



Gastronomic Le Marche

11–18 May 2026 (MM 958)

Welcome

- These details form an integral part of the confirmation of booking. They repeat, augment and add to information on our website.
- This document is revised and emailed to you 10 weeks prior to departure and revised again before it is included with your final documents issued 3 weeks before the tour.
- The information was compiled on 19th June 2025.

Contact us

This tour is operated by Margherita De Fraja. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the detail of the tour, or queries related to payments and tour documents.

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You may also find the following pages of our website useful:
[About us](#) | [Frequently Asked Questions](#) | [Booking Conditions](#)

Tour information

Included in the price

- Flights (Euro Traveller) with British Airways (Airbus 320)
- Coach travel
- Hotel accommodation described opposite
- All tips for waiters, drivers and guides
- All taxes
- All admissions to sites and museums visited with the group
- Breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners, with wine, beer or soft drinks, water and tea or coffee, as well as 3 wine and food tastings equivalent to light meals.
- Lecturer and tour manager

Travel insurance

It is a condition of booking that you have adequate holiday insurance. Cover for medical treatment, repatriation, loss of property and cancellation charges must be included. If you are making your own travel arrangements, please ensure you have travel insurance that protects you in the unlikely event that Martin Randall Travel cancels the tour.

Travel advice

We send you extracts from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office Travel Advice which also is available at:
www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice.
Please read this before travelling.

Non-UK citizens should look at the advice issued by their governments, which may differ significantly.

Group size

This tour will operate with a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 22 participants. If the minimum number has not been reached by 11 weeks before departure we may decide to cancel the tour. Often the decision is made much earlier than this.

Accommodation

Hotels

We are happy to book extra hotel nights or a room upgrade, for which we charge an administration fee.

Ascoli Piceno (3 nights, 11–14 May)

Palazzo Guiderocchi, Via Cesare Battisti 3, 63100 Ascoli Piceno. Telephone: 0736 254 753 (from the UK: 0039 0736 254 753). www.hotelguiderocchi.it

Montecassiano (2 nights, 14–16 May)

Villa Quiete Hotel, Via Enrico Mattei, 4, 62010 Montecassiano MC, Italy. Telephone: 0733 599 559 (from the UK: 0039 0733 599 559). www.villaquiete.it

Urbino (2 nights, 16–18 May)

Albergo San Domenico, Piazza Rinascimento 3, 61029 Urbino. Telephone: 0722 2626 (from the UK: 0039 0722 2626)
www.viphotels.it/eng

Joining the tour

Travelling with the group from London

Day 1, Monday 11th May

British Airways BA548 (aircraft: Airbus 320)

Check in, London Heathrow, Terminal 5.....06.25

Depart London Heathrow.....07.55

Arrive Rome Fiumicino, Terminal 3.....11.30

Journey time, including taxiing: 2 hours 35 minutes

Time difference from UK: Italy is 1 hour ahead

Day 8, Monday 18th May

British Airways BA543 (aircraft: Airbus 320)

Depart Bologna airport.....20.05

Arrive London Heathrow, Terminal 5.....21.20

Journey time, including taxiing: 2 hours 15 minutes

Travel amendments

If you plan to take the flights one way, please inform us as we must notify the airline. There is usually no reduction in price.

We are happy to request to book a flight upgrade, change the dates of your flight or book a connecting flight. For these services we charge an administration fee. In the last year we have seen airlines become less flexible around group bookings and upgrade requests, and in some cases they are refused. We are unable to make amendments to your flight, or add or remove flights from your booking within 10 weeks of departure.

Not travelling with the group from London

Day 1, Monday 11th May

Your options for joining the group are as follows:

- **In the arrivals hall of Rome Fiumicino airport**, in time for the arrival of the group flight at 11.30am.
- **At the hotel**, in time to leave on foot at 6.45pm for an aperitivo and dinner.

Day 8, Monday 18th May

Your options for leaving the tour are as follows:

- **The hotel**. The group leaves the hotel at 9.30am. Note that there is a visit on the way to the airport (mentioned below), and if you leave the tour earlier than the group you will miss it
- **The final visit of the tour**. There is a visit to a local producer near Urbino, with cheese tasting and a light lunch included
- **Bologna airport**, where we intend to arrive at c. 7.00pm.

This information is subject to change. More detailed instructions for meeting the group are provided on the final itinerary, sent to you about three weeks before the tour.

Please let us know your plans. You are given the tour manager's mobile number and they are given yours.

Financial protection

ATOL & ABTOT

If you are taking our group flights, all monies paid by you for the air holiday package are ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 3622.

Holidays which do not include flights are protected by ABTOT. Our ABTOT number is 5468. For more information see our booking terms and conditions.

Luggage

Luggage allowance: international flights

Your British Airways ticket includes:

Checked-in luggage. Euro Traveller (economy class): one piece, maximum 23 kilos; Club Europe (business class): two pieces, maximum 32 kilos each.

If your checked-in luggage weight exceeds this you will be charged £65 per bag (items weighing more than 32 kilos are not accepted). Additional items are charged at £65 each (maximum 23 kilos each).

Hand luggage. Two pieces: one measuring maximum 56 x 45 x 25 cm, the other measuring maximum 40 x 30 x 15 cm; each weighing maximum 23 kilos.

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Passports

Passport validity. For travel to Italy, you must follow the Schengen Area passport requirements. UK citizens are now considered third country nationals in the EU and new rules regarding passport validity apply.

Your passport must be:

- Issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the country (check the ‘date of issue’);
- Valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the ‘expiry date’).

You must check your passport meets these requirements before you travel. If your passport was issued before 1 October 2018, extra months may have been added to its expiry date.

Check that your passport will be valid for travel at: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

Visas

Italy is a member of the European Union and the Schengen zone. Citizens of the UK, Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada do not require a visa for tourist stays of up to 90 days in any 180-day period within the Schengen zone. Citizens of other non-EU countries should check visa requirements with the relevant consulates.

Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) scheme

If you are not a UK or Irish national, you will need an ETA to enter *and transit* through the UK.

The ETA currently costs £16 per applicant, and is valid for two years, or until the holder’s passport expires, whichever is sooner. Please check if this applies to you. If so, it is your responsibility to obtain an ETA before travelling and to ensure that you have the correct documentation needed to travel.

Please note, this requirement applies to those transiting through the UK, unless you are not going through UK border control.

You can find full details on who this applies to, and the full process here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-eta>

Health & fitness

Health

You need to be in good health and free of infectious illness on the day of departure, as it can spoil other participants' enjoyment of the tour if the illness spreads. If symptoms emerge of an infectious illness (including a heavy cold) during the tour, please tell the tour manager as soon as possible. For the benefit of your fellow participants, please detach yourself from the group until symptoms have eased.

Vaccinations

Travellers should be up to date with routine vaccination courses and boosters as recommended in the UK. These vaccinations include for example measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine and diphtheria-tetanus-polio vaccine.

You may wish to discuss these requirements with your doctor or practice nurse. Advice can change.

Source: travelhealthpro.org.uk

Health insurance cards

Following the UK's withdrawal from the EU, the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) has been replaced by the UK Global Health Insurance card (GHIC), but if you already have an EHIC it remains valid until its expiry date. These cards entitle UK residents to free or reduced-cost medical treatment in EU countries but are not a substitute for private travel insurance. You can apply online at:

<https://services.nhs.uk/cra/start>

How strenuous

There is a fair amount of walking involved. Participants need to be used to walking unaided on uneven terrain, and surefootedness is also essential for truffle hunting in the woods. The tour also involves walking in town centres, sometimes uphill and over unevenly paved ground. Some days involve a lot of driving through hilly terrain. Average distance by coach per day: 78 miles.

We ask that you assess your fitness by trying the simple exercises on [our website](#).

What to take with you

Packing essentials

- **Stout, comfortable shoes** are essential for the walks and excursions.
- **Sun protection.** There is little shade on the sites visited.
- **Waterproof coat.**
- **Anti-bacterial hand gel**
- **Re-usable water bottle**
- **Converter plug.**

Suggested additions

- **Binoculars**
- **Ear plugs.**

Weather

For a five-day forecast in the run-up to departure we suggest you consult www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

Money

We advise you to take some Euros in cash. Credit and debit cards are widely accepted and can be used to withdraw local currency from ATMs. However, we recommend checking with your bank if transaction fees will be applied to card purchases when abroad. To avoid high transaction fees, you may like to obtain a prepaid travel money card in advance of the tour. There are many companies offering these (banks, foreign exchange providers, supermarkets, and the Post Office). It involves opening an account, transferring money into it, and ordering the debit card to take with you.

Gastronomic tours

On a tour that focuses on food, wine and traditional manufacturing methods and cooking traditions we regret that participants with special diets may not have the same gastronomic experience as those with no restrictions. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.