



ABRUZZO, MARCHE, UMBRIA \$ 2,795 PP Land PKG

September 28- October 5th, 2020

****** Departure from the USA, on Sunday September 27 - 2020 with overnight flight

PROGRAM

Day 1, Monday

You will be arriving at Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) in Rome. Chef Walter will be waiting for you at the Terminal with our luxury bus. We will travel to Villa Susanna degli Ulivi in the town of Colonnella, Abruzzo. The travel time is about 3 ½ hours. Welcoming cocktails followed by check-in. We will give you some free time to enjoy the territory and get acquainted with your surroundings. The dinner in the evening at Villa Susanna will be coordinated by Chef Walter and local Chefs. Overnight lodging at Villa Susanna Hotel

Inclusions: Travel / Welcoming Cocktail Reception / Full Dinner with local wines Lodging at Villa Susanna our home.



Day 2, Tuesday

Morning continental breakfast is served in the hotel dining room. Scheduled departure toward the Castle of Semivicoli, located in the Masciarelli Winery Estate, with approximate travel time of about 2 hours. We will have a sumptuous lunch Called "Habits & Virtues of the Baron". The estate will offer 5 Masciarelli wines matched with antipasti, local extra virgin olive oil and other delicacies, and will be held in the wine cellar (bottaia). We will then visit the castle of Semivicoli with all of its historical treasures. In late afternoon we'll depart for Villa Susanna degli Ulivi Hotel. Little break and dinner based on METRO STYLE PIZZA AT L'Antico Portone in the nearby town of Tortoreto. This place is one of the best we have found anywhere in the region. The restaurant –pizzeria is located in a charming borgo with delightful pizza and service.

Overnight lodging at Hotel Villa Susanna

Inclusions: Breakfast / Travel / Masciarelli Winery Tasting Experience / Lunch Full Dinner on sumptuous pizza with local wines / Lodging

Day 3 Wednesday

Morning continental breakfast is served in the hotel dining room. We will depart to visit 1 (one) prominent winery in the territory which has been at the Top Wine list in Italian Guides in the past 10 years. We will stop and see the Ciu Ciu Winery located in the lovely town of Offida in the Marche region. Degustation of 5 wines, with some great local rustic bread and cured specialties all drizzled with extra virgin produced locally. After the tasting we will travel to the town of Mosciano Sant'Angelo, Chef Walters's birthplace. We will have lunch there with food prepared by the Social Group "ACTIVE LADIES", a group of female residents who specialize in charity and social activities in the territory. The lunch will feature the cuisine of the town of which I am so proud of and will be followed by a visit to the lovely middle Ages town. Time permitting will have a presentation of the history of Mosciano, followed by espresso and fine pastry visit to Pastry Emporium Gran Noblesse, to lift our energy. Return to Villa Susanna, followed by a well-deserved break, and specialty dinner in the evening.

Overnight lodging at Hotel Villa Susanna

Inclusions: Breakfast / Travel / Wine Tasting Experiences / Lunch / Espresso & Pastry break / Full Dinner with local wines / Lodging at Villa Susanna



Day 4, Thursday

Morning continental breakfast is served in the hotel dining room. In this history day, we will travel to the city of Ascoli Piceno in the Marche Region, about 40 minutes away. We will proceed with a historical tour of the old Roman City, followed by a Prosecco tasting at Historical Meletti Caffè in Piazza del Popolo. Lunch Marchigiano style at Il Locandiere in Ascoli Piceno. After lunch, departure toward Civitella del Tronto to visit the old fortress and the ancient borgo, (Some climbing is suggested). Return to Villa Susanna, break, Classic dinner at Restaurant PACO alle Scale, in Colonnella owned and operated by Patrizia Mancini.

Overnight lodging at Hotel Villa Susanna

Inclusions: Breakfast / Travel / Meletti Tasting /Lunch / Historic Site Pass Entrance / Full Dinner with local wines / Lodging

Day 5, Friday

Continental breakfast in the lobby-hotel followed by the departure to the sea city of San Benedetto del Tronto on the Adriatic shores in the Marche region, about 35 minutes ride. Visit to the maritime city, with a-must-stop to the outdoor market for mandatory shopping. The market is the focal point of reunion for many around the territory, and a place where the art of bargaining began. Lunch at hottest seafood restaurant in the area CHEFISH by Chef Alessio Pieralisi. In the afternoon we will return to Villa Susanna. Break with the possibility to visit the Borgo-town of Colonnella, about 1 mile away, or simply lounge around the Villa Susanna's grounds with a cocktail in your hands. Dinner at hotel with presentation by local experts on fresh gnocchi, and an olive oil seminar, combined with degustation of Local Biaggi wines from Abruzzo. Your participation in the class-seminar is optional. You can get your hands filled with flour, or just watch the mastery and rejoin us for dinner.

Overnight lodging at Villa Susanna

Pack your bags and check out.....we are moving tomorrow to Umbria!

Inclusions: breakfast / Travel / lunch / Pasta presentation / Full Dinner with local wines. Lodging



Day 6, Saturday (Gubbio)

Morning continental breakfast is served in the hotel dining room. We would like to have you up little earlier because we are moving to another region. Early departure toward the city of Gubbio in the Umbria Region with an approximate travel time of 3 1/2 hours. Check-in at the Mencarelli Properties Relais Ducale Hotel. Welcome cocktail, followed by a guided tour of the city often named "The Little Florence". Lunch on your own, or just browse the street food scene and pick something light. Free time to explore additional venues and to get acquainted with this truffle saturated city. In the evening you will be treated with a sublime dinner on typical Umbrian specialties and truffles along with Umbrian wines at Award-Winning La Taverna del Lupo the Tavern of the Wolf, one the finest establishment in Italy.

Inclusions: Breakfast / Travel / Welcome Reception / Guided Tour / Full Dinner with local wines lodging at Relais Ducale Gubbio

Day 7, Sunday (Gubbio)

Continental breakfast is served in the dining room of the hotel, followed by the departure toward Assisi. Visit to San Francis Basilica and its Franciscan surroundings, about 1 hour travel. Here you will admire some of the most emblematic history of the Catholic Church with its frescos and the deep sense of spirituality that permeates in the Holy Town. Afternoon departure toward the historical Borgo-town of Trevi which dates back to the 1300. Our lunch break will be at the farm setting of Locanda Castellina, where we will sample all Umbrian specialties. Visit stroll to the historical center. Return to Gubbio for the farewell dinner in late evening, hosted by L'Officina dei Sapori, one of the newest entry in picturesque Gubbio.

Inclusions: Breakfast / Travel / Full Dinner with local wines / Lodging at Relais Ducale Gubbio

Day 8, Monday Departure

Breakfast followed by early departure from Gubbio toward the (FCO) Leonardo da Vinci Airport for the return flights to the USA.

Inclusions: Breakfast / Travel to Airport Leonardo da Vinci (FCO)