



Culturitaly 2010

Experience a truly Italian culture with a local artist in a prestigious villa in central Italy

Itinerary for 6 day culture tour in Central Italy

If you are interested in Italian culture, history, art, music, gourmet, wine and beautiful nature, we have this special culture tour for you to really experience all these with an Italian family.

Umbria region is located in the south of Florence and north of Rome, the 'Green heart of Italy'. The villa is in the countryside between the medieval town of Corciano and Trasimeno Lake.



Day 1: Arrival to Villa Pieve, Visit Perugia

12.00 - Arrival

13.30 - Lunch at villa

Typical Umbrian meal: Tagliatelle noodle at the Norcina manner with truffle (a sauce made with the special Umbrian sausages and black truffle). Chicken in a spicy tomatoes sauce so called "Pollo alla diavola" accompanied by the typical Umbrian Pizza, the Torta al testo, a traditional Umbrian meal. Dessert: "Zuppa Inglese" Umbrian home cake with cream, alchermes and chocolate. The meal will be accompanied by Umbrian wines.

15.30 - Visit Perugia

Visit of the Church of Saint Peter with the precious easel painting by Caravaggio, Raphael, Michelangelo and the frescoes of Vasari who invented art history.

Visit of the Benedictine

medieval Garden (a great sample of the integrity

of thought and belief in the middle ages) . The historical center : the Rocca Paolina underground town, the "Collegio del Cambio" the old mercancy with frescoes by Perugino, prominent Renaissance artists, the "Fontana Maggiore" (Major fountain) a great sample of sculpture from the middle ages, the Etruscan arch a unique architecture.

20.30 - dinner at Villa Pieve



Day 2: Visit Todi and Orvieto

8.30

Continental breakfast at the Villa

10.00

Leave for Todi, visit of the prestigious Extra Moenia art gallery

13.00

Lunch at the beautiful house of the gallerist Giuliana Dorazio, widow of prominent Italian artist Piero Dorazio. Dorazio's home chef will cook for the group Umbrian specialties.

16.30

Visit of the Etruscan town of Orvieto.

Orvieto's cathedral to see Renaissance painter Signorelli's masterpiece: "The Last Judgement"

18.30

wine tasting at a local winery

20.30

Dinner at the Villa.

After dinner event: **Intuitive music, musical portraits by Andrea Ceccomori.**



Day 3 — Visit Assisi & Trasimeno Lake

8.30

Continental breakfast at the Villa

10.00

Visit of the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi to see the precious frescoes by Giotto, whose visual revolution has influenced early Renaissance painters.

Free time for shopping in Assisi

Stop by a *norcineria* to try the typical salami of the region. Norcia is the place where for the first time salami and sausages were produced, that's why very often salami shops are called "norcineria" from Norcia.



13.30

Lunch at the Gallery Hotel Dal Moro, one of the best restaurants in Umbria and art gallery.

The menu will consist of pairing wine and food.

16.30

San Feliciano by the Trasimeno Lake: Visit of the Mancianti Oil Mill, one of the oldest in Italy, oil tasting on bruschetta.

18.00

Ceramic class by artist Rossella Vasta, decorate your own terra-cotta dish!

20.00

Dinner at the Villa will be inspired to the typical lake meal : lake fish in a spicy tomato sauce cooked in the tegamaccio, a terracotta pan.



Day 4 — Food , Language and Chocolate. Visit the Perugia Museum of Chocolate

8.30

Continental breakfast at the Villa

10.00

“Parla come Mangi” Italian Language and Cooking class with Professor *Marialucia Luongo*

cooking class : Sicilian specialties: learn how to do Caponata eggplant appetizer, tomato sauce for pasta “alla norma” typical Sicilian pasta, Sicilian meat rolls and prepare the ricotta stuffing for the Sicilian cannoli dessert!

13.00

lunch at the villa

15.00

Visit of the Perugia Museum of Chocolate

18.00

Film projection: “Under the Tuscan sun” an American cult filmed in Cortona.

20.30

Dinner at the Villa and presentation by Cristina Baldoni owner of the Antica Dolciaria Perugia Chocolate Factory.



Day 5 — Cortona, Corciano

8.30

Continental breakfast at the Villa

10.20

Visit of Cortona, the Church Museum: masterpieces by Signorelli, Beato Angelico..

Free time for shopping

13.30

lunch at Tonino, best Italian restaurant famous for the “antipastissimo” a creative delicious series of appetizers!

16.30

Visit of the town of Corciano and the Atelier of Antonella Parlani, an engraver whose charming studio is a beautifully restored olive mill.

20.30

Gala Dinner

Guests will eat in a special Renaissance setting created by artist and flower decorator Antonella Parlani, the chef Baronti will prepare a typical renaissance meal accompanied by Renaissance musics. Guests will receive a filmed DVD of the evening!

Day 6 — Deruta, Roma

9.00

Leave for Deruta, a small town in central Italy famous for ceramic production.

Visit of the ceramic museum and Grazia Ceramic Factory, the oldest ceramic factory in Europe.

See the production process and the shop.

12.00

Lunch and wine tasting in Deruta at La Bottega del Gusto

12.40

Leave for Rome

16.00 -20.00

Shopping at Castello Romano outlet





20.30

Leave participants at the Hotel in Ostia, Rome

21.00

Italian seafood dinner at Ostia, Rome

Day 7 — Roma to Home

Morning:

Transportation from hotel to Rome Fiumicino Airport

