

Casa Cardinale

What to do in and around Montefalco



Montefalco is one of Umbria's most attractive small hilltowns. It has recently established itself as one of Italy's main wine towns based on its award winning Sagrantino wine. The L'Alchimista restaurant in the piazza, literally a few steps away from Casa Cardinale, is one of Umbria's most renowned eating places among locals and tourists alike. Very accessible prices and genuine local cooking. Visit Montefalco's beautifully presented Museum which contains a fine fresco cycle by Benozzo Gozzoli on the life of Saint Francis, work by Perugino and many other examples of late medieval and early Renaissance art.

Montefalco markets & Artisans

The town market is on Monday mornings and you should also visit some of Montefalco's artisan outlets including traditional weaving using Renaissance designs.

Spoletto

Drive to Spoleto, a town rich in Roman and medieval history. Visit the church of San Pietro Fuori le Mura boasts one of the most outstanding Romanesque facades in Umbria, before crossing the magnificent medieval aqueduct on our way into the city. Have lunch in our favourite garden restaurant Trattoria Pecchiarda [tel:0743 221009] followed by an exploration of the ancient centre of the town including the Roman house and the Duomo to see Filippo Lippi's final fresco cycle.

Mountain Villages & Small Towns

Visit some of the small mountain villages which dot the Umbrian landscape. Giano dell'Umbria, Morcicchia, Colle Del Marchese, Castel Ritaldi, Grutti, San Terenziano to mention only a few.

Wine Tasting, Cellar visits

Explore the cellars of the producers of Montefalco's award winning wines, where you will be introduced to the subtleties of a range of Umbria's excellent wines.

Bevagna

Bevagna, a little known treasure house of Roman and medieval antiquity. It has one of the finest small piazzas in Umbria with two austere beautiful Romanesque churches. The town houses remains of Roman baths with original mosaic floors and the vaults of the old Roman theatre.

Assisi

Spend a day at least in Assisi, the home of St Francis, Italy's favourite saint, visit the Basilica of San Francesco decorated with frescoes by Cimabue, Giotto, Pietro Lorenzetti and Simone Martini and the Roman remains under the still-standing temple of Minerva.

Spello

Explore the delightful hilltown of Spello including a visit to the Baglioni Chapel decorated with superb frescoes by Pintoricchio.

Foligno

Despite its relatively modern aspect, Foligno has Roman origins of which it retains the regular street plan of the centre. The town has also some very interesting medieval monuments, as well as a number of extraordinary Palazzi, among which the outstanding Palazzo Trinci. Its historical center is among the prettiest and more lively of Um-



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Perugia

Perugia has been an important city since Etruscan times and the capital of the Umbrian region. Your itinerary should include the extraordinary medieval ghost town under the Renaissance Rocca Paolina, the Collegio del Cambio with frescos by Perugino, the National Gallery of Umbria with works by Piero della Francesca, Pinturicchio and Fra' Angelico and other great artists of the Umbrian and Tuscan Renaissance.

Deruta

Travel to Deruta, a major ceramics centre since Roman times, and the home of Corso de' Fiori. Highly recommended are visits to Geribi, Sberna, Grazia in the lower part of town and in the original hilltown.

Orvieto

In Orvieto you should visit the Etruscan necropolis before ascending to the upper town perched on its volcanic platform overlooking a valley covered in vineyards. The Duomo is one of Italy's great cathedrals and contains a famous fresco cycle by Signorelli. For lunch you might like to sample the famous white wine called "Orvieto Classico".

Concert performances

Concert performance are available in evocative venues all over Umbria as part of the local music festivals running at various times of year in Umbria.



Activities

Truffle hunts, cooking classes, wine tastings, hiking and bicycle excursions, shopping expeditions are only few of the many activities that can be organized during your stay in Umbria.

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