

NATIONAL TRUST



The National Trust Way to Discover the Heart of Italy

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National Trust Tour Leader - Loma Priddle

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The National Trust of Australia (NSW)

presents

Discover the Heart of Italy

Dear Member, following the success of the National Trust Tours to Tuscany over the past seven years, we have chosen to visit two beautiful regions to the south and east of Tuscany: Umbria and Le Marche.

Come and discover the treasures of the "Heart of Italy" together with our Italian host, Ugo Mariotti, in this special "behind the scenes" tour. Enjoy the warm hospitality of the local people, visit charming villages and gardens, browse in small markets and see some fascinating museums.

Unpack only twice, as we stay in centrally located hotels first in Spoleto then in Urbino, a medieval town with world heritage UNESCO listing which was once described as "a dream shaped into a city".

We will only be taking a small group of up to 20 people and the relaxed pace will ensure that you will have time to enjoy the local cuisine and wines and experience the wonderful scenery of the "Heart of Italy" in springtime.

Having lived in Italy for 12 years I am delighted to offer this new journey for members of the National Trust, and I do hope you are able to join us.

Loma Priddle Journey Leader - National Trust Tours Committee



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel in a small group with an emphasis on getting to know the land and its people, whilst sampling the fine local cuisine and wines
- Unpack only twice and stay in two delightful, centrally located hotels
- Enjoy lunch in a private home in stunning countryside in the hills of Le Marche region
- Leisurely day tours with visits to a variety of gardens and small museums

ALL INCLUSIVE

This exclusive National Trust program includes: all travel by private vehicle, all accommodation and meals as specified in the itinerary (10 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 8 dinners), wine with lunches and dinners, all sightseeing and entry fees as per the itinerary. The tour will be hosted by Loma Priddle of the National Trust of Australia (NSW), as well as our local professional tour escort, Ugo Mariotti. The tour may be purchased with international airfares from Australia or as a land package commencing in Rome.

ACCOMMODATION

On this tour you will only have to unpack twice. We have selected two excellent properties to ensure maximum comfort. Hotel San Luca is an historic hotel in the famous town of Spoleto in the region of Umbria. Albergo Italia is ideally located in the centre of Urbino in the region of Le Marche.

LASTING MEMORIES

This magnificent journey to the Heart of Italy will satisfy every sense and create a lasting impression that you will remember with delight forever. Here are some comments from fellow National Trust members from previous tours to Italy.

"What a wonderful two weeks. Filled with gratitude for both Ugo and Barbara - their knowledge of the area and interesting anecdotes made our days, along with good food and wine".
Joan Main, NSW

"Each day had something special about it. Our meals in the various restaurants were such happy occasions Then it was great having such knowledgeable guides."
Margaret Nicholson, NSW



OUR HOST & TOUR MANAGER

Our expert tour manager, Ugo Mariotti, has been conducting tours for the National Trust over the past 7 years. He is a delightful and informative host with a wealth of knowledge and fascinating anecdotes. Ugo worked as a film producer for SBS television for 20 years before returning to Italy, where he now lives in a 16th century farmhouse with his Australian wife Barbara.

Itinerary

Day 1 Wednesday 16th May

Depart Sydney.

Depart Sydney today for Italy.

Day 2 Thursday 17th May

Rome to Spoleto.

On arrival at Rome airport travel to Spoleto, a charming town in the region of Umbria, known as "The Green Heart of Italy". En route from the airport we will stop in the village of Bagnaia to visit the outstanding 16th century Renaissance gardens and fountains of Villa Lante. Our home for the next 4 nights is the Hotel San Luca, a recently restored, beautiful 19th century building in the historical centre of Spoleto. The rooms overlook the peaceful courtyard, the rose garden or a part of the old town. This evening join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the hotel. (D)

Day 3 Friday 18th May

Spoleto.

Spoleto, with its wooded setting, is the loveliest of the Umbrian hill towns, and its urbane atmosphere is enhanced by its superb monuments. This morning we stroll to the markets to join the locals doing their weekly shopping. We then visit the impressive Rocca Albornoziana, a 14th century papal fortress and noble residence which dominates the town. See the magnificent 80 metre high aqueduct called Ponte delle Torri, the "Bridge of Towers", then visit the Archeological Museum. Dinner this evening at La Barcaccia restaurant, featuring local specialities. (B,D)

Day 4 Saturday 19th May

Spoleto.

This morning we visit the famous medieval town of Assisi with its geranium-hung streets, lovely views and piazzas. A tour of the Basilica of St Francis, begun in 1228 and decorated by the foremost painters of the period, is included. St Francis is the patron saint of Italy and the basilica is one of the great Christian shrines. We then stop at the charming medieval village of Spello and visit the garden of Villa Fidelia, built over the ruins of an earlier Roman villa. On our return to Spoleto we will see the small lake formed by spring waters called Fonti del Clitunno, believed by the Romans to have magical powers, and celebrated in verse by Virgilio and Lord Byron.

Dinner in a typical restaurant in Spoleto. (B,D)

Day 5 Sunday 20th May

Spoleto.

Today we visit the charming villages of Deruta and Montefalco. Pottery has made Deruta famous around the world, and the Regional Ceramics Museum has a fascinating collection of the main types of pottery produced in the 14th-20th centuries. Montefalco (meaning Falcon's Mount) is known as the Balcony of Umbria and is the best of the villages in the Vale of Spoleto, with its sweeping views and excellent shops selling linen, artisan goods and culinary products. A visit to the Civic Museum is included. Dinner this evening is at Villa Zuccari, a large villa surrounded by the vineyards of Montefalco, which has been the Zuccari family's residence since the 16th century. (B,D)

Day 6 Monday 21st May

Spoleto/Gubbio/Urbino.

We farewell Spoleto and drive north to the town of Gubbio, founded by the Umbrians in the 3rd century BC. The beauty of its twisting streets and terracotta-tiled houses is enhanced by the forests of the surrounding Apennine mountains. Then we enter the enchanting region called "Le Marche", tucked between the mountains and the Adriatic Sea, with its hilly unspoilt interior and old towns. The region is said to encompass "all of Italy in the one state". Our home for the next 6 nights is the hotel "Albergo Italia", located in the centre of Urbino which has been described as a "dream shaped into a city" and heritage listed by UNESCO. This evening enjoy a special wine tasting before dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

Day 7 Tuesday 22nd May

Urbino.

This morning we visit the Palazzo Ducale, Italy's most beautiful Renaissance palace, built for Duke Federico da Montefeltro who ruled Urbino in the 15th century. The palace, with its library, paintings and refined architecture, is a tribute to



courtly life. The balance of the day is at leisure in Urbino for you to take a stroll, see the house where the painter Raphael was born, or just relax. Dinner in a typical local trattoria. (B,D)

Day 8 Wednesday 23rd May

Urbino.

Today we drive south through an area of gentle hills, open farmlands, country villas and small villages to a private farmhouse in the hills of Montecassiano. Here we will join our delightful hostess as she talks about traditional food of the region. We join Anna in her kitchen as she prepares a traditional harvest lunch featuring local ingredients. After lunch we drive back to Urbino. Evening at leisure. (B,L)

Day 9 Thursday 24th May

Urbino.

This morning we drive to the town of Pesaro, an elegant resort town on the Adriatic Sea. The pleasant medieval area includes the house where the famous composer Rossini ("The Barber of Seville") was born in 1792. In the afternoon we take a guided tour of the castle in the nearby town of Gradara, fortress and residence of the medieval Malatesta and Sforza families. Dinner at Il Cortegiano restaurant in Urbino. (B,D)

Day 10 Friday 25th May

Urbino.

Today we visit three charming villages: Fabriano, Serra San Quirico and Pergola. Fabriano has maintained a strong artisan tradition and we will visit the Museum of Paper and Watermarks to see paper being made by hand. High on a rocky outcrop close to the National Frasassi Park is San Quirico with covered battlement walkways around the small village. Lunch today is in a restaurant featuring delicious regional dishes. In the afternoon we stop at the small museum in Pergola to admire the 2000 year old gilded bronze statues of Roman Consuls on their horses, unearthed recently by two local farmers. Evening at leisure. (B,L)

Day 11 Saturday 26th May

Urbino.

We spend this morning in the village of Acqualanga, set in the valley of the Candigliano River. This village is known as the most important world producer of truffles and our visit includes watching a hunter at work with his dogs, as well as a tasting of various truffle products. We return to Urbino via Fermignano. After time at leisure this afternoon it is a short drive to Urbania, where artisans have been producing porcelain since the 13th century. Time for a stroll through the arcaded streets before a special Farewell Dinner in a colourful local restaurant owned by a talented chef. (B,D)

Day 12

Sunday 27th May

Urbino to Rome Airport.

Morning transfer from Urbino to Rome airport for your flight home. (B)

Day 13 Monday 28th May

Arrive Sydney.

Arrival into Sydney this evening.



Booking Conditions

TOUR PRICE

COST (Land only)	\$4990.00 per person twin share
Single Supplement	\$590.00

INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES

To book airfares or request upgrade prices for business or first class seats through Travelscene on Capri, please contact reservations. A quote for the airfare will be provided upon request, however please note, given the fluctuating airline prices, airfares are only guaranteed when full payment is made.

INCLUDED IN COST:

Tour Escort: Loma Priddle from the National Trust Tours Committee will accompany the tour.

Accommodation: Hotels have been selected for their comfort and convenient location and are listed in the day-by-day itinerary. Should situations change, we reserve the right to alter the hotel to one of a similar standard.

Meals: Meals included are listed in the itinerary.

Transportation: All transportation while on tour in Italy is included as per the itinerary.

Hotel/Airport Transfers: We urge you to use our recommended flights for which return transfers are provided. Those arriving or departing at other times must use local transport to the hotel/airport at their expense.

Luggage handling: Portage of one piece of normal-sized baggage weighing not more than 20 kg.

Other Services: Also included are sightseeing excursions, entrance fees, local guides, taxes, house wine with dinners, and wine tasting as per the itinerary.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST:

Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, drinks, travel insurance, excess baggage, laundry, all extra communication charges incurred on a passenger's behalf, gratuities and meals not specified in the itinerary.

SINGLE TRAVELLERS:

For travellers wishing sole use of a room, we are obliged to charge a single supplement for the hotel room rate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Please apply for enrolment promptly. All reservations are subject to availability at the time of booking. A non-refundable deposit of \$700.00 per person by cash or cheque is required within 7 days of reservation.
- Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure and is non-refundable inside 60 days of departure.
- A full refund will be given if the Tour is cancelled by the Tour operator.
- Travel Insurance: This is compulsory for all tours. Insurance brochures will be sent with deposit receipts. Travelscene Travel Insurance is available and recommended to cover your additional expenses caused by strikes, transport delays, or due to injury or sickness of a passenger or relative.
- Depending on weather conditions and exceptional circumstances, day trips may be cancelled or varied.

HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION

Please contact David Smith at Travelscene on Capri on 1800 679 066 or (07) 5592 3349 to reserve your place on the tour. Please note that all reservations are subject to availability at the time of booking. Your booking will be held for 7 days, pending the receipt of a non-refundable \$700.00 per person deposit, by cheque or cash, and the completed booking form.

CHANGES TO THE ITINERARY:

Tour cost is based on tariffs, land costs and rate of exchange as of 30 March, 2011.

Tour price is based on minimum tour membership of 12 persons. In the event that minimum tour membership is not achieved a surcharge to the published tour price may be payable. In the event such a surcharge exceeds 10% of the published tour price the tour member may cancel his/her reservation without incurring any cancellation charges, provided such cancellation is received in writing within 7 days of the issue of surcharge advice.

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