



Travels with Sandi

HIDDEN TREASURES OF LE MARCHE

A REGIONAL DISCOVERY TOUR

SEPTEMBER 24TH - OCTOBER 2ND 2021

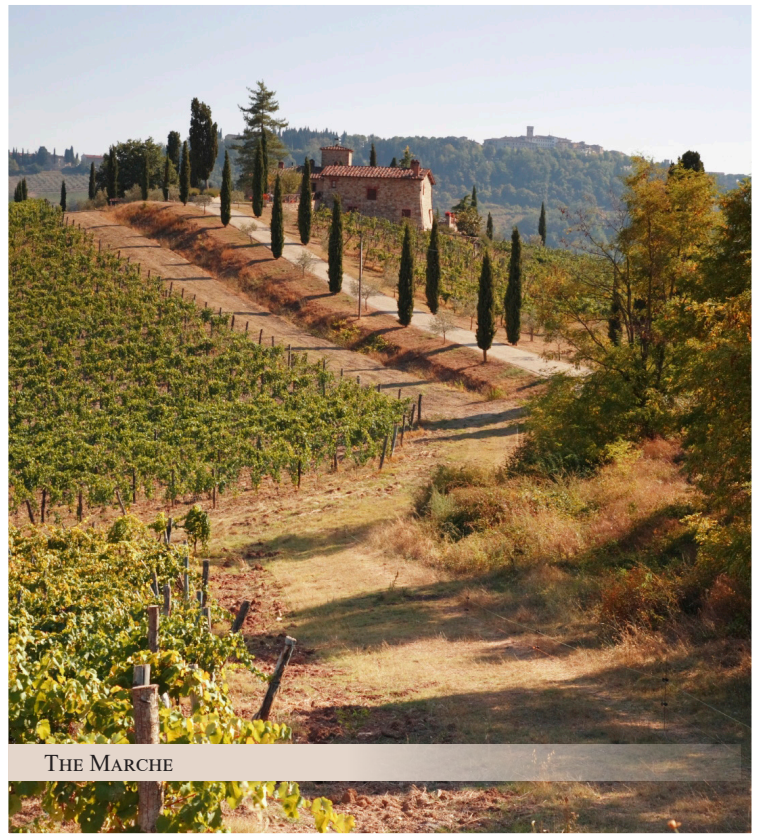
Marche is one of the twenty regions of Italy. It is situated roughly half way down the east coast of the country, bound to the west by the Apennine Mountains and to the east by the Adriatic Sea. It is also an undiscovered jewel.

Its neighbors to the north and west (Emilia-Romagna, Tuscany and Umbria) enjoy a booming tourist industry, while Marche sits in rural tranquility, happily devoid of the convoys of tourist coaches clogging up the countryside. Marche has managed to retain its agricultural and rural nature through to this new millennium – no mean feat in this modern age. And therein lies the beauty and charm of the region.

It has not always been so. In Renaissance times, the city of Urbino rivalled Florence in its artistic and cultural reputation (Raphael came from Urbino). Pesaro was the birthplace of Rossini and the Holy Roman Emperor, Frederick II, was born in Jesi.

This itinerary was a result of a project created by Fiona Bennett and her senior students and funded by the European Union. With the idea of promoting tourism to the region, five itineraries were created each researched by the students and in consultation with Discover Europe who had agreed to help and advise. Out of the 5 excellent itineraries proposed this one was selected.

Making our base in one hotel for the entire trip (see details on the fabulous Castello di Monterado on page 3 of this brochure), Marche is the perfect destination for those who want to experience the real Italy, away from the tourist throngs. It is also where Fiona Bennett, long time Discover Europe tour guide, has chosen to make her home for the last 25 years! Needless to say it is she who will be working with Sandi again to lead this adventure in her adopted home. Join Sandi Tinyk and Fiona Bennett this fall for a regional discovery of the Marche.



THE MARCHE



URBINO

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED)	\$3840
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 660

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 7 nights' accommodation in a first-class hotel, including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 5 dinners
- GUIDES:** Sandi Tinyk and Discover Europe's Fiona Bennett throughout, local guides in Pesaro, Urbino, Gradara, Urbisaglia and Ascoli Piceno
- BAGGAGE:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH - Connecting through Munich, your arrival at Ancona Marche Airport will be met for the transfer to the Castello di Monterado, our base for the week and just 40 minutes away from the airport. After checking in, this afternoon we will have a chance to unpack, rest up from the overnight flight, and begin exploring the neighborhood. This evening we will gather for a reception and dinner at the hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: MONTERADO**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH - A short drive along the Adriatic Coast this morning brings us to the town of Pesaro. A morning walking tour with a local guide will introduce us to the city center, birthplace of the musician Rossini. Our tour takes us to the medieval quarter, where we'll visit the Museo Oliveriano and the Rossini House Museum. After free time for lunch in the town, we set off for Gradara, a well preserved castle in a tiny medieval village. We'll take a tour of the castle of Paolo and Francesca, whose doomed love story was told in Dante's *Divine Comedy*. We will return to Monterado through the beautiful Parco Naturale Monte San Bartolo, overlooking the Adriatic Sea. Dinner is included this evening in a local restaurant in the village. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: MONTERADO**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH - An excursion today to Urbisaglia, the ancient Roman city of Urbs Salvia and one of the most important Roman sites in the country. We'll begin with a guided tour of the Archaeological Park just outside the modern town, where we'll see the amphitheatre, the remains of the walls and temples and some wonderful frescoes that have survived the millennia. The Roman city was sacked by Alaric the Visigoth around 408 CE and the people moved to the more easily defensible, higher ground of the modern town. We will follow them up there and have free time for lunch. Before returning to Monterado, we'll stop to visit the nearby Abbey of Fiastra, one of the most beautiful and best-preserved Cistercian Abbeys in Italy. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: MONTERADO**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH - Our morning drive takes us towards the mountains where the Frassasi Caves are hidden in a deep gorge. Discovered in 1979 by a speleological and geological research team, they consist of a series of vast caverns with magnificent stalactites and stalagmites forming the largest complex of caves anywhere in Europe, all beautifully lit to create an enchanting atmosphere. We'll have lunch at a local restaurant very close to the Caves where there's a chance to try delicious local wild boar, as well as truffles and porcini mushrooms. In the afternoon we drive to nearby Fabriano, to the Paper Museum to find out about original paper making traditions in the working museum as well as the invention of the watermark. You can purchase souvenirs or pieces of special paper in the museum shop before we return to our hotel. This evening our bus will be available to take us out for the evening to nearby Senigallia, on the coast. The region is famed for its fish and seafood and in Senigallia you will find many restaurants to choose from. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: MONTERADO**



GRADARA CASTLE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH - Our journey today takes us through the heart of the Marche. Our first stop will be Mondavio, one of the most beautiful medieval villages of the Marche perched on a hill from which you can admire Mount Catria and Mount Nerone. We'll explore the town center before continuing on to Jesi, the birthplace of Frederick II, Holy Roman Emperor. Today is market day and, after time for lunch, we will visit Frederick II Museum and the marvellous art gallery housed in the Palazzo Pianetti with its famous rococo ceilings. After free time for individual exploration, we'll return to Monterado for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: MONTERADO**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH - After breakfast, we drive to Ascoli Piceno. We start our walking tour by visiting Piazza del Popolo, considered to be the most elegant square in the Marche. Here we see the 13th-century Palazzo del Popolo, the church of Saint Francis, and several shops and cafes. One of these is the Caffè Meletti, famous for producing liqueurs, including Anisetta Meletti much appreciated by King Vittorio Emanuele. Next we visit the cathedral in Piazza Aringa. This elegant square also contains a small but good archaeological museum with historical finds from the Picena civilization and the Roman age. We'll have lunch (included) and then leave the old town towards the Forte Malatesta, a small castle with an interesting medieval museum. On our return to Monterado, the evening is free. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: MONTERADO**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST - Heading inland today, we have a full day excursion to the incredible city of Urbino: a Renaissance town, World Heritage site since 1998, and birthplace of one of the world's most famous painters and architects, Raphael. One of the highlights of our city walking tour will be a visit to his family house. We continue on to the Palazzo Ducale, the former residence of Duke Federico da Montefeltro, where we will visit the National Gallery of the Marche. The gallery was established in 1912 and was considered one of the most precious art collections in Italy at the time, with the purpose to gather, safeguard, and exhibit art objects from the whole regional territory. Some important artworks are the Madonna di Senigallia by Piero della Francesca and La Muta, by Raphael, as well as many others. After free time for lunch and individual exploration we return to Monterado in time to participate in a cooking lesson and this evening we sit down and enjoy the fruits of our labors at our farewell dinner! **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: MONTERADO**



ASCOLI PICENO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND - Morning transfer back to Ancona Airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner

The history of Monterado Castle, our base for the duration of this tour, is long and rich, and the origin of the town of Monterado, standing atop a typical Marche hill, is dated July 13, 1267.

The town was originally fortified, and became, thanks to its strategic position overlooking the valley to the sea, part of the Duchy of Urbino and later the property of the important Della Rovere family during the Renaissance.

Prince Maximilian of Beauharnais, nephew of Giuseppina Bonaparte, fell in love with the place and transformed the property into a princely residence. It was he who had the interior decorated on the occasion of his honeymoon, after his marriage to the daughter of Tsar Alexander of Russia.

In its present form the castle was designed by the architect Luigi Vanvitelli, of which much of the original work remains. The nineteenth-century frescoes by Corrado Corradi, commissioned by Prince Maximilian of Beauharnais, are also well preserved. (www.castellodimonterado.it).



REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on this form.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person, if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

NAME(S). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Please also include your "Known As" or preferred name, if applicable.

PASSPORT DETAILS. This information is required by airlines and having it helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

ADDRESS. If you have a temporary address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.

HEALTH INFORMATION. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

TRIP DETAILS

Please fill in the name of the trip you wish to register for, the departure and return dates and your departure airport or city.



TRIP DETAILS FOR HIDDEN TREASURES OF LE MARCHE (0924/BRM)

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

PASSENGER DETAILS

Passport Name:

1. _____

Title First Middle Last

2. _____

Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport 1#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Passport 2#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour, or if you wish to deviate from the group flights, Discover Europe will be happy to make your flight arrangements for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost. It is essential that we receive your complete flight information **at least** 90 days prior to your trip departure.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please use this section to let us know your preference. We will always book non-smoking rooms when available.

If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

PAYMENT PROTECTION PLAN

Please indicate here if you would be interested in applying for our Payment Protection Plan. Please see website or brochure for instructions and terms & conditions.

Special Dietary Requirements or Allergies: _____

Health Information: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

E-mail: _____

Preferred Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

Secondary Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
6. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and laws of the countries in your itinerary, including local health and safety regulations, and following the directions of the tour guide. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your health, condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form (if it has not already been paid).
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure. A late fee of \$100 per person may be added to balances still outstanding 60 days prior to departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency

- of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.
3. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 15-20 participants. Should we end up with less than 15 people, we will determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
4. Late registrations (received within 60 days of departure) may also incur extra fees and charges as discounted rates for hotels and airfares may no longer be available so close to departure. Participants will be made aware of any such charges before their registration is accepted.

REFUND POLICY

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty per person*.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
 - 90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person*
 - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person*
 - 30 or fewer days prior to departure: no refund*
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the payment schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Trip cancellation insurance is *not* included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferable.

* Unless enrolled in our payment protection plan

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Primary Telephone: (_____) _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION (Please check one)

Departure Airport or City: _____

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: Yes No

If self-arranged, please provide us with the full details by mail or email at least 90 days prior to departure.

EXTENSION INFORMATION

I/we plan on extending before or after the tour: Yes No

If yes, I would like to extend to: _____

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS (Please check one)

- I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
- I will be sharing with: _____
- We would like a double twin-bedded room

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.

Yes No

I would like to enroll in the Payment Protection Plan.

Yes No

SIGNATURES

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____