



"HIDDEN MASTERPIECES"
11th Edition of "Discover the
Marche" Tour
Italy May 25-30 2020

PROGRAM

Monday 25 May – Ancona

Participants' arrival at Ancona by 1 p.m.: check in at **** Hotel.

2 p.m. - Welcome cocktail



Following a brief presentation of the programme by the Club President Roberto Antonicelli . The walking tour of Ancona begins at 3.00 p.m : the Old Town, the Roman Amphitheatre, St Ciriaco's Cathedral (1000 A.D.), the Archaeological Museum, the Romanesque church of S. Maria della Piazza, Piazza Plebiscito, the church of St Domenico with paintings by Titian and Guercino, the Calamo Fountain, etc.
Return to the Hotel.

6.30 p.m. : Bus to Portonovo :Musical Show in Romanic Church of Holy Mary.

8.30.00 p.m. – Dinner at a typical Restaurant, in front of the beach.

Return to Hotel: overnight stay.

Tuesday 26 May – Ascoli Piceno - Marche South



After breakfast at Hotel, departure at 8.30 in a large tourer coach for the beautiful, historic town of Ascoli Piceno.

On arrival, a walking tour of the old centre, to see: the famous Piazza del Popolo (one of the most beautiful squares in Italy), the old Meletti Coffee House, Piazza Arringo, the Cathedral, the Ventidio Basso Theatre, the Roman Bridge (and its interior), etc.

Lunch at "Villa Picena", a typical restaurant where guests can enjoy the local cuisine, such as traditional Ascoli olives.

In the afternoon, a visit to the Medieval Town of Offida, which is famous for its traditional production of lace and fine wines.

Return to Ancona.

Free evening. Overnight stay at Hotel.

Wednesday 27 May – Marche and Nature



Breakfast at Hotel.

Departure at 8,30 for Fabriano, center of Art and History. Visit of historic centre and Museum of Carta and Filigrana. Lunch in typical restaurant "Old railway ".

3,00 p.m. Departure to Gola della Rossa and the splendid underground Frasassi Caves. The Caves, of karstic formation, are in area of the town of Genga. The complex consists of a series of caves of which the first, which can be visited using the current entrance, is the Abisso Ancona (Ancona Abyss). It

is 180 by 120 metres, reaching a height of 200 metres; in fact, it is over 2 million square metres and could easily contain Milan Cathedral.

Return to Ancona.

Free evening. Overnight stay at Hotel.

Thursday 28 may – Macerata



Breakfast at Hotel.

At 8.30 departure for the city of Macerata Marche, one of the most beautiful cities in the region, Visit of the historic Center: Palazzo Bonaccorsi (museum of carriages), the Sferisterio arena (unique outdoor theater of its kind, home of the Summer Opera Festival), Palazzo Ricci (Pinacoteca of modern art).

Free snack. This will be followed, in early afternoon, by a visit to Romanic Abbeys of Santa Maria at Pie' di Chienti and San Claudio.

Return to Ancona.

8 p.m. Rotary : Dinner at the “ Fortino Napoleonico “ at Portonovo, beautiful place on the sea coast of Marche; there will be, with the District Governor, a presentation of the participants and pennants will be exchanged.

Return to Hotel; overnight stay.

Friday 29 May – Urbino - Marche Nord



Breakfast at Hotel.

Departure at 8,30 for Urbino, one of the most important centres of Italian Renaissance, and which has preserved its unique architecture. The old town has been a UNESCO World Heritage Centre since 1998.

Visit to the Ducal Palace, the Art Gallery inside with several paintings including those by Piero della Francesca and Raphael Sanzio, the painter's birthplace and the old town.

Lunch (with local, traditional cuisine).

Going back to Ancona, in the afternoon we return with a visit to the Archaeological Museum of Pergola, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy, which contains the famous sculptural group of the Golden Bronzes of Cartoceto, dating back to Roman times.

Return to hotel. Free evening. Overnight.

Saturday 30 May – Cruise and Panoramas Conero



Breakfast at Hotel.

Departure at 9 to the Port of Ancona for a cruise along the coast to see the Conero Riviera, the small towns of Sirolo and Numana and Portonovo Bay; the splendid Romanesque Chapel of Holy Mary at Portonovo, directly overlooking the sea, will complete the excursion.

An aperitif will be served on board: the cruise ends by 1,00 p.m.

If the weather is unsuitable, the cruise will be replaced by a visit to the famous Marian Sanctuary of Loreto.

1,00 p.m. good memory cocktail in Hotel.

Farewells and departures.

Amounts to be paid : in double room: € 990.00 p.p. ;

in single room: euro 1190 p.p.

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