

CASTLES OF CENTRAL ITALY

Cultural Itineraries



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EMILIA ROMAGNA AND THE MARCHE



Italy: a peninsula full of breathtaking historical and artistic wonders.

Take some days to discover two of the most fascinating regions of this country: Emilia Romagna and the Marche. Admire what lays just in front of you: buildings and castles, ancient splendors of past eras, cathedrals rich of works of art and majestic artistic landscapes will give you an unforgettable experience.

Enjoy the opportunity to visit two of the most enchanting cities of Emilia Romagna: Bologna, with its first world university, established in 1088; Ravenna, the ancient capital of the Holy Roman Empire, situated on the Adriatic Sea coast, rich of marvellous Byzantine monuments.

The tour touches the main historical routes of the territory.

The city of Ferrara and the marvellous Pomposa Abbey. Proceed to Rimini and Cesena, and arrive in the Marche region, to visit the Renaissance city of Urbino. Admire the Castle of Gradara, San Leo Fort and the small village of Cervia.

An unforgettable journey through the centuries, to discover the wonders that Central Italy can offer to your eyes.



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Day 1 • Bologna

San Domenico (less visited but astonishing church), and the Archiginnasio (seat of the university from the 16th to the 19th Century). Admire the Seven Churches and the external side of the city: porticos, towers, markets, ghetto, etc.



Day 2 • Ravenna

Visit to the Diocesan monuments (San Vitale, Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, Neoniano, San Apollinare Nuovo), Apollinare in Classe and the Domus of the Stone Carpets (remains of the late-Roman period), without forgetting to visit Dante's Tomb.



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Day 3 · Ferrara, Comacchio and Pomposa Abbey

Visit to Ferrara. Appreciate the marvellous castle, the cathedral, the the walls, the Ghetto, the Medieval streets and the Renaissance districts. Proceed to Comacchio and Pomposa Abbey. Admire the wonderful view to the Po Delta Park.

Day 4 · Rimini and Cesena

Rimini: its Roman vestiges (Surgeon's House, among others) and the Medieval and Renaissance churches (Sant'Agostino, Malatesta Temple and San Giuliano), can be combined with Cesena (Biblioteca Malatestiana, pearl of the 15th Century, and the Monte Abbey with a collections of ex-voto dedicated to the Virgin).



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Day 5 • Urbino

During the morning, visit to Urbino. Return to the coast side, following the panoramic highway from Pesaro to Gabicce. Visit to the Gradara Castle.



Day 6 • Faenza and Brisighella

Famous for its ceramic, Faenza hosts a museum dedicated to this ancient art. Have the pleasure to admire the cathedral and the Renaissance square.

In the afternoon, proceed to Brisighella and enjoy the unforgettable view to the Regional Chalk Vein Park, the olive tree groves and vineyards.



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Day 7 · Val Marecchia Castles

Santarcangelo di Romagna (astonishing small town in the inner side of Rimini), Verucchio (first important residence of Malatesta family, the Signoria of Rimini and surroundings) and San Leo Fort (marvellous for its fort and the two Romanesque churches).

Proceed to Forlì. Possibility to admire: important churches, Terra del Sole (fortress of Medici family) and the near Castrocara and Bertinoro village (this latter is the capital of the hospitality in Romagna, situated on a suggestive hill).

Possibility to add one more day, in order to visit the Cervia Saline and the the fishing village of Cesenatico.



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