UMBRIA AND TUSCANY: INTO THE GREEN HEART OF ITALY



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Umbria - Perugia - Perugia

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1° Day: ARRIVAL IN FLORENCE
Bus trip to Italy. Arrival at the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

2° Day: FLORENCE BETWEEN ART AND CULTURE
Florence, the Tuscan capital, is world famous for its glorious local history. Place of some important italian artists such as Dante Alighieri, the founder of the Italian language or the architect Brunelleschi, crucial person of the epoch of Renaissance. The highlights in the City of Arts are countless testimonies from the golden age of the Renaissance. Visit of Piazza della Signoria with its Palazzo Vecchio and the Loggia dei Lanzi. The tour guide through narrow streets leads you into the impressive cathedral Santa Maria del Fiore and the Church Santa Croce, with frescoes by Giotto. We organize for you the guided tour in the world famous Uffizi to see the Picture gallery with works by Michelangelo, Cimabue and Botticelli. Inseparable from Florence is also the noble family of the Medici - patrons of art and culture and patrons of celebrities such as Michelangelo and Leonardo Da Vinci! All these influences arrive who explores this Italian art city for the first time. Art-loving people will arrive to visit the Accademia or escape the hustle and bustle and walk through the Boboli Gardens. Here you will find nature and art at the same time. Return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

3° Day: SAN GIMIGNANO AND SIENA
Breakfast at the hotel and drive to the "Italian Rothenburg" - San Gimignano. Siena in southern Tuscany, was built on three hills. With the city guide you make a tour of the most important attractions such as the Duomo and Piazza del Campo. In the afternoon a panoramic trip through the hills of Chianti to the green land of Umbria. Accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight.

4° Day: ASSISI AND SANTA MARIA CHURCH
Today is dedicated to the Saints - Francis and Chiara. You will visit among others, the church of Santa Maria degli Angeli with a Sanctuary from the 4th century. Former of St.Francis, with frescoes of the famous painter Cimabue and Giotto and the church of Santa Chiara. If time remains, a trip to the hermitage Eremo delle Carceri and the Church San Damiano, destination of many pilgrims. Dinner and overnight.

5° Day: GUBBIO AND PERUGIA
After breakfast drive to Perugia, Umbrian capital. Originally it was an Etruscan town, now it is represented by the Palazzo dei Priori with its beautiful external staircase, Cathedral San Lorenzo and Rocca Paolina, built during the Salt War. To end the day in a sweet way try in a Cioccolateria the famous chocolates “Baci Perugina” - kisses from Perugia.

6° Day: SPOLETO, MONTEFALCO AND NERA VALLEY
After breakfast, drive to the medieval town of Spoleto, that was already admired by Goethe. Then visit of Montefalco, the "Balcony of Umbria" to admire in the church of San Francesco the unique Cycle of frescoes by Gozzoli on the life of St. Francis. Then make a small tour through the Nera Valley with Norcia, the birthplace of St. Benedict, and Cascia with the Sanctuary of St.Rita. Return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

7° Day: SPELLO AND TRASIMENO LAKE
After breakfast small tour of Spello. Here you visit the Baglioni Chapel with the frescoes by Pinturicchio. In Spello, every year at the end of May there is the "Infiorata di Spello", a unique and picturesque flower festival. In the afternoon transfer to the TRASIMENO lake. You can have lunch on the island Maggiore, in a typical restaurant. Enjoy a plate of fish and take a walk on the island before returning to dry land! In the late afternoon return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

8° Day: DEPARTURE
After breakfast departure for your home destination.















