

Best of Umbria and a Touch of Tuscany

October 7 -17, 2023

Hosted by Jennifer Nangle



Exciting places to discover in the “Green Heart” of Italy

Highlights: Perched Stone Villages, Colorful Markets,
Breathtaking Sights, Culinary Delights and Excellent Wine

Prices start at \$3399 per person, land only



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Saturday, Oct 7th, 2023 We fly to Rome Airport.

Sunday, Oct 8th We arrive at Rome Airport and drive to the stunning town of **Orvieto** where we can enjoy free time for lunch and shopping. We'll also visit the unique Well of St Patrick and, if open, the Etruscan graveyard. Late afternoon we check into our Farm Stay Camiano Piccolo <http://www.camianopiccolo.com/> set amid olive groves near Montefalco in Umbria – the “Green Heart of Italy”. After time to unpack and relax, we'll be served a welcome drink followed by dinner at the property. Overnight near Montefalco. D

Monday, Oct 9th After breakfast from the buffet we visit the **weekly produce market** at our local town: **Montefalco**. We also have free time to explore this charming village famed as the **capital of red wine in Umbria**. In the afternoon we'll join our host's son, Riccardo, for a **truffle hunt** on the property. Our “hunt” – whether successful or not – is always a fun and educational experience and is followed by a dish that includes truffles. Dinner will be served on the property. Overnight near Montefalco. B, D

Tuesday, Oct 10th After breakfast from the buffet we take an excursion to the stunning town of **Spoleto** where we'll be offered a short **orientation tour**. Crowned by the impressive Rocca fortress, the medieval town is built on a hillside but a system of moving sidewalks allows easy access to all the town's sights. After free time for sightseeing, shopping and lunch, we return to our delightful farm to relax and enjoy the scenery. Late afternoon we'll be treated to a **pasta-making class** at the farm conducted by the property's owner, Giuseppe, and followed by dinner. Overnight near Montefalco. B, D

Wednesday, Oct 11th After breakfast from the buffet, take an excursion to **Spello** and visit the recently opened “**Villa of the Mosaics**”. Discovered by accident in 2005, it is one of the most extraordinary Roman archaeological discoveries in Umbria. Numerous mosaic floors feature geometric decorations, wild animals, mythical creatures, human figures and scenes of everyday life. A 3-D simulation recreates the villa for us as it may have looked in the 4th century. We then enjoy free time exploring Spello's small **weekly market** as well as the charming **town center of Spello** for lunch, shopping and relaxing. In the afternoon we explore the world-famous town of **Assisi, home to St Francis**. Here we'll be able to visit the Church of the Poor Clares, the **Basilica of St Francis**, as well as spend free time in the attractive town center. Dinner at our farm estate. Overnight near Montefalco. B, D

Thursday, Oct 12th After breakfast from the buffet, we check out of our farm stay and travel first to **Deruta**, capital of Majolica dishware (we can visit a manufacture to see how these world famous Umbrian ceramics are made and spend free time in the tiny village of Deruta. In the afternoon we

arrive in the outstanding medieval town of Gubbio where we check into the centrally-located Hotel San Marco. Another picture-perfect and steep hill town, Gubbio's upper levels can be reached by elevator. For those who wish, there is also a “bird cage” cable-car that takes passengers all the way up to a pilgrimage monastery high above the town. One can also return from the monastery on foot, passing by the cathedral and the ducal palace. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Gubbio. B, D

Friday, Oct 13th After breakfast from the buffet, we take an excursion to the handsome medieval town of **Urbino** in neighboring region of The Marches. Here we could visit the sprawling Ducal Palace which houses an extensive art collection from the 14th to the 18th centuries. Dinner will be on our own in Gubbio. Overnight Gubbio. B

Saturday, Oct 14th After breakfast from the buffet, we check out of our hotel and make a short stop at the pretty village of **Castiglione del Lago** with its numerous Umbrian and Tuscan food specialty shops. At this point we leave Umbria behind to embark on our adventures in Tuscany for the rest of the trip. We'll have plenty of time to explore and enjoy the delightful **hilltop town of Cortona**, made famous in Frances Mayes' bestseller “Under the Tuscan Sun.” Today is market day in Cortona, adding to the sights and colors of this attractive medieval jewel. Late afternoon we arrive in the historic spa town of **Montecatini Terme** where we check into Grand Hotel Francia e Quirinale. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight Montecatini. B, D

Sunday, Oct 15th After breakfast from the buffet we visit the **town of Lucca**, known for its impressive fortifications and attractive historic center (its oval piazza and cathedral are world-famous). After free time to explore and have some lunch, we'll take a tour of one of the region's **grand villas: Torrigiani** before visiting we return to our hotel in Montecatini Terme. After a short rest, we'll stroll through the nearby park to take the **historic funicular up to Montecatini Alto**, a picturesque hamlet offering spectacular views. After free time for exploring and aperitifs, we'll drive up into the forest to delight in a **home-cooked dinner at Riccardo's mother-in-law's country house**. Overnight Montecatini Terme. B, D

Monday, Oct 16th After breakfast from the buffet, we take an **excursion into Florence** for an orientation walk to the city's main monuments, followed by free time to explore, shop at the markets and enjoy the cafés and eateries. We'll return to Montecatini in time to enjoy **free time in the town center** or pack and relax before dinner. Farewell dinner at the hotel. Overnight Montecatini Terme. B, D

Tuesday, Oct 17th Early transfer to Florence airport for our flight home or extend our stay in Italy.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TOUR HOST:

Please feel free to contact Jennifer with any questions you may have. jennifern@burschtravel.com

TOUR PRICE:

\$3399 per person land only. Single supplement is \$550

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT:

Early registration is recommended. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person, along with the completed reservation form, is required to confirm your trip. The balance will be due July 20th, 2023.

CANCELLATION:

Cancellations must be received in writing. For cancellations made from time of deposit until July 20th, 2023 penalty is \$500 per person. Tour is non-refundable after July 20th, 2023.

DOCUMENTATION:

A valid passport is required for the trip and must be valid for 6 months after your return date. Passports can take up to 2 months. Please allow ample time for processing.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE:

Optional trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended. Prices are based on total cost of trip and age. Please ask your Bursch Travel representative for more information and pricing. Purchase insurance at the time of deposit to be eligible for waiver of pre-existing conditions.

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare, items of personal nature, such as long-distance phone calls, room service, laundry, meals except as noted in itinerary, and tips.

OTHER:

This tour price is based on prices in effect on January 20, 2023 and subject to change without notice. Prices are based on a minimum of 20 participants. We reserve the right to make changes in the itinerary should it be deemed necessary. If a price adjustment becomes necessary due to foreign currency exchange and/or additional fuel/security taxes, you will be notified immediately.

RESPONSIBILITY:

All reservations are accepted with the specific condition that Bursch Travel, operator of this tour, acts only as an agent of the hotels, sightseeing contractors, bus operators, airlines and others who provide the actual arrangements, and is not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage, or nonperformance occurring in connection with these arrangements.

The Best of Umbria October 7-17, 2023 Registration

1. Name _____ D.O.B. _____
first, middle & last legal names as they appear on passport date of birth

Passport # _____ Exp. Date _____

2. Name _____ D.O.B. _____
first, middle & last legal names as they appear on passport date of birth

Passport # _____ Exp. Date _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail Address _____

Delta Sky Mile Numbers Name #1 _____ Name #2 _____

Check appropriate item: Hotel: ☐ 2 beds ☐ 1 bed

Roommate (not listed above): _____

Special requests: _____

Travel Insurance: ☐ Yes, I wish to purchase optional insurance. ☐ No, I decline cancellation insurance
The premium amount has been added to my deposit.

Payment: Deposit of **\$500.00** per person:

☐ Check (Please make check payable to Bursch Travel.)

☐ Credit Card # _____

Amount \$ _____ Exp Date _____

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