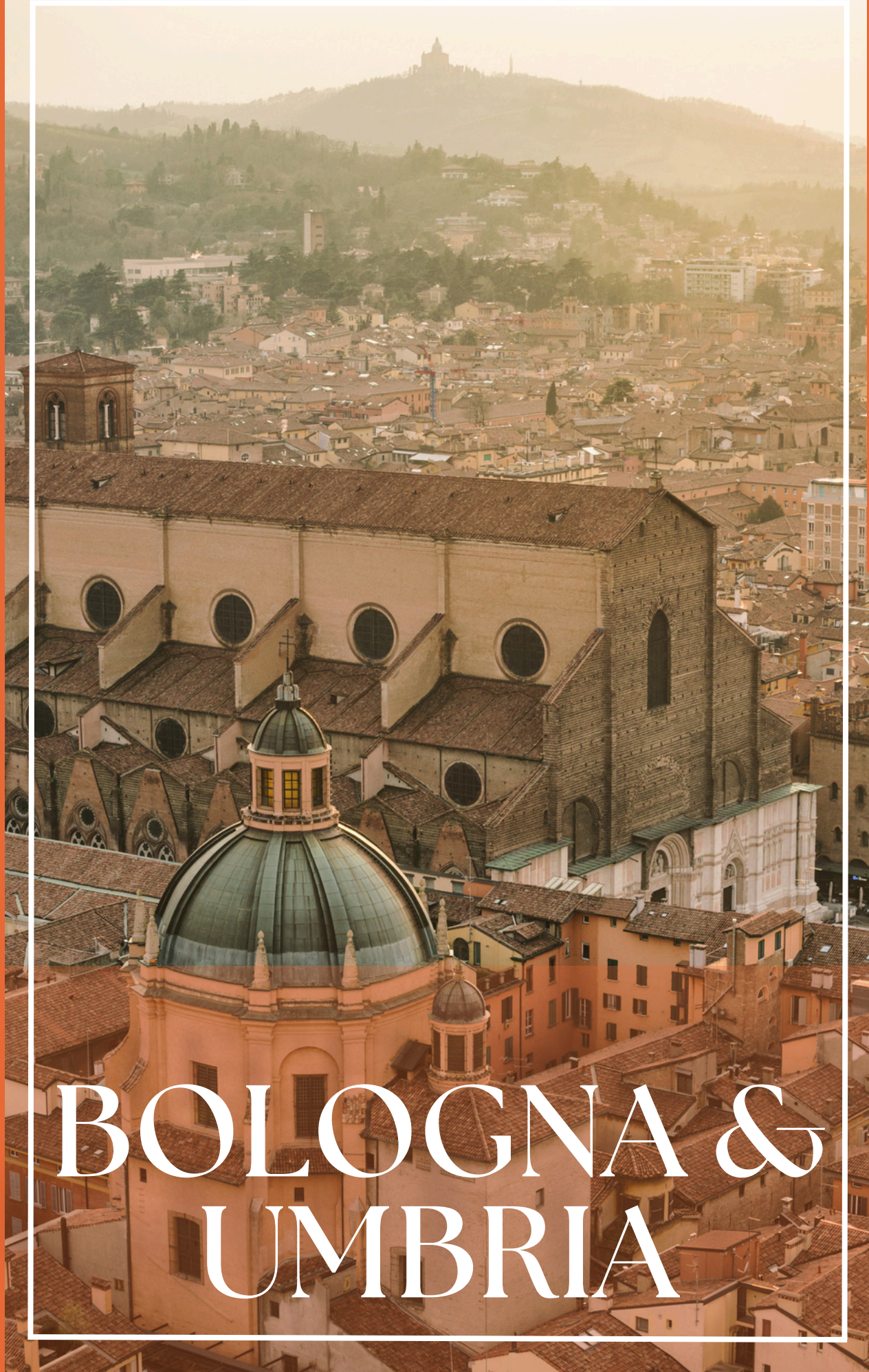




SMALL GROUP TOURS



BOLOGNA &
UMBRIA



Bologna & Umbria Tour Summary

Embark on an 11-day gourmet adventure through the heart of Italy—beginning in Bologna’s culinary wonderland and journeying through historic hill towns, artisan traditions, and lush Umbrian landscapes. This unique and fun-packed Bologna Tour package combines a wide variety of activities and off-the-beaten-path villages at a leisurely and relaxed pace.

Explore the food-filled heaven that is **Bologna**, discover how Parmesan cheese is made directly from a small producer near **Parma**, learn all about balsamic vinegar in **Modena** and walk through the romantic hilltop towns of **Le Marche**. Then, visit the **Ferrari Museum** in Maranello to see some of the world’s fastest cars.

See some of the world’s most breath-taking byzantine mosaics in **Ravenna**, visit **Assisi**, the mystical town of St. Francis, and the medieval cobbled stone streets of **Perugia** with expert local guides.

Take part in fun **cooking class** in **Umbria**, explore **medieval Castles**, take a leisurely ride through the **wine country**, visit local farms and wineries, and watch a local artisan make splendidly hand-painted designs on ceramics in **Deruta**. So much is packed into this incredible Bologna & Umbria Tour package, you might just want to come back and do it all over again.



11 days / 10 nights



Maximum of 12 travelers



Fully escorted with full-time tour leader

Start: Bologna

Finish: Rome

Stay: 3 nights Bologna, + 2 Nights Le Marche, + 4 nights Umbria, + 1 night Rome

Tour Itinerary - Bologna & Umbria

Day 1 | Friday

Welcome to Italia! Arrival in **Bologna**, where you'll check into a luxury boutique hotel in the heart of the historic district and, if you get a chance, try to rest & relax a bit before meeting with the others. This afternoon our expert local City Guide will walk us through the picturesque streets of Bologna, its historic sites, and classic culinary stops. At the end of the day, there will be a welcome dinner near the hotel with delicious traditional dishes.

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2 | Saturday

The day will start with the visit of an **organic farm** that produces the highest quality of Parmesan cheese. Our fun day continues with a private visit of a traditional Balsamic Vinegar Factory, an **Acetaia**, where this precious dark liquid, the "aceto balsamico di Modena" has been made by families for centuries using only artisanal methods. Then savor a tasty group lunch in a local trattoria. We will then back to Bologna where you can enjoy some free time and the rest of the evening and dinner on your own.

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 3 | Sunday

This morning we start the day at a **Prosciuttificio**, to learn about this local delight, then we continue along to the beautiful city of **Parma**. We'll enjoy some free time in Parma to stretch your legs exploring the town and its lovely shops. Or, add more calories to your day by having some gelato in town! Lunch on your own. Then we'll continue on to the amazing **Ferrari Museum** in Maranello to see some of the world's fastest cars: classic models, Formula 1, and collectibles of the world-renown manufacturer. Return to Bologna you can enjoy the rest of the evening on your own in Bologna. With wine bars, pasta shops, and gourmet food boutiques at every corner, Bologna will surely satisfy every square inch of your palate!

Meals included: Breakfast and tasting



Day 4 | Monday

Are you ready for another wonderful day? Today we check-out and leave Bologna – heading towards the Adriatic Sea and the East coast of Italy. Our first stop is **Ravenna**, a small city that is home to a whopping **eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites** and some of the most awe-inspiring early Christian monuments built between the 5th and 6th centuries AD, such as San Vitale and the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, containing incredible Byzantine mosaics. We'll have a local guide explain these spectacular historical sites to our group as we take a trip back in time. Lunch on your own in Ravenna. Arrival in **Urbino**, a beautiful medieval village, one of the most important Renaissance sites, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For the next two nights you will stay in a beautiful Boutique hotel. Group dinner in Urbino.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 5 | Tuesday

Enjoy a leisurely morning on your own in the town of Urbino. Enjoy free time and lunch on your own while savoring the sweet moments of life. This afternoon we're going to explore and actually cross the border into the **Independent Republic of San Marino** which is known for its lovely shops, cafés and views. Then we will make our way to **Gradara** where we enjoy free time on your own. Group dinner on the way back to the hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 6 | Wednesday

Our first stop is a must-see hilltop village called **Gubbio**, a magical place that will make you want to start looking for a local real estate agent. Enjoy some free time for photos and lunch on your own in this charming town away from tourist crowds. Meet back up with the group and take a scenic drive through the mountains, crossing over regional borders from Marche to Umbria, ending up in lovely medieval **Montefalco**, considered the “terrace of Umbria”, boasting some of the most breath-taking views of its expansive valleys. Then get your hands dirty and have some fun with a group **cooking class** making home-made pasta and other tasty local dishes! Then, a group dinner at the farm with dishes prepared during the cooking class.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 7 | Thursday

This morning we are heading to an **Olive-Oil Mill** where we will learn about all the facets of olive-oil production and taste the Mill's own olive-oil. Approaching the Oil Mill from Montefalco we will find ourselves pleasantly surrounded by vineyards, vegetable gardens and wonderful olive groves. Lunch at an outstanding family-owned restaurant nearby. Then we reach **Spoleto**, one of the most important artistic and cultural center of Umbria. Due to its rich past history, it is still possible to admire many palaces, towers, bridges, theaters and amazing churches. Be prepared for unforgettable panoramic walks, peaks and troughs, being the city center rising on the slopes of Sant'Elia hill. Then back to Montefalco for the rest of the afternoon and evening on your own.

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch



Day 8 | Friday

Our first stop is **Deruta**, internationally known for its exquisite and fine hand-painted ceramics. Then we continue on to **Perugia**, another beautiful panoramic city with Medieval architecture, fabulous food, and lots of great shopping opportunities! Enjoy some free time and lunch on your own. Our third and final stop will be **Assisi**, the charming hilltop town which was the birthplace of St. Francis, now a sanctuary and major pilgrimage destination for Catholics around the world. We'll meet our guide at the Papal Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi. Return to Montefalco, where we'll enjoy our group dinner in a beautiful central restaurant.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 9 | Saturday

This morning we'll enjoy a tour of **Bevagna's Medieval artisan workshops**, where you will learn about life during the Middle Ages and how they used to make paper from rags. Also in the same area we will have a private tour at a **family-owned winery**, producing the highly esteemed, full-bodied Montefalco Superiore wine (red), made from the ancient and indigenous grape varietal called Sagrantino. As we visit the cellars, we'll learn all about this deep, rich, velvety, dark-red wine as well as the many others that this boutique vineyard makes. Lunch at the vineyard's exceptional wines included. Then we visit romantic **Spello**, the so-called "city of flowers" with picturesque cobblestone alleyways lined with small shops and flower pots. Return to Montefalco to spend the remainder of the afternoon and evening at your leisure.

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 10 | Sunday

After check-out from the hotel, we begin the drive heading towards **Rome**. We'll break up the drive and stop in the stunning town of **Orvieto**, home to one of central Italy's most spectacular Gothic Cathedrals. You'll have some free time to explore before our final group meal together with tasty local dishes. Check-in Rome hotel for final night stay. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure in the Eternal City. This is the final night of the tour, make it special!

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 11 | Monday

Check-out and... Arrivederci! 'Till next time! Thank you for choosing Nada's Italy for your Italian adventure, we look forward to continuing the exploration with you again soon!

Meals included: Breakfast



What's included ?

Small group travel: maximum of 12 travelers per group!

Fully escorted day trips with a full-time English-speaking Tour Leader and professional private drivers.

Meals included: all *breakfasts*, some *lunches* and *dinners* (included meals are shown at bottom of each day's itinerary.)

Beverages included: bottled water, soft drinks, coffee, and 2 glasses of wine per meal (choice of red or white wine)

Private Walking Tours by licensed English-speaking City Guides, including PRIORITY entrance & tickets to attractions.

Private Transportation for day trips and transfers in comfortable air-conditioned Mercedes Executive vans (does not include: transfer from and to the airport, airfare, or any other personal travel expenses).

A+ Rated Customer Service with Nada's Italy you can rest assured that your travel experience will be completely stress-free. Your personal Journey Coordinator will assist you with any additional services you may need, provide expert packing and travel advice, and answer any questions you may have before your trip.

Return Traveler Program: receive up to \$800 credit per person towards any future trips you take with Nada's Italy!

No bag limit (many tour companies have a 1-bag limit per person).

Taxes & Fees: Local VAT taxes and government fees, City Tax, gas, highway tolls, city access licenses and permits, parking fees.

Staff & restaurant tips (additional gratuities can be given at the sole discretion of each traveler).

Important information

- Some tours start and end in different cities, make sure to book your flights accordingly.
- Reminders, hotel information, and arrival instructions will be sent only by email, please make sure we have your current email address.
- You must be in good physical condition to sign-up for this trip! There will be extended standing and walking over uneven pavement. An average walking tour is about 2-3 hours without sitting.
- We strongly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance for your trip. For suggestions on policies and a quote, please contact us.
- You should know that air conditioning in Italy, as well as WIFI connection, are not always as reliable as they are in the United States.
- The hotel staff assigns rooms to guests, some rooms may include stairs. A view is not guaranteed. As we work mainly with small upscale boutique hotels, rooms can differ in size and layout. Please contact us if you have specific requests/needs.
- Even though tips to staff and restaurants are included, it is suggested that you put aside approximately \$100 in combined gratuities for your driver & Tour Director for your trip.
- It is your responsibility to obtain the required documents to travel to Italy. Your passport should be valid for at least 6 months after your return date.
- In the unlikely event your tour does not reach the minimum participation requirement of 6 travelers, we will work with you to choose another available tour or tour date. We will do our best to make the transition as smooth as possible.
- Please note: while we do our best to adhere to our published itineraries, they may be changed at the discretion of the Tour Leader due to weather conditions and other unforeseeable circumstances.
- Unless stated otherwise, all rates are per person, based on double occupancy, land only, in USD, and subject to availability. Rates may vary by departure date and are subject to change without notice.