

UMBRIA AND MEDIEVAL TUSCANY TOUR

from ROME



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Day 1 **ROME – TIVOLI (35 km) – MARMORE FALLS (120 km) – SPOLETO (30 km) - ASSISI (45 km)**

Departure at 08.30 from Rome to **Tivoli**, beautiful village in the surroundings of Rome, famous for its villas, UNESCO World Heritage. Visit of the old town to admire medieval buildings, ancient Roman ruins and the amazing view at river Aniene. In the afternoon, on the way to Spoleto, short stop in **Marmore** to discover the most beautiful Italian falls in the heart of Umbria. Continuation to **Spoletto**, city of 40,000 inhabitants, of Roman origin, that keeps symbolic monuments like the Bridge of the Towers or the Arch of Drusus and more recent like the Cathedral and the *Rocca Albornoziana*. Finally, arrival to **Assisi**. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 **ASSISI – PERUGIA (30 km) - TODI (45 km) - ASSISI (50 km)**

Breakfast. Today, you will be invited to taste some local products made with the flavourful Umbria black truffle. A nice walk in the old town of Assisi will end with a visit of the Basilica of Saint Francis. Then, departure to **Perugia**, the capital of the Umbrian region, ancient Etruscan centre, rich city of history and art. Visit of the old town. We can admire the Palazzo dei Priori, the Fontana Maggiore, the Etruscan Gate of the 3rd century BC, the Cathedral and the medieval wall. Lunch at your own. In the afternoon, we continue for **Todi**. Visit of the historic centre of this pretty walled village protected by the fortress of 1373; we can see the Cathedral, the Piazza del Popolo, the Palazzo dei Priori and the Church of Consolation, built by Bramante. Return to Assisi via panoramic itinerary. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3 **ASSISI – LAKE TRASIMENO (50 km) – GUBBIO (75 km) - ASSISI (50 km)**

Breakfast. Departure for **Lake Trasimeno**, the largest lake in central Italy. Arrival to Passignano through a beautiful panoramic route of border between the regions Umbria and Tuscany. Aboard the ferry, arrival to the Isola Maggiore, a little island where only 17 people live. Visit of the picturesque set of houses through nice paths and lunch at your own. In the afternoon, back to Passignano. Departure to **Gubbio**, a beautiful city that is located 500 metres above the sea level and shows traces of different dominations, from the Roman to the papal era. The highlights include the Cathedral, the Ducal Palace, the Palazzo del Capitano and the Palazzo dei Consoli. Return to Assisi via panoramic itinerary. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 4 **ASSISI – SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI (7km) – ORVIETO (85 km) – SIENA (125 km)**

Breakfast. In the morning visit of the Basilica of **Santa Maria degli Angeli**, built at the bottom of the hill of Assisi on the top of the chapel where the young Saint Francis used to pray and meditate. Later, we leave Santa Maria degli Angeli to reach the most important city on the way between Umbria and Rome: **Orvieto**. The Gothic Cathedral, majestic and elaborate, shines on the top of a sinuous hill with its facade but the city of the St. Patrick Well, commissioned by Pope Clement VII offers many nice corners to feel the medieval atmosphere of the city, try the excellent wines or the renowned food. Visit and lunch at your own. In the afternoon, departure to **Siena**. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5 SIENA – SAN GIMIGNANO (45 km) – VOLTERRA (30 km) - SIENA (55 km)

Breakfast. In the morning, visit of the city of Siena. Surrounded by the vineyards of Chianti on one side, and coloured fields on the other, the city seems to extend over a low hill, in a central position with respect to the lands that have always been its domain. The famous city of Palio and the *contrade* fascinates by the thousands of colours of its flags, its twisted streets, the perfection of its gothic monuments, the fame of its illustrious citizen and the taste of the products that can be tasted here. Departure to **San Gimignano**, the city of the towers, where we will visit Porta San Giovanni, Piazza della Cisterna, Palazzo del Popolo, the Civic Museum and the Church of Saint Augustine. Lunch at your own. Continuation to **Volterra**. Located on the highest point of a high hill, the city with its austere and medieval silhouette is famous for its alabaster craftsmanship. Visit of the city with the Piazza and Palazzo dei Priori Palace, the Duomo, the Baptistery, Porta dell'Arco, Etruscan gate that dates back the 4th century BC and the theatre that dates back the Roman age. Return to Siena and overnight at the hotel.

Day 6 SIENA – CHIANTI ROUTE (50 km) – LUCCA (100 km) – SIENA (140 km)

Breakfast. Today you will be invited to taste the most popular Italian wine in the world: Chianti, red wine produced with Sangiovese Tuscany grapes. In the morning, take the **Strada del Chianti – Chianti Route**. Along the way, we can see the charming hills, the picturesque villages with their ancient towers, the farms and of course the vineyards. Visit of **Radda in Chianti**, the old town and its walls. Then visit of **Greve in Chianti** with its asymmetrical square with porticos and terraces. Departure towards **Lucca**, a city surrounded by a Renaissance wall that has been preserved perfectly and is still walkable on the top. Lunch at your own. In the afternoon, visit of Napoleon Square, the Palace of the Province, the Duomo, the Church of San Michele in Foro and the house where the great composer Giacomo Puccini was born. Then, back to Siena and overnight at the hotel.

Day 7 SIENA – MONTALCINO (40 km) - PIENZA (20 km) – MONTEPULCIANO (15 km) – ROME (170 km)

Breakfast. Today, we will visit an antique wine cellar, built in a 15th century building with the opportunity to taste the excellent red VINO Nobile di Montepulciano. Departure to **Montalcino**; the great fortress characterizes the city, which looms over the three valleys of Asso, d'Aria and Orcia. Visit. Continue to **Pienza**. This city, on top of a hill overlooking the Orcia Valley, is an essential stage for its artistic beauties and the good gastronomy typical of the place. The famous Piazza Pio II overlooks the Cathedral, the Piccolomini Palace, the Palazzo Comunale, Borgia Palace are the symbol of the Renaissance style introduced there by the architect Rossellino in the 1400s. The wonderful panoramic promenade along the walls allows us to see the entire valley closed at the bottom of Mount Amiata. Departure towards **Montepulciano**. The town, an art pearl of 1500s, is located 750 meters above sea level on top of a hill near the Val di Chiana, in a territory already inhabited in the Etruscan and Roman age. Its fame is owed mainly by the production of the wine Nobile, red of great quality. Visit. Lunch at your own. Return to Rome. End of services.

- Tour starts and finishes at Hotel Cicerone, via Cicerone 55/C, Rome. Please contact us for any further information concerning transfers or additional service.

RATES PER PERSON:

UMBRIA AND TUSCANY 2023	COMFORT		LUXURY	
	PUBLIC PRICE IN DBL	PUBLIC PRICE IN SGL	PUBLIC PRICE IN DBL	PUBLIC PRICE IN SGL
May 8, 2023	2.030,00 €	2.550,00 €	2.190,00 €	2.820,00 €
June 12, 2023	2.030,00 €	2.550,00 €	2.190,00 €	2.820,00 €
July 10, 2023	2.030,00 €	2.550,00 €	2.190,00 €	2.820,00 €
July 31, 2023	2.030,00 €	2.550,00 €	2.190,00 €	2.820,00 €
October 23, 2023	2.030,00 €	2.550,00 €	2.190,00 €	2.820,00 €
November 27, 2023	1.840,00 €	2.280,00 €	1.940,00 €	2.510,00 €

Due to the international situation of Covid-19, the schedule of fairs/events/congresses during period between April and October 2022 is still in progress. Dates on the website of the managing authority are partial and temporary and could change further in the next months. Possible surcharges on the dates of departures of our tours will be added tour by tour once the schedule will be definitively confirmed. In any case price will not rise more than 10% of the regular amount. We will regularly inform you about eventually changing. Thanks for understanding.

IN THE TOWNS OF ASSISI AND SIENA A CITY TAX FOR ACCOMMODATION IS NOW COMPULSORY. EVERY CLIENT MUST PAY IT CHECKING OUT.

RATES INCLUDE:

- Itinerary as above according to the hotel option choice
- Private minivan or coach
- English speaking escort guide/driver up to 8 people (driver and guide with more than 8)
- Entrance to the Marmore Falls
- Entrance to the Basilica of Saint Francis
- Nobile di Montepulciano and Chianti red wine tasting
- Black truffle tasting
- Wi-fi on board

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

Meals, drinks, entrances, portorage, city taxes, tickets, tips extras and whatever not specified in "RATES INCLUDE".

DATES OF DEPARTURE:

2023

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November 27, 2023 – LOW SEASON

NOTES

Low season departures will be guaranteed with minimum 4 pax

HOTELS ACCOMMODATION OR SIMILAR – COMFORT TOUR:

ASSISI, **Hotel Fontebella******, via Fontebella 25, tel. +39/075 812883, <http://www.fontebella.com/>

SIENA: **Hotel Athena******, Via Mascagni 55, tel. +39/0577 286313, <http://www.hotelathena.com/>

HOTELS ACCOMMODATION OR SIMILAR – LUXURY TOUR:

ASSISI, **Hotel Fontebella******, Superior Vista Valle, via Fontebella 25, tel. +39/075 812883, <http://www.fontebella.com/>

SIENA: **Hotel Athena******, Via Mascagni 55, tel. +39/0577 286313, <http://www.hotelathena.com/>
SUPERIOR ROOM

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- ✓ 100% no-show
- ✓ 70% from 1 to 3 days before the departure
- ✓ 50% from 3 to 14 days before the departure
- ✓ 30% from 14 to 21 days before the departure