



## NEW 2024 ADRIATIC COAST - RIMINI AREA



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Emilia-Romagna - Rimini - Rimini

TRATTATIVA RISERVATA

## 1 DAY ARRIVAL

Arrival in Rimini area. Accommodation, dinner and overnight in Hotel.

## 2 DAY RIMINI AND REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

Breakfast and discover of Rimini, the largest resort town on the Adriatic coast and centre of Roman Riviera. Its coastline stretches 15 km and touches other localities. It is very easy to get around by urban transport, as you can see regular buses and regional trains on the waterfront. There is a railway station in every village of the Riviera. Rimini was founded in 268 BC. In the heart of the city you can see an amazing bridge, built over 2,000 years ago, still functioning and not to mention many other buildings from the times of the Roman Empire. Your guided tour starts from the historical center of Rimini with Malatesta Square and Sismondo Castle. The visit goes on to Tiberio Bridge, ancient Roman building and ends with the imposing Arch of August. Free lunch. In the afternoon the visit continues to the oldest republic in the world: San Marino. The smallest and most ancient republic in the world, only 60 square kilometres of area, similar to a fairy kingdom: palaces, towers, jousting competitions, museums, theatres, historic churches and curved streets and everything is in clouds, on a mountain surrounded by woods and vineyards. In San Marino you will meet your local guide that guides you for one hour through the medieval alley of this small "state" inside Italy. Before going back to the Hotel we suggest a wine tasting in a typical wine cellar. Dinner and overnight.

## 3 DAY MARCHE REGION WITH URBINO AND GRADARA CASTLE

Breakfast and departure to Urbino, a Unesco World Heritage Site and capital city of the Italian Renaissance. Its history is tied to the Montefeltro family that came into the possession of the territory in around 1200.

The most famous member of the Montefeltro was Federico, lord of Urbino from 1444 to 1482, a very successful military leader, a skillful diplomat and an enthusiastic patron of arts. He commissioned a magnificent Palace, a wonder of early Renaissance architecture, today symbol of the city in the world. The best artists of Renaissance arrived at his court: Piero della Francesca, Laurana, Francesco di Giorgio Martini, Giusto di Gand, Pedro Berruguete and Humanists such as Baldassare Castiglione. Walking up the characteristic streets called "piele" you can enjoy breathtaking views of the city, and you can find old buildings, churches full of masterpieces such as the Oratori and Raffaello's house, where the artist was born in 1483 and where his father had his studio. Urbino's culinary tradition is one of simplicity and authenticity, although the local cuisine is not lacking in pleasant surprises or inviting temptations! When it comes to first courses, we recommend Cappelletti pasta in broth or Passatelli, a delicate and very typical entrée from the Urbino region. The queen of the area's traditional produce is the famous Casciotta di Urbino, a cheese with ancient

origins that has been much loved since the era of the Dukes. Even Michelangelo himself was a great admirer of this dairy delight. One of the best ways to enjoy it is with an equally delicious traditional product from

the area – the Crescia Sfogliata di Urbino (a type of flatbread). This recipe harks back to the flavours of days gone by and has a long history behind it, but it can still frequently be found on dinner tables in Urbino today.

Let's not forget that the Urbino region is also famous for its truffles, mushrooms, and renowned oil and wine, as well as organic products

appreciated nationwide. Stop for a tasting of these special local products. Then drive to Gradara, an imposing fortress where the guide tells you the famous love story of Paolo and Francesca, also described by Dante in the "Divina Commedia". Dinner and overnight.

## 4 DAY RAVENNA AND CESENATICO

Breakfast and departure to Ravenna with your guide. Ravenna is the city of Mosaics classified World Heritage. During the tour you will see the most important monuments of the Gothic and Byzantine time: the Mausoleum, Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, Galla Placidia (the oldest architectonic monument in Ravenna), the Mosaics and the Basilica of San Vitale, the best in Ravenna. Free lunch. Before going on to Cesenatico we suggest a last stop to visit the Basilica Sant'Apollinare in Classe, out of town, that is an important testimony of the ancient Christian architecture. The visit continues to discover Cesenatico's port canal that was surveyed and drawn by Leonardo da Vinci. This picturesque place is a tourist resort and home of the Marine Museum where historic fishing boats are displayed in the canal. Back to Hotel, dinner and overnight.

## 5 DAY CONCA VALLEY: FOOD AND WINE EXPERIENCE

Breakfast and departure to interland to taste the most famous products of Romagna area. The guided visit starts from Mondaino, sits on a hilltop that perfectly commands the route between Rimini and Urbino. As such it was of strategic value to both the Malatesta and Montefeltro families who fought consistently

throughout the 1400s, while today it makes it a perfect stopping off point on a tour of the countryside between Emilia-Romagna and the Marche. Mondaino's Rocca Malatestiana is typical of a border castle of that time. Stop for a tasting and possibility to buy local products. People dressed with medieval costume will welcome you. The visit goes on to Montegridolfo. In the Middle Ages Montegridolfo Castle was contended between the Montefeltro and Malatesta families. During World War II, Montegridolfo was across the Gothic Line. Stop for food and wine tasting. Back to your Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

#### 6 DAY SAN LEO AND SANTARCANGELO

Breakfast and departure to San Leo, 30 Km from Rimini in Montefeltro area. San Leo offers its visitors a perfectly preserved fortress. Its remarkable form, with its walls teetering 600 metres up on the clifftops, has always endowed it with a dual military and religious importance. You will reach the fortress by shuttle because the bus cannot reach the top of the hill. Afternoon drive to Santarcangelo of Romagna and visit to this small medieval village, Tufa caves and ancient printing press. We suggest to visit a cellar in the area with tasting of local products. Dinner and overnight.

#### 7 DAY FREE

Breakfast and day at your disposal. Farewell dinner and overnight.

#### 8 DAY DEPARTURE

