umbria, is worth visiting not only for the beauty of its hilltop setting, but also for its fine old buildings. Before it came under Roman rule, ancient Perusia was one of the twelve cities of the Etruscan federation, and considerable sections of the Etruscan walls, which extended for 2,800 meters around the town, have been preserved. Perugia is known to the art world as the center of the Umbrian School of Painting in the 15th and 16th centuries and its leading members, Pietro Vannucci (Perugino) and Bernardino Betti (Pinturicchio) both worked here. The young Raphael worked in Perugino's studio until 1504. You'll find works by all three in Perugia's churches and public buildings. **Guided tour of Perugia.**



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 – ORVIETO GUIDED TOUR AND ORVIETO UNDERGROUND WITH LUNCH

Orvieto is an ancient city of Etruscan origin that dominates the valley of the river Paglia from the top of the tuff cliff on which it stands. A beautiful place to visit with a unique history dating back to million years ago. We take a stroll around Orvieto old town, and visit the majestic Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta, best known as the "Duomo", a magnificent masterpiece of Gothic and Romanesque architecture, one of the most important in Europe. Another symbol of the city itself, steps from a breathtaking belvedere, is St. Patrick's Well, a spectacular engineering work of the 16th century which you can even climb!



Once upon a time there was... a city. It's like the beginning of a fairy tale; instead, it's the beginning of a story that, just like an old fairy tale, tells of an almost incredible adventure: the discovery of a city under a city. The city is Orvieto, which already looks as though it has come out of the pictures of a story book, perched as it is on a high Rupe, its peripheral verticality isolating it from the rest of the world. A Rupe that, though it has supported the city for three thousand years, still proves to be inexperienced in performing a task of such great renown: collapses, landslides, falls and tremors have always made its inhabitants suspicious. To blame is the fragility of the rocks forming it: tuff and pozzolana. Extremely friable materials that can almost be scratched away by fingernails. But it's for this very reason they are materials that can easily be dug, perforated, to open a grotto... two... one hundred... a thousand.



Lunch in local restaurant – drinks included.

ARRIVEDERCI! – We say goodbye to Umbria and we keep it in our hearts!



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The tour includes:

- Accommodation 5 nights at a 4-star Hotel;
- Accommodation in single rooms, double rooms, triple rooms or other room types according to the group on a half-board basis;
- Visit to Wine Cellar with lunch and 360° food and wine tasting;
- Guided visit of Gubbio with private tour guide;
- Pasta Cooking Class in a local farmhouse with a private pasta chef;
- Work kit, utensils and ingredients for the Pasta Lab included;
- Lunch at the farmhouse with pasta and other Umbrian specialties – drinks included;
- Assisi guided tour with private tour guide;
- Audio guides for the visit to the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi included;
- Experience: Truffle hunt in the woods with tasting;
- Lunch with truffle-based menu and drinks includes;
- Visit of Rasiglia, the village of springs, with tour leader;
- Guided tour of Montefalco with private tour guide;
- Guided visit to wine cellar and oil mill in Montefalco area;
- Lunch with food and wine tasting in winery;
- Entrance tickets to the Perugina Chocolate House and guided tour;
- Pizza Lab with private pizza chef near Perugia;
- Work kit, utensils and ingredients included for the pizza lab;
- Lunch with *giro pizza* after the pizza lab – wine / beer included;
- Guided tour of Perugia with private tour guide;
- Guided tour of Orvieto with private tour guide;
- Entrance tickets to the Duomo of Orvieto;
- Entrance tickets to Orvieto Underground and guided visit;
- Lunch in local restaurant in Orvieto – drinks included;
- *Suggested visits program with itineraries and advice.*

The tour does not include:

- City taxes, tips, meals that have not been mentioned, transfers, and anything that has not been specifically mentioned in "the tour includes".

QUOTE UPON REQUEST

Type of tour: Food and wine tour & cultural tour

Duration: 5 nights / 6 days

Minimum participants: 2 people

Execution period: From April to November, every day – according to availability;

Requirements: Suitable for everyone

Locations: Gubbio, Perugia, Montefalco, Assisi, Valtopina, Rasiglia.

NOTE:

- *The tours include accommodation in 4-star hotels in Perugia, Assisi or other ancient villages on a half-board basis. Upon request, it is possible to organize tours with other types of accommodations, for example farmhouses, country hotels, 3-star hotels, 5-star hotels, luxury hotels, private villas, ancient historic farmhouses, among others.*

EXPLORING UMBRIA AND LE MARCHE (6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS)

DAY 1 – WELCOME! – GUIDED TOUR OF PERUGIA WITH PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE

Arrival in Perugia and accommodation in the hotel. Lunch and guided tour of Perugia in the afternoon.

Perugia, the capital city of the Umbria, is worth a visit not only for the beauty of its hilly position, but also for its beautiful old buildings. Before passing under Roman rule, ancient Perusia was one of the twelve cities of the Etruscan federation and significant tracts of the Etruscan walls, which extended for 2 800 meters around the town, have been preserved. Perugia is known to the art world as the center of the Umbrian School of Painting in the 15th and 16th centuries and its greatest exponents, Pietro Vannucci (called Perugino) and Bernardino Betti (called Pinturicchio) worked here. The young Raphael worked in Perugino's studio until 1504. You will find works by all three in the churches and public buildings of Perugia.



20:30 - Rich welcome dinner at a farmhouse selected by us for the quality of the food and the perfect representation of the Umbrian culinary tradition - drinks included.

Return to the hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 2 – GUIDED TOUR OF GUBBIO - VISIT TO WINE CELLAR WITH FOOD & WINE TASTING PLEASANT HORSEBACK RIDE IN THE AFTERNOON WITH PRIVATE INSTRUCTOR

Gubbio is one of the oldest Umbrian cities. Here you can breathe history from every stone and there are many traces of its glorious past: the Roman Theater of the 1st century AD, the Basilica of Sant'Ubaldo which dominates the city and houses the remains of the saint, patron saint of Gubbio, the Gothic Cathedral, the Church of Santa Maria Nuova which houses the fresco "The Madonna del Belvedere" by Ottaviano Nelli, master painter and illuminator who owes his birth to Gubbio. In the Palazzo dei Consoli, seat of the Civic Art Gallery, we find the "Tavole Eugubine", seven bronze tablets bearing inscriptions in Umbrian characters from the III and II centuries BC. and Latin characters of the 2nd and 1st century BC, very important documents for the history of the Italic peoples.



You cannot visit Umbria without savoring its food and wine delights. The viticulture of our region has its origins in the time of the Etruscans and the ancient Umbrian people, who exploited the excellent predisposition of the soil for agriculture and the favorable climatic conditions for the cultivation of the vine. To date, Umbria has about 13,000 hectares of vineyards, where the quality of production, rich in native varieties of great value, and environmental sustainability, are the cornerstones of its competitiveness. In addition, the region's gastronomy offers many DOC and DOP certified delicacies for quality level. During this excursion you will visit a historic and renowned winery to discover the deepest secrets of our food and wine tradition and taste some local specialties... *Buon appetito!*



HORSE RIDING LESSON AND HORSEBACK RIDE

"In riding a horse, we borrow freedom"- Helen Thompson.



After lunch, we will live a very pleasant experience: a walk in the countryside, surrounded by greenery, caressed by the wind, in contact with a specimen of such rare pride, elegance, strength, patience and intelligence; it cannot be just a sport, but an undeniable experience. The beneficial and relaxing relationship that is created with the horse makes horse riding a privileged tool for participating in nature, getting closer to others and self-awareness, as well as bringing undoubted benefits to health. Our guide will first give you a one-hour riding lesson so that you can learn the most important notions of this activity and be ready for the experience, will provide you with valuable information on how to relate to this lovely friend, and will then lead you in a pleasant ride on horseback, also suitable for those who have never approached this exciting experience before.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3 – TANDEM PARAGLIDING - SPELLO & TREVI GUIDED TOURS WITH LUNCH

In the morning we will have an exciting experience from above: we will enjoy a beautiful view of Assisi and its surroundings from a unique and privileged point of view. We will try the experience of a paragliding flight over the hometown of San Francesco and the surrounding valley, with a professional instructor and with all the equipment required to perform it in total safety. During the flight a video will be recorded to make you cherish this moment forever. The experience is divided into two parts: preparatory phase with technical briefing and flight of about 20 minutes which may vary depending on the wind and weather conditions.



An unmissable stop on our tour in Umbria is the visit of Trevi. Trevi, built in Roman times, is the City of Oil and is counted among the most beautiful villages in Italy! Surrounded by olive trees, Trevi preserves remains dating back to the Roman Empire, such as the mighty walls of the 1st century BC, and medieval ones such as Porta del Bruscito, Porta del Cieco, Porta San Fabiano, and the Arch of Mostaccio which create a particularly fascinating atmosphere. . Absolutely not to be missed are the Church of Sant'Emiliano (patron saint of Trevi), the Sanctuary of the Madonna delle Lacrime, the Church of San Giovanni Decollato, the Church of San Francesco, Piazza Mazzini and Casa Petrucci. **Guided tour of Trevi and lunch in local restaurant with drinks included.**



The Consular Gate marks the entrance to the city of Spello or, as Julius Caesar called it, the "Splendidissima Colonia Julia", an enchanting village of Roman origin, counted among the most beautiful villages in Italy, thanks to its environmental wealth, cultural heritage and artistic. Spello still retains traces of its historical past with the ancient walls and Properzio's Towers that protect Porta Venere, another access point to the town. The church of Santa Maria Maggiore can be reached by walking through suggestive alleys and ancient streets, along which flowery balconies overlook and which, with the passage of time, have become true symbols of the city, and still remain one of the most coveted. The church houses an artistic treasure inside: the Baglioni Chapel, with a majolica floor from Deruta and frescoes by Pinturicchio. Spello also boasts a very rich Art Gallery and, just outside the walls, a wonderful museum complex known as the "Villa Dei Mosaici", which has brought to light 500 square meters of precious mosaics whose central theme is the grape harvest and wine. **Guided tour of Spello and free time to visit the historical center.**



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4 – TRUFFLE HUNTING IN THE WOODS WITH LUNCH AND ATV QUAD ADVENTURE

Today with the truffle digger and his faithful 4-legged friend we will experience an authentic truffle hunt and discover all the secrets of a millenary activity. That of the truffle hunter is an ancient profession, made of great love for the territory, of intelligent observation, of waiting and also of profound satisfaction. We will make use of his wise guidance, assisted by an incomparable assistant dog, to learn the secrets of this noble tuber: research with the dog, quarrying and cultivation, through a naturalistic path of great beauty. Successively, delicious **tasting and lunch in the middle of the woods**.



In the afternoon we will have an exciting experience, we will visit the nature that surrounds Assisi and Mount Subasio by quad. Driving a quad surrounded by greenery is a truly incredible experience! Few can resist the temptation to return, after having tried it only once. Its versatility, combined with the comfort of driving even for two people, make it a fun means of travel on any terrain: mud, stones, water, the quad does not ask anything better! Furthermore, no particular driving skills are required: after the first few meters you will already be able to move confidently, and as soon as you have made the first kilometers you will never want to get off the saddle! The excursion is guided along a nature trail of about 1 hour with a pleasant stop inside the San Francesco wood in the middle of nature for **a delicious aperitif included**.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 5 – TREKKING TO FIASTRA LAKE WITH PICNIC FOR LUNCH

After breakfast you will go to the discovery of one of the most beautiful lakes surrounded by nature and greenery that you have seen: Lake Fiastra. It is an artificial lake created in 1955 to supply electricity to the Fiastrone Valley via the dam. The lake water is clear and crystalline and in some places it looks like a natural swimming pool. The lake is one of the favorite excursion destinations in the middle of nature. With a guide we will set up a picnic in the shade of the trees, we will be able to swim, relax in the sun and go on a trekking excursion to and from the dam.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 6 – VISIT TO THE FRASASSI CAVES AND GUIDED TOUR OF JESI WITH LUNCH

A unique spectacle in the world, the Frasassi Caves, in the municipality of Genga, are underground karst caves located within the Gola della Rossa and Frasassi Regional Natural Park. Accessible to visitors for 1 km; the entire route, identified to date, corresponds to about 18 km: a complex system of underground caves in which only experts and well-equipped speleologists can enter. The entrance to the underground world of the Frasassi caves is a tunnel over 200 meters long carved into the rock, which is accessed from the Frasassi Gorge. The silence that surrounds the visitors makes the wonderful natural spectacle that opens to the eye even more evocative. Small lakes, or very deep wells, chiseled stalactites, brilliant stalagmites, natural sculptures composed of limestone layers, are all works created by the simple flow of water on the rock, protected from atmospheric events for over 190 million years.



We head for lunch to Jesi which preserves a suggestive city wall, built in the fourteenth century on the Roman route, one of the best preserved in the Marche, about a kilometer and a half long. Its gates, defense towers, plumbing boxes, patrol walkways speak of centuries of struggles and clashes for power. The historic center is characterized by squares, narrow alleys, noble buildings and churches. Francesco di Giorgio Martini was responsible for the fifteenth-century Palazzo della Signoria, an elegant civil monument symbol of the city, which houses the Planettiana Municipal Library. The pride of the city is the eighteenth-century Teatro Pergolesi, the only traditional theater in a provincial town. Palazzo Pianetti Tesei is one of the most interesting creations of the Italian Rococo; it houses the Civic Art Gallery, which collects - among others - works by Lorenzo Lotto, a Venetian painter active in the Marche in the sixteenth century. The Regional Enoteca delle Marche is located in the cellars of Palazzo Battaglia, in the center.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 7 – GUIDED TOUR OF ROCCAPORENA, CASCIA AND NORCIA WITH LUNCH

Roccaporena, located only 6 kilometers from Cascia, is a small town that has existed since the Middle Ages, when Santa Rita da Cascia was born there in 1381. It is in Roccaporena that the Opera di Santa Rita was founded, to promote the cult of the Saint, to take care of and make known her memories in Roccaporena, to carry out works of charity on her example by setting up an orphanage. At the end of the nineteenth century, Roccaporena became a meeting and excursion place for numerous Italian intellectuals for a decade. Not to be missed: Rock of Santa Rita, Via Crucis, Casa di Santa Rita, Orto del miracolo, Sanctuary of Santa Rita, the golden grotto, Church of San Montano and the Lazzaretto, originally a hospital where the Saint treated several sick people. After visiting Roccaporena for about an hour and a half, we will continue our journey towards Cascia.



Founded in Roman times, Cascia experienced its greatest splendor in the Middle Ages. Located in the most mountainous area of Umbria, Cascia owes its importance to the sanctuary erected in the name of Santa Rita, one of the most important spiritual centers in the region and a famous pilgrimage destination. Visit of Cascia lasting about an hour and a half.



At the foot of the Sibillini National Park, Norcia has kept its charm intact despite the wounds of the earthquake. We freely visit the splendid historic center and enjoy some free time to shop in the local butchers' shops. In fact, Norcia owes much of its fame to the ancient tradition of butchery. Particularly appreciated is the Norcia raw ham, but also other cured meats, caciottas and pecorino cheeses of the best quality, all processed on site with the guarantee of maximum authenticity and the authentic taste of rustic Umbrian cuisine. **Lunch at a typical restaurant in Norcia.**



ARRIVEDERCI! We say goodbye to Umbria keeping it in our hearts!

The tour includes:

- Accommodation 6 nights at a 4-star Hotel;
- Accommodation in different room types based on the group on a half-board basis;
- Welcome lunch in local restaurant in Perugia – drinks included;
- Guided visit of Perugia with private tour guide;
- Rich welcome dinner at a farmhouse selected by us for the quality of the food and the perfect representation of the Umbrian culinary tradition - drinks included.
- Guided visit of Gubbio and Basilica di Sant'Ubaldo with a private tour guide;
- Guided visit to a renowned winery near Gubbio;
- Lunch with 360° food and wine tasting in winery;
- Horseback ride in the Umbrian countryside experience – 2 hours with private instructor;
- Experience "Tandem paragliding" with expert instructor;
- Guided visit of Trevi with private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Trevi – drinks included;
- Guided tour of Spello with private tour guide;
- Experience: Truffle hunt in the woods with truffle hunter and assistant dog;
- Lunch with tasting of truffle and typical Umbrian products in the woods after the truffle hunt;
- ATV quad excursion in the woods – private instructor (1 ATV every 2 people);
- Aperitif in the woods during the ATV excursion;
- Trekking excursion to Lake Fiastra;
- Private hiking guide;
- Boxed lunch for a picnic at Lake Fiastra – wine included;
- Entrance tickets to Frasassi Caves and visit;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Jesi – drinks included;
- Guided visit of Jesi with a private tour guide;
- Guided visit of Roccaporena and Cascia with private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Norcia – drinks included;
- Guided tour of Norcia with private tour guide;
- *Suggested visits program with itineraries and advice.*

The tour does not include:

- Medical insurance, flights, tips, city taxes, meals that have not been mentioned, transfers and anything that has not been specifically mentioned in "the tour includes".

QUOTE UPON REQUEST

Duration: 6 nights / 7 days

Minimum participants: 2 people

Execution period: From April to November, every day – according to availability;

Requirements: Suitable for everyone

Locations: Perugia, Gubbio, Valtopina, Trevi, Spello, Monte Subasio, Fiastra, Jesi, Roccaporena, Norcia, Cascia.

NOTE:

- *The tours include accommodation in 4-star hotels in Perugia, Assisi or other ancient villages on a half-board basis. Upon request, it is possible to organize tours with other types of accommodations, for example farmhouses, country hotels, 3-star hotels, 5-star hotels, luxury hotels, private villas, ancient historic farmhouses, among others.*

UMBRIA, THE SAINT FRANCIS WAY (6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS)

Day 1: WELCOME! – Arrival of the participants in Chiusi della Verna, hotel accommodation in the booked rooms, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2: SANTUARIO FRANCESCANO DELLA VERNA - PIEVE SANTO STEFANO (15 km)



Breakfast at the hotel and departure of the pilgrims towards the Franciscan Sanctuary of La Verna.

The sanctuary of La Verna is located in the Tuscan Apennines. The mountain, covered by a monumental forest of beech and fir trees, is visible from all over the Casentino and from the upper Val Tiberina and has an unmistakable shape with its peak (1283 m) cut straight into three parts. Above the rock and surrounded by the forest is the large complex of the Sanctuary which, within its massive and articulated architecture, holds numerous treasures of spirituality, art, culture and history. In the summer of 1224, St. Francis withdrew to Mount La Verna for his usual periods of silence and prayer.

During his stay he asked God to be able to participate with all his being in the Passion of Christ, a mystery of love and pain. The Lord listened to him and appeared to him in the form of a crucified seraph, leaving him the seals of his passion as a gift. Francis thus became even outwardly an image of Christ to whom he already resembled so much in heart and life. The event of the stigmata and the example of life are the most precious good that Francis hands over to the friars of La Verna. The demanding legacy of St. Francis, as well as involving each friar personally, also becomes the main message that the community wishes to convey to all those who visit La Verna. Continuation to the vault of Pieve Santo Stefano. **Transfer to Pietralunga, hotel accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.**



Day 3: PIETRALUNGA – GUBBIO (27 km)

We continue our journey in the Franciscan places of Umbria, from the marvelous city of Gubbio, whose history is closely linked to that of San Francesco. According to what is narrated in chapter XXI of the little flowers, it is right here, near the church of the Madonna della Vittoria, known as the church of the Vittorina, that San Francesco miraculously managed to tame a ferocious wolf that had been terrorizing the inhabitants for some time. Guided tour of the city and free time for lunch. **Arrival, hotel accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.**



Day 4: GUBBIO – BISCINA (19 km)

Breakfast and meeting with the guide, departure for Biscina. Halfway between Assisi and Gubbio stands the castle of Biscina. The 12th century Biscina Castle, together with the surrounding castles of Giomici, Vallgenio, Petroia and Coccorano, was one of the strategic control points of the ancient road and of the river Chiascio, which flows at the foot of the hill. The castle is included in the "Franciscan Path" which will internally connect Assisi to Gubbio, so as to allow the rediscovery of minor aedicules and forgotten sheep tracks. **Accommodation, dinner and overnight.**



Day 5: BISCINA – VALFABBRICA (15km)

From Biscina, a long descent begins with ups and downs that takes us to Valfabbrica, on the border between Gubbio and Assisi. It is said that St. Francis stopped several times in Valfabbrica and therefore should be considered an important stop for the pilgrim. We continue along the Via di San Francesco, also known as the Path of Peace, for a stop in the medieval center of Valfabbrica. Here we find the Church of San Sebastiano dating back to the 14th century, renovated in the 16th century by the confraternities of the Santissimo Sacramento and della Buona morte, and, just outside the walls, the 17th-century church of the Madonna della Foce. **Accommodation, dinner at the hotel and overnight.**



Day 6: VALFABBRICA – ASSISI (15 km)

From Valfabbrica there are two paths that lead to Assisi: a longer path that passes through the woods and another, defined as shorter, but very difficult and tiring. Either one or the other, the fact is that you will have to overcome the hill and then see the magical town of Assisi on the horizon. **Arrival in Assisi, dinner and overnight stay.**



Day 7: ASSISI - ARRIVEDERCI!

Day dedicated to the discovery of Assisi, the Franciscan place par excellence, not only in Umbria and Italy, but throughout the world. In fact, St. Francis was born in Assisi in 1182; in the place where his birthplace is believed to have been located, today stands the New Church. It is in Assisi that he is baptized, in the Cathedral of San Rufino, it is in the alleys of him that he spends his youth dreaming of a future as a valiant knight; it is here, where today is the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore, in Piazza del Vescovado, that strips itself repudiating earthly goods for love of God and brothers. It is still in Assisi, in the Church of San Damiano, that praying in front of the crucifix, he receives the task of renewing the Church of Christ; it is in the town square that he begins his preaching and his work of charity and peace, and it is finally here that he dies in 1226. His remains are kept in the Basilica of San Francesco, but the saint still lives today in every stone of Assisi. We stroll through the enchanting alleys of him and visit the Franciscan places. **Lunch at a local restaurant.**



After Assisi, a visit to Santa Maria Degli Angeli cannot be missed. Inside the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, at the foot of Assisi, there is the "Porziuncola", a small church restored by San Francesco in which in 1209 the saint founded the Order of Friars Minor, entrusting it to the protection of the Virgin Mary. The Porziuncola is the heart of Franciscanism, the place where Francis discusses the "Rule" of the order with his friars and seeks new life for preaching the Gospel in the world. In the complex of the Basilica, the courtyard of the roses is also kept. According to sources, one night Francis, seized by doubt and temptation, rolled among the brambles of the Rose Garden to test himself and not give in to what could have separated him from God and his mission. Upon contact with the saint's skin, the roses changed into thornless roses, giving rise to the "Rosa Canina Assisiensis", which since then continues to bloom only at the Porziuncola.



The tour includes:

- 6 nights' accommodation in 3-star Hotels, 4-star Hotels or Farmhouses: 1 night in La Verna, 1 night in Pietralunga, 1 night in Gubbio, 1 night in Valfabbrica, 1 night near Biscina, 1 night in Assisi;
- Accommodation in double rooms on a half-board basis;
- Trekking guide during the whole itinerary;
- Guide's accommodation in a single room on a half-board basis;
- 6 lunch boxes for each stage;
- Excursions and visits as scheduled (entrance fees to museums and other places of interest included);
- Guided tour of Assisi with private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Assisi on the last day of the tour – drinks included;
- Luggage transport service from one hotel to another;
- Transfer in case of reduced physical capacity of pilgrims during the journey to cover distances;
- Travel kit, visit program and itinerary;

The tour does not include:

- Tips, city taxes, extra transfers and anything not mentioned in "the tour includes".

QUOTE UPON REQUEST**Tour type:** Multi-day guided religious tour | **Location:** From La Verna – Assisi**Duration:** 6 nights / 7 days**Period of execution:** From April to November, every day – subject to availability**Requirements:** suitable for hikers (minimum preparation);**Minimum participants:** 2 adults

UMBRIA: NATURE & SPORT TOUR (7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS)

DAY 1 - BENVENUTI! Accommodation at a 4-star hotel in Assisi, dinner and overnight stay. *According to the time of arrival it is possible to visit Spello or Santa Maria degli Angeli.*

DAY 2 - RIVER RAFTING WITH LUNCH AND MARMORE FALLS GUIDED TOUR

River rafting is certainly one of the most fun and exciting activities to live in Umbria. Aboard an unsinkable rubber dinghy, we launch ourselves into an adventurous descent on the streams, pushed by water currents, through places of great naturalistic interest otherwise inaccessible: rock walls, waterfalls, woods, and large meadows. The excursion is guided by an expert instructor and all the necessary equipment will be provided (wetsuit, helmet, life jacket and neoprene shoes). Back from the adventure, we'll have a delicious lunch at a local restaurant with drinks included and typical Umbrian menu.



A few kilometers and you will reach The Marmore Falls, which with a total height of 165m divided into 3 sections, is the second highest artificial waterfall in Europe. It pours into the valley formed by the river Nera, an environment extraordinarily rich in cultural, historical, and naturalistic heritage. The botanical guides of the park will take you along the ring of the nymph and the meeting of the waters paths, telling you the legend about the origin of the Marmore Falls and providing notions about the most characteristic and curious flora that will fascinate even children. You will then have some free time to walk through the paths of the falls, relax at one of the many lookouts, refresh yourselves at the snack bar, buy some souvenirs and take lots of pictures and selfies to always treasure the extraordinary beauty of this place.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3 - ATV ADVENTURE IN THE WOODS WITH APERITIF – LUNCH IN LOCAL RESTAURANT AND PERUGIA GUIDED TOUR IN THE AFTERNOON

Super fun experience to explore the Umbrian countryside, riding over mud, stones, water... the ATV quad cannot ask for anything better! No special driving skills are required: after the first few meters you will be able to drive confidently, and you will never want to get off the saddle! In the morning we will meet our expert instructor and guide who will take you on a pleasant and fun ATV ride in the woods of about 1 hour, along a nice naturalistic trail route, with a stop in the Saint Francis Wood for a delicious aperitif included. After the ride, we will reach a local restaurant for **a delicious lunch – drinks included.**



We dedicate the rest of the day to Perugia. The capital of the region of Umbria, is worth visiting not only for the beauty of its hilltop setting, but also for its fine old buildings. Before it came under Roman rule, ancient Perusia was one of the twelve cities of the Etruscan federation, and considerable sections of the Etruscan walls, which extended for 2,800 meters around the town, have been preserved. Perugia is known to the art world as the center of the Umbrian school of painting in the 15th and 16th centuries; its leading members, Pietro Vannucci (called Perugino) and Bernardino Betti (called Pinturicchio) both worked here. The young Raphael worked in Perugino's studio until 1504. You'll find works by all three in Perugia's churches and public buildings. Guided tour of Perugia with a private tour guide and free time for shopping.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4 - HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE WITH BRUNCH & WINE TASTING AND ASSISI GUIDED TOUR WITH PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE

We get up very early in the morning to live one of the most exciting experiences you can ever imagine: ballooning over Umbria! It is not just an unquestionably privileged point of view to observe the beauty of the region, but also an extraordinary adventure to be kept forever. At the end of the flight, we will reach a renowned winery in the Assisi area for an interesting visit and for enjoying a delicious brunch and wine tasting.



Continuation towards Assisi for the guided tour of the city with a private tour guide.

Pax et Bonum! This is the greeting with which Assisi welcomes you, a Franciscan place par excellence, not only in Umbria and Italy, but throughout the world. In fact, St. Francis was born in Assisi in 1182; in the place where his birthplace is believed to have been located, today stands the New Church. It is in Assisi that he is baptized, in the Cathedral of San Rufino, it is among its alleys that he spends his youth dreaming of a future as a valiant knight, it is here, where today the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore is located, in Piazza del Vescovado, that strip by repudiating earthly goods for the love of God and brothers. It is still in Assisi, in the Church of San Damiano, that praying in front of the crucifix, he receives the task of renewing the Church of Christ, it is in the town square that he begins his preaching and his work of charity and peace, and finally here who died in 1226. His remains are kept in the Basilica of San Francesco, but the saint still lives today in every stone of Assisi. Walk through its enchanting alleys and guided tour of the Franciscan places: Basilica di San Francesco, Chiesa di Santa Chiara, Piazza del Comune, Cattedrale di San Rifiuno, among others. Audio guide can be rented inside the Basilica of San Francesco. **Lunch at a local restaurant in Assisi – drinks included.**



Free afternoon, return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 5 - HORSEBACK RIDING WITH FOOD AND WINE TASTING LUNCH AND MONTEFALCO GUIDED TOUR WITH PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE

In the first part of this day, we will have a very pleasant experience: a horseback ride in the countryside, surrounded by greenery, caressed by the wind, in contact with a specimen of such rare pride, elegance, strength, patience and intelligence; it can't be just a sport, but an indispensable experience. The beneficial and relaxing relationship that is created with the horse makes horse riding a privileged tool for participating in nature, approaching others and self-awareness, as well as bringing undoubted benefits to health. After a brief introduction to horseback riding and approaching with this noble animal, a relaxing horseback ride will begin along the enchantment of the Franciscan path through landscapes of uncontested beauty, spirituality, and fragments of precious history unique in the world. At the end of the excursion, we will have a delicious food and wine tasting at a local winery.



Lunch at a local restaurant – drinks included.

After lunch, we will reach Montefalco, an Umbrian village of incredible history and beauty. Montefalco is surrounded by vineyards and olive groves, located on the top of a hill overlooking the plain of the Topino and Clitunno rivers. Montefalco is called the "Balcony of Umbria" and from its many lookout spots, in fact, it is possible to admire a 360-degree panorama of the entire valley between Perugia and Spoleto, from the slopes of the Sub-Apennines to those of the Martani Mountains. The village, which develops in a halo of suggestive paved alleys all around the marvelous central square, boasts numerous points of great interest: the city walls, the Torre del Verziere, and the magnificent museum complex of San Francesco. The complex, built by the Friars Minor between 1335 and 1338, houses spectacular frescoes by Benozzo Gozzoli depicting episodes from the life of St. Francis, and numerous other works of great beauty and priceless value.

Wine also makes this city proud: the prized "Sagrantino di Montefalco" is the red wine that has made Umbria famous throughout the world for its wine production. The Sagrantino vine grows only here, or rather, it is in the green hills that surround this town that it obtains the best results, thanks to a combination of factors such as the composition of the soil, the microclimate and the skilful care of the vinedressers, which are conserved and handed down with passion for generations and generations.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 6 - TREKKING ON MOUNT INGINO, SCENIC FUNICULAR RAILWAY LUNCH IN LOCAL RESTAURANT AND GUBBIO GUIDED TOUR

We begin our trekking route at the foot of Gubbio, heading towards the gorge of Bottaccione, walking over the medieval aqueduct from which you can enjoy a spectacular view of the city. We reach the upper part of the city and continue along the path up to the Basilica of Saint Ubaldo on Mount Ingino. An expert hiking guide will guide us during the walk, providing interesting geological, environmental and historical information. But the emotions are not over yet: we will go back to the city, using the scenic funicular railway which offers an incomparable view of Gubbio.



Lunch at a local restaurant in Gubbio – drinks included.

In the afternoon we'll take a stroll around Gubbio, one of the oldest Umbrian cities. Here you can breathe history from every stone, and many are the traces of its glorious past: the Roman Theater of the first century AD, the Basilica of Sant'Ubaldo which overlooks the city and houses the remains of the saint, patron of Gubbio, the Gothic cathedral, the Church of Santa Maria Nuova which houses the fresco "The Madonna of the Belvedere" by Ottaviano Nelli, Palazzo dei Consoli, home of the Civic Art Gallery, we find the "Tavole Eugubine", seven bronze tablets bearing inscriptions in Umbrian characters of the 3rd and 2nd centuries BC and Latin characters of the II and I centuries BC, very important documents for the history of the Italic peoples.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 7 – FUN KAYAKING IN LAKE TRASIMENO WITH LUNCH GUIDED TOUR OF CASTIGLIONE DEL LAGO IN THE AFTERNOON

Pleasant morning to spend on Lake Trasimeno, the largest lake of Central Italy and one of the four most important lakes in the Italian territory. Lake Trasimeno is a beautiful body of water, surrounded by natural landscapes of great beauty, ancient villages, and historic houses. In just 30/40 minutes of kayaking, you can reach the shores of Isola Polvese, and dock your canoe to enjoy a scenic walk in the island or get refreshed swimming in the beautiful waters of the lake. Back from the ride, you will enjoy **a delicious lunch at a local trattoria in Lake Trasimeno – menu with specialties of the lake and drinks included.**



In the afternoon, we will meet our guide who will accompany us on a visit to one of the ancient villages of Lake Trasimeno: Castiglione del Lago, which stands on a promontory located on the western shore of Lake Trasimeno, on the border between Umbria and the Tuscany region. Considered one of the most beautiful villages in Italy, Castiglione was already inhabited in Etruscan times and was subsequently enlarged under the Romans, and again by the Arezzo inhabitants in the 13th century. Together with our guide, we will take a walk in the historic center of Castiglione del Lago and we will see some of its most important monuments and sites of interest, including the Palazzo della Corgna or Doge's Palace, Rocca del Leone, Church of Santa Maria Maddalena which preserves the Madonna Enthroned, Church of San Domenico, Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, Sanctuary of the Madonna della Carraia, among others.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 8 - ARRIVEDERCI! *Back home, with Umbria in your heart!*

The tour includes:

- Accommodation 7 nights at a 4-star hotel;
- Accommodation in double room on a half-board basis;
- River rafting excursion in Valnerina – equipment and expert instructor included;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Valnerina – drinks included;
- Entrance tickets to the Marmore Falls and guided visit;
- ATV quad excursion in the woods – instructor included (1 ATV every 2 people);
- Aperitif in the woods during the ATV excursion;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Perugia – drinks included;
- Guided visit of Perugia with a private tour guide;
- Experience "Hot Air Balloon Flight over Umbria" – expert pilot included;
- Rich brunch with food and wine tasting in winery after the flight.
- Assisi guided tour with private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Assisi – drinks included;
- Experience "Horseback ride in the Umbrian countryside" – expert instructor and equipment included;
- Food and wine tasting in local winery after the horseback ride;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Montefalco – drinks included;
- Guided visit of Montefalco with private tour guide;
- Trekking excursion to Mount Ingino with private trekking guide;
- Tickets to the panoramic cable-car from Basilica of Sant'Ubaldo;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Gubbio – drinks included;
- Guided tour of Gubbio with a private tour guide;
- Experience "Fun Kayaking Lake Trasimeno" – 1 kayak every 2 people;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Lake Trasimeno with drinks included;
- Guided tour of Castiglione del Lago with a private tour guide;
- *Suggested visits program with itinerary and advice.*

The tour does not include:

- City tax, transfers, medical insurance, tips, extra and anything that has not been explicitly mentioned in "the tour includes"

QUOTE ON REQUEST

Duration: 7 nights / 8 days

Execution period: from April to November, everyday – according to availability;

Requirements: suitable for everyone – driving license for driving the ATV quad.

Minimum age recommended:

- 6 years (for rafting and ATV passenger);
- 8 years (for kayak and horseback ride)

Minimum participants: 2 adults

Locations: Assisi, Marmore Falls, Montefalco, Perugia, Gubbio, Lake Trasimeno, Castiglione del Lago.

NOTE:

- *The tours include accommodation in 4-star hotels in Perugia, Assisi or other ancient villages on a half-board basis. Upon request, it is possible to organize tours with other types of accommodations, for example farmhouses, country hotels, 3-star hotels, 5-star hotels, luxury hotels, private villas, ancient historic farmhouses, among others.*

UMBRIA: CULTURE, NATURE AND ADVENTURE (7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS)

DAY 1 – WELCOME! - VISIT OF SPELLO WITH A PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE IN THE AFTERNOON

Arrival in Umbria, the green heart of Italy, after lunch and accommodation at a 4-star Hotel. Meeting with the guide and guided visit of Spello.

The Consular gate marks the entrance to the city of Spello or, as Julius Caesar used to call it, the "Splendidissima Colonia Julia", an enchanting village of Roman origins, included among the most beautiful villages in Italy, thanks to its rich environmental, cultural and artistic heritage. Spello still keeps traces of its historical past with the ancient walls and Properzio's Towers that protect Porta Venere, another access point to the village. The church of Santa Maria Maggiore can be reached by walking through suggestive alleys and ancient streets, along which flower balconies overlook and that, with the passing of time, have become true symbols of the city, and still remain one of the most popular attractions. The church houses an artistic treasure inside: the Baglioni Chapel, with a majolica floor from Deruta and frescoes made by Pinturicchio. Spello also boasts a very rich Art Gallery and, just outside the walls, a wonderful museum complex known as the "Villa Dei Mosaici", which has brought to light 500 square meters of precious mosaics whose central theme is the grape harvest and wine.



Dinner in the hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 2 – VISIT TO PERUGINA CHOCOLATE HOUSE WITH TASTING – LUNCH AND PERUGIA GUIDED TOUR IN THE AFTERNOON

During our time in Perugia, we will take a visit to the Perugina Chocolate House, located inside the renowned Perugina chocolate factory. A magic place to taste fine chocolate and enjoy a rich collection of pictures, labels, posters, gift boxes, and special old machines to produce the chocolate and its most famous product the "bacio". **Guided visit of about 1 hour inside the Perugina Chocolate House. Tasting included.**



Lunch at a local restaurant in Perugia – drinks included.

After lunch we will visit Perugia, the capital of Umbria, which is worth visiting not only for the beauty of its hilltop setting, but also for its fine old buildings. Before it came under Roman rule, ancient Perusia was one of the twelve cities of the Etruscan federation, and considerable sections of the Etruscan walls, which extended for 2,800 meters around the town, have been preserved. Perugia is known to the art world as the center of the Umbrian School of Painting in the 15th and 16th centuries and its leading members, Pietro Vannucci (Perugino) and Bernardino Betti (Pinturicchio) both worked here. The young Raphael worked in Perugino's studio until 1504. You'll find works by all three in Perugia's churches and public buildings. **Guided tour of Perugia with private tour guide and free time for visiting the historical center.**



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3 – GUBBIO GUIDED TOUR – VISIT TO WINE CELLAR WITH LUNCH

Gubbio is one of the oldest Umbrian cities. Here you can breathe history from every stone and many are the traces of its glorious past: the Roman Theater of the first century AD, the Basilica of Sant'Ubaldo which overlooks the city and houses the remains of the saint, patron of Gubbio, the Gothic cathedral, the Church of Santa Maria Nuova which houses the fresco "The Madonna of the Belvedere" by Ottaviano Nelli, master painter and miniaturist who owes his birth to Gubbio. In the Palazzo dei Consoli, home of the Civic Art Gallery, we find the "Tavole Eugubine", seven bronze tablets bearing inscriptions in Umbrian characters of the 3rd and 2nd centuries BC and Latin characters of the 2nd and 1st centuries BC, very important documents for the history of the Italic peoples. **Guided visit of Gubbio with private tour guide.**



Short transfer towards a renowned winery and farm for a guided visit and lunch in the wine cellar with tasting of Umbrian wine and typical products.

You cannot visit Umbria without enjoying its food and wine delights. The viticulture of our region has its origins at the time of the Etruscans and the ancient people of the Umbrians, who exploited the excellent predisposition of the soil to agriculture and the advantageous climatic conditions to grape vine cultivation. To date, Umbria has about 13,000 hectares of vineyards, where the quality of production, rich in very prestigious autochthonous varieties, and environmental sustainability, are the cornerstones of its competitiveness. Also, the gastronomy of the region offers lots of delicacies certified as DOC and DOP by quality level. The excursion will take you to the deepest secrets of our cuisine. You will visit a renowned winery and will taste some local specialties... Buon appetito!



Free afternoon, return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4 – ASSISI GUIDED TOUR WITH LUNCH IN TYPICAL RESTAURANT ATV ADVENTURE IN THE WOODS WITH APERITIF IN THE AFTERNOON

Pax et Bonum – meaning “Peace and Goodness” – is the greeting with which Assisi welcomes you, the Franciscan place par excellence, not only in Umbria and Italy, but throughout the world. In fact, Saint Francis was born in Assisi in 1182; in the place where it is believed that his birthplace was located, today stands the New Church. It is in Assisi that he is baptized, in the Cathedral of San Rufino, it is in its alleys that he spends his youth dreaming of a future as a brave knight; it is here, where today the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore is located, in the Piazza del Vescovado, which he strips by repudiating earthly goods for love of God and his brothers. It is still in Assisi, in the Church of San Damiano, that by praying in front of the crucifix, he receives the task of renewing the Church of Christ; it is in the town square that his preaching and his work of charity and peace begins, and it is finally here where he dies in 1226. His remains are preserved in the Basilica of San Francesco, but the saint still lives today in every stone of Assisi. **Walk through its enchanting alleys and guided visit to the Franciscan places.** Audio guide available for rent inside the Basilica of San Francesco.





13:00 - Delicious lunch with truffle menu and other Umbrian specialties at a typical restaurant with a wonderful terrace with a view of Assisi – drinks included.

In the late afternoon, we will have an exciting experience, we will visit the nature that surrounds Assisi and Mount Subasio by quad. Driving a Quad surrounded by greenery is a truly incredible experience! Few can resist the temptation to return, after having tried it only once. Its versatility, combined with the comfort of driving even for two people, makes it a fun means of travel on any terrain: mud, stones, water. The Quad does not ask for anything better! Furthermore, no particular driving skills are required: after the first few meters you will already be able to move confidently, and as soon as you have made the first kilometers, you will never want to get off the saddle! The excursion develops along a nature trail that can be covered in about 1 hour with a pleasant stop inside the San Francesco wood (Bosco di San Francesco) in the middle of nature **for a delicious aperitif included.**



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 5 – TREKKING MENOTRE VALLEY: THE CHARM OF SPRINGS, WATERFALLS AND CAVES LUNCH AT LOCAL RESTAURANT - VISIT OF RASIGLIA, THE VILLAGE OF SPRINGS

After breakfast, we head to the Menotre valley to visit with a guide in a hermitage protected by the rugged rock, a sanctuary that leaves you speechless and from which you can enjoy a breathtaking view. Together with the guide, we will make a beautiful trekking experience of about 1 hour and a half where we will reach springs, waterfalls, and caves, also rediscovering the beauty of silence, of listening to your own pace, your breath, and the sounds of nature. The guide will accompany you throughout the excursion, providing useful and interesting information on the route and the surrounding landscape. Together you will reach the village of Pale where **a delicious lunch based on the specialties of our land awaits you in a typical restaurant.**



Umbria is also the region of ancient villages. After lunch, we will take you to discover one of these jewels, Rasiglia, the village of streams. The town, which preserves the typical characteristics of the medieval village by gathering in an amphitheater structure, is famous for its springs: walking through the suggestive alleys of the center, it is impossible not to be enchanted by the waterways that cross the town, making it unique and fascinating. Even today, the life of Rasiglia continues to be marked by water: the element that passes through weaving, wool processing and dyeing that is revived through an ancient tradition, dating back to 1200.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 6 – CANOE RIDE ON THE RIVER IN VALNERINA WITH LUNCH AT TYPICAL RESTAURANT GUIDED TOUR OF THE MARMORE FALLS OR SPOLETO OF YOUR CHOICE

During the first part of this day we will live an authentic experience aboard an inflatable kayak, one of the most exciting and fun activity to experience in Umbria for sure. Accompanied by our expert instructors, who will lead you in complete safety, you will be enchanted by the beauty of the surrounding landscapes and by the wonderful colors and sounds that surround the Valnerina Valley. All the necessary equipment will be provided (wetsuit, neoprene shoes, jacket and helmet) and after the descent, changing rooms with hot showers will await you. Afterwards, we will go to a local restaurant where you will enjoy a **delicious typical lunch – drinks included.**



After lunch it is possible to choose one guided visit between these two places: The Marmore Falls and Spoleto.

MARMORE FALLS: The Marmore Waterfalls which, with its 165m divided into 3 jumps, is the second highest artificial waterfall in Europe. It is located in the Terni Valnerina area and in the Nera River Park, also called the Parco delle Acque, a protected area that finds its point of excellence in the waterfall: an environment extraordinarily rich in cultural, historical and environmental testimonies. You will have enough time to independently visit the paths of the waterfalls, relax at one of the many viewpoints, refresh yourself at a refreshment point, buy some souvenirs and above all, take photos and selfies to take the extraordinary beauty of this place with you. **Entrance ticket included.**



SPOLETO: A picturesque and austere city with an ancient history, Spoleto is one of the main touristic centers in Umbria, not only for the importance of its archaeological monuments: Roman, early medieval and Renaissance, but also for the interesting cultural events that take place there. Spoleto and the Spoleto Valley have become the symbol of Umbria: of its natural charm, of its artistic beauties, of the poetry that surrounds it, of the mysticism that was lived in it and that continues to emanate from it. Spoleto, ancient capital of the Lombard dukes, will leave you breathless thanks to the wealth of the city's historical and artistic heritage: Rocca Albornoziana, Ponte delle Torri, Roman Theater, Piazza del Duomo.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 7 – ORVIETO GUIDED TOUR WITH LUNCH IN LOCAL RESTAURANT GUIDED VISIT TO ORVIETO UNDERGROUND IN THE AFTERNOON

Orvieto is an ancient city with Etruscan origins that dominates the valley of the river Paglia from the top of the tuff cliff on which it stands. A beautiful place to visit with a unique history dating back to million years ago. We take a stroll around Orvieto old town, and visit the majestic Cattedrale of Santa Maria Assunta, best known as the "Duomo", a magnificent masterpiece of Gothic and Romanesque architecture, one of the most important in Europe. Another symbol of the city itself, steps from a breathtaking belvedere, is St. Patrick's Well, a spectacular engineering work of the 16th century which you can even climb!



Around 12:30/13:00 - Lunch at a local restaurant in Orvieto – drinks included.

Once upon a time there was... a city. It's like the beginning of a fairy tale; instead, it's the beginning of a story that, just like an old fairy tale, tells of an almost incredible adventure: the discovery of a city under a city. The city is Orvieto, which already looks as though it has come out of the pictures of a story book, perched as it is on a high Rupe, its peripheral verticality isolating it from the rest of the world. A Rupe that, though it has supported the city for three thousand years, still proves to be inexperienced in performing a task of such great renown: collapses, landslides, falls, and tremors have always made its inhabitants suspicious. To blame is the fragility of the rocks forming it: tuff and *pozzolana*. Extremely friable materials that can almost be scratched away by fingernails. But it's for this very reason they are materials that can easily be dug, perforated, to open a grotto... two... one hundred... a thousand.



Return to the hotel, free dinner, and overnight stay.

DAY 8 – GUIDED VISIT OF NARNI - **ARRIVEDERCI!**

Narni, the geographical center of Italy, is located in the south of the Umbria region, on a 240-metre-high hill that controls the last stretch of the Valnerina Valley. Characteristic Umbrian city with strong medieval connotations, which can be appreciated by means of the numerous historical and archaeological testimonies that are perfectly conserved in the city. There are many prestigious monuments in the historical center, for example, the Romanesque cathedral, the 13th century Church of San Francesco, the Palazzo dei Priori, located in the medieval square of the same name. **Free lunch.**



Free lunch.

ARRIVEDERCI! - *We say goodbye to Umbria, keeping it in our heart!*



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The tour includes:

- Accommodation at a 4-star Hotel;
- Accommodation in a double room on a half-board basis;
- Guided tour of Spello with a private tour guide;
- Tickets to the Perugina Chocolate House and guided visit with tasting of chocolate;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Perugia – drinks included;
- Perugia guided tour with private tour guide;
- Guided visit of Gubbio with a private tour guide;
- Guided visit to renowned winery near Gubbio;
- 360° Food and Wine Tasting and Lunch in winery;
- Guided tour of Assisi with private tour guide;
- Lunch at local restaurant in Assisi – truffle-based menu and drinks included;
- ATV Adventure in the woods with private instructor – 1 ATV every 2 people;
- Aperitif in the woods during the ATV adventure;
- Trekking experience "The charm of springs, waterfalls, and caves" with trekking guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant at the end of the trekking experience – drinks included;
- Visit of Rasiglia, the village of Springs with tour leader;
- Experience: Canoe ride on the River in Valnerina – equipment and instructor included;
- Three-course lunch at typical Umbrian restaurant after the canoe ride – drinks included;
- Entrance tickets to the Marmore Falls and guided tour (*or Spoleto guided tour with private tour guide*);
- Orvieto guided tour with private tour guide;
- Entrance to the Duomo of Orvieto included;
- Lunch in local restaurant in Orvieto – drinks included;
- Entrance ticket to Orvieto Underground and guided visit;
- Guided tour of Narni with a private tour guide;
- *Suggested visits program with itineraries and advice.*

The tour does not include:

- Transfers, tips, city taxes, extra, and anything not explicitly mentioned in "the tour includes".

QUOTE UPON REQUEST

Duration: 7 nights / 8 days

Minimum participants: 2 people

Execution period: From April to November, every day – according to availability;

Requirements: Suitable for everyone

Locations: *Spello, Perugia, Gubbio, Valle del Menotre, Rasiglia, Valnerina, Marmore Falls / Spoleto, Orvieto, Narni.*

NOTE:

- *The tours include accommodation in 4-star hotels in Perugia, Assisi or other ancient villages on a half-board basis. Upon request, it is possible to organize tours with other types of accommodations, for example farmhouses, country hotels, 3-star hotels, 5-star hotels, luxury hotels, private villas, ancient historic farmhouses, among others.*

UMBRIA, A FIVE-SENSE EXPERIENCE (8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS)

DAY 1 – WELCOME! Participants' arrival in Rome and meeting with the bus driver. Transfer from Rome to the accommodation in Perugia with a stop in Orvieto. **Welcome lunch at a local restaurant in Orvieto – drinks included and guided visit of Orvieto after lunch.**

Orvieto, an ancient city of Etruscan origin which dominates the valley of the Paglia river from the top of the tuff cliff on which it stands. A beautiful place to visit with a unique history dating back millions of years. Let's take a walk through the historic center of Orvieto and visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, better known as the Duomo, a magnificent masterpiece of Gothic and Romanesque architecture, one of the most important in Europe. Another symbol of the city, just a few steps from a breathtaking viewpoint, is the Pozzo di San Patrizio, a spectacular 16th-century engineering work that you can even climb!



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two... one hundred... one thousand.

The guided tour of the underground Orvieto represents the most appropriate tool to get in touch with this very particular cultural aspect of a city very rich in history and artistic jewels. Step by step mysterious and fascinating echoes speak of the Etruscan Velzna, while ghosts of the medieval and Renaissance city shine through the damp shadows. Where the tortuous underground path runs parallel to the cliff, from panoramic openings the day contends with the dark a succession of tunnels, stairs, passages unexpected and overlapping rooms.



Continuation towards Perugia, arrival and accommodation, dinner in the hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 2 – CASTIGLIONE DEL LAGO, PASSIGNANO SUL TRASIMENO – LUNCH IN LOCAL TRATTORIA PANORAMIC TOUR OF THE LAKE IN BOAT - VISIT OF ISOLA MAGGIORE IN THE AFTERNOON

This morning we will visit one of the ancient villages of Lake Trasimeno: Castiglione del Lago, which stands on a promontory located on the western shore of Lake Trasimeno, on the border between Umbria and the Tuscany region. Considered one of the most beautiful villages in Italy, Castiglione was already inhabited in Etruscan times and was subsequently enlarged under the Romans, and again by the Arezzo inhabitants in the 13th century. Together with our guide, we will take a walk in the historic center of Castiglione del Lago and we will see some of its most important monuments and sites of interest, including the Palazzo della Corgna or Doge's Palace, Rocca del Leone, Church of Santa Maria Maddalena which preserves the Madonna Enthroned, Church of San Domenico, Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, Sanctuary of the Madonna della Carraia, among others.



Continuation towards Passignano sul Trasimeno.

Passignano sul Trasimeno stands on a small promontory located on the northern shore of Lake Trasimeno, wedged on one side by the blue waters of the lake, on the other by the green of the surrounding hills. This beautiful village owes its original name to the ancient toponym "Passus Jani" (Passo di Giano), God of doors. Indeed, the position in which the village was built makes it an almost obligatory passage between Umbria and Tuscany. Ancient fishing village, Passignano sul Trasimeno is a combination of nature, art and folklore that offers a millenary artistic and architectural heritage. Visit of Passignano sul Trasimeno and its most important monuments and sites of interest: La Rocca, built in the Middle Ages, which houses the Boat Museum; the Church of San Cristoforo, built before 1000 on the ruins of an ancient pagan temple; the Church of San Rocco, dating back to the 1400s and the Sanctuary of the Madonna dell'Ulivo, built in the 16th century, which houses valuable paintings and sculptures such as the sandstone "Madonna with Child" by Ascanio da Cortona. **Lunch in a local restaurant in Passignano sul Trasimeno with drinks included.**



After lunch, panoramic tour of Lake Trasimeno in boat with private skipper included with a stop for visiting Isola Maggiore.

After lunch we will reach the harbor of Passignano sul Trasimeno for a beautiful experience: a wonderful panoramic tour of the Lake in boat. Lake Trasimeno, one of the four largest lakes in Italy and the largest lake in central Italy, is a splendid body of water, surrounded by natural landscapes of great beauty, ancient villages and historic homes. The boat ride will give us a privileged point of view to admire the breathtaking view offered by Lake Trasimeno. We will have the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of this blue body of water, tinged with the colors of the rays of the sun, while admiring the wonderful ancient villages that surround the lake and its islands. During this activity we will make a stop for a visit to Isola Maggiore.



L'Isola Maggiore, which extends over an area of 24 hectares, although its name could deceive us, it is not the largest of the islands of Lake Trasimeno. The largest island is the Polvese Island. The *Maggiore* refers more to the number of inhabitants: the population of the town is inhabited by 18 people and it is located in the western part of the island, stretching from the pier to via Guglielmi, the main street. The characteristic appearance of Isola Maggiore still retains the atmosphere of the fishing village of the 15th century. In fact, in past centuries fishing was the main source of livelihood on the island. Today, however, it is tourism and the activities connected to it. Characteristic of the island is the artisanal production of small quantities of Irish lace, a particular crochet lace manufacturing. Not to be missed: Il Vecchio Mulino a Vento, Via Guglielmi, the Church of San Michele Arcangelo, Castello Guglielmi or Castello Isabella, the Lace Museum (Museo del Merletto), *lo scoglio di San Francesco* where, according to tradition, the saint found refuge during his stay on the island during Lent, the Palazzo del Capitano the 13th century, the *Palazzetto Medievale*, an exponent of medieval civil architecture, and the Church of San Salvatore.



Return to the hotel, dinner in the hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 3 – PERUGIA GUIDED TOUR WITH LUNCH IN LOCAL RESTAURANT VISIT TO LA PERUGINA CHOCOLATE FACTORY IN THE AFTERNOON

Perugia, the capital of Umbria, is worth visiting not only for the beauty of its hilltop setting, but also for its fine old buildings. Before it came under Roman rule, ancient Perusia was one of the twelve cities of the Etruscan federation, and considerable sections of the Etruscan walls, which extended for 2,800 meters around the town, have been preserved. Perugia is known to the art world as the center of the Umbrian School of Painting in the 15th and 16th centuries and its leading members, Pietro Vannucci (Perugino) and Bernardino Betti (Pinturicchio) both worked here. The young Raphael worked in Perugino's studio until 1504. You'll find works by all three in Perugia's churches and public buildings. We will have a guided tour of 2 hours circa and after the visit **lunch in local restaurant**.



During our time in Perugia, we will take a visit to the Perugina Chocolate House, located inside the renowned Perugina chocolate factory. A magic place to taste fine chocolate and enjoy a rich collection of pictures, labels, posters, gift boxes, and special old machines to produce the chocolate and its most famous product the "bacio". **After the visit to La Perugina Chocolate House, drive back to the hotel.**



20:30 – Dinner at a farmhouse/restaurant selected by us for the quality of the food and the perfect representation of the Umbrian culinary traditions – drinks included.

Return to the hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 4 – MONTEFALCO GUIDED TOUR - VISIT TO OIL MILL AND WINE CELLAR WITH LUNCH GUIDED VISIT OF ASSISI IN THE AFTERNOON WITH PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE

An Umbrian village of incredible history and beauty, Montefalco is surrounded by vineyards and olive groves, located on top of a hill overlooking the plain of the Topino and Clitunno rivers. Montefalco is called the "Balcony of Umbria" (Ringhiera dell'Umbria) and from its lookout points, in fact, it is possible to admire a 360-degree panorama over the entire valley between Perugia and Spoleto, from the slopes of the Sub-Apennines to those of the Martani Mountains. The village, which develops in a halo of suggestive cobbled alleys all around the wonderful central square, boasts numerous points of great interest: the city walls, the Torre del Verziere, and the magnificent museum complex of San Francesco. The complex, built by the Friars Minor between 1335 and 1338, houses spectacular frescoes made by Benozzo Gozzoli depicting episodes from the life of St. Francis, and numerous other works of great beauty and inestimable value. We will have the guided visit of the old town and afterwards, we will reach a local winery and oil mill in order to enjoy the famous Rosso Montefalco and Sagrantino, pride of the local agriculture, and other Umbrian specialties.



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After lunch in the winery, we will head to Assisi for an interesting guided tour with a private tour guide.

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Return to the hotel, dinner in the hotel, and overnight stay.

DAY 5 – HIKING TO DISCOVER THE CAVE OF MONTE CUCCO - LUNCH IN LOCAL REFUGE GUBBIO GUIDED VISIT AND BASILICA OF SANT'UBALDO IN THE AFTERNOON

On this day of adventure, starting from the Pian di Monte plateau, we will undertake a first short excursion, which will allow us to get closer to the entrance to the *Grotta del Monte Cucco*, crossing the side of the mountain from East to North. Through a few flights of stairs, we descend into the heart of the mountain, visiting the great halls of the Cathedral, Margherita, Becco, the narrow passage of the secret passage, the small well of the northern exit. The Monte Cucco cave is among the largest in Europe, with over 30 km of development and over 900 m in altitude! The touristic branch that we will visit, will offer us a taste of this great underground itinerary. Subsequently, going through a steep valley, we reach a beautiful refuge in a large karst plain, where the rainwater plunges into the rocky depths; the view is magnificent and here we stop for a traditional lunch including local specialties. After lunch, we return to the starting point, through wonderful and lush beech forests, in an atmosphere truly suggestive, among the most beautiful woods in central Italy!



Lunch at a local refuge in Parco Regionale del Monte Cucco – drinks included.

After lunch we will reach Gubbio, one of the oldest Umbrian cities. Here you can breathe history from every stone and many are the traces of its glorious past: the Roman Theater of the first century AD, the Basilica of Sant'Ubaldo which overlooks the city and houses the remains of the saint, patron of Gubbio, the Gothic cathedral, the Church of Santa Maria Nuova which houses the fresco "The Madonna of the Belvedere" by Ottaviano Nelli, master painter and miniaturist who owes his birth to Gubbio. In the Palazzo dei Consoli, home of the Civic Art Gallery, we find the "Tavole Eugubine", seven bronze plates bearing inscriptions in Umbrian characters of the III and II centuries BC and Latin characters of the II and I centuries BC, very important documents for the history of the Italic peoples. **Guided visit of Gubbio with private tour guide.**



Return to the hotel, dinner in the hotel, and overnight stay.

DAY 6 – CASCATA DELLE MARMORE WITH LUNCH + SPOLETO GUIDED TOUR IN THE AFTERNOON

The Marmore Waterfalls, with its 165m divided into 3 jumps, is the second highest waterfalls in Europe. The waterfall is located in the Terni Valnerina area and in the Nera River Park, also called the Parco delle Acque, a protected area that finds its point of excellence in the waterfall: an environment extraordinarily rich in cultural, historical and environmental testimonies. You will have enough time to independently visit the paths of the waterfalls, relax at one of the many viewpoints, refresh yourself at a refreshment point, buy some souvenirs and above all, take photos and selfies to take the extraordinary beauty of this place with you. Entrance ticket included. **Typical Umbrian lunch at a local restaurant near the Marmore Falls – drinks included.**



In the afternoon, the city of Spoleto awaits us. Spoleto is a picturesque and austere city, with an ancient history; it is one of the main touristic centers in Umbria, not only for the importance of its archaeological monuments: Roman, early medieval and Renaissance, but also for the interesting cultural events that take place there. Spoleto and the Spoleto Valley have become the symbol of Umbria: of its natural charm, of its artistic beauties, of the poetry that surrounds it, of the mysticism that was lived in it and that continues to emanate from it. Spoleto, ancient capital of the Lombard dukes, will leave you breathless thanks to the wealth of the city's historical and artistic heritage: Rocca Albornoziana, Ponte delle Torri, Roman Theater, Piazza del Duomo. **Guided tour of Spoleto.**



Return to the hotel, dinner in the hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 7 – VISIT TO PORK FARM & LUNCH IN FARM - GUIDED VISIT OF NORCIA (option 1)

That of the butcher is a very ancient profession, and Umbria, in particular, has managed to make it a real culinary art renowned since Roman times. Today we will reach Norcia and visit a prestigious farm with a deep knowledge of pork butchery handed down from generation to generation and where pigs, specifically the Black Pig, are raised in the wild. Here we will have the opportunity to get in touch with a tradition and a reality whose products are considered one of the most important in the Umbrian culinary repertoire and we will learn the different processes and steps necessary for the production of hams and other cured meats, from the breeding phase, slaughtering, salting and maturing, up to the sale of the final product. **After this interesting visit, we will have a delicious lunch in the farm.**



At the foot of the Sibillini National Park, the city of Norcia has kept its charm intact despite the wounds of the earthquake. We will visit the splendid historic center and we will have some free time to go shopping in the local traditional pork-butchers' shops. In fact, Norcia owes much of its fame to the ancient tradition of pork butchery, *Norcineria* in Italian. Norcia's raw ham is particularly appreciated together with other cured meats, caciotte, and pecorino cheese of the best quality, all processed on site with the guarantee of maximum authenticity and the authentic taste of rustic Umbrian cuisine. **Guided visit of Norcia with private tour guide.**



Return to the hotel, dinner in the hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 7 – VISIT OF RASIGLIA - TRUFFLE HUNT IN THE WOODS WITH LUNCH GUIDED TOUR OF SPELLO IN THE AFTERNOON (Option 2)

Umbria is also the region of ancient villages. After lunch, we will take you to discover one of these jewels, Rasiglia, the village of streams. The town, which preserves the typical characteristics of the medieval village by gathering in an amphitheater structure, is famous for its springs: walking through the suggestive alleys of the center, it is impossible not to be enchanted by the waterways that cross the town, making it unique and fascinating. Even today, the life of Rasiglia continues to be marked by water: the element that passes through weaving, wool processing and dyeing that is revived through an ancient tradition, dating back to 1200. Free visit of Rasiglia in the morning and continuation to Valtopina for the truffle hunt.



Valtopina is also appreciated in Umbria for its olive oil and black truffle. Truffle hunting in Umbria is an old age tradition. Umbria produces the highest number of black truffles in Italy, whose quality is famous throughout the world. Truffles are an integral part of Umbrian cuisine and culture. That of the truffle hunter, is a hard work made of deep love for the land, intelligent observation, waiting, and great satisfaction. We will take advantage of his wise guide, assisted by an incomparable four-legged scout, to learn the secrets of this noble tuber, through a naturalistic path of great beauty. And for those who still have some questions at the end of the hunt? Do not worry, the experience will end with a delicious lunch with truffle and Umbrian typical products that will dissolve any doubt!



After lunch we will reach Spello for the guided visit to this wonderful ancient village.

The Consular gate marks the entrance to the city of Spello or, as Julius Caesar used to call it, the "Splendidissima Colonia Julia", an enchanting village of Roman origins, included among the most beautiful villages in Italy, thanks to its rich environmental, cultural and artistic heritage. Spello still keeps traces of its historical past with the ancient walls and Properzio's Towers that protect Porta Venere, another access point to the village. The church of Santa Maria Maggiore can be reached by walking through suggestive alleys and ancient streets, along which flower balconies overlook and that, with the passing of time, have become true symbols of the city, and still remain one of the most popular attractions. The church houses an artistic treasure inside: the Baglioni Chapel, with a majolica floor from Deruta and frescoes made by Pinturicchio. Spello also boasts a very rich Art Gallery and, just outside the walls, a wonderful museum complex known as the "Villa Dei Mosaici", which has brought to light 500 square meters of precious mosaics whose central theme is the grape harvest and wine.



Return to the hotel, dinner, and overnight stay.

DAY 8 – VISIT OF PARCO DEI MOSTRI DI BOMARZO – VISIT OF VITERBO WITH LUNCH

The Sacro Bosco, also known as the Park of the Monsters (Parco dei Mostri) for the presence of grotesque sculptures scattered in a surreal landscape, is the oldest sculpture park in the modern world. The Bosco differs from Italian gardens and, while fitting into the architectural-naturalistic culture of the second half of the sixteenth century, it constitutes a unicum, giving life to a hermeneutic labyrinth of silences, allusions and illusions. The park is located near the homonymous locality of Bomarzo in the province of Viterbo and it was built by Pier Francesco Orsini, known as Vicino, from the middle of the 16th century and completed the first part of the work as early as 1552. Vicino, lord of Bomarzo until 1581, had the rocks sculpted on the spot, animating them and giving them forms, at times threatening and at times persuasive, of dreamlike creatures. The sculptures are free from reciprocal perspective or proportional relationships, and their gigantic shape mixed to their bizarreness determines a disconcerting relationship with nature. The garden of Bomarzo, located in an intermediate area between art, magic and literature is a magical place steeped in charm and mystery that generates stories and solicits the imagination of each visitor.



Continuation towards Viterbo, and Lunch in local restaurant – drinks included. Guided tour of Viterbo after lunch with a private tour guide.

Viterbo, of ancient Etruscan origins, has a vast medieval historic centre, with the well-preserved district of San Pellegrino, and surrounded by almost perfectly intact walls. Viterbo is known as the city of the Popes: at the end of the 13th century it was in fact the papal seat and for 24 years the Papal Palace hosted and saw the election of various popes. Not to be missed: the Cathedral of Viterbo (Cathedral of San Lorenzo), next to the Palazzo dei Papi, built in Romanesque style during the 12th century on the land where a small 8th century church was located, dedicated precisely to San Lorenzo, his vault built on the ruins of a pagan temple dedicated to Hercules, but its Renaissance facade dates back to 1570, when it was rebuilt; the Church of Santa Maria Nuova, one of the oldest in Viterbo, built in 1080 on the remains of a temple dedicated to Giove Cimino; the 13th century Palazzo dei Papi, the medieval San Pellegrino district, the city walls, Piazza Plebiscito and Palazzo dei Priori, are some examples.



Continuation towards Rome, Fiumicino airport and **END OF OUR SERVICES.**

ARRIVEDERCI! – We say goodbye to Umbria and we keep it in our hearts!

The tour includes:

- Accommodation 7 nights at a 4-star Hotel;
- Accommodation in different room types based on the group on a half-board basis;
(Six 3-course dinners at the hotel with drinks included (1/2 water, 1/4 wine and 1 coffee)
- Private transfers in modern bus with private driver (full day commitment) for the whole itinerary described – driver's meals, parking fees and check points included;

DAY 1

- Welcome lunch in local restaurant in Orvieto – drinks included;
- Guided visit of Orvieto with private tour guide;
- Entrance to Orvieto's Cathedral;
- Entrance tickets to Orvieto underground and guided visit;

DAY 2

- Guided visit of Castiglione del Lago with private tour guide;
- Guided visit of Passignano sul Trasimeno with private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local *trattoria* in Lake Trasimeno – drinks included;
- Panoramic boat tour in Lake Trasimeno with private skipper and a stop in Isola Maggiore (2h30m);
- Visit to Isola Maggiore with tour guide;

DAY 3

- Guided visit of Perugia with private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Perugia - drinks included;
- Entrance tickets to the Perugina Chocolate House and guided tour of the factory;
- Dinner at a typical farmhouse selected by us for the quality of the food and the perfect representation of the Umbrian culinary traditions – drinks included;
- Extra transfer service for going out to dinner;

DAY 4

- Guided tour of Montefalco with private tour guide;
- Guided visit to a renowned winery and oil mill in Montefalco area;
- Lunch with 360° food and wine tasting in winery;
- Guided tour of Assisi with private tour guide;
- Audio guides for the visit to the Basilica of San Francesco;

DAY 5

- Hiking excursion in Parco Regionale del Monte Cucco: *The Cave of Monte Cucco*;
- Entrance ticket to Monte Cucco's Cave;
- Private hiking guide during the excursion;
- Lunch at a local refuge in Parco Regionale del Monte Cucco - drinks included;
- Guided visit of Gubbio and Basilica di Sant'Ubaldo with a private tour guide;

DAY 6

- Visit to the Marmore Falls with private tour guide;
- Entrance tickets to the Marmore Falls;
- Lunch at a local restaurant near the Marmore Falls – drinks included;
- Guided tour of Spoleto with a private tour guide;

DAY 7**Option 1**

- Guided visit to a pork farm in Norcia to discover *norcineria* with local guide;
- Lunch at the farm with tasting of typical products – drinks included;
- Guided visit of Norcia with a private tour guide;

Option 2 (suggested by us):

- Guided visit of Rasiglia with a local tour guide;
- Experience: Truffle hunt in the woods with truffle hunter and assistant dog;



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- Tasting of truffle and typical Umbrian products in the woods after the truffle hunt;
- Lunch with truffle-based menu and drinks included at a restaurant in Valtopina;
- Guided visit of Spello with a private tour guide;

DAY 8

- Entrance tickets to Parco dei Mostri di Bomarzo;
- Visit to Parco dei Mostri with a local tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Viterbo – drinks included;
- Guided tour of Viterbo with private tour guide;
- *Suggested visits program with itineraries and advice.*

The tour does not include:

- Medical insurance, flights, tips, city taxes, meals that have not been mentioned, extra transfers that have not been mentioned, and anything that has not been specifically mentioned in "the tour includes".

QUOTE UPON REQUEST

Duration: 7 nights / 8 days

Minimum participants: 2 people

Execution period: From April to November, every day – according to availability;

Requirements: Suitable for everyone

Locations: *Orvieto, Lake Trasimeno (Castiglione del Lago, Passignano sul Trasimeno, Isola Maggiore), Perugia, Montefalco, Assisi, Parco Regionale del Monte Cucco, Gubbio, the Marmore Falls, Spoleto, Norcia, Rasiglia, Valtopina, Spello, Bomarzo, Viterbo.*

NOTE:

- *The tours include accommodation in 4-star hotels in Perugia, Assisi or other ancient villages on a half-board basis. Upon request, it is possible to organize tours with other types of accommodations, for example farmhouses, country hotels, 3-star hotels, 5-star hotels, luxury hotels, private villas, ancient historic farmhouses, among others.*

UMBRIA, CENTRAL ITALY & NAPLES – LUXURY PRIVATE TOUR

DURATION: 13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

DAY 1 - WELCOME! – Arrival and accommodation in a 4-star Hotel in Rome, dinner and overnight.

DAY 2 - ANCIENT ROME

COLOSSEO - FORO ROMANO - PALATINO - FORI IMPERIALI - PANTHEON - PIAZZA NAVONA

Today we dedicate the whole day to discovering the secrets of ancient Rome. We start the tour from the symbolic monument of the city, the Colosseum, the largest arena in the world, where the infamous gladiator fights took place. We continue towards the archaeological area of the Roman Forum, the heart of political life in ancient times. Along the Via Sacra, the street of processions and triumphs, we visit the most evocative buildings in the area: the temple dedicated to Caesar, the House of the Vestals, the Curia. We then reach the Palatine Hill, one of the seven hills of Rome, where we find the remains of the mythical village of Romulus, the first settlement nucleus of Rome, the imposing ruins of the imperial palaces and the works undertaken by the Farnese family that transformed the hill into the first example of Italian garden.

The excursion continues with a walk along the Imperial Forums, including the Forum of Caesar, the Forum of Augustus, and the Forum of Trajan, with its imposing Trajan column, still erected after 2000 years of history, a symbol of the military glory of Rome. The last part of today's tour will lead us to the Pantheon, the best preserved monument of ancient Rome in the world, to the splendid Piazza Navona, passing through the Iseo Campense, dedicated to the Egyptian cult, and to the baths built by the emperor Nero. Free time for lunch and shopping.



Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3 - ROME OF THE POPES

VATICAN MUSEUMS AND THE SISTINE CHAPEL - ST. PETER'S BASILICA

Rome is also the city of the Popes. Today's excursion takes us to the Vatican City, where we admire the priceless artistic heritage of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, and then visit St. Peter's Basilica, built over the burial place of the saint, at the behest of the emperor Constantine. Free time for lunch and shopping.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4 - ARRIVEDERCI ROMA!

ROME HISTORIC CENTER (SPANISH STEPS, TREVI FOUNTAIN) - CIVITA DI BAGNOREGIO - ORVIETO

Our last hours in Rome see us strolling through the streets of the Eternal City, admiring wonders such as the famous Piazza di Spagna and the Trevi Fountain, where it is customary to throw a coin to hope that one day we can return to this place without equal. Free time for lunch and shopping.



On the border between Lazio and Umbria, we make a brief stop at the magnificent village of Civita di Bagnoregio, known as "the dying city" due to the constant process of erosion of the tuff rocks on which it stands. A magical, surreal, fantastic place, located on the top of a tuff hill and reachable only through a narrow pedestrian bridge from which you can enjoy one of the most spectacular views of Lazio.



Later in the afternoon, we reach Orvieto, an ancient city of Etruscan origin that dominates the valley of the Paglia river from the top of the tuff cliff on which it stands. The city boasts one of the most remarkable historic centers in Umbria, embellished by the presence of the Cathedral, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture.



Continuation to the hotel in Assisi, accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 5 – UMBRIA: RASIGLIA – TRUFFLE HUNTING WITH LUNCH - ASSISI

Umbria, the green heart of Italy, is the region of ancient villages. We take you to the discovery of one of these jewels, Rasiglia, the village of streams. The town, which preserves the typical characteristics of the medieval village by gathering in an amphitheater structure, is famous for its springs: walking through the suggestive alleys of the center it is impossible not to be enchanted by the waterways that cross the town, making it unique and fascinating. Even today, the life of Rasiglia continues to be marked by water: the element that passes through weaving, processing and dyeing of wool that is revived through an ancient tradition, dating back to 1200.



Truffle in Italy is well known and appreciated since the Roman times. During the Renaissance, among the nobles, the Italian truffle was the undisputed protagonist of any banquet. As the decades passed, truffle hunting in Italy became a real entertainment activity for those who lived in the noble courts.

Truffle hunting in Umbria is an old age tradition. Umbria produces the highest number of black truffles in Italy, whose quality is famous throughout the world. Truffles are an integral part of Umbrian cuisine and culture. That of the truffle hunter, is a hard work made of deep love for the land, intelligent observation, waiting and great satisfaction. We will take advantage of his wise guide, assisted by an incomparable four-legged scout, to learn the secrets of this noble tuber, through a naturalistic path of great beauty. And for those who still have some questions at the end of the hunt? Do not worry, the experience can only end with a delicious tasting in the woods and truffle menu lunch that will dissolve any doubt!



For the rest of the day, the guide will accompany us to discover Assisi, the Franciscan place par excellence, not only in Umbria and Italy, but all over the world. In fact, St. Francis was born in Assisi in 1182; in the place where it is believed that his birthplace was located, today stands the Chiesa Nuova. It is in Assisi that he is baptized, in the Cathedral of San Rufino, it is in its alleys that he spends his youth dreaming of a future as a brave knight, it is here, where today the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore is located, in the Piazza del Vescovado, which is it strips by repudiating earthly goods for love of God and brothers. It is still in Assisi, in the Church of San Damiano, that by praying in front of the crucifix, he receives the task of renewing the Church of Christ, it is in the town square that he begins his preaching and his work of charity and peace, and it is finally here who died in 1226. His remains are preserved in the Basilica of Saint Francis, but the saint still lives today in every stone of Assisi. We can meet him walking through its enchanting alleys and visiting the Franciscan places, immersed in a timeless place, a place of peace and good. Assisi is also a place of art and architecture. There are countless works of inestimable value that we can admire: the Basilica of Saint Francis with frescoes by Giotto, the Church of Santa Chiara, the Church of San Damiano, the Rocca Maggiore, the Cathedral of San Rufino, the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore which it houses the relic of the cloak of San Francesco, the Eremo delle Carceri, the Temple of Minerva, the Civic Art Gallery, the Roman Forum, just to name a few.





Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 6 – UMBRIA: GUIDED TOUR OF SPOLETO WITH LUNCH - MARMORE FALLS

In the morning we arrive in Spoleto. Undoubtedly one of the most beautiful cities in Italy, Spoleto will win you over with its charm and the richness of its historical and artistic heritage, a precious and living legacy of the most diverse historical periods that saw it as a protagonist. The majestic Rocca Albornoziana, symbol of Spoleto, dominates the skyline of the city from Colle Sant'Elia and is joined to Monteluco by the monumental bridge Ponte delle Torri, 230 meters long and 82 high, a unique work of its kind. The center of Spoleto, full of historic buildings, culminates in the wonderful Piazza del Duomo, where a visit to the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta is not to be missed, with a porticoed facade embellished with a very special mosaic. Inside the cathedral there are frescoes by Pinturicchio and by the medieval artist Filippo Lippi. **Lunch at a local restaurant in Spoleto – drinks included.**



After lunch, we reach the Marmore Falls which, with its 165 m divided into 3 jumps, is the second highest artificial waterfall in Europe. The waterfall inserted in the territory of the Terni Valnerina and in the Nera River Park also called the Parco delle Acque, a protected area that finds its point of excellence in the waterfall: an environment extraordinarily rich in cultural, historical and environmental testimonies. You will walk along the paths of the waterfalls, such as the path of the ring of the nymph and that of the meeting of the waters, you will have time to relax at one of the many lookouts, buy some souvenirs and above all take photos and selfies to always treasure the extraordinary beauty of this place. **Guided visit of the Marmore Falls and entrance ticket included.**



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 7 – UMBRIA: PERUGIA GUIDED TOUR – LUNCH - PERUGINA CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Perugia is the Umbrian capital that represents many cities in one, all fascinating and all full of history. Perugia is Etruscan, Perugia is Roman, Perugia is Medieval, Perugia is Renaissance! Among the many monuments, incredible works of art, Etruscan remains and the greenery of the surrounding countryside, a visit to Perugia is a must during your trip! Perugia is located in the green heart of Italy, on an acropolis set in the middle of the magnificent landscape of Umbria. The historic center is small and compact: the villages, the alleys, the houses tell endless stories. The history of Perugia dates back to the ancient Etruscans, who settled here many centuries before Christ. The Romans established an important colony there called Perusia, while in the Middle Ages the city became a free municipality, remaining thriving and powerful until the sixteenth century, when it came under the control of the papacy. The endless stories of Perugia and its inhabitants, its streets, its views and its buildings have left traces in the streets of the historic center, and in the works of art that you will find numerous in the city's museums. Just think of the great masters Pietro Vannucci (called Perugino) and Bernardino Betti (called Pinturicchio) who both worked in Perugia, and the young Raphael who was a pupil in Perugino's studio until 1504. Lunch at a local restaurant in Perugia with drinks included.



After lunch, a sweet afternoon awaits us with an interesting visit to the historical museum of the famous Perugina Chocolate Factory, renowned all over the world for its romantic "bacio" of which we can admire a Guinness version, as well as a collection of photos, machinery, labels and posters that represent the history of this prestigious brand. At the end of this journey to discover chocolate, its processing and the Perugina brand, we will have a delicious tasting and the opportunity to make some sweet purchases at the gift shop.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 8 – FLORENCE: OLD CITY - DUOMO - UFFIZI

Today we spend the whole day in Florence, the Tuscan capital, the cradle of the Italian Renaissance, a splendid city recognized and appreciated all over the world for its immeasurable historical and artistic value. As soon as we arrive, after a transfer of about 2 hours, we immerse ourselves in the beauties of ancient Florence, walking in the historic center.

We will have the opportunity to admire unique buildings and urban spaces, such as Piazza Santa Croce, Piazza della Signoria, the Ponte Vecchio, the oldest stone bridge in Europe, with its goldsmith shops, and the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, known commonly as the Duomo of Florence. A masterpiece of Gothic and Renaissance architecture, the cathedral is the fourth largest in the world, after St. Peter's in Rome, Saint Paul in London and the Duomo in Milan. Visit of the cathedral. Free time for lunch and shopping.



The afternoon will give us the thrill of being able to admire works of art famous all over the world up close, from the Birth of Venus by Botticelli, to the Holy Family by Michelangelo, the Adoration of the Magi by Michelangelo, the Madonna and Child and San Giovannino by Raphael, Giotto's Madonna and Child Enthroned, Caravaggio's Bacchus, just to name a few.



At the end of the visit to the Uffizi Gallery, we return to Umbria.

Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 9 - EMILIA-ROMAGNA: REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO - RIMINI – ADRIATIC SEA

Today, we will cross the Umbrian border once again, to discover the jewels of nearby Romagna. Our journey will begin with a visit to the Autonomous Republic of San Marino, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2008. We walk through the streets of the homonymous medieval village that will give us more than one emotion, from the privileged position from which you can enjoy a unique view over the valley to the coasts of the Adriatic Sea (from which it is only 10km away), to the artistic and architectural beauties, and tax-free shopping: leather goods, jewels, spirits and other products of local gastronomy and crafts. Time for lunch and shopping.

Free afternoon to visit Rimini, the most famous city of the entire Romagna Riviera, or to enjoy a stroll along the promenade, or to relax on the beach. In the late afternoon, we return to Umbria.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 10 – NAPLES: THE HEART OF THE NEAPOLITAN CITY

We leave Central Italy to go south-west of the peninsula, until we reach one of the oldest cities in Europe, dating back to the times of Magna Graecia, Naples, on the slopes of the Vesuvius volcano. Hotel accommodation and welcome lunch.

We dedicate the afternoon to a walk through the city center, which embodies 27 centuries of history, a splendor of antiquity, art, folklore, flavors and colors. We visit the symbolic places of the city: the Cathedral of Naples, where the relic of San Gennaro is kept, Via San Gregorio Armeno, the street of the artisans carvers of nativities, Piazza San Domenico, the Sansevero Chapel Museum, with the famous "Veiled Christ", Piazza del Gesù, Castel Nuovo, the San Carlo Theater, Piazza del Plebiscito and Castel dell'Ovo. Free time for shopping.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 11 – NAPLES: CAPRI, ISCHIA AND PROCIDA

Today we will board a boat to enjoy the Gulf of Naples and visit three small pearls of the Mediterranean Sea, the islands of Ischia, the spa capital, the colorful Procida, and Capri, off whose coasts the famous stacks stand out. It will be a relaxing experience, dedicated to the scenic beauty, the most authentic flavors of this wonderful land, and the purchase of the best local crafts and food and wine products. Free time for lunch and shopping.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 12 – NAPLES: POMPEI AND THE ROYAL PALACE OF CASERTA

It is not possible to visit Naples without stopping at two unique sites in the world, located in the area: the archaeological excavations of Pompeii, whose ancient city was completely submerged by a blanket of ash and lapilli following the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 A.D., currently the best preserved Roman city in the world, and the Royal Palace of Caserta, a true triumph of Italian Baroque, of which we will admire some of the most beautiful rooms (including frescoes, bas-reliefs, statues, inlaid floors, and fine furnishings) and the park, with its splendid gardens, majestic fountains and waterfalls. **Gourmet packed lunch.**



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 13 - ARRIVEDERCI! Return home, with Italy in your heart!

*Guests can request a personalized service according to the destination of return or continuation of their trip.

The tour includes:

- Accommodation in 4-star hotels: 3 nights in Rome, 6 nights in Assisi, 3 nights in Naples;
- Accommodation in a standard double room on a half-board basis;
- Rome guided tour with local tour guide;
- Museum/tourist attractions entrance fees included;
- Entrance tickets to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel;
- Guided visit of Civita di Bagnoreggio and Orvieto with private tour guide;
- Entrance to the Duomo of Orvieto included;
- Visit of Rasiglia, the village of springs with tour leader;
- Truffle hunting experience in the woods with truffle hunter and assistant dog;
- Delicious tasting in the woods with truffle and other typical products;
- Lunch with truffle-based menu in local restaurant – drinks included;
- Assisi guided tour with private tour guide;
- Audio guides for visiting the basilica of San Francesco;
- Spoleto guided tour with private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Spoleto – drinks included;
- Guided visit to the Marmore Falls – entrance ticket included;
- Perugia guided tour with a private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Perugia – drinks included;
- Guided visit to Perugina Chocolate House – ticket and tasting included;
- Day trip to Florence from Umbria which includes:
 - Guided tour of Florence - museum/tourist attractions entrance fees included;
- Day trip to Emilia Romagna from Umbria which includes:
 - Guided tour of San Marino – museum/tourist attractions entrance fees included;
- Welcome lunch at a local restaurant in Naples;
- Naples guided tour with private tour guide;
- Luxury boat tour for visiting Capri, Procida and Ischia;
- Day Trip: Pompei and the Royal Palace of Caserta from Naples – gourmet boxed lunch included, museum/tourist attractions entrance fees included;

The tour does not include:

- Transfers, city tax, tips, extras and anything not explicitly mentioned in "the tour includes".

QUOTE UPON REQUEST**Type of tour:** Self-drive multiday tour | Transfers upon request.**Duration:** 12 nights / 13 days**Period of execution:** All year round, every day – according to availability**Minimum participants:** 2 adults**Requirements:** suitable to everyone**Locations:** Rome, Orvieto, Civita di Bagnoreggio, Spoleto, Marmore Falls, Rasiglia, Valtopina, Perugia, Assisi, Florence, San Marino, Rimini, Naples, Ischia, Procida, Capri, Pompei, Caserta.

UMBRIA, CENTRAL ITALY & VENICE – LUXURY PRIVATE TOUR

DURATION: 13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

DAY 1 - WELCOME! – Arrival and accommodation in a 4-star Hotel in Rome, dinner and overnight.

DAY 2 - ANCIENT ROME

COLOSSEO - FORO ROMANO - PALATINO - FORI IMPERIALI - PANTHEON - PIAZZA NAVONA

Today we dedicate the whole day to discovering the secrets of ancient Rome. We start the tour from the symbolic monument of the city, the Colosseum, the largest arena in the world, where the infamous gladiator fights took place. We continue towards the archaeological area of the Roman Forum, the heart of political life in ancient times. Along the Via Sacra, the street of processions and triumphs, we visit the most evocative buildings in the area: the temple dedicated to Caesar, the House of the Vestals, the Curia. We then reach the Palatine Hill, one of the seven hills of Rome, where we find the remains of the mythical village of Romulus, the first settlement nucleus of Rome, the imposing ruins of the imperial palaces and the works undertaken by the Farnese family that transformed the hill into the first example of Italian garden.

The excursion continues with a walk along the Imperial Forums, including the Forum of Caesar, the Forum of Augustus, and the Forum of Trajan, with its imposing Trajan column, still erected after 2000 years of history, a symbol of the military glory of Rome. The last part of today's tour will lead us to the Pantheon, the best preserved monument of ancient Rome in the world, to the splendid Piazza Navona, passing through the Iseo Campense, dedicated to the Egyptian cult, and to the baths built by the emperor Nero. Free time for lunch and shopping.



Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3 - ROME OF THE POPES

VATICAN MUSEUMS AND THE SISTINE CHAPEL - ST. PETER'S BASILICA

Rome is also the city of the Popes. Today's excursion takes us to the Vatican City, where we admire the priceless artistic heritage of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, and then visit St. Peter's Basilica, built over the burial place of the saint, at the behest of the emperor Constantine. Free time for lunch and shopping.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4 - ARRIVEDERCI ROMA!

ROME HISTORIC CENTER (SPANISH STEPS, TREVI FOUNTAIN) - CIVITA DI BAGNOREGIO - ORVIETO

Our last hours in Rome see us strolling through the streets of the Eternal City, admiring wonders such as the famous Piazza di Spagna and the Trevi Fountain, where it is customary to throw a coin to hope that one day we can return to this place without equal. Free time for lunch and shopping.



On the border between Lazio and Umbria, we make a brief stop at the magnificent village of Civita di Bagnoregio, known as "the dying city" due to the constant process of erosion of the tuff rocks on which it stands. A magical, surreal, fantastic place, located on the top of a tuff hill and reachable only through a narrow pedestrian bridge from which you can enjoy one of the most spectacular views of Lazio.



Later in the afternoon, we reach Orvieto, an ancient city of Etruscan origin that dominates the valley of the Paglia river from the top of the tuff cliff on which it stands. The city boasts one of the most remarkable historic centers in Umbria, embellished by the presence of the Cathedral, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture.



Continuation to the hotel in Assisi, accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 5 – UMBRIA: RASIGLIA – TRUFFLE HUNTING WITH LUNCH - ASSISI

Umbria, the green heart of Italy, is the region of ancient villages. We take you to the discovery of one of these jewels, Rasiglia, the village of streams. The town, which preserves the typical characteristics of the medieval village by gathering in an amphitheater structure, is famous for its springs: walking through the suggestive alleys of the center it is impossible not to be enchanted by the waterways that cross the town, making it unique and fascinating. Even today, the life of Rasiglia continues to be marked by water: the element that passes through weaving, processing and dyeing of wool that is revived through an ancient tradition, dating back to 1200.



Truffle in Italy is well known and appreciated since the Roman times. During the Renaissance, among the nobles, the Italian truffle was the undisputed protagonist of any banquet. As the decades passed, truffle hunting in Italy became a real entertainment activity for those who lived in the noble courts.

Truffle hunting in Umbria is an old age tradition. Umbria produces the highest number of black truffles in Italy, whose quality is famous throughout the world. Truffles are an integral part of Umbrian cuisine and culture. That of the truffle hunter, is a hard work made of deep love for the land, intelligent observation, waiting and great satisfaction. We will take advantage of his wise guide, assisted by an incomparable four-legged scout, to learn the secrets of this noble tuber, through a naturalistic path of great beauty. And for those who still have some questions at the end of the hunt? Do not worry, the experience can only end with a delicious tasting in the woods and truffle menu lunch that will dissolve any doubt!



For the rest of the day, the guide will accompany us to discover Assisi, the Franciscan place par excellence, not only in Umbria and Italy, but all over the world. In fact, St. Francis was born in Assisi in 1182; in the place where it is believed that his birthplace was located, today stands the Chiesa Nuova. It is in Assisi that he is baptized, in the Cathedral of San Rufino, it is in its alleys that he spends his youth dreaming of a future as a brave knight, it is here, where today the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore is located, in the Piazza del Vescovado, which is it strips by repudiating earthly goods for love of God and brothers. It is still in Assisi, in the Church of San Damiano, that by praying in front of the crucifix, he receives the task of renewing the Church of Christ, it is in the town square that he begins his preaching and his work of charity and peace, and it is finally here who died in 1226. His remains are preserved in the Basilica of Saint Francis, but the saint still lives today in every stone of Assisi. We can meet him walking through its enchanting alleys and visiting the Franciscan places, immersed in a timeless place, a place of peace and good. Assisi is also a place of art and architecture. There are countless works of inestimable value that we can admire: the Basilica of Saint Francis with frescoes by Giotto, the Church of Santa Chiara, the Church of San Damiano, the Rocca Maggiore, the Cathedral of San Rufino, the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore which it houses the relic of the cloak of San Francesco, the Eremo delle Carceri, the Temple of Minerva, the Civic Art Gallery, the Roman Forum, just to name a few.





Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 6 – UMBRIA: GUIDED TOUR OF SPOLETO WITH LUNCH - MARMORE FALLS

In the morning we arrive in Spoleto. Undoubtedly one of the most beautiful cities in Italy, Spoleto will win you over with its charm and the richness of its historical and artistic heritage, a precious and living legacy of the most diverse historical periods that saw it as a protagonist. The majestic Rocca Albornoziana, symbol of Spoleto, dominates the skyline of the city from Colle Sant'Elia and is joined to Monteluco by the monumental bridge Ponte delle Torri, 230 meters long and 82 high, a unique work of its kind. The center of Spoleto, full of historic buildings, culminates in the wonderful Piazza del Duomo, where a visit to the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta is not to be missed, with a porticoed facade embellished with a very special mosaic. Inside the cathedral there are frescoes by Pinturicchio and by the medieval artist Filippo Lippi. **Lunch at a local restaurant in Spoleto – drinks included.**



After lunch, we reach the Marmore Falls which, with its 165 m divided into 3 jumps, is the second highest artificial waterfall in Europe. The waterfall inserted in the territory of the Terni Valnerina and in the Nera River Park also called the Parco delle Acque, a protected area that finds its point of excellence in the waterfall: an environment extraordinarily rich in cultural, historical and environmental testimonies. You will walk along the paths of the waterfalls, such as the path of the ring of the nymph and that of the meeting of the waters, you will have time to relax at one of the many lookouts, buy some souvenirs and above all take photos and selfies to always treasure the extraordinary beauty of this place. **Guided visit of the Marmore Falls and entrance ticket included.**



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 7 – UMBRIA: PERUGIA GUIDED TOUR – LUNCH - PERUGINA CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Perugia is the Umbrian capital that represents many cities in one, all fascinating and all full of history. Perugia is Etruscan, Perugia is Roman, Perugia is Medieval, Perugia is Renaissance! Among the many monuments, incredible works of art, Etruscan remains and the greenery of the surrounding countryside, a visit to Perugia is a must during your trip! Perugia is located in the green heart of Italy, on an acropolis set in the middle of the magnificent landscape of Umbria. The historic center is small and compact: the villages, the alleys, the houses tell endless stories. The history of Perugia dates back to the ancient Etruscans, who settled here many centuries before Christ. The Romans established an important colony there called Perusia, while in the Middle Ages the city became a free municipality, remaining thriving and powerful until the sixteenth century, when it came under the control of the papacy. The endless stories of Perugia and its inhabitants, its streets, its views and its buildings have left traces in the streets of the historic center, and in the works of art that you will find numerous in the city's museums. Just think of the great masters Pietro Vannucci (called Perugino) and Bernardino Betti (called Pinturicchio) who both worked in Perugia, and the young Raphael who was a pupil in Perugino's studio until 1504. Lunch at a local restaurant in Perugia with drinks included.



After lunch, a sweet afternoon awaits us with an interesting visit to the historical museum of the famous Perugina Chocolate Factory, renowned all over the world for its romantic "bacio" of which we can admire a Guinness version, as well as a collection of photos, machinery, labels and posters that represent the history of this prestigious brand. At the end of this journey to discover chocolate, its processing and the Perugina brand, we will have a delicious tasting and the opportunity to make some sweet purchases at the gift shop.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 8 – FLORENCE: OLD CITY - DUOMO - UFFIZI

Today we spend the whole day in Florence, the Tuscan capital, the cradle of the Italian Renaissance, a splendid city recognized and appreciated all over the world for its immeasurable historical and artistic value. As soon as we arrive, after a transfer of about 2 hours, we immerse ourselves in the beauties of ancient Florence, walking in the historic center.

We will have the opportunity to admire unique buildings and urban spaces, such as Piazza Santa Croce, Piazza della Signoria, the Ponte Vecchio, the oldest stone bridge in Europe, with its goldsmith shops, and the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, known commonly as the Duomo of Florence. A masterpiece of Gothic and Renaissance architecture, the cathedral is the fourth largest in the world, after St. Peter's in Rome, Saint Paul in London and the Duomo in Milan. Visit of the cathedral. Free time for lunch and shopping.



The afternoon will give us the thrill of being able to admire works of art famous all over the world up close, from the Birth of Venus by Botticelli, to the Holy Family by Michelangelo, the Adoration of the Magi by Michelangelo, the Madonna and Child and San Giovannino by Raphael, Giotto's Madonna and Child Enthroned, Caravaggio's Bacchus, just to name a few.



At the end of the visit to the Uffizi Gallery, we return to Umbria.

Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 9 - EMILIA-ROMAGNA: REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO - RIMINI – ADRIATIC SEA

Today, we will cross the Umbrian border once again, to discover the jewels of nearby Romagna. Our journey will begin with a visit to the Autonomous Republic of San Marino, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2008. We walk through the streets of the homonymous medieval village that will give us more than one emotion, from the privileged position from which you can enjoy a unique view over the valley to the coasts of the Adriatic Sea (from which it is only 10km away), to the artistic and architectural beauties, and tax-free shopping: leather goods, jewels, spirits and other products of local gastronomy and crafts. Time for lunch and shopping.

Free afternoon to visit Rimini, the most famous city of the entire Romagna Riviera, or to enjoy a stroll along the promenade, or to relax on the beach. In the late afternoon, we return to Umbria.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 10 – VENICE – Transfer from Umbria towards Venice.

Breakfast in the hotel and in the morning we leave Central Italy to go north-east of the peninsula, until we reach the Serenissima, Venice. Welcome lunch and free time for visiting.



Accommodation in the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 11 – VENICE: THE TREASURES OF THE SERENISSIMA

Venice, a lagoon city, decreed as one of the most beautiful in the world, unique in its kind, where centuries of art and history are surrounded by a dense network of canals, more or less large, and overlook a lagoon that makes this place even more suggestive. We visit the historic center and the symbolic points of the city: Palazzo Ducale (the rooms of politics, the Doge's rooms, the prisons, the Bridge of Sighs), the Basilica of San Marco, also known as "the golden church", Campo Santa Maria Formosa, the Church of Santi Giovanni e Paolo, the home of Marco Polo, the Mercerie. Free time for lunch, shopping and perhaps a traditional gondola ride through the canals.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 12 – VENICE: THE ISLANDS OF THE LAGOON: MURANO AND BURANO

Today we will take a very pleasant cruise in the Venetian lagoon to discover two unmissable attractions in the area: the island of Murano, historically home to glass craftsmen, masters in the world in the art of glass blowing, and the island of Burano, famous for the precious handmade lace. Free time for lunch and shopping.



Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 13 - ARRIVEDERCI! Return home, with Italy in your heart!

*Guests can request a personalized service according to the destination of return or continuation of their trip.

The tour includes:

- Accommodation in 4-star hotels: 3 nights in Rome, 6 nights in Assisi, 3 nights in Venice;
- Accommodation in a standard double room on a half-board basis;
- Rome guided tour with local tour guide;
- Museum/tourist attractions entrance fees included;
- Entrance tickets to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel;
- Guided visit of Civita di Bagnoreggio and Orvieto with private tour guide;
- Entrance to the Duomo of Orvieto included;
- Visit of Rasiglia, the village of springs with tour leader;
- Truffle hunting experience in the woods with truffle hunter and assistant dog;
- Delicious tasting in the woods with truffle and other typical products;
- Lunch with truffle-based menu in local restaurant – drinks included;
- Assisi guided tour with private tour guide;
- Audio guides for visiting the basilica of San Francesco;
- Spoleto guided tour with private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Spoleto – drinks included;
- Guided visit to the Marmore Falls – entrance ticket included;
- Perugia guided tour with a private tour guide;
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Perugia – drinks included;
- Guided visit to Perugina Chocolate House – ticket and tasting included;
- Day trip to Florence from Umbria which includes:
 - Guided tour of Florence - museum/tourist attractions entrance fees included;
- Day trip to Emilia Romagna from Umbria which includes:
 - Guided tour of San Marino – museum/tourist attractions entrance fees included;
- Welcome lunch at a local restaurant in Venice;
- Venice guided tour with local tour guide;
- Cruise in the Venetian lagoon for visiting Burano and Murano;

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Duration: 12 nights / 13 days

Period of execution: All year round, every day – according to availability;

Minimum participants: 2 adults

Requirements: suitable to everyone

Locations: Rome, Orvieto, Civita di Bagnoreggio, Spoleto, Marmore Falls, Rasiglia, Valtopina, Perugia, Assisi, Florence, San Marino, Rimini, Venice, Murano, Burano.

Note: should one or more excursions could not be carried out for any reason whatsoever, they will be replaced by activities of equal or greater value

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