

**ENJOY ARTS AND THE BEAUTY OF
PIERO DELLA FRANCESCA'S LANDSCAPES**

With the opening of "Piero's Balconies" you can finally enter real, open air works of art in the Montefeltro area, across the Regions of Emilia-Romagna and Marche

from April to October

*The landscapes painted in the most famous works by **Piero della Francesca** have finally been found and can now be visited. The background landscapes of Piero della Francesca's works of art, one of the masters of Italian Renaissance painting, have been discovered in an area across Emilia-Romagna and Marche*

1st day

Arrival at Rimini Airport/train station in the early afternoon, transfer from the airport to Hotel 3*** in **RICCIONE**.



In the afternoon we continue to tour of **RIMINI** ancient capital of Malatesta Seignory. Our tour begins with the Arch of Augustus 27 a. C., the Roman Senate wanted to dedicate to the great Emperor. We will continue to Three Martyrs Square and the Malatesta Temple, one of the most important jewels of the Renaissance. Inside this magnificent church, you can admire the Crucifix by Giotto, **Piero della Francesca's fresco** representing the same Sigismondo Malatesta in prayer before St. Sigismund, 1451, The Tomb of Sigismondo and his wife Isolde, The Ark of the Ancestors and a large painting by Giorgio Vasari in 1548 depicting St. Francis. Following the main street we get to the Tiberius Bridge 14 AD, and then we visit (from outside) Castel Sismondo, castle of the Malatesta in the Renaissance.

Dinner with Malatesta menu. Evening free in the town center. Return to hotel. Overnight.

2nd day

Breakfast and departure at 08.30 for **SAN LEO**. The medieval center preserves the Roman buildings, the church, the Cathedral and the Bell Tower, while the residential buildings changed a lot during the Renaissance period. Guided visit to the **Fortress** of Francesco di Giorgio Martini.

The fortress was the protagonist of important war events during the Renaissance period, with the devolution of the duchy of Urbino to the direct rule of the Papal States (1631), the fortress was turned into a prison. From 1791 until his death, there was jailed Giuseppe Balsamo, known as

Count Cagliostro, one of the most fascinating and enigmatic adventurers of our history. Just inside of the fortress we will watch the video for the project "Montefeltro Views of Renaissance", from which we learn what tools and techniques it has come after years of study, to find that the landscape background to the paintings of Piero della Francesca correspond to our views.

The visit continues to an adjacent area to watch these landscapes that inspired the artist: "S. Jerome and a Donor" and "Battista Sforza." (*We recommend comfortable clothing and shoes, the stretch of trail leading to the balcony is in the wood*).

Lunch in a restaurant with a menu of local produce along the way.



In the afternoon we will take a walk in **SANTARCANGELO ROMAGNA** one of the best-preserved cities of Valmarecchia. Visit the historical center of the medieval town with the famous Arch Ganganelli erected in honor of Pope Clement XIV, full of towers, ramparts, gates, palaces ... to the beautiful Rocca Malatesta. Visit characteristics of tuffaceous caves and mysterious labyrinth of ancient caves dug in the clay, which served various purposes over the centuries: religious, policy, etc. ..

After transfer from the Cellar "Hill of The Poets", in a beautiful green hill. Visit the wine cellar, wine-producing Sangiovese, Albana and olive oil. **Tasting of wine and typical products.**

Return to hotel in the late afternoon, Dinner at hotel. Evening free



3rd day

Breakfast and departure at 08.30 to **Urbino**, the Renaissance capital and land of the Lord of Montefeltro. Visit free of the city center and the Palazzo Ducale, passing through the "Snail" by Francesco di Giorgio Martini. Most great men of culture, art, music were guests of Federico da Montefeltro; in his buildings you can admire the works of Piero della Francesca, Paolo Uccello, Luciano Laurana, Raphael Sanzio etd ... **Lunch in a restaurant** with a menu of local products in the area **URBANIA** .. an important town where the "Barco" that was once a resort for famous poets and humanists of the Renaissance (among them Torquato Tasso) and is connected to the Palazzo Ducale from a mile of river riders by boat from ladies and knights. After lunch we visit the second area from which we will see, through the point of view of the painter, the landscape of the box "triumphs". Departure for the return in the late afternoon. Dinner at hotel. Free evening. Overnight.



4th day

Breakfast at hotel and day free to visit San Marino Republic, make shopping and relax in the town center.

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