



VITA ITALIAN TOURS

## LE MARCHE IN AUTUMN

Departure:

24 September - 28 September 2021

(5 days/4 nights)

The tour provides an excellent opportunity to experience the life in Italy's best kept secret tourist destination Le Marche Region in the full splendour in Autumn. Autumn is one of the best times to visit Italy with truffles and mushrooms in season and it is the time of wine and olive harvests. The tour leads you to fascinating hill towns vibrant with daily life surrounded by beautiful countryside. You will leisurely wander through cobbled streets and magnificent town *piazze*. The relaxed itinerary will allow time to enjoy daily life along the Adriatic.

The tour begins in the City of Pesaro in Le Marche Region. From this base, guided day trips are organised to historical towns such as Urbino, San Marino and San Leo. One of the highlights will be a day in the Medieval town of Urbania for a unique cooking demonstration accompanied by a degustation lunch at an award winning *osteria*.

You will have the possibility to experience the excellent hospitality of this beautiful Region which rivals its neighbours with an abundance of traditional local food and wine. You will enjoy leisurely lunches and special dinners in traditional restaurants and *trattorie*.

This tour gives you the opportunity to enjoy the Autumn season when the Region is alive with spectacular Autumn colours.

### Detailed Itinerary

**Day 1 Pesaro (D)** The City of Pesaro is a charming town situated on the Adriatic Coast: nestled against a backdrop of ancient hill towns and castles. Your guides will meet you in the foyer of the hotel at 5:00pm for a guided walking tour of the historical centre of the city. Dinner at the hotel.

**Day 2 Pesaro/Urbino (BL)** Today after breakfast we explore the land once ruled by the lords of Montefeltro. The day is devoted to visiting Urbino, one of Italy's most fascinating towns of the Renaissance. It is also the birthplace of Raphael. A conducted tour of the magnificent Ducal Palace, which houses the *Galleria Nazionale delle Marche* with its precious paintings by Piero della Francesca, Tiziano, Paolo Uccello and Raphael. Lunch is organised in Urbino in a traditional restaurant serving delicious local produce and wine. Free evening in Pesaro.

**Day 3 Pesaro/San Marino/San Leo (BL)** Today after breakfast at the hotel, we travel just over the Le Marche border to the tiny Republic of San Marino. San Marino claims to be the oldest state and constitutional republic in the world and is also worth a visit for its history, pageantry and its magnificent hilltop setting, offering excellent views of the surrounding countryside. After a walking tour of the historical centre, there will be some free time to explore the small streets of this enchanting city state as San Marino is jam packed with heavily discounted duty-free shops. We then travel to San Leo with its ancient fortress perched on sheer cliffs. We will have a rest in the beautiful town square where we will have lunch and taste the delicious *formaggio di fossa*: a cheese walled up in rock caves to mature for months. Free evening in Pesaro.

**Day 4 Pesaro/Urbania (BL)** After breakfast the group will experience an unforgettable day. We travel to the historical city of Urbania where the group will be guests of highly renowned chefs Donatella and Giorgio from their award winning *osteria*. The morning will be taken up with a series of cooking demonstrations on local cuisine and followed by a degustation lunch. It will be a memorable experience tasting fabulous local food and wine in a beautiful country setting. Free evening in Pesaro.

**Day 5 Pesaro (B)** The tour ends after breakfast.

## Items included in the Tour

- All land travel in air-conditioned mini buses.
- Accommodation for 5 nights in a 4 Star hotel in Pesaro.
- 4 breakfasts.
- 3 lunches.
- 1 dinner (meals include special lunches and dinners in traditional local restaurants and *trattorie* as detailed in the itinerary).
- Regional wines and mineral water served with meals.
- Admission to all galleries, museums and historical sites included in the itinerary.
- Personally guided tours of all the towns mentioned in the itinerary.

## Items not included

- Airfares.
- Travel insurance (it is compulsory for every traveller to have taken out a travel insurance policy in order to partake on a Vita Italian Tours). If you require, we can assist in organising a policy for you.
- Admission fees to places other than those specifically itemised in the itinerary.
- Meals on tour except when specifically mentioned in the itinerary.
- Drinks outside normal mealtimes or additional wine and other drinks in restaurants such as Tea & Coffee.
- Personal transport costs, phone calls and other personal needs.
- Accommodation Tax.

## Cost

The cost of the tour, land content only, is **AUD \$2,808** per person in twin share accommodation. **A deposit of AUD \$500** is required to reserve a place on the tour which is not refundable unless the tour is cancelled. The full balance is due 90 days before departure. **Single supplements** are available at an additional cost of **AUD \$350**. **The tour** is costed on a minimum of 6 and maximum of 14 people travelling on tour.

**We recommend that you carefully read the terms & conditions applying to a Vita Italian Tour. Please refer to the Booking Page of our website [vitaitaliantours.com.au/bookings/](http://vitaitaliantours.com.au/bookings/)**

## Additional information

**The weather** in September: it is the beginning of autumn. It can still get warm during the day however the evenings are cool. We recommend light, conformable clothing, a light jacket with your favourite walking shoes. We do not place age limitations on the tour and welcome anyone with a moderate level of physical fitness. It is important to note that the countryside is undulating and hilly. Many hill-towns have their historical centres closed to traffic and therefore lots of walking is required. Be expected to spend a few hours a day at a time on your feet with breaks for sightseeing, coffee and a taste of the local produce.

**The program** appears to be full; however, it is mixed with long restful lunches and leisure time for your enjoyment and comfort.

**If you need to, you can always take time off from the organised program.**

## For further information

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