

# Durgan Travel Service *presents...* 9 Days/7 Nights UMBRIA: ITALY'S HEART & SOUL



Featuring *Wonderful Wines, Crafts, Food, Chocolate, and Sightseeing!*



**DEPARTURES:**

**March at \$TBA\***

**April, Early May & October at \$TBA\***

**November at \$TBA\***



\* Rates are for payment by credit card. See back for discounted cash and check rates.

Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (*subject to change*).

**A little about Umbria:** This province, with its untouched landscapes in green winding valleys, is a region that will never fail to amaze! Umbria comprises mainly hills, mountains, and plains, and extends along the Tiber's central basin. The charm of Umbria derives from its fusion of nature (with its peace and calm) and art – the inspiration behind towns that include Renaissance masterpieces as well as small medieval towns embedded in the hills. Assisi, where we will be staying, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that represents “a series of masterpieces of man's creative spirit.” Everything revolves around its most renowned citizen, St. Francis, Patron Saint of Italy: from the Basilica, which is dedicated to the Saint and contains his tomb, to the hermitage, just outside the town walls, where he used to retreat to pray. Food-wise, Umbria is known for its pork products (sausage, ham!), pecorino sheep's cheese, fresh or ripe goat's milk cheese, and truffles (black and white – the most precious of all!). Everything is seasoned with the region's golden fruity olive oil, which enhances any dish. The typical Umbrian cake, panpepato, is a popular dessert. Like most of Italy, Umbria is well suited for making wine; its mild climate allows vintners to produce top quality white and red wines, including Assisi Grechetto and Sagrantino di Montefalco, among other many well-known labels.

## OUR UMBRIA: ITALY'S HEART AND SOUL ITINERARY:

**DAY 1 – BOSTON~ROME:** Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Rome, with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

**DAY 2 – ROME~ASSISI:** Upon arrival at Fiumicino Airport Rome, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us transfer to the 4-star *Hotel Giotto* (or similar) in Assisi. The remainder of the day is at leisure to familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. This evening, we will join our Tour Escort for a 'Welcome Drink' prior to dinner at our hotel. Overnight. (D)

**DAY 3 – ASSISI-PRISON'S HERMITAGE:** After breakfast at our hotel, we will take a guided morning sightseeing tour of Assisi, including the Basilica of St. Francis, the Basilica of St. Clare, the Duomo, and many of the other most notable sites. In the afternoon, we will visit the Prison's Hermitage, which is not a penal institution but a retreat to which St. Francis is said to have meditated and communed with the birds and animals. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

**DAY 4 – FOLIGNO~SPOLETO:** After breakfast, we will head south for a morning tour of Foligno, where we will see the lovely Piazza della Repubblica and Santa Maria Infraportas, where legend claims St. Peter actually said Mass. After lunch (*on our own*), we will visit Umbria's most compelling town – Spoleto. We will see many examples of the historic Romanesque architecture of this medieval city, highlighted by the paleo-Christian San Salvatore, with time to shop. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 5 – PERUGIA~GUBBIO:** After breakfast, we will depart for the provincial capital of Umbria – Perugia – possibly the most picturesque town in Umbria. The expansive Piazza Quattro Novembre, the beautiful Duomo, Fontana Maggiore, Sala dei Notari, and the Palazzo dei Priori are must-see places. Next, we'll visit the Perugina Chocolate Factory, where we'll see the production of chocolate and have the chance to purchase freshly made chocolate. After lunch (*on our own*), we'll continue on to Gubbio for an afternoon guided tour. Gubbio is the most medieval of all Umbrian towns. Add to this a gorgeous backdrop of the forest-clad mountains of the Apennines! The Palazzo dei Consoli, Palazzo Pretorio, the Basilica of Sant'Ubaldo and the Palazzo Ducale are among the city's many treasures. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 6 – LAKE TRASIMENO~ORVIETO:** After breakfast, we will take a scenic drive along beautiful Lake Trasimeno, the fourth-largest body of water in Italy! Along the way, we'll pause in Orvieto for lunch (*on our own*) and then visit the magnificent Gothic cathedral, known for its imposing facade. We will also have a chance to ride on the restored 19<sup>th</sup> century funicular railway. Leaving Orvieto, we will stop in the small nearby town of Ficule to visit a terracotta factory to see how earthenware is made. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 7 – FLORENCE:** After breakfast, we will head north, driving through the picturesque Umbrian and Tuscan countryside to the “home of the Italian Renaissance” – Florence! Our expert guide will introduce us to many of the splendors of this historic city: the Duomo, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Piazza del Signoria, the Square of the Church of the Holy Cross, and the Academy Museum (*to see Michelangelo's masterpiece sculpture “David.”*) After lunch (*on our own*), we'll have the afternoon at leisure for independent sightseeing or some shopping and browsing. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight. (B, D)



**DAY 8 – TODI~DERUTA~TORGIANO:** After breakfast, we're off to visit Todi, one of the emerging towns of Umbria, for morning sightseeing. Although Todi is a center of agriculture, its setting, high on a hill overlooking the plain, gives it a fairy-like, medieval quality. Deruta is next, and is famous for its beautiful, hand-made, hand-painted ceramics. And yes, we will have an opportunity to visit a ceramics pottery to see ceramic production and purchase some of the wares. This afternoon's last stop is in Torgiano, particularly renowned for the exquisite Umbrian wine produced by Giorgio Lungarotti. We will tour one of Lungarotti's wineries to learn more about viticulture and have a special tasting of some of their vintages! Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 9 – ASSISI~ROME~BOSTON:** After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the Fiumicino Airport in Rome to board our return non-stop flight to Boston with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (B)

**OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT UMBRIA: ITALY'S HEART AND SOUL ITINERARY:**

- Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- Round-trip regularly scheduled non-stop flights Boston-Rome and return with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.
- All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- 7-nights' accommodations at the 4-star *Hotel Giotto* (or similar) in Assisi, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples available at the twin rate. Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- Breakfast (B) each morning and dinner (D) each evening.
- Comprehensive sightseeing program as described in the itinerary including entrance fees where applicable and plenty of time for shopping-and-browsing.
- Services of a professional Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour and English-speaking guides, where required.
- Ticket on the 19<sup>th</sup> century funicular railway in Orvieto.
- All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen.
- Complimentary Durgan Travel Service travel bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

**A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.**

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