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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1) Travel contracts and responsibilities.

The contract is governed by the following provisions and by Legislative Decree no. 111 of March 17, 1995, by Directive 90/314 / EEC, by the relevant international conventions and, in particular, by the Brussels Convention of April 20, 1970 enforced by Law 1084 of December 29, 1977, by the Warsaw Convention of October 12 1929 on international air transport enforced with Law 02 March 1963 n. 41, by the Berne Convention of 25 February 1961 on rail transport enforced by Law 02 March 1963 no. 806, as applicable to the services covered by the tourist package, as well as by the provisions on the subject of the civil code and other rules of internal law, as they are not derogated from the provisions of this contract. The responsibility of CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP. it cannot, under any circumstances, exceed the limits set by the aforementioned laws. In particular, CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP. cannot be held responsible for damages resulting from non-fulfillment deriving from faults attributable to the traveler, to third parties unrelated to the provision of the services provided for in the contract, due to force majeure or events that CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP. could not, with all the necessary diligence, foresee or resolve.

2) Reservations.

Registration for one of the proposed trips implies, on the part of the Customer, full acceptance of the General Conditions indicated here. The acceptance of reservations is subject to the availability of seats and is considered completed with confirmation by CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP.

3) Payments.

At the time of booking, a deposit equal to 25% of the participation fee must be paid, in addition to the opening costs of 30 per person including medical and baggage policy. The balance must be paid within 30 days from the departure date. For bookings made in the 30 days prior to the departure date, the full amount must be paid at the time of registration. Failure to comply with these conditions will authorize CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP. to cancel reservations even if they have already been confirmed.

4) Participation fees.

All participation fees indicated in this catalog, including the costs of opening the file, are expressed in Euro. The participation fees have been calculated on the basis of the costs of the services in effect at the time of printing this catalog, the exchange rates and the rates of the carriers indicated in the technical data sheet. The rates may be modified at any time as a result of changes in the course of exchange rates, carrier rates and costs of tourist services. Variations of less than +/- 3% will not give rise to changes in the participation fee. If the increase will exceed 10% of the participation fee, the consumer will have the right to withdraw from the contract as long as he gives written notice to CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP. within 48 hours of receipt of the communication relating to the increase. In this case CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP. will reimburse the fees already paid.

5) Changes.

In the case of changes requested by the consumer (name change, date of departure, destination, hotel, etc.) CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP. will charge the related expenses, the amount of which will be communicated at the time of the modification. If, on the other hand, changes to the program, hotels and carriers become necessary for operational reasons CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP. will have the right to make the aforementioned changes on condition that the same standard of services remains unchanged.

6) Waivers.

If a participant registered for the trip should renounce, he will be entitled to a refund of the sum paid in balance, net of the opening costs and penalties indicated below, in addition to the charges and expenses to be incurred for the cancellation of the services.

a) Individual and group travels and stays by own vehicle, bus or ship:
- 10% + opening costs up to 15 days before departure
- 30% + opening costs from 14 to 10 days before departure
- 50% + opening costs from 9 to 3 days before departure
No refunds after these terms.

b) Sea, air, railway and bus ticket offices are subject to the regulations of the carriers. Likewise, no reimbursement will be due to those who do not show up at departure or renounce to continue the journey during its course, nor to those who cannot travel due to lack, invalidity or insufficiency of the required personal documents valid for expatriation.

CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP. reserves the right, without obligation or responsibility, to:

- reimburse any amounts recovered relating to services not used following renunciations
- reimburse any amounts recovered relating to services not used during the trip or for various services obtained, provided that the traveler provides within 10 working days from the date of return, the necessary written documentation.

7) Transfer.

The customer who renounces the trip may be replaced by another person on condition that the relative communication reaches CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC. COOP. in time for the changes (in any case at least 15 working days before departure) and that such replacement is not prevented by reasons of personal documents, visas or problems for different hotel accommodation and transport. If the replacement is possible, the renouncing client will be charged for all the expenses caused by this replacement, including non-refundable sums due to third parties, in addition to the costs of opening the file. The conditions of the waivers may be changed in cases of particular tourist initiatives and, therefore, will be clearly indicated in the programs of these initiatives.

8) Cancellation of the trip by the Organizer. In the event of:

- circumstances of an exceptional nature, unforeseeable and / or due to force majeure;
- failure to reach the minimum number of passengers envisaged in the program (and provided that the members are notified at least 15 working days before departure).

CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP. may cancel the contract, totally or partially, without being required to indemnify the passenger pursuant to art. 10 of the aforementioned law 1084 of December 27, 1977. If the contract is canceled before its performance, the member will only be entitled to a full refund of the sums paid. If the contract is canceled during its execution, CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP. will undertake to take all necessary measures in the interest of the traveler and the parties will be required to indemnify themselves in an equitable measure.

9) Program changes.

CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP. has the right to modify the travel program and to replace the planned air or sea carriers and hotels with others of similar characteristics in the event that this becomes necessary for operational or other reasons.

10) Causes of force majeure.

Strikes, adverse weather conditions, civil and military unrest, riots, looting, acts of terrorism, delays or cancellations of air, sea and land carriers are causes of force majeure and are not attributable to CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC. COOP. that, therefore, will not reimburse any additional expenses incurred by the traveler or the services that for these reasons are no longer valid and cannot be recovered.

11) Refunds for unused services.

Requests must be sent, in writing, to CRILUMA ESPERIENZA DI VIAGGIO SOC.COOP. within 10 working days from the date of return, under penalty of forfeiture of any right of reimbursement. Requests must be accompanied by documentation certifying the failure to use the service and the reasons that caused it.

12) Complaints.

Art. 19 of Legislative Decree no. 111.

"1. Any failure in the execution of the contract must be contested by the consumer without delay so that the organizer, his local representative or the accompanying person can promptly remedy it".

"2. The consumer can also make a complaint by sending a registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt to the organizer or seller no later than 10 working days from the date of return to the place of departure".

This program was created taking into account the provisions contained in art. 13 of the law n. 39 of the Lombardy Region of 3/5/1983 on the discipline of the professional activities of travel and tourism agencies, published in the official bulletin of the Lombardy Region of 12/5/1983, 1st honorary supplement to number 19 (drafting and dissemination travel plans).

13) Practice cancellation insurance.

At the time of booking and only at the seller's offices it is possible, and indeed advisable, to take out special insurance policies against costs arising from the cancellation of the package.

INSURANCE POLICY INCLUDED

All travelers benefit from an insurance policy for the following guarantees:

- 1) HEALTH ASSISTANCE
- 2) LUGGAGE INSURANCE
- 3) REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL EXPENSES

Below is the link to access all information on compulsory and optional insurance:

<https://www.crilumaviaggi.com/it/assicurazione>



LEGENDS AND MAGIC UNDER THE STARS, NIGHT ON MONTE SIBILLA

ONE DAY TOUR

An itinerary dedicated to the fascinating mythological figure of the Sibyl, retracing the places where she is the protagonist and learning about the myths and legends dedicated to her.

Monte Sibilla is a mountainous relief of the Sibillini Apennine group, whose summit is surrounded by steep pink rock which, forming a sort of boundary wall, has made it take the shape of a characteristic 'crown'.

The mountain takes its name from the Apennine Sibyl, the mythical inhabitant of the cave of the same name, located near the summit, which for centuries veils the height of an aura of legend and mystery that has inspired writers, intellectuals and artists.

We will begin our tour by visiting the Sibyl Museum in the village of Montemonaco: here we will have the opportunity to get to know the figure of the Sibyl and the literary tradition inspired by it more closely.

After the visit to the museum we will witness the typical Marche dance: the saltarello.

Even today, the elderly tell the story of Queen Sibyl's fairies danced the saltarello inside their cave, on top of the mountain, wearing fig wood clogs. It was the fairies who taught the saltarello to men and built the first tambourine.

For dinner we will have the opportunity to taste the ancient dishes of the medieval and peasant tradition of Montemonaco.

After dinner and after having rested we will leave for a night trekking to reach the top of Monte Sibilla where we will stop to see the sun rise. After seeing the sunrise we will resume the journey and go back towards the Sibilla Refuge.

ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

SIBYL MUSEUM OF MONTEMONACO: 6.00 pm - At this museum we will get to know important exhibits, ancient books and parchments, which testify to the very close relationship between the landscape and urban fabric and the literary and legendary tradition of the Sibyl. The Sibilla Cave Museum was created to collect and communicate the extraordinary wealth and charm of a past in which art, history and literature are married with legends, myths and magic.

END OF VISIT AND MEDIEVAL THEMED DINNER: 8.00 pm - Before dinner the music band Sibylla Moris will welcome us with sounds of the Marche folk tradition and the typical dance of these areas, the saltarello. We will immerse ourselves in the medieval atmosphere of which Montemonaco is imbued, a land of ancient frequentations that has been welcoming people from distant lands since the late Middle Ages, attracted by liberality and intolerance to the established powers of the Montemonaco's citizens.

Yesterday, as today, the culinary tradition of the Sibillini Mountains is linked to farming and transhumance, so we will taste cold cuts such as hams, larded salami, coppa di testa, loins and ciauscolo, a soft salami typical of these areas. There will be fine cheeses, especially pecorino, whose processing methods have their origins since Roman times. We will taste the legume soup that still plays a very important role in the Sibillini gastronomy today.

MEETING FOR THE NIGHT ITINERARY AT THE SIBILLA REFUGE: 04:00 am - Arrival by own vehicle at the Sibilla Refuge. In this nocturnal trek we will reach Mount Sibilla, the charming witch bewitched by the knight Guerin Meschino, a fictional character created by Andrea da Barberino, who with his novel contributed to the dissemination of the legend.

DEPARTURE FOR THE NIGHT ITINERARY: 04:30 am - The dirt road next to the refuge slowly climbs the crest of the mountain, finally arriving at the top of the Sibilla. It is said that this place was the seat of the pagan cult of Cybele, the great Mother of the gods, which spread at the time of Claudius. With the advent of Christianity, the cult of the Sibyl took over, which a tradition still in use in the fourteenth century identifies as the Cumaean Sibyl. More recent studies classify it as an Apennine Sibyl.

ARRIVAL AT THE TOP OF MONTE SIBILLA: 6.00 am - We will climb the great crown of Mount Sibilla to reach its summit, where we will enjoy the sunrise and the beautiful landscape that can extend to the Adriatic Sea on clear days.

RETURN TO THE SIBILLA REFUGE: 8.30 am - Return to the Sibilla Refuge.

ARRIVAL IN MONTEMONACO FOR THE FARMER'S BREAKFAST: 9.00 am - Refresh us with a rich breakfast based on genuine local products: desserts made with the Sibillini pink apple, a typical cultivar of these areas, particularly healthy, jams, cheeses, milk and fresh fruit juices.

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

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FROM JUNE TO OCTOBER
6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS

FROM SIBILLINI TO CONERO

AN INTENSE AND SEDUCTIVE MIX FOR A JOURNEY THROUGH
THE TWO SOULS OF THE MARCHE REGION

OFFIDA - DAY 1

In the early afternoon visit to the village of Offida: we will discover the glimpses and architectural jewels of the historic center of Offida: from the touch of Libert style in the Serpente Aureo Course, to the medieval and renaissance atmosphere of Piazza del Popolo. You cannot miss a visit to Santa Maria della Rocca, a Romanesque-Gothic masterpiece that will leave you speechless for the beauty of its crypt and the elegance of the upper church.

But Offida is also home to the vine: and it will be the Chou Chou winery to host us in its beautiful location, in the sixteenth century Palazzo Mercolini Tinelli, for the tasting of the wines that have made these lands famous: higher Rosso Piceno, Passerina and Pecorino. In the evening, arrival at the structure in Montefortino, dinner and overnight stay.



MONTEFORTINO AND THE SIBILLINI TRUFFLES - DAYS 2

The truffle is the diamond of the Sibillini and this day will be entirely dedicated to the precious "tuber".

After breakfast we will walk through the beech and downy woods to see the truffle hunters at work with their trusted truffle dogs. Black and white truffle-based lunch.

In the afternoon we will visit the nearby village of Montefortino, and admire its still intact medieval structure. Return to the hotel in Montefortino, dinner and overnight stay.



SIBILLINI TRAILS AND CHEESES, THE SMALL VILLAGES OF SMERILLO AND MONTEFALCONE APPENNINO - DAY 3

For centuries the Sibillini Mountains have been the chosen place for flocks thanks to their green pastures and high-altitude grasslands. After breakfast we will walk with our environmental hiking guide in the sight of the legendary peaks between "carrarecce" (cart tracks), paths and mountain villages. Free lunch.

In the afternoon we will visit the small villages of Smerillo and Montefalcone Appennino. Of Roman origin, both villages are located on the top of a cliff between the Aso and Tenna valleys, and grant breathtaking views of the Sibillini and Laga Mountains. To end your day, at an excellent dairy farm, you will enjoy a tasty snack with ricotta (whey cheese), stracchinato (soft cheese) and aged cheeses.

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



PILATO'S LAKE: THROUGH INTACT NATURE TO DISCOVER THE CHIROCEFALS

ONE DAY TOUR

Itinerary dedicated to the discovery of one of the most evocative destinations of the Sibillini Mountains: Lake Pilato, a high-altitude mountain lake, located in a glacial cirque between impervious and vertical walls immediately below the top of Monte Vettore, the only natural lake in the Marche region.

Surrounded by mountains and vast landscapes, accompanied by an expert guide, we will reach Lake Pilate to learn about its history and the numerous legends of which it is the protagonist.

After reaching the lake we will continue the path along Forca di Presta: one of the most characteristic and famous mountain places in the province of Ascoli, deserving of particular landscape attention, as well as one of the access points to the Castelluccio plains.

For lunch we will arrive at the Mezzi Litri Refuge at about 1350 m of altitude. Here we will have the opportunity to get to know and savor a typical delicacy of this area: the "cacciannanze": a recipe of the Piceno gastronomic tradition that takes us back to past imaginations, when the bread was made in the town's common oven.

The word "caccia-annanze" in the Marche dialect translates as "chased ahead", that is, baked before the bread. Once the lunch is finished, we will resume the journey and from the refuge we will return back to Foce.

ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

MEETING POINT IN FOCE: 8:00 am - Arrival by own vehicle. Welcome and presentation of the group and start of the itinerary to reach Lake Pilate.

ARRIVAL AT LAKE PILATO: 10:30 am - Surrounded by mountains and vast landscapes, the guide will tell us about the morphology and geology of Lake Pilato which is home to a particular animal species, the Marchesoni Chirocefalo, a small red crustacean, swimming with the belly facing up. We will also learn about the legend that links this lake to Pilate. We will discover how starting from the thirteenth century at least, the lake was a meeting place for necromancers who went up there to consecrate books of magic to the demons who inhabited its waters.

RETURN OF THE WAY ALONG FORCA DI PRESTA: 11:30 am - We will continue the journey along the road pass of the Umbrian-Marche Apennines of Forca di Presta which divides the territory of the province of Ascoli Piceno (Marche), from that of the province of Perugia (Umbria). During the trek we will have the opportunity to closely observe the wall of the Arquatano side of Monte Vettore, which rises almost vertically, and the roughness of its rocky aspect.

ARRIVAL AT THE MEZZI LITRI SHELTER: 1:00 pm - Lunch will take place at the Mezzi Litri Shelter, a beautiful farmhouse that takes its name from the respective Vettore canal that overlooks it. It is located in a panoramic position and is surrounded by greenery, at about 1350 m. above sea level, on the east side, at the foot of the Monte Vettore. Here we will enjoy a pleasant stop and learn how to make the 'cacciannanze', a recipe of the Piceno gastronomic tradition. To accompany this delicacy there will be cold cuts and cheeses produced by local farmers and first courses made of legumes and seasonal vegetables.

ARRIVAL AT FOCE: 7:00 pm - After lunch we will leave the refuge at 3.30 pm to go back and reach the starting point, Foce.

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- BASE 2 PAX: EURO 145 - BASE 5 PAX: EURO 75 - BASE 10 PAX: EURO 50 - BASE 20 PAX: EURO 40

NUMANA, ADRIATIC CAPITAL IN THE PICENI AGE



ONE DAY TOUR

Itinerary dedicated to the discover of the Picena civilization and the importance of the development of the village of Numana as a nerve centre of commercial and cultural exchanges.

We will make a real journey through time in the Picena Numana to get to know the skills and industriousness of the Picenian civilization up close and to discover how their knowledge has evolved over time and reached the present day.

We will visit the National Antiquarium of Numana where we will be able to admire the luxurious funeral equipment of the Queen and get to know the uses and customs of the Picena civilization.

After the visit to the museum we will move to Sirolo to visit the archaeological area of the Pines where it is still possible to admire the immense circle tomb of the Picenian Queen of Numana, the largest noble tomb found in a necropolis of that time.

During the lunch break we will taste the typical dishes of the peasant tradition that turn to the food and wine specialities of the Conero Area.

In the second part of our itinerary we will have a workshop experience dedicated to ceramics: guided by an experimental archaeologist, we will reproduce on of the finds seen during the visit to the Antiquarium that we can take home as a souvenir of the entire day.

We will conduct the day by visiting one of the Rosso Conero wineries in the area: we will have the opportunity to see how wine making techniques have evolved over time.

ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

MEETING POINT: NUMANA. 9:30 am - arrival by own vehicle. Reception of the group and description of the itinerary. From the central square of Numana we will reach the Belvedere viewpoint from where it is possible to admire the entire port area of the village: here we will begin to learn about the Picena civilization and the importance of the Numana emporium for the commercial and cultural exchanges of that time.

VISIT OF THE STATE ANTIQUARIUM OF NUMANA: 10:30 am - after the visit to the historic center we will reach the State Antiquarium of Numana to deepen the knowledge of the Piceno world and admire the sumptuous funeral equipment of the Queen's tomb up close.

VISIT OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREA OF THE PINI: 12:00 - after the visit to the museum we will move towards Sirolo and we will visit the Archaeological area of Pini, seat of the circle tomb of the Queen, the largest noble circle tomb found in a Picene necropolis in the area of ancient Numana.

LUNCH BREAK: 1:00 pm - stop for lunch where we will taste the typical products of the peasant cuisine of the area, trying to identify with a banquet of the noble Picena class.

EXPERIMENTAL ARCHEOLOGY LABORATORY: 4.00 pm - after lunch we will create an experimental archaeology laboratory: through the ceramic processing techniques once used by the Picenes, we will reproduce one of the artifacts seen during the visit to the State Antiquarium of Numana (laboratory will take place at the Capanna Picena).

VISIT TO THE CELLAR OF ROSSO CONERO: 6.30 pm - we will end the day by visiting one of the wineries in the Conero area, where we will continue to learn about the winemaking tradition of these lands started with the Piceni, to get to the present day and learn about the production of the Rosso Conero, typical wine of the Conero Riviera. We will conclude the visit to the cellar with a wine tasting accompanied by typical local products.

RETURN: 20:30 - autonomous return to your own homes.



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- BASE 2 PAX: EURO 200 - BASE 5 PAX: EURO 130 - BASE 10 PAX: EURO 105 - BASE 20 PAX: EURO 94

TREKKING TO THE TOP OF MONTE SIBILLA, THE VILLAGE OF MONTEMONACO - DAY 4

Breakfast in the structure and meeting with the environmental hiking guide. Following a path that is a must for trekking in the chain of the Sibillini Mountains, you will walk at high altitude on the splendid ridge of Mount Zampa, with a view of the Gola dell'Infernaccio (Throat of the Hell), the Mount Vettore and the Valley of Lake Pilato, until you reach the mythical Grotta della Sibilla (Cave of the Sibyl), a place of worship in the Picene age and a destination for Middle Ages adventurers, knights and

necromancers; then, at an altitude of 2173 meters, we will conquer the summit, which gives its name to the Sibillini chain. Free lunch. In the afternoon visit to the mountain village of Montemonaco, with its Sibyl and Diocesan Museums.

In the evening, arrival at our hotel in the Ancona area. Dinner and overnight stay.



PORTONOVO AND THE CAVES OF CAMERANO - DAY 5

After breakfast at the hotel, a day of sea and sun in the characteristic Bay of Portonovo. We will visit the church of Santa Maria di Portonovo, a small Romanesque jewel overlooking the Adriatic. Free lunch. In the afternoon we will reach nearby Camerano village to visit its famous caves; accompanied by a local guide we will descend into the bowels of the earth to discover all the secrets and mysteries of this ancient underground complex, full of churches and labyrinthine tunnels. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

CONERO TREKKING RING - DAY 6

Breakfast at the hotel and meeting with the environmental hiking guide. Out for an excursion on the summit of Mount Conero. After visiting the splendid Romanesque abbey of San Pietro, you will immerse yourself in the fragrances and colors of the Mediterranean scrubs, among breathtaking views of the Adriatic Sea, as the Passo del Lupo (Path of the Wolf) overlooking the famous beach of the Two Sisters (Due Sorelle). Free lunch. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

SIROLO AND THE SASSI NERI BEACH - DAY 7

After breakfast at the hotel, we will leave from the pretty village of Sirolo for a highly panoramic excursion, immersed in the Mediterranean scrubs of the Conero promontory.

The path, which offers splendid views on the limestone cliff plunging into the Adriatic Sea, will lead us to the wild Sassi Neri (black stones) beach, one of the most beautiful and renowned places to enjoy sun and sea baths in the whole Conero coast. Free lunch. End of services.



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES - ON A 2 PAX BASIS:

BASIC FEE - EURO 355

The fee includes: nr. 6 nights half board in a double / twin room; medical / baggage insurance.

SILVER FEE - EURO 600

The fee includes: nr. 6 nights half board in a double / twin room; wine tasting at the "Ciù Ciù" cellar in Offida; guided trekking on the second day with a lunch based on a black and white truffles menu; guided trekking on the third day with a snack based on typical local products; entrance and visit of the caves of Camerano; medical / baggage insurance.

GOLD FEE - EURO 790

The fee includes: nr. 6 nights half board in a double / twin room; wine tasting at the "Ciù Ciù" cellar in Offida; guided trekking on the second day with a lunch based on a black and white truffles menu; guided trekking on the third day with a snack based on typical local products; guided trekking to the summit of the Sibyl on the fourth day; entrance and visit of the caves of Camerano; guided trekking on the sixth day on the Conero; medical / baggage insurance.

THE RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

meals not mentioned, drinks at the meals; admissions where not specified and anything not mentioned under the heading "the fee includes".

UPON REQUEST:

- Single room supplement
- Optional insurance against cancellation penalties

FROM MAY TO SEPTEMBER
3 NIGHTS / 4 DAYS

THE RIVIERA DEL CONERO, LORETO AND RECANATI



ANCONA - DAY 1

In the early afternoon guided tour of the city of Ancona, settled by the Greeks who named it "Ankon" (elbow); the ancient Ancona in fact stands on a promontory shaped like a bent elbow, offering a perfect natural shelter to its port.

The visit will begin from the millenary Cathedral of San Ciriaco which rises in a spectacular location at the top of the Guasco hill, then you will go down to the Lazzaretto (Lazaret hospital) of Ancona, also known as Mole Vanvitelliana from the name of the architect who built it, Luigi Vanvitelli (van Wittel). It stands on an artificial pentagonal island located in the port. Inside the Mole we will visit the Homer Museum, one of the few tactile museums in the world. In the evening, arrival at our hotel in the Ancona area, dinner and overnight stay.

CONERO TREKKING RING OF MONTE CONERO, THE CAVES OF CAMERANO

- DAY 2

After breakfast, meeting with your environmental trekking guide to start on a tour of the Mount Conero.

Immersed in the atmosphere of the Mediterranean scrub, a hiking loop will make you discover the many sites of historical and environmental interest on the Conero promontory: the Abbey of San Pietro with its beautiful crypt, the caves dug in Roman times, the enigmatic rock engravings and of course the breathtaking views of the white cliff plunging into the Adriatic Sea, such as the Southern Belvedere and the Path of the wolf (Passo del Lupo) overlooking the famous Beach of the two Sisters (Due Sorelle).

Free lunch.

In the afternoon we will reach the nearby Camerano for a guided tour of the town or rather of its Underground city, carved with labyrinthine pattern in the sandstone along the basement of the old town.

For a long time the many tunnels were believed to be but the remains of ancient sandstone quarries or places to store wine.

The explorations and studies carried out, however, revealed the presence in almost all areas of architectural embellishments (carvings, vaults, decorated columns) not suitable for quarries or simple cellars. Return to the hotel in the Ancona area, dinner and overnight.

LORETO AND RECANATI - DAY 3

After breakfast we will reach Loreto, one of the most important and ancient places of Marian worship in the Catholic world. Visit to the Basilica of the Holy House, an outstanding Renaissance architectural complex which enshrine the remains of the Holy House of Nazareth, where Jesus is believed to have lived.

The house seems to have been transported by ship from Palestine on the initiative of a noble Byzantine family, the Angeli (angels), reigning family of Epirus. At the end we will reach Recanati, birthplace to the famous poet Giacomo Leopardi; we will visit his noble residence, with its library, the reception rooms, the garden, the poet's apartments and the Leopardi museum.

At the end of the visit we will take a walk through a Leopardian place par excellence: the garden on the "lonely hill" of the "Infinity" poem. In the afternoon, visit to the "Moroder" winery and wine tasting while enjoying an incredible view of the Conero Park. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.



MONASTIC LIFE ON MONTE CONERO: A TIME TRAVEL BETWEEN SPIRITUALITY AND NATURE

ONE DAY TOUR

Monte Conero has been for centuries the seat of monasteries and hermitages where the monks found peace and refreshment.

In this itinerary we will find the testimonies of their presence, we will tell the life of the monks from the beginning, we will evoke the spirituality that these places, immersed in the silence of the Mediterranean scrub, transmit.

We will be able to savor the ancient flavors of a traditional cuisine that is still handed down today.

We will dedicate the morning to visit the Bay of Portonovo, a strip of coast that, hidden in the thick of the scrub and protected by the mountain, has all the charm of silence and peace of a sacred and isolated place.

We will learn about the origin of the Bay and visit the small church of Santa Maria di Portonovo, one of the greatest examples of Romanesque in the Marche region.

We will have the opportunity to have lunch enjoying traditional fish-based recipes knowing the products that this stretch of coast offers.

In the afternoon we will move to the top of Monte Conero, another isolated and quiet place where you can breathe all the spirituality and contact with nature so much appreciated by the monks.

We will visit the Abbey of San Pietro al Conero and learn about its history: from its construction in the early 11th century to the succession of different orders which, not always in a peaceful way, alternated within its walls.

We will conclude our itinerary with a dinner based on the traditional flavors of the countryside, based on ingredients that farmers, like

ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

MEETING POINT: PIAZZETTA DI PORTONOVO. 9:30 am - arrival by own vehicle. Reception of the group and description of the itinerary. Departure for the naturalistic itinerary along path 309.

PORTONOVO RING (PATH 309): 10:00 am - We will explore the innermost part of the Bay to know its origin, the typical flora of the Mediterranean scrub and experience, firsthand, the relaxing and peaceful atmosphere that enveloped the monks who lived in these places. We will soon reach the Church of Santa Maria, once annexed to the now destroyed monastery, which welcomed Benedictine monks for centuries in prayer and meditation.

LUNCH: 12:30 - Lunch by the sea, focused on the flavors that nature and the sea have always provided to all those who lived in this bay.

EXCURSION ON MONTE CONERO: 3:00 pm - In the afternoon we will move to the heart of the Conero Park where, with a simple ring excursion, we will visit the places that hosted many monastic orders for centuries and we will cross those woods where the monks worked and meditated, making sure to survive: we will stop in the woods that provided food to the monks, in the clearings and panoramic points where they could meditate, and we will visit the site of their main residence, the Church of San Pietro al Conero and its Monastery, now home to an elegant hotel.

In the suggestive panoramic point of the North Belvedere, from which we can admire the Bay of Portonovo from above that hosted us in the morning, we will relax with an aperitif with local products and wines, enjoying the sunset lights.

DINNER: 8:00 pm - We will end the day enjoying the traditional flavors of the earth, we will taste the typical recipes of country cuisine based on herbs and hunting. After dinner, autonomous return to your own homes.

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- BASE 2 PAX: EURO 210 - BASE 5 PAX: EURO 137 - BASE 10 PAX: EURO 110 - BASE 20 PAX: EURO 96



MONTE CONERO: DISCOVERING A TERRITORY ENCLOSED BETWEEN LAND AND SEA

ONE DAY TOUR

Itinerary dedicated to the knowledge of the close relationship between man and the sea, lived through the direct experience of fishing and the discovery of the territory.

We will explore a unique marine environment and the naturalistic aspects that generated it, we will learn about human activity still today a symbol of the man-sea relationship: fishing, we will see closely the techniques and the use of its resources in the culinary tradition.

The morning of our tour will be dedicated to sport and marine biology: the naturalistic snorkeling activity near the Faraglioni delle Due Sorelle, emblem of the Riviera, will make us discover an underwater world full of peculiarities.

We will be guided by a marine biologist who will offer a unique and innovative scientific and cultural value to the experience, who will introduce us to the marine animal that is the protagonist of our itinerary: the mussels.

After immersing ourselves in the crystal clear waters of the Conero Riviera we will move towards the Bay of Portonovo: here we will meet the fishermen of the Portonovo Fishing Cooperative and we will also be "mosciolari" for a day.

We will wait for the boat to return with the catch of the day and after having participated in the cleaning and preparation phases of the mussels we will enjoy a delicious lunch on the beach.

In the afternoon we will better explore the Bay of Portonovo on the slopes of Monte Conero: the dense Mediterranean scrub with its permanent flora and fauna of the lakes will be the perfect setting for a trek surrounded by greenery.

We will end the day with a relaxing aperitif by the sea, at sunset, accompanied by the scents and flavors of local food and wine specialties

ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

MEETING POINT: CENTRO SUB MONTE CONERO. 7:15 am - arrival by own vehicle at the Sub Center, located on the Numana seafront, not far from the Tourist Port (via Litoranea, 29). Reception and presentation of the group with the tour leader and explanation of the day's activities.

DEPARTURE FOR SNORKELING ACTIVITIES: 8:00 am - initial briefing and delivery of the material necessary for the snorkeling activity. We will leave on board the rubber dinghy to reach the stretch of sea of the Due Sorelle where, protected by the stacks, we will get to know, through snorkeling and the guidance of a marine biologist, the peculiarities of the Conero Riviera and its marine inhabitants, to find out what it does this place a unique excellence in the whole Adriatic.

RETURN TO THE PORT OF NUMANA: 10:00 am - Upon returning from the activity, thanks to the photographic material present at the diving center, we will have the opportunity to learn more about what we have seen underwater. A rich breakfast will recharge us before continuing our journey.

ARRIVAL IN PORTONOVO 11:30 am - Departure for the Bay of Portonovo, where we will meet the fishermen of the Portonovo Fishing Cooperative who will tell us the history and traditional techniques of fishing for wild Mosciolo, excellence of this territory, and how the traditional fishing of this mollusc has evolved over time.

LUNCH: 1.00 pm - The catch of the day will be the protagonist of the lunch on the beach. We will attend the arrival of the boat with the catch of the day and we will actively participate in the cleaning and preparation of the lunch, based on mussels, both in their simplest form of "impepata", and as the main element of the sauce for the serving dish.

RELAXATION BREAK ON THE BEACH: 3.00 pm - After lunch we can relax on the beach for a moment of relaxation before resuming the journey to discover the Bay.

PORTONOVO RING (PATH 309): 16:30/17: 00 - We will explore the innermost part of the Bay to know its origin, admire the typical Mediterranean scrub and, through a visit to the most important buildings, we will discover how humans have always appreciated this place, precisely for its uniqueness and tranquility, from the first monks up to the Napoleonic empire.

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- BASE 2 PAX: EURO 200 - BASE 5 PAX: EURO 125 - BASE 10 PAX: EURO 99 - BASE 20 PAX: EURO 85

THE RIVIERA DEL CONERO BY BOAT - DAY 4

After breakfast we will leave for an exciting crewed boat excursion, that will reveal the Riviera del Conero in all its splendor.

We will start from Numana Tourist Port and sail along the coast admiring the beautiful beaches of Numana and Sirolo until arriving to the Sassi Neri (black stones) beach, then it will be the turn of the famous beach of the Due Sorelle (two sisters) with its two white sea stacks emerging from the sea. After a short stop at the Gabbiani (seagulls) beach, you will admire Portonovo with its Napoleonic Fortress, cross Mezzavalle bay and finally stop at the Trave beach, a natural underwater tongue that acts as a reef, creating an emerald green natural swimming pool where you will find it impossible not to to dive.

Back on board, surrounded by that fantastic and relaxing panorama, an aperitif based on drinks and snacks awaits you, to recover lost energy. Duration of the excursion: 3 and a half hours. End of services



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- ON A 2 PAX BASIS:

BASIC FEE - EURO 180

The fee includes : nr. 3 nights half board in a double / twin room; medical / baggage insurance.

SILVER FEE - EURO 300

The fee includes : nr. 3 nights half board in a double / twin room; guided tour of the city of Ancona (entrance fees not included); boat trip on the Conero Riviera with aperitif on board; medical / baggage insurance.

GOLD FEE - EURO 410

The fee includes : nr. 3 nights half board in a double / twin room; the guided tour of the city of Ancona (entrance fees not included); loop trekking of Mount Conero with an environmental hiking guide; entrance and visit to the caves of Camerano; wine tasting at the "Moroder" cellar; boat trip on the Conero Riviera with an aperitif on board; medical / baggage insurance.

THE RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

meals not mentioned, drinks at the meals; admissions where not specified and anything not mentioned under the heading "the fee includes".

ON REQUEST:

- Single room supplement
- Optional insurance against cancellation penalties

FROM MARCH TO DECEMBER
7 NIGHTS / 8 DAY

MARCHE AT THEIR BEST

GRADARA - DAY 1

In the early afternoon we will reach the village of Gradara. The town has been included among the Most beautiful villages in Italy and is mainly known for its historic Malatesta Fortress, which together with its fortified village and its walls is a characteristic example of medieval architecture. Free walk through the center of Gradara with the possibility of a guided tour of the castle, one of the best preserved in Italy.

In addition, the two walls that protect the fortress, the outermost extending for almost 800 meters, contribute to making it one of the most impressive in the peninsula. The Castle stands on a hill 142 meters above sea level. The keep - the so called "mastio" main tower, rises as high as 30 meters, dominating the entire valley. In the evening arrival at our Urbino hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

URBINO, ACQUALAGNA AND THE CASTLE OF FRONTONE - DAY 2

After breakfast visit of Urbino, UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1998, one of the most important centers of the Italian Renaissance, of which it fully preserves the architectural heritage. Guided tour of the most important sites of the city including:

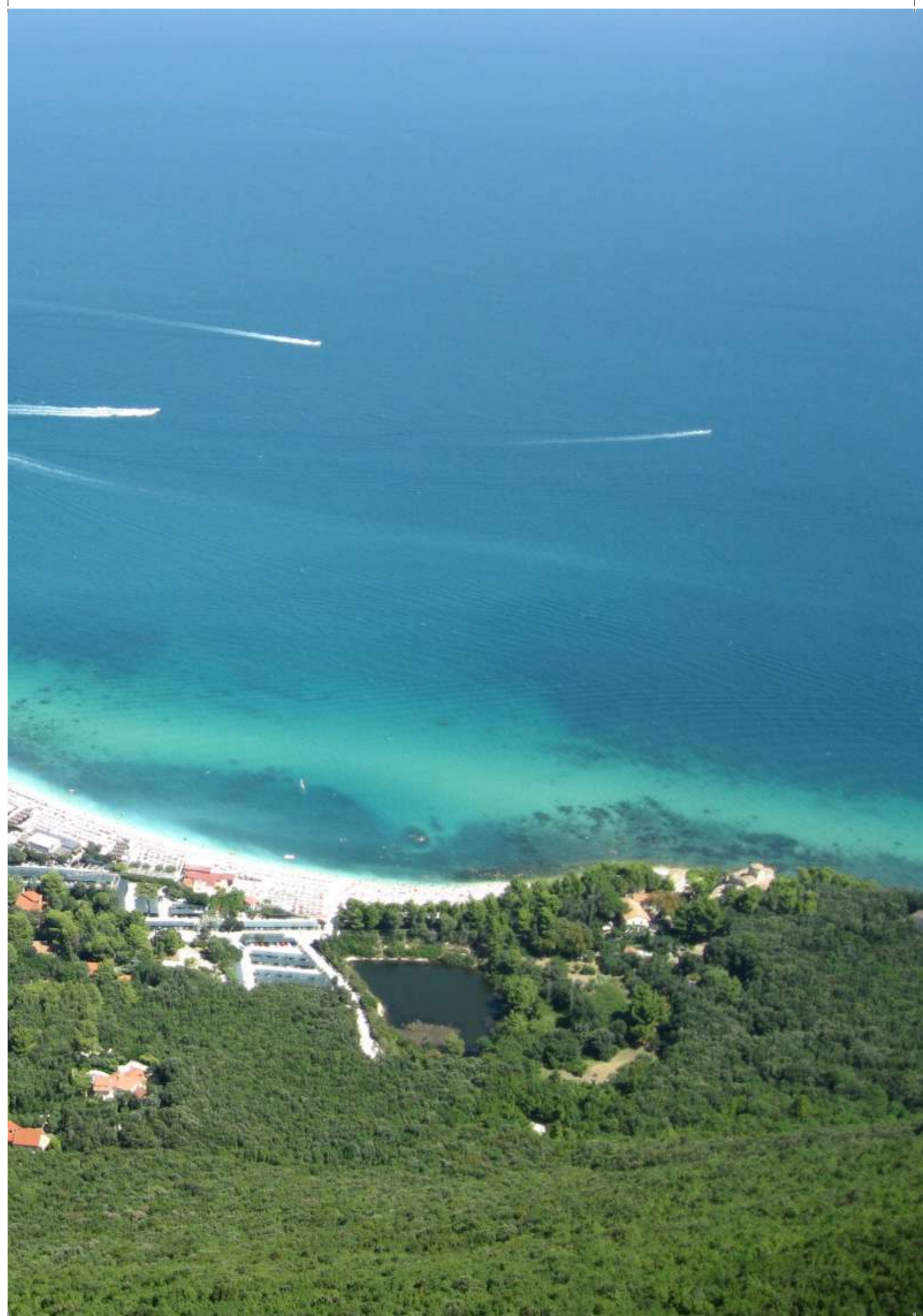
- the Palazzo Ducale - a small fortified city commissioned by Federico da Montefeltro and built from 1444;
- the National Gallery of the Marche: about 80 rooms of the Duke's Palace transformed into a museum. The collection includes works of art created between the 14th and the 17th century, and features mainly paintings but also furniture, sculptures, tapestries and drawings;
- the Oratory of San Giovanni and the birth house of the famous painter Raffaello Sanzio.

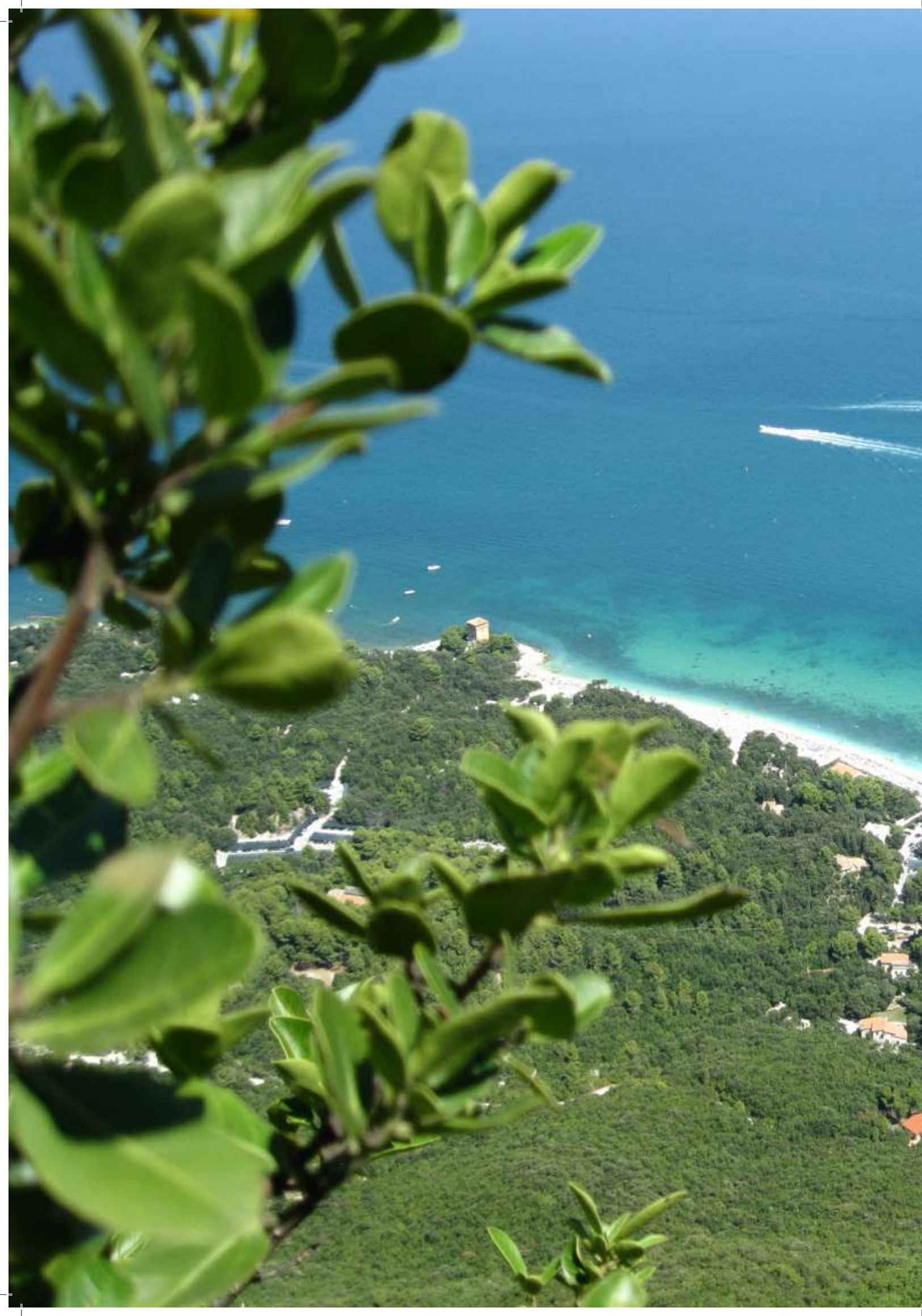
At the end of the tour, transfer to the nearby village of Acqualagna and lunch in a typical restaurant with a menu based on truffles. In the early afternoon, guided tour of the Truffle Museum, at the discovery of the truffle universe on a path divided into three sections, each associated with an experimental key to understanding. Next we will reach the small village of Frontone and visit the Castle, a border fortification guarding the territory that the Romans used to cross to reach the Adriatic, which was later, between the 15th and 16th centuries, the last fortress of the Duchy of Montefeltro. Frontone is surrounded by a magnificent natural setting from the top of which your view reaches as far as Monte Nerone, San Marino and the Adriatic sea. In the evening transfer to our hotel in the village of Genga, dinner and overnight stay.

THE FRASASSI CAVES AND JESI - DAY 3

After breakfast, we will reach the Frasassi Caves. One of Marche jewels, the Frasassi Caves are an underground karst cave system; the complex is made up of an immense set of underground chambers the first of which, the Ancona Abyss, can be easily visited by the public. It is a huge cavity with an extension of 180 x 120 m and a height of 200 m, so large that it could easily contain the Cathedral of Milan. Our guided tour of the complex (tourist route) lasts approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Free lunch.

In the early afternoon we will reach Jesi, meet our local guide and visit the town, which is surrounded by a 15th century wall belt, and was the birthplace of Frederick II of Swabia and of the composer Giovanni Pergolesi.





On our way back to the regional capital of Ancona, stop at a wine cellar for a tasting of local products, where you cannot miss the Verdicchio, a local white wine with a dry, harmonious flavor and a pleasant bitterish aftertaste and the Lacrima (Teardrop), a native red wine whose production is restricted to a specific small area.

In the evening, arrival at the hotel in the Ancona area, dinner and overnight stay.

ANCONA AND THE RIVIERA DEL CONERO

- DAY 4

After breakfast guided tour of the city of Ancona, settled by the Greeks who named it "Ankon" (elbow); the ancient Ancona in fact stands on a promontory shaped like a bent elbow, offering a perfect natural protection to the port. The visit will begin from the millenary



Cathedral of San Ciriaco which rises in a spectacular location at the top of the Guasco hill, then you will go down to the Lazzaretto (Lazaret hospital) of Ancona, also known as Mole Vanvitelliana from the name of its famous architect Luigi Vanvitelli (van Wittel).

The Mole stands on an artificial pentagonal island located in the port; inside it we will visit the Homer Museum, one of the few tactile museums in the world. Free lunch.

In the afternoon you will have the opportunity to stroll through the streets of the center of Ancona and then continue along the Conero Riviera; the panoramic road will take you from Ancona to Numana, passing through Sirolo and Portonovo and admiring the beautiful landscapes of Mount Conero. Back to our hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

THE CAVES OF CAMERANO, LORETO AND RECANATI - DAY 5

After breakfast, we will reach the nearby Camerano for a guided tour of the caves. The caves of Camerano or rather, the underground city of Camerano is a complex excavated in the sandstone and running with a labyrinthine pattern under the old town. For a long time the many tunnels were believed to be but the remains of ancient sandstone quarries or places to store wine. The explorations and the studies carried out, however, revealed the presence in almost all areas of architectural embellishments (carvings, vaults, decorated columns) not suitable for quarries or simple cellars. Free lunch. Afternoon wholly dedicated to a guided tour of two "gems" of region Marche: Loreto and Recanati. In Loreto we will visit the outstanding Renaissance architectural complex of the Basilica of the Holy House, one of the main places of Marian worship and one of the most important and most visited Marian shrines in the Catholic world. Afterwards we will reach Recanati, birthplace to the famous poet Giacomo Leopardi; we will visit his noble residence, with its library, the reception rooms, the garden, the poet's apartments and the Leopardi museum. At the end of the visit we will take a walk through a Leopardian place par excellence: the garden on the "lonely hill" of the "Infinity" poem.

In the evening we will reach our hotel in Macerata; dinner and overnight stay.



MACERATA, URBISAGLIA AND THE ABBEY OF FIASTRA

- DAY 6

After breakfast, the morning will be dedicated to a guided tour of Macerata. Enclosed in a natural setting of multifaceted beauty, thanks to its mountains, woods and valleys, Macerata is a crossroads of art and culture. It is no coincidence that it boasts one of the oldest universities in the world, established at the end of the 13th century. The historic center is rich in Renaissance, Neoclassical and Baroque architecture. We will visit the Sferisterio (sphaeristerium or open-air stadium), Palazzo Buonaccorsi with its Civic Museum, the Cathedral of San Giuliano, the Rossi Theater, the Clock Tower and the Loggia dei Mercanti (Merchants' Lodge). Free lunch. In the early afternoon we will reach the nearby Urbisaglia, meet our local guide and visit "Urbs Salvia", an archaeological park of 40 hectares that includes a Roman Theater, a Reservoir collecting the waters from the Roman Aqueduct, a Temple, the Walls, an Amphitheater and an Archaeological Museum. Afterwards, we will move just a few kilometers away to visit the Abbey of Fiastra, built by the Cistercian monks and, located within a natural reserve of the same name. In the evening, arrival at the hotel in Fermo, dinner and overnight stay.



FERMO, TORRE DI PALME AND MORESCO

- DAY 7

After breakfast, meeting with our guide and visit of the historic center of Fermo, which has remained almost intact over the centuries with its splendid medieval appearance.

The heart of the city is the stunning Renaissance square named Piazza del Popolo, where you can find the sixteenth-century Palazzo dei Priori, housing the Civic Art Gallery and the Sala del Mappamondo, the Globe Room.

The visit will continue with the Roman Cisterns which represent an archaeological complex of 2,200 square meters, unique in the Marche.

Their construction, dating back to the first century. A.D. it is attributed to Caesar Octavian Augustus.

It will then be the turn of the Teatro dell'Aquila which, with a capacity of about 1000 seats, ranks among the most impressive theaters of the eighteenth century in central Italy.



The stage of about 350 square meters and its acoustics make it one of the most prestigious historical halls in Italy. The last stop will be at the Piazzale del Girfalco for a glimpse at the Cathedral of Fermo with its crypt full of relics of saints and works of art. Lunch in a typical inn and in the early afternoon we will reach the nearby Torre di Palme, a splendid village belonging to the circuit of the Most Beautiful Villages in Italy.

First we will walk through the protected area called Bosco del Cugnolo to the Grotta degli Amanti (Lovers' Cave) to discover the essences of a still intact patch of Mediterranean scrub, then we will admire the many architectural jewels and charming glimpses of the village. Subsequently it will be the turn of another village that is part of the circuit of The Most Beautiful Villages of Italy, Moresco.

From its ancient 25 meters high heptagonal watchtower you can enjoy an extraordinary view on the surrounding landscape and the village itself. In the evening, arrival at the hotel in Ascoli Piceno, dinner and overnight stay.

ASCOLI PICENO, OFFIDA E GROTTAMMARE - DAY 8

In the early afternoon we shall take a stroll through the medieval center of Ascoli Piceno, birthplace of the "olive all'ascolana" (meat-stuffed fried olives). The "white city of a hundred towers" is rich in architectural treasures including squares paved with travertine marble, Romanesque churches and noble palaces.

Guided tour of the historic center, with its splendid squares Piazza del Popolo and Piazza Arringo, the church of Santa Maria della Carità also known as "la Scopa" (the Broom) - a wonderful example of Baroque - the Malatesta fortress with its museum that houses the Treasure of the Lombards, and the Archeological Museum. Then, transfer to Offida, where you will enjoy a lunch at the Ciù Ciù winery, for the tasting of the wines that have made these lands famous: higher Rosso Piceno, Passerina and Pecorino.

In the afternoon we will discover the glimpses and architectural jewels of the historic center of Offida: from the touch of Liberty style in the Serpente Aureo Course, to the medieval and renaissance atmosphere of Piazza del Popolo. You cannot miss a visit to Santa Maria della Rocca, a Romanesque-Gothic masterpiece that will leave you speechless for the beauty of its crypt and the elegance of the upper church. We will then reach the coast and the village of Grottammare, and walk in the alleys of its medieval historic bourg. End of services.



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- ON A 2 PAX BASIS

BASIC FEE - EURO 520

The fee includes: nr. 7 nights half board in a double / twin room; medical / baggage insurance.

SILVER FEE - EURO 890

The fee includes: nr. 7 nights half board in a double / twin room; guided tours of the cities of Urbino, Jesi, Ancona, Loreto and Recanati, Macerata, Urbisaglia; Fermo and Ascoli Piceno; medical / baggage insurance.

GOLD FEE - EURO 990

The fee includes: nr. 7 nights half board in a double / twin room; guided tours of the cities of Urbino, Jesi, Ancona, Loreto and Recanati, Macerata, Urbisaglia; Fermo and Ascoli Piceno; lunch in a typical restaurant in Acquafredda with a truffle-based menu; entrance and guided tour of the caves of Frasassi and the caves of Camerano; lunch in a typical inn in Fermo; lunch in Offida at the Ciù Ciù winery with wine tasting; medical / baggage insurance.

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CLASSIC ASCOLI PICENO: THE ROMANS IN THE PICENO

ONE DAY TOUR

The fall of Ascoli Piceno marked definitive defeat of the Italid in the Social War and the end of the conflict, the Piceni were ascribed to the Fabia tribe, obtaining Roman citizenship and completing the Romanization process of the Picene population, which began in the 2nd century B.C.

In this itinerary we will discover the testimonies left by the Romans in our territory starting from the archaeological remains found under Palazzo dei Capitani in Ascoli Piceno, where four building phases of the Roman age are still visible today.

A few minutes from the historic center we find the Roman theater which based on the characteristics of the building technique, is dated to the last decades of the 1st century B.C. and maybe it went afterwards.

Not far away is Porta Gemina, a true architectural jewel of great archaeological value and preserved Roman artifacts in the city.

After the visit to the Roman evidences in the city of Ascoli, we will leave for Comunanza, a small town located at the beginning of the riverbed of the Aso River, surrounded by the Sibillini chain, which was used by the Romans as an outpost and point of defense against the nemids, for the particular topographical conformation. As evidence of this passage we will visit the archaeological area where the remains of a Roman villa (Domus) have been brought to light.

At the end of the visit we will dedicate ourselves to the knowledge of a product that was already mentioned by Latin poets in Roman times: the pink apple of the Sibillini, a variety that has always been cultivated in the hilly and mountainous areas of the Marche and in particular in the area of the Sibillini Mountains.

To end the experience in Comunanza we will have lunch in one of the characteristic cellars obtained in the warehouses of the ancient village houses, which welcome visitors to immerse them in an atmosphere of the past where we will taste typical dishes of the countryside and dishes made with the pink apple of the Sibillini.

Finally, we will leave for Acquasanta and more precisely we will reach the small town of Santa Maria, where near the banks of the Tronto river there is a small natural open-air SPA called "Lu Vurghe". This area, recently redeveloped after the 2016 earthquake, has several basins with sulphurous water which in some point reaches as much as 30°.

Here, like the Ancient Roman Legionaries, we will immerse ourselves in the healthy waters and enjoy the landscapes that surrounds us.



ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

MEETING POINT AT PALAZZO DEI CAPITANI FOR VISITING THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL ROUTE: 9:00 a.m. - we will visit the archaeological area on the ground floor of Palazzo dei Capitani. The Roman period structures refer to a public area adjacent to the forum where a macellum and some houses once stood. The stratigraphy shows the traces of the devastation following the defeat of Asculum during the joint wars against Rome.

THE THEATER AND THE ROMAN DOOR: 10:00 - A few minutes from the historic center, in the west of the city we find the Roman theater of Ascoli Piceno. Its construction dates back to the 1st century BC. with subsequent restorations and extensions in the first half of the 1st and 2nd centuries after Christ. Not far away we find the Gemina gate, built on the pre-existing Picena gate destroyed by Gneo Pompeo Strabone and found during the excavations conducted in the twentieth century.

THE ROMAN BATHS OF COMUNANZA: 12:00 - Of Roman origins, Comunanza rises along the river Aso. Archaeological excavations, near Colle Terme, show that the site was already inhabited in Roman times with the presence of spas. The current settlement originated in the fifth and sixth centuries, when some families from the city of Ascoli Piceno moved to this area to escape the raids and barbarian incursions. The village experienced alternating vicissitudes and was disputed between Amandola and Ascoli Piceno, remaining in the latter's sphere of influence.

THE LUNCH OF TRADITION: 1:30 pm - A gustatory journey through the flavors of the traditional dishes of this mountain area made using the pink apple of the Sibillini. We discover an ancient variety of apple grown in the Marche between 450 and 900 meters above sea level. We have certain news of the existence of the Sibillini pink apples already in Roman times, in fact they are mentioned as "one of the ancient fruits of the Marche hinterland" to which the Latin poet Quintus Horatius Flaccus also dedicated a quote in his Satires.

ACQUASANTA TERME, "LU VURGHE": 5:00 pm - In Acquasanta Terme, along the banks of the Tronto river, there is a small natural spa, created by the sulfur springs and called "Lu Vurghe". A small corner of paradise, recently restored, born in a place whose history is always linked to the healing properties of its waters. Already in Roman times, Roman consuls and legionaries used this gift of nature to regain health and strength.

RETURN TO ASCOLI PICENO: 8:00 pm



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- BASE 2 PAX: EURO 164

- BASE 5 PAX: EURO 150

- BASE 10 PAX: EURO 102

- BASE 20 PAX: EURO 70



ASCOLI PICENO CLASSIC: THE PICENI, THE ANCIENT PRE-ROMAN PEOPLE

ONE DAY TOUR

An itinerary dedicated to the discovery of the places, uses and customs of the ancient Piceno people. We will begin our itinerary by visiting the Archaeological Museum of Ascoli Piceno, where most of the artifacts found in this area relating to the Picena civilization are kept. During the guided tour of the museum we will have the opportunity to get to know the life, activities, habits and customs of this civilization up close. After visiting the Ascoli museum we will move to the small village of Montedinove to visit the Picene Tombs Museum where we will see the faithful reconstruction of two tombs, one female and the other male, and the objects that made up the funeral rite. We will then move to the nearby town of Cossignano called 'the navel of the Piceno', as it is halfway between Ancona and Atri, rich in scenic and artistic beauties. Our journey to discover the Piceno civilization will continue inside the 'Niccola Pansoni' Antiquarium, here we will find evidence of the Iron Age, such as the bronze circles with six or more knots, characteristic of the Cuprensi necropolis and ceramic artifacts such as vases, canteen and pantry. At the end of the visit, we will reach one of the cellars not far from the town to learn more about the symposium and the development of the wine tradition, surrounded by vineyards and verdant landscapes. The production of wine in these lands has been known since ancient times, in fact even the Latin writers handed down the goodness of these precious grapes. Our itinerary will end in Monsampolo, where interesting evidence of the Picenian age related to a settlement area of some importance, and a Roman necropolis dating back to the imperial era, have been brought to light. Here we will address the topic concerning the Romanization of the Piceno people: from the attack on the Senoni Gauls through the Piceno territory, to the various raids and battles of the Social War. In the Archaeological Laboratory Museum we will talk about the birth and development of the funeral rite in the Picene and Roman populations. The excavations exhibit materials, referable to objects of everyday life, weaving, ceramics, ornamentation and play.

ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

MEETING POINT: ASCOLI PICENO PICENWORLD MUSEUM: 9:00 am - meeting with the guide at the Picenworld Museum in Ascoli Piceno and presentation of the day's itinerary.

VISIT NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM: 9:30 am - we will get to know the uses and customs of the Picena civilization up close. Starting from the Iron Age, we will see how this civilization evolved through the female kits made of amber and bronze, the weapons and breastplates used by men for battles, but also pottery, spools and spindle whorls used by the matriarchs who organized the work of spinning and weaving. We will observe how the encounter with other populations and commercial traffic have influenced and changed the uses and customs of the Picenes, also triggering an economic development that has led to social differentiation.

MONTEDINOVE, THE PICENA NECROPOLIS: 11:00 - We will visit the small village of Montedinove where at the end of the 80's a Picenian necropolis was found. The archaeological finds found are found both in the Archaeological Museum of Ascoli Piceno and in the museum of Montedinove. In the Picene Tombs Museum two tombs have been faithfully reconstructed, one for men and the other for women: we will see closely the banquet tools linked to the consumption of meat (iron skewers and knife) and wine (oinochoe) and which the ancient ritual of the symposium, a Greek custom acquired by the Picene civilization.

COSSIGNANO AND THE WINE-GROWING TRADITION, FROM THE SYMPOSIUM TO TODAY: 12.30 pm - Not far from Montedinove we find Cossignano, another Piceno village where clay objects related to the consumption of wine have been found. Here, in addition to the visit to the small museum, we will reach a local winery and, walking through the vineyards, we will discover how the food and wine tradition has evolved over time starting from the Piceni up to the production of Rosso Piceno. We will taste the 'Rosso Piceno' variety whose production covers the entire hilly area of the province and also extends to those of Macerata and Ancona. Back in the city center we will have lunch and taste the traditional dishes of the area characterized by the simplicity and genuineness of its typical products.

THE LUNCH OF TRADITION: 2.00 pm - A gustatory journey through the flavors of the traditional dishes of this land.

MONSAMPOLO DEL TRONTO, THE ROMANIZATION OF THE PICENO PEOPLE: 4.30 pm - In Monsampolo del Tronto, where a Roman necropolis was found, we will face the decay of the Picene civilization and the subsequent Romanization. With a visit to the Archaeological Laboratory Museum, we will discover the ways of burial and the rites associated with them, with particular emphasis on the Iron Age and the funeral rite of the Picene populations.

RETURN TO ASCOLI PICENO: 7.00 pm - return to Ascoli Piceno by bus

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- BASE 2 PAX: EURO 172 - BASE 5 PAX: EURO 159 - BASE 10 PAX: EURO 108 - BASE 20 PAX: EURO 75

FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 3 NIGHTS / 4 DAYS

BETWEEN THE SIBILLINI MOUNTAINS AND THE CONERO

OFFIDA - DAY 1

In the early afternoon guided tour of Offida: you will discover the glimpses and the architectural jewels of the historic center of the village: from the liberty notes of the Corso del Serpente Aureo to the medieval and Renaissance atmospheres of Piazza del Popolo. You should not miss a visit to Santa Maria della Rocca, a Romanesque-Gothic masterpiece that will leave you speechless for the beauty of its crypt and the elegance of the upper church. But Offida is also the home of the vine: and it will be the Ciù Ciù winery to host us in the splendid location of the sixteenth-century Palazzo Mercolini Tinelli for the tasting of the wines that made these lands famous: Rosso Piceno Superior, Passerina and Pecorino. In the evening, arrival at the hotel in Montefortino, dinner and overnight stay.

TREKKING TO LAGO DI PILATO - DAY 2

After breakfast, meeting with our environmental hiking guide to start on a classic trekking trail among the most famous mountains of the Sibillini. You will leave from the small mountain village of Foce di Montemonaco and walk towards the legendary Lago di Pilato:



welcomed in the spectacular natural amphitheater of a narrow glacial valley bordered by the highest peaks of the Sibillini - Mount Carrier, Pizzo del Diavolo (Peak of the Devil) and Cima del Redentore (Redeemer Peak) - you will reach the only lake of glacial origin in the Marche, a magical and mysterious place which was the destination of magicians and necromancers during the Middle Ages. The presence here, and nowhere else in the world, of an endemic crustacean, the Chirocefalo dei Marchesoni (a small red shrimp surviving the last glaciation) makes this environment unique. Your guide will tell you of the many legends that still linger in these places, and explain the naturalistic miracle of the Chirocefalo, a real living fossil that swims belly upward in the waters of the lake. Free lunch during the excursion and "grand finale" with a zero kilometer super snack in an inn, entirely dedicated to the most typical flavors of the Sibillini Mountains. Return to the hotel in Montefortino, dinner and overnight stay.

MONTEFORTINO AND THE SIBILLINI TRUFFLES - DAY 3

The truffle is the diamond of the Sibillini



Mountains and this day will be entirely dedicated to this most precious tuber. After breakfast you will walk accompanied by an environmental hiking guide through the beech and downy oak woods to see the real truffle quarrymen at work with their trusted hunting dogs. Lunch with a menu based on black and white truffles. In the afternoon we will visit the nearby village of Montefortino and admire its still intact medieval structure. In the evening, arrival at the hotel in the Ancona area, dinner and overnight stay.

SIROLO AND THE SASSI NERI BEACH

- DAY 4

After breakfast at the hotel, we will leave from the charming village of Sirolo for a super panoramic excursion, immersed in the Mediterranean scrub of the Conero promontory. The path, which offers splendid views of the limestone cliff and the Adriatic Sea, will lead us up to the Sassi Neri (Black Stones) beach, one of the most beautiful and well-known on the Conero coast, to enjoy sun and sea baths. Free lunch. End of services.



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES - ON A 2 PAX BASIS:

BASIC FEE - EURO 180

The fee includes: nr. 3 nights half board in a double / twin room; medical / baggage insurance.

SILVER FEE - EURO 380

The fee includes: nr. 3 nights half board in a double / twin room; guided tour of the village of Offida; wine tasting at the "Ciù Ciù" cellar; guided trekking on the second day, with a snack in an inn, entirely dedicated to the most typical flavors of the Sibillini Mountains; medical / baggage insurance.

GOLD FEE - EURO 500

The fee includes: nr. 3 nights half board in a double / twin room; guided tour of the village of Offida and wine tasting at the "Ciù Ciù" winery; guided trekking on the second day with a snack in an inn, entirely dedicated to the most typical flavors of the Sibillini Mountains; trekking on the third day and lunch with a menu based on black and white truffles; medical / baggage insurance.

THE RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

meals not mentioned, drinks at the meals; admissions where not specified and anything not listed under the heading "the fee includes".

ON REQUEST:

- Single room supplement
- Optional insurance against cancellation penalties



LEGENDS AND MYTHS OF THE HERMIT MONKS IN THE SIBILLINI MOUNTAINS

ONE DAY TOUR

Itinerary dedicated to the discovery of the narrow valleys and steep cliffs inhabited by the first groups of monks who chose the Sibillini Mountains to seek the solitude and silence imposed by the Rule.

We will begin our tour by following the itinerary of the Infernaccio Gorges.

The path that climbs between rocks and vegetation of various types, crossing the stream first through a wooden bridge and then with ups and downs that will turn into comfortable streets and paths that are much more linear and reassuring.

After this first part of the walk we will enter a centuries-old beech forest and at the end of the walk we will reach the Hermitage of San Leonardo. We will continue the walk to reach the waterfall upstream of the Rio stream.

During the stop for lunch we will have the opportunity to rediscover the ancient cuisine of the monks and the ancient flavors of the past linked to what the territory offered.

After lunch we will resume the journey and we will reach the Church dedicated to Sant'Angelo di Montespino which rises on a hill of Montefortino, surrounded by a pine forest where the view sweeps 360 degrees on the Sibillini Mountains chain on the Marche hills and down until you see the Adriatic coast and the Monti della Laga.

ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

MEETING POINT: RUBBIANO: 8:30 am - Arrival with your own vehicle at the parking lot at the start of the path to the Infernaccio Gorge in the locality of Rubbiano. Reception and presentation of the group with the guide.

START OF THE INFERNACCIO TRIP: 9:00 am - We will cross the natural gorges of the Infernaccio formed by the Tenna river. The entire stretch traveled by the river inside the gorges is nestled between the very high and impervious limestone buttresses of the mountains. During the journey we will immerse ourselves in a dense and luxuriant beech forest that continuously climbs the valley floor up to the altitude meadows. The whole area at the foot of the Sibyl.

ARRIVAL AT THE HERMITAGE OF SAN LEONARDO: 10:30 am - Going towards the Gorges of the Infernaccio, on a promontory at 1,122 meters you can see the current new construction of the Hermitage of S. Leonardo surrounded by dense vegetation of yews, maples and beeches. Here we will learn about the history of the hermitage and the events of Father Pietro Lavini, protagonist of the reconstruction of the same hermitage.

ALTA DEL RIO WATERFALL: 11:00 am - Turning our backs to the Hermitage of San Leonardo, we will take the path that leads to the waterfall upstream of the Rio stream. We will cross a shady beech forest until the sudden appearance of the Rio Waterfall between high rocky walls, in one of the most fascinating areas of the Sibillini Mountains.

LUNCH OF THE MONKS IN MONTEFORTINO: 1:30 pm - The itinerary continues with a regenerating lunch in Montefortino, where we will discover the 'poor' cuisine of the monks. In the Marche region there was the reality of a dense network of convents, male and female or of religious congregations which, in addition to the internal canteen, often had relations with the outside materialized in serving meals to the poor.

ITINERARY START FOR THE PIEVE DI SANT'ANGELO IN MONTESPINO: 3:30 pm - After lunch we will walk to the Pieve di Sant'Angelo in Montespino, an ancient place full of suggestions.

ARRIVAL AT PIEVE DI SANT'ANGELO IN MONTESPINO: 4:30 pm - Built on the top of an isolated hill, the church dedicated to Sant'Angelo in Montespino was an ancient religious center directly under the bishop of Fermo. A legend has it that inside the Pieve there were 18 columns, each of which was dedicated to a disease (headache, bone pain, etc. etc.). It is said that whoever suffered from pain went to rub against the column dedicated to evil, attended mass, during which he had to recite the prayer of the Our Father.

RETURN TO MONTEFORTINO: 7:00 pm - Return on foot to Montefortino.

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- BASE 2 PAX: EURO 150

- BASE 5 PAX: EURO 82

- BASE 10 PAX: EURO 58

- BASE 20 PAX: EURO 46

WALKING WITH THE PICENI: THE ANCIENT PICENE TRADITIONS



ONE DAY TOUR

Itinerary dedicated to the discovery of manual skills and the tradition of know-how linked to the Piceno area and the wine making excellence of these lands.

We will start from the Piceni Civilization to get to know their craft skills closely and to discover how their knowledge has evolved over time and come to the present day.

We will begin our itinerary by discovering the Picenian finds kept inside the Archaeological Museum of Ascoli Piceno and we will get to know the tradition of textile and clay processing of the Picenian civilization up close and we will see how the Picenes, even before the Romans, were consumers of wine.

The second stop on our journey through antiquity will be the Museum of Ceramic Art where we will see how ceramic processing techniques have evolved over time and admire one-of-a-kind pieces.

After the lunch break we will visit the enchanting village of Offida where we will continue our story about textile art in the Piceno: still today in the streets of the town it is possible to see the lace makers at work who with skilful mastery weave the threads on the pillow to make beautiful lace.

From the wine of the ancient Piceni to the excellence of Rosso Piceno: at the Regional Enoteca of Offida we will taste the food and wine delicacies of these lands.

We will conclude our itinerary at the Offida Regional Enoteca where we will taste the typical wines of the Piceno.

ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

MEETING POINT: ASCOLI PICENO ARRIGO SQUARE:
9:30 am - meeting with your own vehicle in the city of Ascoli Piceno, meeting with the guide and presentation of the day's itinerary.

VISIT NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM:
10:00a.m. - we will get to know the tradition of textile and clay manufacturing of the Piceni civilization up close and we will see how the Picenes, even before the Romans, were consumers of wine.

VISIT AND WORKSHOP AT THE MUSEUM OF CERAMIC ART:
11:00 a.m.- after having seen the first ceramic works by the Picenes, at the Museum of Ceramic Art we will see how the processing techniques have evolved and admire unique pieces of their kind. The visit to the museum will end with a workshop dedicated to the decoration of ceramics.

STOP FOR LUNCH: 1.30 pm

ARRIVAL IN OFFIDA:
3.30 pm - continue our narration on the Piceno textile tradition and in Offida we will get to know the ancient art of bobbin lace making. Even today, walking through the streets of the village, it is possible to see in the hallways of the houses or in the inner courtyards of the houses; we will see a demonstration of bobbin making.

VISIT OF THE REGIONAL WINE SHOP OF OFFIDA:
6:30 pm - we will reach the Regional Enoteca of Offida where we will continue to learn about the Piceno wine making tradition and continue the story of the Piceni's consumption of wine, which began in the morning at the Archaeological Museum. We will conclude the visit to the Enoteca with a tasting of wines and typical products of the area.

AUTONOMOUS RETURN TO YOUR OWN HOMES: 8.00 pm



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- BASE 2 PAX: EURO 260 - BASE 5 PAX: EURO 145 - BASE 10 PAX: EURO 100 - BASE 20 PAX: EURO 80



FROM APRIL TO DECEMBER
3 NIGHTS / 4 DAYS

“MADE IN MARCHE” THE MOST BEAUTIFUL VILLAGES IN ITALY

GRADARA AND MONDAVIO

- DAY 1

In the early afternoon we will reach Gradara, the village that houses Paolo and Francesca's Fortress. Guided tour of the Gradara Castle which, together with its fortified village, represents one of the best preserved medieval structures in Italy. In addition, the two walls that protect the fortress - the outermost extending for almost 800 meters - contribute to making it one of the most impressive of the peninsula. The Castle stands on a hill 142 meters above sea level.

The keep - the so-called "mastio" main tower - rises as up as 30 meters, dominating the entire valley. Continue to Mondavio; the visit to this village is a dip into a past populated by Dukes and Duchesses, in perfect Renaissance style.

Visit of the imposing Rocca Roveresca (Della Rovere's Castle) dominating the town with its octagonal shape, making it a fascinating place just waiting to be discovered.

The sunset on Mondavio Fortress is so impressive that you can't but stay and watch it with fond eyes.

In the evening, arrival at the hotel in Senigallia, dinner and overnight stay.



CORINALDO, MORRO D'ALBA, OFFAGNA

- DAY 2

After breakfast we will reach Corinaldo, a village that still preserves a thousand meters of ancient, inviolate walls. The walls are Corinaldo hallmark. An intact and mighty wall of almost 1 km surrounds and supports the medieval old town. You will wonder through its alleys and find yourself in the middle of its beautiful squares overlooked by churches; along the walls you will meet imposing towers and bulwarks on which it is still possible to climb, you will pass in front of its historical buildings and ancient theater and go down the steps to get to the medieval Pozzo della Polenta (Cornmeal Mush Well). At the end of the walk you will reach Morro d'Alba, a "de-wine" village. Its "Lacrima di Morro d'Alba" wine (Morro d'Alba teardrop), which was granted the "controlled designation of origin" in 1985, has been known since ancient times.

Walk through the streets of the village to the Castle of Morro d'Alba which overlooks and dominates the surrounding area. Lunch at a local restaurant with "Lacrima" tasting. In the early afternoon transfer to Offagna, the medieval village on the Conero known as "lookout onto the sea".

We will visit the Offagna Fortress, a notable example of military architecture. What in the time of courts and knights used to be a place of courts and protection and defense, with its high walls, towers, guardhouse and drawbridge, is today the seat of a permanent weapons exhibition.

In the evening, arrival at the hotel in Numana, dinner and overnight stay.



CINGOLI, TREIA, TORRE DI PALME

- DAY 3

After breakfast we will reach the village of Cingoli which, thanks to its position on top of a hill about 600 meters above sea level, earned the name of "Balcony of Marche".

You will walk through the streets of the village, along walls full of history; the Collegiate Church of Sant'Asuperanzio and the Cathedral are no doubt worth a stop. Next you will reach the nearby village of Treia for a short walk through the narrow streets of its historic centre and then visit the nearby Abbey of Fiastrea.

Built by Cistercian monks, the abbey is located within a large nature reserve of the same name. Free lunch. In the afternoon it will be the time to visit the small village of Torre di Palme. We will walk through the protected area called Bosco del Cugnolo to the Grotta degli Amanti (Lovers' Cave) to discover the essences of a still intact patch of Mediterranean scrub, then we will admire the many architectural jewels and charming glimpses of the village.

In the evening, arrival at the hotel in Porto San Giorgio, dinner and overnight stay.



DISCOVERING THE ANCIENT HERMITAGES IN THE LANDS OF PICENO

ONE DAY TOUR

Itinerary to discover the first hermitages in the Piceno lands that will lead us to get to know better, through a trekking surrounded by greenery, the town of Colle San Marco.

A few minutes from Ascoli Piceno, Colle San Marco is located on the hills southeast of the city center.

In the first part of the trek we will visit the Hermitage of Colle San Marco, an important memory of art and spirituality for the city of Ascoli being one of the first hermitages built in the early Middle Ages; we will continue visiting the Devil's Finger: a natural monument, which emerges from the bush as a spur of travertine; in the final part of the trek we will visit the grotta del Beato Corrado: a curious and fascinating cavity entirely dug out of the travertine stone.

For the lunch break we will reach the Paci refuge: along the way to the refuge we will cross places that still today testify to the vocation to pastoralism of the territory with the presence of the "caciare".

After lunch we will return to Colle San Marco to visit the artistic laboratory and the travertine quarry of the sculptor Giuliano Giuliani where we will get to know the tradition of travertine processing up close.

ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

MEETING POINT: PIAGGE LOCALITY

9:30 am - Meeting with your own vehicle at Piagge. Reception of the group and meeting with the guide who will begin the narration.

DEPARTURE FOR THE TREKKING TO COLLE SAN MARCO - RIFUGIO PACI AND RETURN:

10:00 am - in the first part of the trek we will visit the Hermitage of Colle San Marco an important memory of art and spirituality for the city of Ascoli being one of the first hermitages built in the early Middle Ages; we will continue by visiting the Devil's Finger: a natural monument, which emerges from the bush as a spur of travertine; in the final part of the trek we will visit the grotta del Beato Corrado: a curious and fascinating cavity entirely dug out of the travertine stone.

11:30 am - Continuation of the walk with the trekking Pianoro Colle San Marco - Rifugio Paci. At the end of the walk we will reach the Paci Refuge where we will stop for lunch.

Along the way we will cross rich places that still today testify to the vocation to pastoralism of the territory with the presence of the "caciare". During the trek, the guide will also focus on naturalistic aspect.

STOP FOR LUNCH: 12:30 pm - stop for lunch at the Paci Refuge where we will taste typical local products linked to the traditions of the place we are visiting with the environmental trekking. After lunch, resume the journey and return to Colle San Marco.

VISIT TO THE QUARRY OF THE SCULPTOR GIULIANO GIULIANI:

4.00 pm - we will visit the artistic laboratory and the travertine quarry of the sculptor Giuliano Giuliani and we will get to know the tradition of travertine processing up close. RETURN: 18:00 - autonomous return to your own homes

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- BASE 2 PAX: EURO 150 - BASE 5 PAX: EURO 90 - BASE 10 PAX: EURO 68 - BASE 20 PAX: EURO 57



WITH THE ANCIENT PILGRIMS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

ONE DAY TOUR

Itinerary on the discovery of places linked to the life and spirituality of St. Francis. We will take the last stage of the Franciscan Way of the Marca that from Venarotta reaches the city of Assisi, a 5-hour walk during which we will immerse ourselves in the places and flavors of the past.

Our journey will start from the Octagonal Church of the Cardinal of Venarotta, during the journey we will retrace the places that once were the protagonists of the pilgrims' step who, starting from Assisi, came to Ascoli Piceno to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis. As we get closer and closer to the city of Assisi we will see the outline of Mount Ascensione taking shape: we will discover how over time both its name and its profile have evoked myths, aroused emotions and told legends and traditions.

We will enter Assisi by crossing the ancient Roman bridge of Solestà over the Tronto river, we will reach the Church of San Francis which overlooks the delightful Piazza del Popolo.

We will then reach Piazza Arrigo dominated by the facade of the Cathedral of Saint Emidio. Precisely in this square in 1215, before his trip to the East, St. Francis preached. According to the testimony of Tommaso da Celano, he orated in Piazza Arrigo. In that square he preached the word of God with such ardor and devotion that 30 young people joined him.

These 30 young people then gave rise to the first Assisi Franciscan community of Conventual Friars Minor.

Upon arrival in Assisi, after nourishing the spirit, we will also nourish the body while enjoying a delicious medieval-themed dinner.

ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

MEETING POINT: ASCOLI PICENO: 9:00 am - arrival by own vehicle. Group welcome and monastic-style breakfast at the Main Cloister of the Church of Saint Francis. After breakfast, transfer to Venarotta.

START OF THE VENAROTTA WAY - ASCOLI PICENO: 10:30 am - start of the walk starting from the Octagonal Church of the Cardinal of Venarotta with the guide who describes the history throughout the journey.

During the journey we will retrace the places that once were the protagonists of the step of the pilgrims who, starting from Assisi, came to Ascoli Piceno to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis. 1:00p.m. - stop for lunch scheduled during the walk: lunch will also focus on the flavors and preparations typical of that time.

ARRIVAL IN ASCOLI PICENO: 5:00 pm - we will enter Assisi crossing the Roman bridge of Solestà on the Tronto river, we will reach the Church of Saint Francis which overlooks the delightful Piazza del Popolo.

We will then reach Piazza Arrigo dominated by the facade of the Cathedral of Saint Emidio.

DINNER: 7:30 p.m. / 8:00 p.m. - medieval style themed dinner at the Locanda del Medioevo in Ascoli Piceno.

After dinner, return to your own homes.

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- BASE 2 PAX: EURO 175 - BASE 5 PAX: EURO 110 - BASE 10 PAX: EURO 90 - BASE 20 PAX: EURO 80

MORESCO, MONTEFIORE DELL'ASO, GROTTAMMARE, OFFIDA - DAY 4

After breakfast, a whole morning dedicated to the discovery of some fascinating townlets belonging to the association of The most beautiful villages in Italy. We will start with Moresco, in the Val d'Aso.

From its ancient 25 meters high heptagonal watchtower you can enjoy an extraordinary view on the surrounding landscape and the village itself. Then it will be the turn of Montefiore dell'Aso, a delightful town in the Piceno area, located on a hill between the Aso and the Menocchia valleys.

The historic centre is well preserved: there are notable tracts of walls with ancient doors and six towers dating back to the 15th and 16th centuries. It is called "the painters' hill" because within the convent of San Francesco, now a museum center, there is the Carlo Crivelli Room which houses a precious Polypych by Carlo Crivelli.

We will then reach the village of Grottammare, the "pearl of the Adriatic".

We will walk from the seafront to the old embankment, from the early 1900s atmospheres of the characteristic Art Nouveau villas along the waterfront, to the splendid views of the medieval historic bourg.

At the end of the walk, lunch in a typical village inn.

In the early afternoon we will reach Offida and go to the discovery of the glimpses and architectural jewels of its historic center: Serpente Aureo Course, Piazza del Popolo with its medieval and Renaissance atmospheres, Santa Maria della Rocca, a Romanesque-Gothic masterpiece that will leave you speechless with the beauty of its crypt and the elegance of the upper church.

But Offida is also home to the vine, so

you will pay a visit to the Ciù Ciù winery for a tasting of the wines that have made these lands famous: Rosso Piceno Superior, Passerina and Pecorino.

End of services



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- ON A 2 PAX BASIS :

BASIC FEE - EURO 260

The fee includes : nr. 3 nights half board in a double / twin room; medical / baggage insurance.

SILVER FEE - EURO 340

The fee includes : nr. 3 nights half board in a double / twin room; entrance and guided tour of the Gradara castle; wine tasting at the "Ciù Ciù" cellar in Offida; medical / baggage insurance.

GOLD FEE - EURO 410

The fee includes : nr. 3 nights half board in a double / twin room; entrance and guided tour of the castle of Gradara; lunch in a restaurant in Morro d'Alba; lunch in a typical inn in Grottammare; wine tasting at the "Ciù Ciù" cellar in Offida; medical / baggage insurance.

THE RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

meals not mentioned, drinks at the meals; admissions where not specified and anything not mentioned under the heading "the fee includes".

UPON REQUEST:

- Single room supplement
- Optional insurance against cancellation penalties

FROM MAY TO SEPTEMBER
4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS

BEACHES, VILLAGES AND FLAVORS OF THE MARCHE

GROTTAMMARE

- DAY 1

Free afternoon devoted to complete rest by the sea.

In the evening, arrival at the hotel in Grottammare, dinner and overnight stay.

SUN, SEA, OFFIDA AND ITS WINES - DAY 2

Morning dedicated to the sea and the sun, then we will reach the nearby village of Offida for lunch / tasting at the Ciù Ciù winery, located inside the sixteenth-century Palazzo Mercolini Tinelli.

Offida is the homeland of the vine, so lunch will be accompanied by the wines that have made this land famous: Rosso Piceno Superior, Passerina and Pecorino. In the afternoon we will go to the discovery of the glimpses and architectural jewels of the historic center of Offida: from the touch of Liberty style in the Serpente Aureo Course to the medieval and Renaissance atmosphere of Piazza del Popolo.

Not to be missed a visit to Santa Maria della Rocca, a Romanesque-Gothic masterpiece that will leave you speechless for the beauty of its crypt and the elegance of the upper church. Return to the hotel in Grottammare, dinner and overnight stay.

TORRE DI PALME AND CAMPOFILONE MACCHERONCINI

- DAY 3

After breakfast, you will reach the nearby small Medieval town of Torre di Palme. In the morning we will walk through the protected area called Bosco del Cugnolo to discover the essences of a still intact patch of Mediterranean scrub.

Then we will admire the many architectural jewels and the charming glimpses of the village, splendid urban agglomeration included in the circuit called "The Most Beautiful Villages in Italy". Free lunch.

In the afternoon, transfer to Campofilone, birthplace of the famous "maccheroncino", for a visit to a factory and a workshop session in which you will learn the secrets of this fantastic, super traditional thin dry egg pasta.

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

ASCOLI PICENO AND ITS FRIED OLIVES

- DAY 4

After breakfast we will reach Ascoli Piceno, birthplace of the "olive all'ascolana" (meat-stuffed fried olives).

The "white city of a hundred towers" is rich in architectural treasures including squares paved with travertine marble, Romanesque churches and noble palaces.

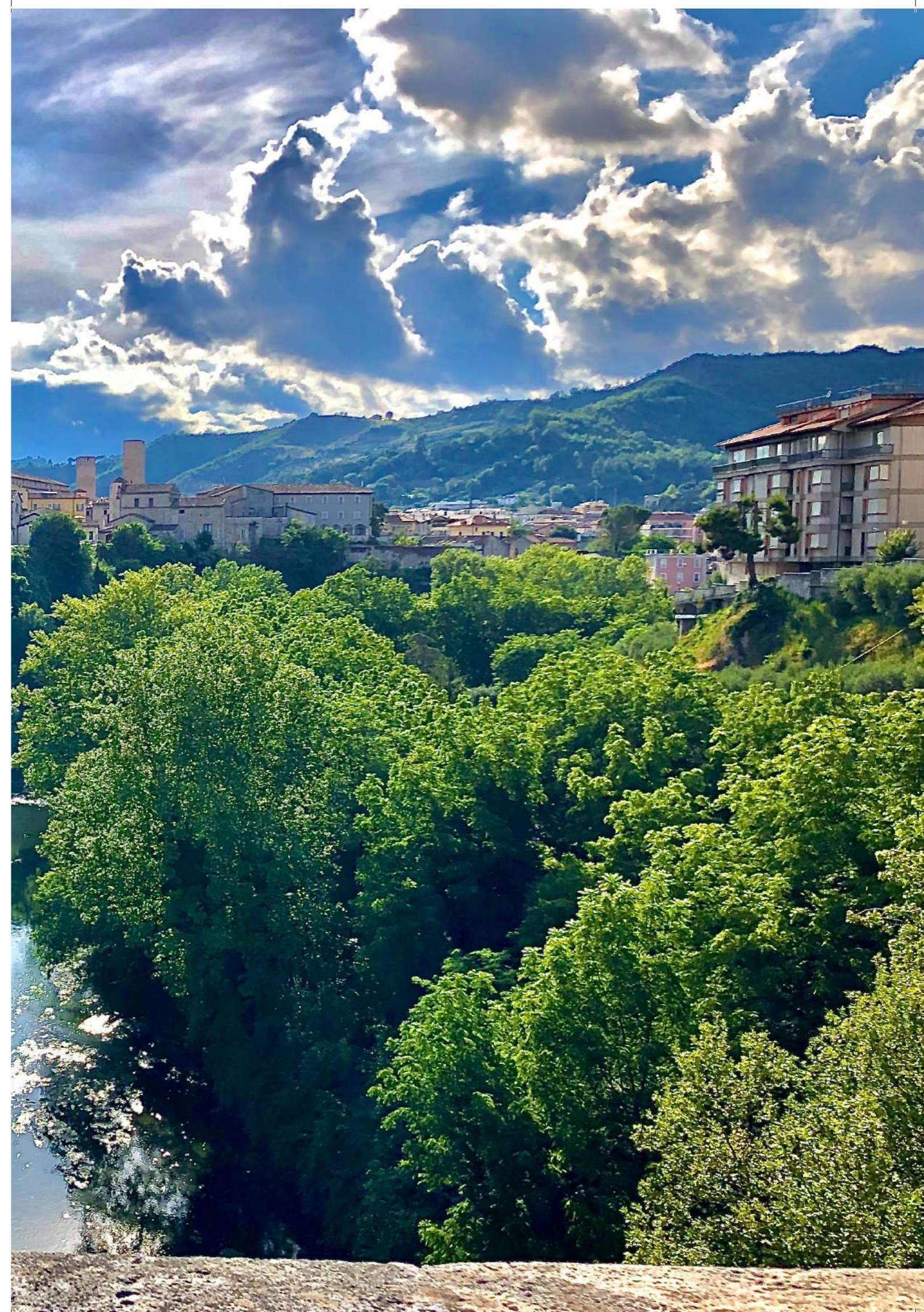
Guided tour of the historic center, the splendid squares Piazza del Popolo and Piazza Arringo, the church of Santa Maria della Carità also known as the "Scoppa" (the broom) - a wonderful example of Baroque - the Malatesta fortress with its museum that houses the Treasure of the Lombards and of the Archaeological Museum. Free lunch.

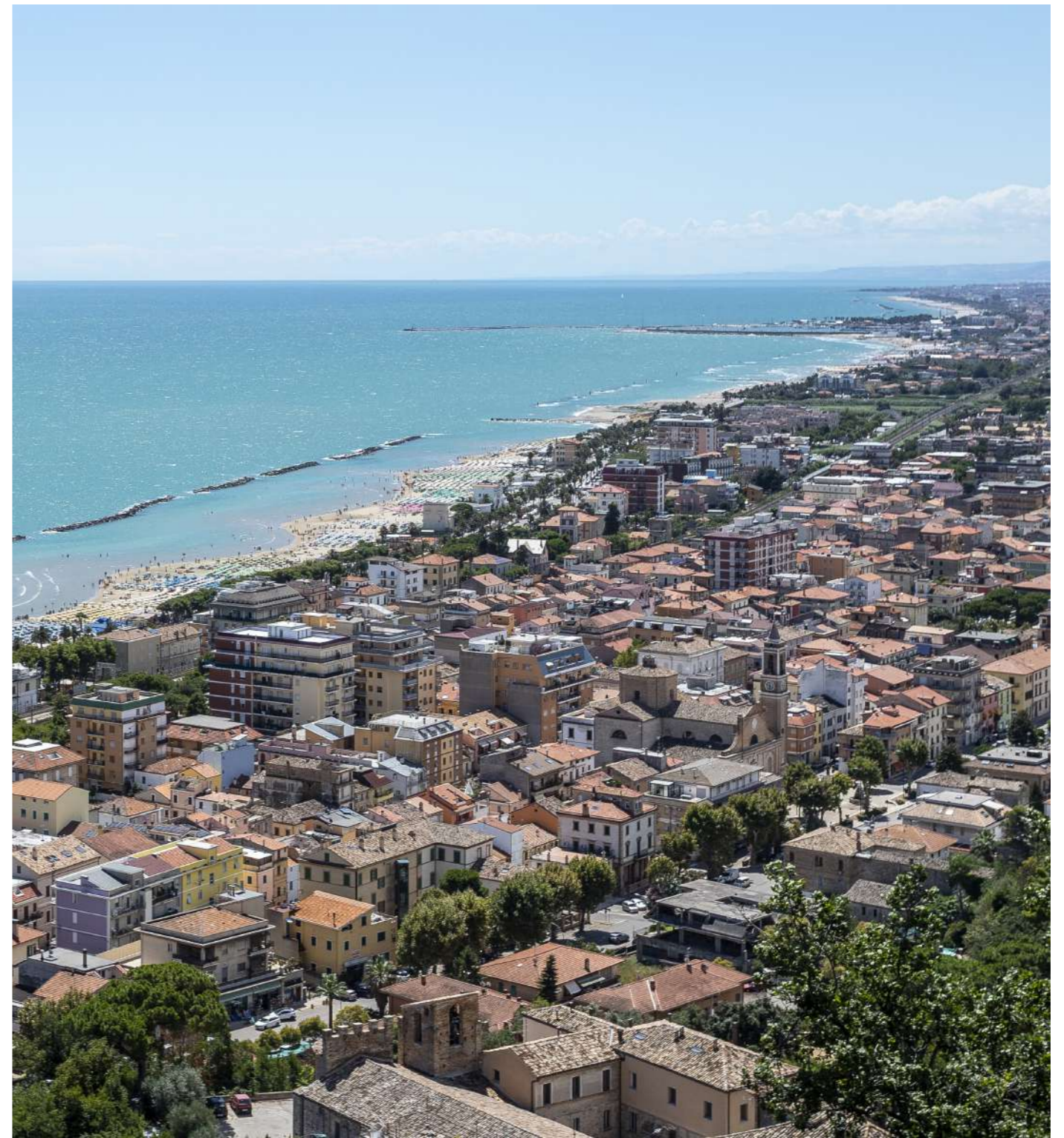
To end the day, you cannot miss the street food-style taste of the famous fried olives "all'ascolana". Return to the hotel in Grottammare, dinner and overnight stay.

SUN, SEASIDE AND GROTTAMMARE - DAY 5

A day to relax on the sand of the beaches of the Riviera of the Palms. You will spend the morning diving and sunbathing. Free lunch.

In the afternoon visit of Grottammare: we will start from the early 1900s atmospheres of its characteristic Art Nouveau villas along the seafront to conclude our tour with the splendid views of the medieval historic bourg. End of services





INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES
- ON A 2 PAX BASIS:

BASIC FEE - EURO 340

The fee includes: nr. 4 nights half board in a double / twin room; medical / luggage insurance.

SILVER FEE - EURO 420

The fee includes: nr. 4 nights half board in a double / twin room; guided tour of the city of Ascoli Piceno; street food style tasting of fried "Ascolana" olives; medical / luggage insurance.

GOLD FEE - EURO 500

The fee includes: nr. 4 nights half board in a double / twin room; lunch in Offida at the Ciù Ciù winery with wine tasting; visit to a factory that produces Campofilone "maccheroncini" ; guided tour of the city of Ascoli Piceno; street food style tasting of fried "Ascolana" olives; medical / luggage insurance.

THE RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

meals not mentioned, drinks at the meals; admissions where not specified and anything not mentioned under the heading " the fee includes".

ON REQUEST:

- Single room supplement
- Optional insurance against cancellation penalties

FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER
4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS

ASCOLI PICENO

UNUSUAL AND ITS SURROUNDINGS



ASCOLI PICENO: THE HISTORIC CITY CENTER - DAY 1

In the early afternoon we shall take a stroll through the medieval center of Ascoli Piceno, birthplace of the "olive all'ascolana" (meat-stuffed fried olives).

The "white city of a hundred towers" is rich in architectural treasures including squares paved with travertine marble, Romanesque churches and noble palaces.

Guided tour of the historic center, with its splendid squares Piazza del Popolo and Piazza Arringo, the church of Santa Maria della Carità also known as "la Scopa" (the Broom) - a wonderful example of Baroque - and the Malatesta fortress with its museum that houses the Treasure of the Lombards.

To end the day, you cannot miss the streetfood-style taste of the famous fried olives "all'ascolana". In the evening, arrival at the hotel in Ascoli Piceno, dinner and overnight stay.



WITH THE ANCIENT PILGRIMS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. FRANCIS - DAY 2

After breakfast, a full day dedicated to discovering the places linked to St. Francis' life and spirituality, accompanied by an environmental hiking guide.

We shall cover the last stage of the Franciscan Way of Marca, which from Venarotta reaches the city of Ascoli: a 5-hour walk during which the participants will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the places and flavors of the past. Lunch will be included in the walk and will focus on the tastes and recipes typical of that time.

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

TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE ANCIENT HERMITAGES OF THE MONASTIC AGE, COLLE SAN MARCO - DAY 3

After breakfast, the day will be dedicated to the discovery of the first hermitages in the Piceno lands, always accompanied by an environmental hiking guide.

A few minutes from Ascoli Piceno, Colle San Marco is located on the hills southeast of the town center. Frequented since the early Middle Ages by various communities of monks, who built their beautiful hermitage here.

Thanks to an evocative environmental tour you will discover the life and spirituality of the Blessed Corrado, and will get to know the nature that once welcomed the first hermits in the Piceno lands.

Stop for lunch at the Paci Refuge, based on typical products linked to local traditions.

After lunch, we will resume the journey and return to Colle San Marco. We will then pay a visit to sculptor Giuliano Giuliani's quarry and get up close the tradition of travertine processing.

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



AMONG THE CENTURIES-OLD WOODS OF PICENO: THE WAY OF WATER

ONE DAY TOUR

An itinerary dedicated to relaxation and nature to discover Acquasanta Terme, woods and waterfalls which surround it. We will discover the benefits of sulphurous waters of Acquasanta thermal baths.

We will immerse ourselves in the greenery and silence of chestnut, fir, beech and oak centuries-old woods, where we will learn tree species used by tradition.

Starting from Arcera Farmhouse, we will take the "Lu Vurghe" path, that leads to the pools of sulphurous waters, already known and used by the Romans, who exploited the healing properties of these waters.

On the map of the itineraries of the Roman army the city is reported with the name "Vicus ad Aquas" and historical sources attest to the presence of an ancient thermal pool where the ancient church Santa Maria stands today.

Upon returning from the path, at the Arcera Farmhouse, we will attend to a cooking class and we will assist in the preparation of a typical dish made with products that territory offers.

After lunch we will reach The Forcella Waterfalls located in an uncontaminated environment rich in vegetation. Near the waterfalls there is the Pompili Mill, one of the oldest and best preserved mills of the region.

We will conclude our itinerary with a rich snack at the Arcera Farmhouse, where we will taste the typical products of the woods of this area.

ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

MEETING POINT: ARCERA FARMHOUSE, ACQUASANTA TERME at 9.00 a.m. - welcome of the group by the guide and presentation of the day's activities.

START OF THE "LU VURGHE" PATH: at 9.30 a.m. Start of the "Lu Vurghe" path that leads to the pools of sulphurous waters already known and used by the Romans who exploited the healing properties of these waters.

COOKING CLASS AND LUNCH AT THE FARMHOUSE: at 12.30 p.m.: upon returning from the path we will attend a cooking class at the Arcera Farmhouse, where we will assist in the preparation of a typical dish made with the products which territory offers. After cooking class we will stop at the farmhouse for lunch.

START OF THE WATERFALLS OF FORCELLA AND POMPILI MILL PATH: 3.00 p.m. - after lunch we will reach the Forcella waterfalls located within an uncontaminated environment rich in vegetation. Near the waterfalls there is the Pompili Mill, one of the oldest and best preserved mills in the region.

SNACK AT ARCERA FARMHOUSE: 4.00 p.m. - after the walk to Forcella waterfalls we will return to the Arcera Farmhouse for a snack, where we will taste the typical products of the woods of this area.

RETURN: 6.00 p.m. - autonomous return to your own homes.



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- BASE 2 PAX: EURO 154 - BASE 5 PAX: EURO 84 - BASE 10 PAX: EURO 60 - BASE 20 PAX: EURO 49



A WALK WITH THE PICENI: PICENO ANCIENT TRADITIONS, ASCOLI AND OFFIDA

- DAY 4

After breakfast, free time in the historic center of Ascoli Piceno for free visits, with the possibility of tasting a delicious aperitif at the famous "Caffè Meletti". Free lunch time. In the early afternoon, transfer to Offida, the home of the vine, but also of the ancient art of bobbin lace. We will walk through the Renaissance Piazza del Popolo and visit Santa Maria della Rocca, a Romanesque-Gothic masterpiece that will leave you speechless for the beauty of its crypt and the elegance of the upper church. It will then be the time to enjoy a visit to the Regional Enoteca (Wine cellar) of Offida

where we will learn about the Piceno winemaking tradition and listen to the continuation of the story of the Piceni's consumption of wine, started in the morning at the Archaeological Museum. The visit to the wine cellar will end with a tasting of wines and typical local products.

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

INTO THE CENTURIES-OLD WOODS OF THE PICENO: THE ROAD OF WATER, ACQUASANTA TERME

- DAY 5

Into the centuries-old woods of the Piceno: the road of water, Acquasanta Terme. After breakfast, a day dedicated to relaxation and nature to discover Acquasanta Terme and the benefits of its sulphurous waters,

the woods and waterfalls that surround it. Accompanied by an environmental hiking guide, you will immerse yourself in the green and silence of the centuries-old woods of chestnut, fir, beech and oak trees. You will start walking from the "Lu Vurghe" path that leads to pools of sulphurous waters already known and used by the Romans, who exploited their curative properties.

On the way back, we will attend a cooking class at the Farmhouse Arcera, and assist in the preparation of a typical dish concocted with the products of the territory.

After the cooking class, we will have lunch at the farmhouse.

In the early afternoon we will reach the Forcella Waterfalls, located within a pristine environment rich in vegetation. Near the waterfalls you will admire the Pompili Mill, one of the oldest and best preserved mills in the region. End of services.



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- ON A 2 PAX BASIS:

BASIC FEE - EURO 350

The fee includes: nr. 5 nights half board in a double / twin room; medical / baggage insurance.

SILVER FEE - EURO 610

The fee includes: nr. 5 nights half board in a double / twin room; guided tours of the cities of Ancona and Urbino; guided trekking in the Furlo gorge on the third day; entrance and guided tour of the caves of Camerano; medical / baggage insurance.

GOLD FEE - EURO 790

The fee includes: nr. 5 nights half board in a double / twin room; guided tours of the cities of Ancona and Urbino; guided trekking in the Furlo gorge on the third day; lunch in a restaurant in Acqualagna with a truffle-based menu; canoe excursion to the Giants' Potholes (Marmitta dei Giganti) (equipment included); guided trekking of Mount Conero; entrance and guided tour of the caves of Camerano; medical / baggage insurance.

THE RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

meals not mentioned, drinks at the meals; admissions where not specified and anything not mentioned under the heading "the fee includes".

ON REQUEST:

- Single room supplement
- Optional insurance against cancellation penalties

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- ON A TWO PAX BASIS:

BASIC FEE - EURO 290

The fee includes: nr. 4 nights half board in a double / twin room; medical / baggage insurance.

SILVER FEE - EURO 540

The fee includes: nr. 4 nights half board in a double / twin room; guided tour of Ascoli Piceno; the second day excursion with lunch included; wine tasting at the Offida regional wine cellar; lunch in a farmhouse on the fifth day; medical / baggage insurance.

GOLD FEE - EURO 750

The fee includes: nr. 4 nights half board in a double / twin room; the guided tour of Ascoli Piceno; excursions on the second and third day with lunch included; wine tasting at the Offida regional wine cellar; the fifth day excursion with lunch at the farmhouse; medical / baggage insurance.

THE RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

meals not mentioned, drinks at the meals; admissions where not specified and anything not mentioned under the heading "the fee includes".

UPON REQUEST:

- Single room supplement
- Optional cancellation penalty insurance

FROM MAY TO OCTOBER
3 NIGHTS / 4 DAYS

WONDERFUL MIX



SAN GINESIO - DAY 1

In the afternoon visit to San Ginesio, belonging to the official group of Italy's most beautiful villages.

The settlement, which acquires special significance because of its evocative position in the framework of the Sibillini Mountains National Park, has a medieval urban layout enclosed by a large belt of mighty city walls that still retain patrol walkways, loopholes and towers.

Walk through the alleys of the old town and visit the Collegiate Church (1098), the main monument of the village - of Romanesque foundation but with a late Gothic façade - which enshrines the remains of the saint San Ginesio, a Christian martyr patron of mimes and actors. In the evening, arrival at the hotel in Sarnano, dinner and overnight stay.

SARNANO, THE SANCTUARY OF THE MADONNA DELL'AMBRO - DAY 2

After breakfast, morning dedicated to the discovery of the village of Sarnano, in the heart of the Sibillini Mountains. Also part of Italy's most beautiful villages, Sarnano has perfectly preserved for over 7 centuries its medieval structure: its old town is still shaped as a "castrum", a round fortified village winding in concentric rings. Visit to the Pinacoteca which, among various artworks, boasts "The Madonna adoring the Child" by Vittore Crivelli. Next you will reach on foot the three suggestive Sarnano waterfalls, located not far from the historic center and connected to it by a path that has taken the name of Via delle Cascate Perdute (path of the lost waterfalls).

Two of these three jumps of the Tennacola river, in fact, remained long hidden by vegetation and came to light only in 2020. It is an easy, something less than 6 km long itinerary, with very little difference in altitude (80 meters average) and only a short steep slope before the Antico Molino waterfall.

Return to the hotel for lunch in the restaurant. In the afternoon we will reach the Sanctuary of the Madonna dell'Ambro. Immersed in the naturalistic scenery of the Sibillini, between the Priora and Castel Marnardo mountains, the monumental sanctuary of the Madonna dell'Ambro, the most ancient place of Marian worship in the Marche and the second for importance after Loreto, was most likely erected around the year 1000 in the territory of Montefortino. This oasis of religious peace reopened its doors to the faithful for the Holy Mass on Christmas Eve in 2018, after being long closed due to the damage caused by the ruinous 2016 earthquake.

After the visit to the church you can take a pleasant walk alongside the nearby Ambro stream, from which the sanctuary takes its name. Return to the hotel in Sarnano, dinner and overnight stay.

TREKKING TO LAME ROSSE AND RELAX AT FIASTRA LAKE - DAY 3

After breakfast we will reach the dam on Fiastra Lake and from there start on our trekking path to Lame Rosse, accompanied by an environmental hiking guide.

Called the "Grand Canyon of the Marche", Fiastra Lame Rosse (Red Blades) is one of the most famous and fascinating places in the Sibillini Mountains and beyond.

The Lame Rosse are formations in the shape of pinnacles and towers consisting of gravel held together by clay and silts, formed thanks to the erosion of atmospheric agents.



TREKKING AT THE GOLA DEL FURLO, ACQUALAGNA, PIOBBICO

- DAY 3

After breakfast, meet your hiking environmental guide to start your trekking tour at the Gola del Furlo (Furlo Gorge).

An interesting route from Passo del Furlo to the refuge of the same name, crossing a wild and unspoiled environment and offering magnificent panoramic views of the gorge below.

At the end of the route, you will reach Acqualagna and have lunch in a typical restaurant with a menu based on truffles.

In the early afternoon, guided tour of the Truffle Museum, at the discovery of the truffle universe on a path divided into three sections, each associated with an experimental interpretation key.

Then we will reach the small village of Piobbico to admire the Brancaleoni Castle, built in the 13th century, remodeled and transformed into a splendid Renaissance residence during the 16th century. The castle has recently been restored.

At the end of the visit, pleasant walk through the alleys of the village.

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

THE MARMITTE DEI GIGANTI BY CANOE, FOSSOMBRONE, SENIGALLIA

- DAY 4

After breakfast we will return to the Gola del Furlo, this time to canoe the Marmitte dei Giganti (the Giants' Potholes).

The excursion winds through a deep canyon known for its particular morphology, that shows circular wells dug by the rush of the Metauro river.

The up to 30 meters high rock walls highlight the white flint limestones that tell a millions years old geological history and become a suggestive natural scenery, unique in its kind.

Crossing the canyon by canoe allows you to admire it from a different perspective that offers breathtaking views, plays of light and shadows, endless echoes. The total duration of the excursion is about two hours.

The adventure continues to the nearby Furlo where a short walk will take you to one of Marche most spectacular panoramic views, where your gaze lingers between infinity and the amazing gorge. Free lunch.

In the afternoon visit to the village of Fossombrone.

Medieval center lying on the slope of a hill, dominated by the ruins of the Malatesta fortress, Fossombrone is a smaller Urbino, thanks to its characteristic architecture and to its having been under the power of the Montefeltro for a long time.

The old town main attractions are Corso Garibaldi noble palaces, the church of St Frances and the Cathedral, as well as the Palazzo Ducale with its high court.

Then you will reach the city of Ancona, stopping at Senigallia for a last pleasant walk.

In the evening, arrival at the hotel in the Ancona area, dinner and overnight stay.



CONERO TREKKING RING AND THE CAVES OF CAMERANO

- DAY 5

After breakfast, meeting with your environmental trekking guide to start on a tour of the Mount Conero.

Immersed in the atmosphere of the Mediterranean scrub, a hiking loop will make you discover the many sites of historical and environmental interest on the Conero promontory: the Abbey of San Pietro with its beautiful crypt, the caves dug in Roman times, the enigmatic rock carvings and of course the breathtaking views of the white cliff plunging into the Adriatic Sea, such as the Southern Belvedere and the Path of the wolf (Passo del Lupo) overlooking the famous Beach of the two Sisters (Due Sorelle). Free lunch.

In the afternoon guided tour of the town of Camerano or rather of its Underground city, carved with labyrinthine pattern in the sandstone along the basement of the old town.

For a long time the many tunnels were believed to be but the remains of ancient sandstone quarries or places to store wine.

The explorations and studies carried out, however, revealed the presence in almost all areas of architectural embellishments (carvings, vaults, decorated columns) not suitable for quarries or simple cellars.

After the tour you will have chance to take a leisurely stroll in Portonovo, well-known tourist and seaside resort on the Conero Riviera, facing the homonymous bay.

Return to the hotel in the Ancona area, dinner and overnight.

ANCONA - DAY 6

After breakfast, guided tour of the city of Ancona, settled by the Greeks who named it "Ankon" (elbow); the ancient Ancona in fact stands on a promontory shaped like a bent elbow, offering a perfect natural shelter to its port.

The visit will begin from the millenary Cathedral of San Ciriaco which rises in a scenic position at the top of the Guasco hill, then you will go down the Lazzaretto (Lazaret Hospital), also known as Mole Vanvitelliana, from the name of its architect Luigi Vanvitelli (Van Wittel).

It stands on an artificial pentagonal island located in the port.

Inside the Mole we will visit the Omero Museum one of the few tactile museums in the world.

Free lunch and end of services

FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER
5 NIGHTS / 6 DAYS

TREKKING - CULTURE - TASTE ITINERARY

HOTEL BASE IN FANO, FOSSOMBRONE, ANCONA

FANO - DAY 1

In the afternoon visit to Fano, region Marche third most populous city after Ancona and Pesaro, famous for its carnival, one of the oldest and most famous in Italy. We will start with a pleasant walk to discover the Roman Fano, with the Arch of Augustus (the gateway to the Roman city) and then continue towards the Augustean Walls, also built as a part of the important monumental project of the city of Augustan period and preserved for about two thirds of their original extension. Then it will be the turn of the Malatesta Fortress (Rocca), standing at the north-eastern end of the ancient Roman walled town.

The complex has a quadrangular plan with three sides - including the one where the entrance is protected by a moat. Currently, after restoration, large-scale events and shows are held in summer in the lawned courtyard of the Rocca, hosting up to 800 seats.

Then we will visit the Teatro della Fortuna (theater of Fortune), located inside the fourteenth-century Palazzo del Podestà, and admire the nineteenth-century historical sipario (theater curtain) that depicts an imaginary entrance of the Emperor Caesar Octavian Augustus into the ancient Colonia Iulia Fanestris. The visit will continue with the former church of San Francesco, a unique and suggestive open-air monument, roofless since the 1930 earthquake.

Certainly one of Fano's most beautiful monumental complexes, the former church of St Frances has a medieval origin, but was completely modified in the nineteenth century.

In the evening, arrival at the hotel in Fano, dinner and overnight stay.

GRADARA AND URBINO - DAY 2

After breakfast we will reach the village of Gradara. The town has been included among the most beautiful villages in Italy and is known for its historic Malatesta Fortress, which together with its fortified village and its walls is a characteristic example of medieval architecture. Free walk through the center of Gradara with the possibility of a guided tour of the castle, one of the best preserved in Italy.

In addition, the two walls that protect the fortress, the outermost extending for almost 800 meters, contribute to making it one of the most impressive of the peninsula.

The Castle stands on a hill 142 meters above sea level. The keep - the so called "mastio" main tower, rises as up as 30 meters, dominating the entire valley. Free lunch.

In the early afternoon we will reach Urbino, UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1998, one of the most important centers of the Italian Renaissance, of which it fully preserves the architectural heritage.

Guided tour of the most important sites of the city:

- the Palazzo Ducale - a small fortified city commissioned by Federico da Montefeltro and built from 1444

- the National Gallery of the Marche: about 80 rooms of the Duke's Palace transformed into a museum. The collection includes works of art created between the 14th and the 17th century, mainly paintings but including furniture, sculptures, tapestries and drawings as well. The main works are located on the first floor, in the apartments where the Duke and his family lived. In the Duke's Apartment there are two famous masterpieces by Piero della Francesca: the Flagellation of Christ and the Madonna of Senigallia.

The Oratory of San Giovanni is also worth a visit: one might be deceived by the banal Gothic facade built in the early 1900s, but the true masterpiece of the Oratory, well hidden beyond the entrance door and painted on the walls, is the frescoed cycle by the Salimbeni brothers, Lorenzo and Jacopo, from San Severino (about 1400), the most important interpreters of the late Gothic in the Marche region. In the evening, arrival at the hotel in Fossombrone, dinner and overnight stay.



The trail you will follow, a round trip, is suitable even for unskilled tourists; you start on a dirt road and then walk mainly in the shade of an holm oak forest, where the road turns into a pleasant path.

After lunch at a farmhouse, you will reach the nearby Fiastra Lake and enjoy a free afternoon of relax.

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

TREKKING RING ON THE PIANI DI RAGNOLO - DAY 4

After breakfast we will reach the nearby locality of Baite di Ragnolo and from there we will start our trekking ring on the Piani di Ragnolo accompanied by our environmental hiking guide.

Located at 1,500 meters above sea level, on the plateau of Piani di Ragnolo, this trail is characterized in its first part by woods populated by roe deer, then by the breathtaking landscapes of this panoramic natural balcony over the Marche.

In May / June you walk among an incredible multicoloured blooming carpet of orchids, violets, peonies and gentians that make the Piani di Ragnolo one of the places with the greatest floristic richness in the Region.

You will be fascinated by a panorama spreading from the sharp, over 2,000 meters high peaks of Mount Priora, Pizzo Tre Vescovi and Pizzo Berro to the soft hills of the Marche and finally to the Adriatic Sea.

Free lunch during the excursion.

End of services.



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- ON A 2 PAX BASIS:

BASIC FEE - EURO 250

The fee includes : nr. 3 nights half board in a double / twin room; medical / baggage insurance.

SILVER FEE - EURO 340

The fee includes : nr. 3 nights half board in a double / twin room; lunch in a restaurant on the second day; guided trekking to the Lame Rosse on the third day; medical / baggage insurance.

GOLD FEE - EURO 470

The fee includes : nr. 3 nights half board in a double / twin room; lunch in a restaurant on the second day; guided trekking to the Lame Rosse and lunch in a restaurant on the third day; guided trekking on the fourth day; medical / baggage insurance.

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ON REQUEST:

- Single room supplement
- Optional insurance against cancellation penalties



MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAIL FROM AMANDOLA

- DAY 4

Breakfast at the hotel. Day dedicated to a 5-hour route (elevation gain 1300 meters) with a cycling guide. You will reach the historic center of Amandola.

From there you will ride a technical loop from Amandola to the Campolungo plateau, then descend to the Great Ring of the Sibillini.

Route recommended for technically trained and prepared riders or accessible for everyone on e-bikes.

Free lunch and end of services.



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- ON A 2 PAX BASE:

BASIC FEE - EURO 240

The fee includes : no. 3 nights half board with drinks included, accommodation in a double / twin room; medical / baggage insurance.

SILVER FEE - EURO 370

The fee includes : no. 3 nights half board with drinks included, accommodation in a double / twin room; no. 1 day with cycle tour guide; medical / baggage insurance.

GOLD FEE - EURO 620

The fee includes : no. 3 nights half board with drinks not included, accommodation in a double / twin room; no. 3 days with cycle tour guide; medical / baggage insurance.

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ON REQUEST:

- Single room supplement
- Optional insurance against cancellation penalties

FROM JUNE TO OCTOBER
3 NIGHTS / 4 DAYS

MTB ITINERARY IN THE HEART OF THE SIBILLINI

BASE HOTEL SARNANO

SARNANO - DAY 1

In the afternoon visit to the charming small medieval village of Sarnano which became an autonomous municipality in the second half of the thirteenth century and still preserves several buildings of historical importance.

The old center of Sarnano is perched on top of a hill and mainly built with bricks, and this lands the village its very peculiar feature: it is still shaped like a "castrum", a round fortified village. Overlooking the Piazza Alta you will see Palazzo dei Priori, Palazzo del Popolo with its theater, the Teatro della Vittoria, Palazzo del Podestà and the romanesque church of Santa Maria di Piazza, preserving remarkable artworks.

Do not miss the Cascatelle di Sarnano: these are three suggestive waterfalls not far from the historic center, connected by an itinerary that has taken the name of Via delle Cascate Perdute (path of the lost waterfalls).

In fact, two of these three jumps of the Tennacola stream remained long hidden by vegetation and only came back to light in 2020. It is an easy, just under 6 km long itinerary, with very little elevation gain (80 meters on average) and only one short steep slope before the Antico Molino waterfall.

In the evening, accommodation in a hotel in Sarnano, dinner and overnight stay. In the evening, accommodation in a hotel in Sarnano, dinner and overnight stay.

MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAIL FROM SARNANO

- DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel. Day dedicated to a 6 hours route (elevation gain 1200 meters) with cycling guide. We will start from the historic center of Sarnano and, following a path with breathtaking views, we will reach the Ragnolo plains.

Here you will cycle a small panoramic ring on the plateau. Route recommended for trained people, or accessible for everyone on e-bikes. Free lunch.

Return to the hotel in Sarnano, dinner and overnight.

MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAIL FROM AMANDOLA

- DAY 3 W

Breakfast at the hotel. Day dedicated to a 6 hours route (elevation gain 1200 meters) with a cycling guide. You will reach the historic center of Amandola. From there you will cycle towards Garulla and Pintura di Bolognola, to come up at Monte Amandola.

Route recommended for trained people, or accessible for everyone on e-bikes. Free lunch.

Return to the hotel in Sarnano, dinner and overnight.



FROM MAY TO OCTOBER
4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS

FAMILY-ACTIVE ITINERARY

BASE HOTEL ZONA ANCONA/GENGA

ANCONA - DAY 1

In the early afternoon guided tour of the city of Ancona, settled by the Greeks who named it "Ankon" (elbow); the ancient Ancona in fact stands on a promontory shaped like a bent elbow, offering a perfect natural protection to the port.

The visit will begin from the millenary Cathedral of San Ciriaco which rises in a spectacular location at the top of the Guasco hill, then you will go down to the Lazzaretto (Lazaret hospital) of Ancona, also known as Mole Vanvitelliana from the name of its architect Luigi Vanvitelli (van Wittel). It stands on an artificial pentagonal island located in the port. Inside the Mole we will visit the Omero Museum, one of the few tactile museums existing in the world.

In the evening, arrival at our hotel in the Ancona area, dinner and overnight stay.



THE RIVIERA DEL CONERO (BOAT EXCURSION), LORETO AND RECANATI - DAY 2

After breakfast we will leave for an exciting crewed boat excursion, that will reveal the Riviera del Conero in all its splendor.

We will start from Numana Tourist Port and sail along the coast admiring the beautiful beaches of Numana and Sirolo until arriving to the Sassi Neri (black stones) beach, then it will be the turn of the famous beach of the Due Sorelle (two sisters) with its two white sea stacks emerging from the sea. After a short stop at the Gabbiani (seagulls) beach, you will admire Portonovo with its Napoleonic Fortress, cross Mezzavalle bay and finally stop at the Trave beach, a natural underwater tongue that acts as a reef, creating an emerald green natural swimming pool where you will find it impossible not to dive.



Back on board, surrounded by that fantastic and relaxing panorama, an aperitif based on drinks and snacks awaits you, to recover lost energy. Duration of the excursion: 3 and a half hours. Free lunch.

Afternoon wholly dedicated to a guided tour of two "pearls" of region Marche: Loreto and Recanati.

In Loreto we will visit the outstanding Renaissance architectural complex of the Basilica of the Holy House, one of the main places of Marian worship and one of the most important and visited Marian shrines in the Catholic world. Afterwards we will reach Recanati, birthplace to the famous poet Giacomo Leopardi; we will visit his noble residence, with its library, the reception rooms, the garden, the poet's apartments and the Leopardi museum. At the end of the visit we will take a walk through a Leopardian place par excellence: the garden on the "lonely hill" of the "Infinity" poem.

Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.



Free lunch during the excursion and grand finale in the tavern with a zero kilometer super snack entirely dedicated to the most typical flavors of the Sibillini Mountains.

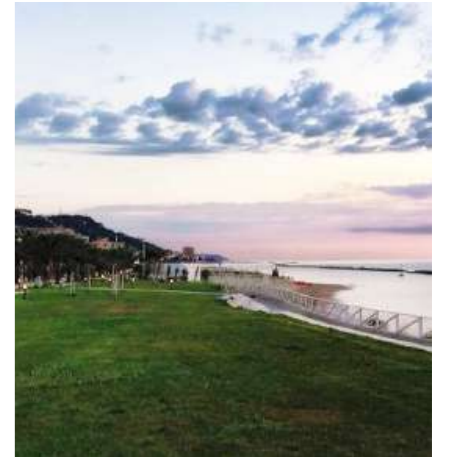
Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

SUN, SEASIDE AND GROTTAMMARE - DAY 5

A day to relax on the sand of the beaches of the Riviera of the Palms. You will spend the morning diving and sunbathing. Free lunch.

In the afternoon visit of the village of Grottammare from the seafront to the old town on top of the hill.

We will start from the early 1900s atmospheres of the characteristic Art Nouveau villas along the seafront to conclude our tour with the splendid views of the medieval historic bourg. End of services.



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

- ON A 2 PAX BASIS:

BASIC FEE - EURO 240

The fee includes: nr. 4 nights half board in a double / twin room; medical / baggage insurance.

SILVER FEE - EURO 370

The fee includes: nr. 4 nights half board in a double / twin room, guided trekking tour on the third day with a snack based on typical local products; snack in an inn dedicated to the most typical flavors of the Sibillini Mountains on the fourth day; medical / baggage insurance.

GOLD FEE - EURO 560

The fee includes: nr. 4 nights half board in a double / twin room; guided trekking tour to the summit of the Sibyl mountain on the second day; guided trekking tour with snack based on typical local products on the third day; guided trekking tour to Lake Pilato with a snack in an inn on the fourth day; medical / baggage insurance.

THE RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

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ON REQUEST:

- Single room supplement
- Optional insurance against cancellation penalties

FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER
4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS

TREKKING AND SEA

THE VILLAGE OF MONTEFORTINO - DAY 1

In the afternoon visit to the small village of Montefortino, with its still intact medieval structure. In the evening, arrival at the hotel in Montefortino, dinner and overnight stay.

TREKKING TO THE TOP OF MONTE SIBILLA, THE VILLAGE OF MONTEMONACO - DAY 2

Breakfast in the hotel and meeting with our environmental hiking guide. Following a path that is a must-see for hikers in the chain of the Sibillini Mountains, you will walk at high altitude on the splendid ridge of Mount Zampa, with a view of the Gola dell 'Infernaccio (Throat of the Hell), the Mount Vettore and the Valley of Lake Pilato, until you reach the mythical Grotta della Sibilla (Cave of the Sibyl), a place of worship in the Picene age and a destination for Middle Ages adventurers, knights and necromancers; then, at an altitude of 2173 meters, we will conquer the summit, which gives its name to the Sibillini chain. Free lunch during the excursion. In the afternoon visit to the mountain village of Montemonaco, with its Sibyl and Diocesan Museums.

Return to the hotel in Montefortino. Dinner and overnight stay.

SIBILLINI TRAILS AND CHEESES, THE SMALL VILLAGES OF SMERILLO AND MONTEFALCONE APPENNINO - DAY 3

For centuries the Sibillini Mountains have been the chosen place for flocks thanks to their green pastures and high-altitude grasslands. After breakfast we will walk with our environmental hiking guide in the sight of the legendary peaks between "carrarecce" (cart tracks), paths and mountain villages. Free lunch during the excursion. In the afternoon we will visit the small villages of Smerillo and Montefalcone Appennino. Of Roman origin, both villages are located on the top of a cliff between the Aso and Tenna valleys, and grant breathtaking views of the Sibillini and Laga Mountains. To end your day, at an excellent diary farm, you will enjoy a tasty snack with ricotta (whey cheese), stracchinato (soft cheese) and aged cheeses. Return to the hotel in Montefortino, dinner and overnight stay.

TREKKING TO LAKE PILATO - DAY 4

After breakfast, meeting with the environmental hiking guide and beginning of the very classic trekking trail among the most famous mountains of the Sibillini. From the small mountain village of Foce di Montemonaco you will walk towards the legendary Lake of Pilato.

You will leave from the small mountain village of Foce di Montemonaco and walk towards the legendary Lake of Pilato: welcomed in the spectacular natural amphitheater of a narrow glacial valley bordered by the highest peaks of the Sibillini - Mount Carrier, Pizzo del Diavolo (Peak of the Devil) and Cima del Redentore (Redeemer Peak) - you will reach the only lake of glacial origin in the Marche, a magical and mysterious place which was the destination of pilgrimages and travels of magicians and necromancers during the Middle Ages.

The presence here, and nowhere else in the world, of the Chirocefalo dei Marchesoni (a small red shrimp surviving the last glaciation) makes this environment unique. Your guide will tell you of the many legends that still linger in these places, and explain the naturalistic miracle of the Chirocefalo, a real living fossil that swims in the waters of the lake.

THE CAVES OF CAMERANO, FABRIANO - DAY 3

After breakfast, we will reach the nearby Camerano for a guided tour of the caves.

The caves of Camerano or rather, the underground city of Camerano is a complex excavated in the sandstone and running with a labyrinthine pattern under the old town. For a long time the many tunnels were believed to be but the remains of ancient sandstone quarries or places to store wine. The explorations and the studies carried out, however, revealed the presence in almost all areas of architectural embellishments (carvings, vaults, decorated columns) not suitable for quarries or simple cellars. Free lunch.

In the early afternoon we will reach Fabriano, a small Marche city awarded in 2013 the title of Creative City of UNESCO in the category "Handicrafts, folk arts and popular traditions",

mainly due to its historical handmade paper production.

After a short walk through the old town, we will pay a visit to the Paper and Watermark Museum, housed inside the former Convent of the Dominicans. The museum hands down the centuries-old tradition of paper production that makes Fabriano unique in Europe. The exhibition also includes a very important collection of ancient and modern watermarks: during the tour, in addition to watching a video on the history of paper, the visitor is offered a practical demonstration of the production of paper by hand under the guide of master paper makers. At the end of the visit you will enjoy a tasty aperitif based on Fabriano salami, beer and aged honey.

In the evening, arrival at the hotel in Genga, dinner and overnight stay.



GENGA AND THE ADVENTURE PARK, THE CASTLE OF FRONTONE, THE MONASTERY OF FONTE AVELLANA - DAY 4

After breakfast, free morning in the recently upgraded and retooled "Frasassi Adventure" park of Genga, which develops in the Gola della Rossa and Frasassi protected green area, located along the banks of the Sentino river. It is the ideal place for those who want to spend a day outdoors immersed in nature and have fun in total safety on the 5 adventure trails for adults and children.

Free lunch. In the afternoon we will reach the small village of Frontone and visit the Castle, a border fortification guarding the territory that the Romans crossed to reach the Adriatic which was the last fortress of the Duchy of Montefeltro between the 15th and 16th centuries.

Frontone is surrounded by a magnificent natural setting from the top of which your view can reach as far as Monte Nerone, San Marino and the Adriatic sea. At the end we will visit the Monastery of Fonte Avellana, located on the wooded slopes of Mount Catria, 700 meters above sea level. Its origins go back to the end of the 10th century, around 980, when some hermits chose to build here the first cells of a hermitage which over the centuries would grow to become the current monastery.

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



THE FRASASSI CAVES, THE VALADIER TEMPLE AND THE INFRASAXA SANCTUARY, PIROSARA, ARCEVIA - DAY 5

After breakfast, we will reach the Frasassi Caves.

One of Marche jewels, the Frasassi Caves are an underground karst cave system; the complex is made up of a huge set of underground chambers the first of which, the Ancona Abyss, can be easily visited by the public. It is a huge cavity with an extension of 180 x 120 m and a height of 200 m, so large that it could easily contain the Cathedral of Milan.

Our guided tour of the complex (tourist route) lasts approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Upon request and by reservation, it is possible to carry out a speleological visit with a specialized guide. At the end of the visit, following a path not far from the cave entrance,

you will be able to reach on foot the Temple of Valadier, an octagonal sanctuary in neoclassical style built under Pope Leo XII by the famous architect Giuseppe Valadier.

Nestled between the rocky walls of the mountain, its beauty is enhanced by the naturalistic context that surrounds it: the white color of the travertine marble with which it is entirely built shines even more candid in the shadow of the cave; the lead dome that covers it seems more imposing because it almost touches the rock above; the statue of the Virgin and Child in white Carrara marble by Antonio Canova, placed on the altar inside, is even more precious because it is inserted in such an impressive context.

Walking a path of about 800 meters uphill, you can also admire the small "Infrasaxa" sanctuary, a place of great spirituality leaning against a rocky wall of the cave that contains the Valadier Temple. Free lunch. In the afternoon we will visit the tiny medieval fortified village of Piosara with its walls, its gates, and the superb tower which had the dual function of watch and defense. Here you can enjoy a charming panoramic view from the top of the hill.

You cannot miss a visit to the abbey of San Vittore delle Chiuse, perfectly set in a natural setting. To close the tour with a flourish, a short walk through the old town of Arcevia, a medieval village still surrounded by its nine castles. End of services.





FROM MAY TO SEPTEMBER
2 NIGHTS / 3 DAYS

THE RIVIERA DEL CONERO

ANCONA - DAY 1

In the early afternoon guided tour of the city of Ancona, settled by the Greeks who named it "Ankon" (elbow); the ancient Ancona in fact stands on a promontory shaped like a bent elbow, offering a perfect natural shelter to its port.

The visit will begin from the millenary Cathedral of San Ciriaco which rises in a spectacular position at the top of the Guasco hill, then you will go down the Lazzaretto (Lazaret hospital) of Ancona, also known as Mole Vanvitelliana, from the name of the architect who built it, the famous Luigi Vanvitelli (Van Wittel).

It stands on an artificial pentagonal island located in the port.

Inside the Mole you will visit the Homer Museum, one of the few tactile museums in the world.

In the evening, arrival at the hotel in the Ancona area, dinner and overnight stay.

CONERO TREKKING RING OF MONTE CONERO, THE CAVES OF CAMERANO - DAY 2

After breakfast, meeting with your environmental trekking guide to start on a tour of the Mount Conero. Immersed in the atmosphere of the Mediterranean scrub, a hiking loop will make you discover the many sites of historical and environmental interest on the Conero promontory: the Abbey of San Pietro with its beautiful crypt, the caves dug in Roman times, the enigmatic rock carvings and of course the breathtaking views of the white cliff plunging into the Adriatic Sea, such as the Southern Belvedere and the Path of the wolf (Passo del Lupo) overlooking the famous Beach of the two Sisters (Due Sorelle). Free lunch. In the afternoon guided tour of the town of Camerano or rather of its Underground city, carved with labyrinthine pattern in the sandstone along the basement of the old town. For a long time the many tunnels were believed to be but the remains of ancient sandstone quarries or places to store wine.

The explorations and studies carried out, however, revealed the presence in almost all areas of architectural embellishments (carvings, vaults, decorated columns) not suitable for quarries or simple cellars.

After the tour you will have the chance to take a leisurely stroll in Portonovo, well-known tourist and seaside resort on the Conero Riviera, facing the homonymous bay. Return to the hotel in the Ancona area, dinner and overnight.

THE RIVIERA DEL CONERO BY BOAT

- DAY 3

After breakfast we will leave for an exciting crewed boat excursion, that will reveal the Riviera del Conero in all its splendor. We will start from Numana Tourist Port and sail along the coast admiring the beautiful beaches of Numana and Sirolo until reaching the Sassi Neri (black stones) beach, then it will be the turn of the famous beach of the Due Sorelle (two sisters) with its two white sea stacks emerging from the sea and finally we will make a short stop to visit the Gabbiani beach.

Free lunch and end of services.



INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES - ON A 2 PAX BASIS:

BASIC FEE - EURO 290

The fee includes: nr. 4 nights half board in a double / twin room; medical / baggage insurance.

SILVER FEE - EURO 410

The fee includes: nr. 4 nights half board in a double / twin room; guided tour of the city of Ancona (entrance fees not included); the boat trip on the Conero Riviera with aperitif on board; medical / baggage insurance.

GOLD FEE - EURO 550

The fee includes: nr. 4 nights half board in a double / twin room; the guided tour of the city of Ancona (entrance fees not included); boat trip on the Conero Riviera with aperitif on board; guided tour of Loreto and Recanati (admissions not included); entrance and guided tour of the caves of Camerano; entrance and visit to the Frasassi caves; aperitif based on Fabriano salami, beer and aged honey on the third day; medical / baggage insurance.

THE RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

meals not mentioned, drinks at the meals; admissions where not specified and anything not mentioned under the heading "the fee includes".

UPON REQUEST:

- Single room supplement
- Optional insurance against cancellation penalties

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEES - ON A 2 PAX BASIS:

BASIC FEE - EURO 125

The fee includes: nr. 2 nights half board in a double / twin room; medical / baggage insurance.

SILVER FEE - EURO 230

The fee includes: nr. 2 nights half board in a double / twin room; guided tour of the city of Ancona (entrance fees not included); boat trip on the Conero Riviera; medical / baggage insurance.

GOLD FEE - EURO 340

The fee includes: nr. 2 nights half board in a double / twin room; guided tour of the city of Ancona (entrance fees not included); Conero loop trekking with environmental guide; entrance and guided tour of the caves of Camerano; boat trip on the Conero Riviera; medical / baggage insurance.

THE RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

meals not mentioned, drinks at the meals; admissions where not specified and anything not mentioned in the heading "the fee includes".

ON REQUEST:

- Single room supplement
- Optional insurance against cancellation penalties travel cancellation