



GEMS OF UMBRIA & TUSCANY

SEPTEMBER 22 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

STARTING FROM \$2,289.00 PER PERSON/ DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

Vacation Overview

The name of this escorted Italy tour-Gems of Umbria & Tuscany-says it all, as you'll visit some of the medieval hill towns and see some of the beautiful gems that call central Italy home. You'll begin and end in Rome, and in between you'll overnight in Spoleto, San Martino in Campo, Siena, and Orvieto.

Vacation Highlights

ROME - Special welcome and farewell dinners at a local restaurant; orientation

NARNI - Visit the Convent of San Domenico;homemade pasta demonstration with a chef, followed by lunch

SPOLETO - Guided walking tour, visit Piazza del Duomo; dinner with wine at a local restaurant

SPELLO - Olive oil tasting

ASSISI - Visit St. Clare's Church and St. Francis' Basilica

PERUGIA - Guided walking tour, visit Piazza IV Novembre

LAKE TRASIMENO - Stop in Passignano

SIENA - Guided walking tour, visit the Piazza del Campo

VOLTERRA - Orientation

SAN GIMIGNANO - Orientation

PIENZA - Visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site

MONTALCINO - Brunello wine tasting and lunch

ORVIETO - Visit the Etruscan underground Labirinto; dinner with wine at a local restaurant; guided sightseeing, visit the cathedral
Headsets throughout the tour.

MEALS - Full buffet breakfast daily; 2 special lunches with wine in Narni and Montalcino; 5 three-course dinners with wine, including special dinners in Rome, Spoleto, and Orvieto

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Day 1 ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY

Welcome to Rome! At 5 pm, join your Tour Director and traveling companions, and leave the hotel for a special welcome dinner at one of Rome's lively restaurants.

Day 2 ROME-NARNI-SPOLETO

Your discovery of the green province of Umbria, made famous by the movie *My House in Umbria* with unforgettable Maggie Smith, starts in the hilltop town of Narni, almost 800 feet high. Narni is the town that is said to have been the inspiration for the *Chronicles of Narnia*. Enjoy a guided visit of the CONVENT OF SAN DOMENICO basement, and see a cell where prisoners of the Inquisition wrote graffiti on the walls. Then, a true highlight: learn the art of homemade Manfricolo pasta from a chef during a PASTA DEMONSTRATION, and, of course, enjoy lunch afterwards. Next is Spoleto, a former Roman city and capital of an important Lombard duchy from the 6th to the 8th centuries. During your walking tour with a Local Guide, take pictures of La Rocca, the former papal fortress that was used as a high-security prison until 1982; admire the Ponte delle Torri, erected on the foundations of a Roman aqueduct; and visit PIAZZA DEL DUOMO. This evening, a special dinner awaits you at Vecchio Camino restaurant.

Day 3 SPOLETO-FRANTOIO DI SPELLO-ASSISI-SAN MARTINO IN CAMPO

Enjoy an OLIVE OIL TASTING at an authentic oil mill at Frantoio di Spello. Continue to Assisi and start your guided walking tour with visits to ST. CLARE'S CHURCH and ST. FRANCIS' BASILICA, the hub of a religious order devoted to the ideals of humility, forgiveness, simplicity, and love for all God's creatures. Arrive at your hotel in San Martino in Campo.

Day 4 SAN MARTINO IN CAMPO. EXCURSION TO PERUGIA

A short drive brings you to Perugia, capital of Umbria and an important university town. A guided walking tour features the PIAZZA IV NOVEMBRE, one of the grandest squares in Italy, graced by the Fontana Maggiore (Great Fountain). Admire the gothic cathedral, the Galleria Nazionale dell'Umbria, and Perugia's stunning medieval municipal palace, and of course you will taste Italy's most delectable Baci candy. An optional dinner outing is available.

Day 5 SAN MARTINO IN CAMPO-LAKE TRASIMENO-SIENA

Stop in Passignano and take a stroll along the promenade of Lake Trasimeno. Arrive in Siena, and follow your Local Guide on a walk through ancient, narrow lanes to PIAZZA DEL CAMPO. Hear about the biannual Palio, Siena's spectacular medieval-style horse race that is held on this square. An optional dinner in Monteriggioni is available.

Day 6 SIENA. EXCURSION TO VOLTERRA & SAN GIMIGNANO

A scenic day starts with a visit to the town of Volterra, a former important Etruscan center. Next is hilltop San Gimignano, the most picturesque of Italy's perfectly preserved medieval towns with its tower houses and encircling walls. Return to Siena.

Day 7 SIENA-PIENZA-MONTALCINO-ORVIETO

Famous for pecorino cheese, Pienza has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, thanks to a member of the Piccolomini family who became Pope Pius II in the 15th century and redesigned the town in perfect renaissance style. Continue to Montalcino, beautifully located in the Tuscan Hills, and enjoy a Brunello WINE TASTING, followed by lunch with local specialties. Next, on to Orvieto, perched high atop a volcanic rock, where a unique visit to the ETRUSCAN UNDERGROUND Labirinto (labyrinth) awaits you. This evening, an exclusive dinner has been prepared for you by famous Italian chef Maurizio.

Day 8 ORVIETO-ROME

Hear the history of this fascinating town from your Local Guide during a pleasant walk through the narrow lanes and visit the CATHEDRAL with its San Brizio Chapel. Return to the "Eternal City" for a drive past some of Rome's main highlights, and this evening, a special farewell dinner and opera entertainment at Tanagra restaurant awaits you to celebrate the success of your vacation in Umbria and Tuscany.

Day 9 ROME

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning



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