GRAND TOUR OF EMILIA ROMAGNA & SAN MARINO - THE 5 SENSES 2026-27

Duration: 9 days · Tour languages: English

Day 1 · Date TBD · Gradara

Rome - Gradara “the fortress of Paolo and Francesca” – San Marino km…

410. Departure from your chosen meeting point – in the afternoon visit of Gradara (a medieval village that still stands as one of the finest and best-preserved examples of a medieval historic centre; much of its fame comes from the magnificent and imposing Malatesta Fortress, one of the most intact and significant strongholds in Italy) - lunch on your own – tasting of local specialities - in the evening check-in at the hotel in San Marino - dinner at the hotel - after dinner San Marino by night, walking tour of the historic centre with tour leader – overnight stay.

Day 2 · Date TBD · Verucchio

San Marino “the ancient land of freedom, a Unesco World Heritage…

Site” - San Leo “a timeless village” - Verucchio “the cradle of the Malatesta family” km 6. Breakfast at the hotel – full-day guided excursion – visit of San Marino (its distinctive UNESCO-listed historic centre with the Three Towers, Piazza della Libertà, palaces and churches, including the internal visit of the first and second tower), San Leo (a beautifully preserved village with an atmosphere of times gone by, renowned for its spectacular setting, the Renaissance Fortress – internal visit –, the Cathedral and the bell tower on Monte della Guardia), Verucchio (historic centre with the Malatesta Fortress) - typical lunch at a local restaurant – tasting of local specialities - in the evening return to the hotel in San Marino - dinner at the hotel - after dinner Rimini by night, evening stroll by private coach and with tour leader – overnight stay.

Day 3 · Date TBD · Rimini

Rimini “more than just the seaside” & Forlì “Rationalist…

architecture” – Ravenna km 100. Breakfast at the hotel – full-day guided excursion – visit of Rimini (the ancient Tiberius Bridge, built in Roman times at the will of Augustus and linking the city with San Giuliano, the old Fishermen’s Quarter, Corso d’Augusto, Piazza Tre Martiri with its archaeological remains, Piazza Cavour, which in medieval times hosted the fish and vegetable market, Palazzo dell’Arengo, Palazzo del Podestà, Palazzo Garampi and Teatro Galli, the Arch of Augustus, symbol of Rimini, the Roman Amphitheatre, which once hosted gladiators and was only slightly smaller than the Colosseum, the Malatesta Temple, and the Rimini Cathedral – the unfinished masterpiece of Leon Battista Alberti, housing Giotto’s splendid crucifix in the apse) and Forlì (wide squares and elegant palaces, with a centre dominated by arcades, statues and buildings that represent the finest example of Rationalist architecture in Italy, including the main square, Piazza Saffi, famous for its remarkable size and its imposing historic buildings from different periods, such as the medieval Basilica of San Mercuriale and the 15th-century Palazzo Albertini and Palazzo del Podestà) - typical lunch at a local restaurant – DOC wine tasting - in the evening check-in at the hotel in Ravenna - dinner at the hotel – after dinner Ravenna by night, evening stroll by private coach and with tour leader – overnight stay.

Day 4 · Date TBD · Ravenna

Comacchio Valleys & Ravenna “Byzantine mosaics, a Unesco World…

Heritage Site” - km 50. Breakfast at the hotel – in the morning motorboat excursion through the Comacchio Valleys (the visit includes a stop at the old fishing huts, restored and turned into authentic museums displaying furnishings and tools connected with the fishing tradition) - typical fish and eel lunch at a local restaurant – in the afternoon guided tour of Ravenna and its UNESCO-listed Early Christian monuments (the Neonian Baptistery, the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia with its dome decorated like a starry sky, and the Basilica of San Vitale, renowned for the beautiful mosaics adorning its vaults and chapels, as well as the Basilica of Sant’Apollinare Nuovo) - in the evening check-in at the hotel in Ravenna - dinner at the hotel – after dinner Ravenna by night, panoramic tour by private coach and walking tour of the historic centre with tour leader - overnight stay.

Day 5 · Date TBD · Ravenna

Ravenna - Modena “a Unesco World Heritage Site and gastronomy” &…

Reggio Emilia “the Italian flag” km 200. Breakfast at the hotel – in the morning guided tour of Modena (Piazza Grande with the Cathedral and the Ghirlandina Tower, UNESCO World Heritage Site, Corso Duomo, Via Emilia, the historic halls of Modena Town Hall, and Albinelli Historic Market) – visit to a balsamic vinegar producer - tasting lunch – in the afternoon guided tour of Reggio Emilia (Town Hall, Piazza Prampolini, Vicolo Broletto, Basilica of San Prospero, Basilica of the Blessed Virgin of Ghiara, Piazza della Vittoria) - in the evening check-in at the hotel in Parma - dinner at the hotel – after dinner Parma by night, walking tour of the historic centre with tour leader and private coach – overnight stay.

Day 6 · Date TBD · Sabbioneta

Sabbioneta “the Gonzagas’ ideal city” & Mantua “Virgil’s city, a…

Unesco World Heritage Site” km 150. Breakfast at the hotel – in the morning guided tour of Sabbioneta (an intact star-shaped town with six bastions at its points: this is the striking urban plan of UNESCO-listed Sabbioneta; the citadel has two main gates, Porta Vittoria to the west, the oldest, and Porta Imperiale to the east, opened in 1579 and clad in marble; Palazzo Ducale, Palazzo Giardini with the Galleria degli Antichi, and Teatro all’Antica) – visit to a rice farm with a walk through the paddy fields and an explanation of rice cultivation methods, followed by a visit to the historic rice mill, where the original water wheel is still in operation, with an explanation of rice processing methods – tasting lunch – in the afternoon guided tour of Mantua (UNESCO World Heritage Site, Palazzo Te by Giulio Romano – internal visit –, Palazzo Ducale or Gonzaga Palace – external visit –) – in the evening return to the hotel in Parma - dinner at the hotel - after dinner walking tour with tour leader – overnight stay.

Day 7 · Date TBD · Parma

Parma “Italian Capital of Culture 2021” – Langhirano “Parma Ham”…

Fontanellato “The Labirinto della Masone” km 100. Breakfast at the hotel – in the morning guided tour of Parma (historic centre, the Pilotta Monumental Complex with the Farnese Theatre, the National Gallery, Cathedral and Baptistery) - visit in Langhirano to a Parma Ham producer - tasting lunch – in the afternoon visit to Fontanellato and the world’s largest labyrinth, created by the Franco Maria Ricci Foundation – in the evening return to the hotel in Parma - dinner at the hotel – free evening - tour leader at guests’ disposal - overnight stay.

Day 8 · Date TBD · Soragna

Parmigiano Reggiano – Soragna – Castell’arquato “where time has…

stood still” km 120. Breakfast at the hotel – in the morning visit to a producer of the famous Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, followed by a tasting - afterwards guided tour of Soragna (Rocca Meli Lupi di Soragna, Parmigiano Reggiano Museum) and Castell’Arquato (a beautiful medieval village with the Palazzo del Podestà, the Visconti Fortress and the Collegiate Church) – typical lunch at a local restaurant – DOC wine tasting – in the evening return to the hotel in Parma - dinner at the hotel – free evening - tour leader at guests’ disposal – overnight stay.

Day 9 · Date TBD · Bologna

Parma – Bologna - Rome km 500

Breakfast at the hotel – in the morning guided tour of Bologna (Piazza Maggiore with the Neptune Fountain, Basilica of San Petronio, the Two Towers, Basilica of Santo Stefano, also known as the Seven Churches, and the UNESCO-listed Porticoes) - lunch on your own – departure for the return journey – arrival in the evening. Please Note: the order of visits may be changed between the various days according to museum opening times or technical requirements, but the programme itself remains unchanged.

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