

Discover Eastern Tuscany & Umbria

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Day 1 - DEPART - This evening we depart JFK aboard a wide body jet on our way to Rome

Day 2 – AREZZO – Arrive Rome and transfer to our hotel nearby Arezzo. Rest of the day is free. This evening welcome drink, dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 3 - PERUGIA/ASSISI – This morning we drive to Perugia, which traces its roots to the Etruscan times. We will visit Palazzo dei Priori which houses the National Gallery of Umbria and painters such as “Il Perugino” and “Piero della Francesca”. Afterward we visit the “Collegio del Cambio” full of “Il Perugino’s” masterpieces. We continue by viewing the Fontana Maggiore, the Gothic Cathedral and the Rocca Paolina. We continue to Assisi. St. Francis of Assisi was born here in 1182. We will admire the Basilica of St. Francis & the Piazza del Comune. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.



Day 4 – AREZZO - Morning sightseeing will include the Gothic Cathedral, the Romanesque Church of Santa Maria della Pieve, Magnificent Piazza Grande, The Church of St Francis with the famous fresco’s “History of the True Cross” by Piero della Francesca and the church San Domenico with Cimabue glorious crucifix. Today we will enjoy a delightful lunch at the “La Lancia d’Oro” restaurant located right on Arezzo most beautiful piazza, “Piazza Grande”. After lunch we will visit the prestigious and world renowned Uno-A-Erre gold factory. Your guided tour will include a visit to the production line, their museum and outlet center. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 –TODI/ORVIETO – Morning drive through the Umbrian countryside to picturesque Todi. Our visit will include the Gothic Priors’ Palace, the Gothic Palace of the Captain of the People, the Church of San Fortunato and the Cathedral. Continue to Orvieto where we will visit the Etruscan Necropoli, the magnificent Gothic Cathedral which include the Chapel of San Brizio is frescoed by Fra Angelico and with Luca Signorelli’s masterpiece, his *Last Judgment* and a stroll in the historical center. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 – CORTONA/LUNCH AGRITURISMO – This morning we travel to nearby Cortona, the charming Italian village made famous by Frances Mayes “Under The Tuscan Sun“. Sightseeing will include the Sanctuary of Santa Margherita where we can also enjoy a beautiful view over the Chiana Valley to the Trasimeno Lake. Walk downhill through historic Cortona to the Piazza della

Repubblica with the town hall. Visit to this splendid Etruscan museum and the Cortona market which is on the adjacent Piazza Signorelli on Saturdays. We then continue to Lucignano for a Tuscan lunch at a local agriturismo. Return to the hotel, balance of the day free. Dinner and overnight.

Day 7 – PIENZA/MONTALCINO/MONTEPULCIANO - Morning bus drive to Pienza, the Renaissance town of Pope Pius II, visiting the cathedral and the courtyard of the Pope’s palace, view over Orcia Valley to Mount Amiata. Continue to Montalcino, the hill town of the famous Brunello wine. Visit to the Medici fortress, then to the small town center with the town hall. Capuccino or Brunello stop at the beautiful art deco café “Fiaschetteria” in the main place. Afternoon continue to Montepulciano, the “Pearl of Renaissance“, visit to the temple church of “San Biagio“ (masterpiece of Antonio da Sangallo), walk through the oldest part of Montepulciano to “Piazza Grande“ and visit the cathedral, town hall and some noble palaces. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 – GUBBIO/SPOLETO – This morning we drive to Gubbio, a lovely Umbrian town full of medieval charm. We will visit the “Palazzo dei Consoli” housing the museum with the Etruscan Tablets. [The Iguvine Tablets were a series of seven bronze tablets discovered at Iguvium, contemporary Gubbio, in Italy in the year 1444. The earliest tablets were probably written in the 3rd century BC in the native Umbrian alphabet, the latest in the 1st century BC in the Latin alphabet]. Afterwards we will walk by the Palazzo Ducale, visit the Cathedral and the Fontana dei Matti. Continue to Spoleto. Spoleto is the host city of the Festival of Two Worlds; the historical center boasts imposing Roman remains, temples and amphitheatres together with the splendid Byzantine-style cathedral. We will visit the Cathedral and Towers Bridge. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 9 – RETURN USA – Today we make our way home with lifetime memories.