

## UMBRIA N. 6

### Day 1 Perugia – Gubbio

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Visit Perugia, Umbria's largest town with its very extensive historic centre. Our guided tour includes a walk through the medieval ghost town built in to the foundations of the Papal castle, Palazzo dei Priori, the Collegio del Cambio with frescoes by Pietro Perugino, the Collegio della Mercanzia with a late 14 C wooden interior and the National Gallery of Umbria which hosts one of the richest collections in Italy with works of international renown. The impressive number and variety of artistic works housed in the museum range from paintings on wood, canvas and murals, to sculptures in wood and stone, to goldsmith's art and fabrics, which exemplify the artistic evolution in the territory between the 13th and 19th centuries. At the end of the visit proceed to Gubbio, dinner and overnight.

### Day 2 Gubbio

**B L**

Breakfast. Dramatically perched on a hill overlooking the ruins of its Roman theatre, Gubbio seems suspended in the Middle Ages: time has stood still in this stunning medieval hill town with its exceptionally evocative medieval atmosphere. Meet your local guide and enjoy a private guided tour including the beautiful Piazza Grande and the 14th century palaces which stand around it - one of the greatest projects of the Middle Ages. Lunch in a local restaurant. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight.

### Day 3 Gubbio – Anghiari & La Verna – Florence

**B L D**

Breakfast and departure for your next destination, Florence. En route enjoy a guided visit of Anghiari, a charming medieval hamlet. Anghiari is about 30 km from Arezzo, near the border between Tuscany and Umbria in the Tuscan Valtiberina valley. Anghiari is a small medieval jewel set on a hill made of stone built up over the centuries from the Tiber River at its feet. Thanks to its strategical position, Anghiari played an important role in the Middle Ages. The flat valley underneath the village was the set of the famous Battle of Anghiari in 1440, when Florentine troops won the battle against the army from Milano. The legendary fresco depicting the "Battle of Anghiari" by Leonardo da Vinci in Florence's Palazzo Vecchio's Salone dei Cinquecento, unfortunately lost short after it was painted, was commissioned to celebrate this victory. Anghiari, a characteristic village enclosed in massive 13th century walls, preserves the ancient and original atmosphere of small medieval towns. During the tour, you'll walk around its narrow streets, you'll breathe the air of its history and glory. The stone houses overlooking the streets have small windows, wooden shutters and doors, sometimes damaged or broken, but still characteristic. The entrances and balconies of the houses are often decorated with flowers which colour the narrow streets of Anghiari, making it more beautiful and charming. Lunch in a local restaurant and then on to the La Verna Sanctuary, located in the Tuscan Apennines, famous for being the place where St. Francis of Assisi would have received the stigmata on September 14, 1224. Then on to Florence. Arrival, dinner and overnight.

**Day 4 Florence**

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Breakfast. Meet your local guide for a morning tour of Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance, with its famous highlights... Michelangelo's David, the Baptistery, Giotto's bell tower, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore (the Duomo) and the picturesque Signoria Square. Here you may take the opportunity to admire statues by Cellini, Giambologna and Ammannati before proceeding to the Ponte Vecchio and the Santa Croce Church, containing the tombs of illustrious Florentine citizens such as Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli, as well as fascinating works by Giotto and Donatello. The remainder of the day is yours to explore this amazing city as you please; choose from Florence's many culinary offerings for lunch and on request visit the inspiring Uffizi Gallery. Overnight.

**Day 5 Departure**

Breakfast and departure.

**Inclusions**

- ✓ 4 nights in selected 4-star hotels with full breakfast (2 nights Gubbio, 2 nights Florence)
- ✓ Private guided visits with English speaking guides in Perugia (Collegio del Cambio, National Gallery of Umbria), Gubbio, Anghiari & La Verna, Florence (the Cathedral, Santa Croce Church); including all the entrance fees to the sites
- ✓ Dinner (Gubbio)
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- ✓ Genuine typical lunch (Anghiari area)
- ✓ Dinner (Florence)