



URBINO & AREZZO, Italy

Monday 15th – Sunday 21st June 2020

£825.00



These are two of the most under-appreciated cities in Italy. Arezzo (*above*) is always overlooked for its better known Tuscan towns, one of the highlights of this trip being the '*Joust of the Saracen*', and Urbino, (Raphael's birthplace), with its two star attractions, the 15th century Ducal Palace, and the National Gallery of Le Marche. The gallery houses a first-class collection of paintings, one of the most important collections anywhere in the world.



The Charm of **Urbino** is that it is a bit off the beaten track, but well worth the effort to get there. Located in the Marche region in central Italy, the hilltop town set around a Renaissance palace has historical significance as the birthplace of Raphael.

The city's massive palace, Palazzo Ducale, is one of the most impressive in the country, built in the latter part of the 15th century. Housed inside the Ducal Palace, is the National Art Gallery of the Marche, with one of the most important collections of Renaissance paintings anywhere on earth, including works by including works by Raphael, Piero della Francesca, Uccello, Titian and Barocci. Stay 3 nights





Transfer to **Arezzo** for 3 nights. This is one of the wealthiest cities in Tuscany, due to its tradition in gold-smithery. Located in south eastern Tuscany, it sits atop a hill (where else?) at the crossroads of four valleys. Even though the Medieval centre was destroyed during World War II, Arezzo still has plenty of monuments, churches and museums remaining that offer visitors a chance to step back into history. The **Church of San Francesco** is probably the most famous in Arezzo, with the incredible Early Renaissance fresco cycle by **Piero della Francesca** depicting the *Legend of the True Cross*. The Joust of the Saracen or Giostra del Saracino is a **beautiful medieval festival** that starts early in the morning and finishes well into the evening.



Price includes

Airport Transfers

Return flights to Ancona outward and inward from Perugia using Easyjet Gatwick and Stansted with Ryanair.

Private transfers from Urbino to Arezzo

3 nights hotel accommodation in Urbino/ 3 nights hotel accommodation with breakfast in Arezzo.

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