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2021 - Experiences  
For individuals and groups

*At home in an Umbrian Palace.*

*This is not our slogan, but a way of thinking, designing, hosting, and living in this elegant 16<sup>th</sup>-century house. We have put together history, design, simplicity, authenticity and creativity in order to make you live a new Umbrian tradition.*



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\* For families



## TRUFFLE HUNTING AND RICOTTA CHEESE MAKING

Norcia - Savelli – Norcia

5 h

A complete and engaging experiential dive to maintain an indelible memory of your holiday in Norcia. The classic truffle quarry is enriched with art of cheese, so in addition to the suggestive walk in search of "black gold", our trusted cheesemaker will show you and reveal all the secrets and the process of preparing the cheese (and everything not in his laboratory but outdoors and in the midst of nature!) A unique and unmissable experience, typical and genuine at the same time! Finally, enjoy the picnic in the forest in total relax and let yourself be pampered by the tasting of typical local products before returning to the hotel.

Excursion available for families.

Included: car at disposal with pick up and drop off at Palazzo Seneca with English speaking driver (5h), translator for the truffle hunting, picnic and all activities as planned.

Suggested period: all year (except holidays; pre-holidays on request)

Recommended clothing:  
comfortable and sporty  
closed shoes  
waterproof jacket in case of rain

Cancellation policy:  
50% from 10 to 5 days  
80% from 4 to 2 days  
100% from 1 to the activity day

*"I like preparing special things like ivy  
and wildflower honey, or blackberry,  
raspberry and quince jams for dinners  
with my family and friends.*

*However,*

***black truffle is my true passion."***



## BLACK TRUFFLE HUNTING AND COOKING CLASS

Norcia - Savelli – Norcia

**8 h**

At Palazzo Seneca with the Chef and / or his brigade or at *Casa Bianconi* with the our reliable local chef, the secrets of Italian and local cuisine will be revealed before your eyes, describing the choice of ingredients and teaching the necessary techniques to recreate at home what it was done during the course. An informal tasting will follow with the dishes prepared. In the afternoon Nicola, our expert quarryman, with his dogs Tempestina and Lulù will guide you in search of the black truffle in the woods of the Monti Sibillini National Park with an excellent picnic or a final aperitif.

Upon request only, from Monday to Friday (only in the morning)

The experience includes: car at disposal with pick up and drop off at Palazzo Seneca with English speaking driver (8h), translator for the truffle hunting. Activities as planned.

Suggested period: all year  
(except holidays; pre-holidays  
- on request)

Recommended clothing:  
comfortable and sporty  
closed shoes  
waterproof jacket in case of rain

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**CASA BIANCONI**  
*cooking school*

## COOKING CLASSES: THE CHOICE!

Norcia  
2h approx.

### AT VESPASIA MICHELIN - STARRED RESTAURANT

Cooking class will lead the guest to discover the recipes and the secrets of the typical Italian and Norcia cuisine followed by an informal tasting.

Upon request only, from Monday to Friday (only in the morning)

Suggested period: all year      Available for families



### AT CASA BIANCONI WITH A LOCAL CHEF

Learn, cook and taste local recipes in an historical home in the center of Sibillini National Park! Meet local Chefs and let us join hands to enhance local culinary traditions of Norcia. Learn some easy, flavorful meals the whole family will enjoy and taste them.



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cooking school



Suggested period: all year

Available for families

## COOKING CLASS: HERBS AND FLOWERS, FROM THE GROUND TO THE TABLE

Norcia and countryside

**Full day** - about 5km (3 miles), on foot

Our expert hiking guide can take you around Norcia enjoying a picturesque landscape to recognize and gather herbs, flowers and wild fruits. An easy, flat route of 5 km (3 miles) in total where the guide will illustrate all culinary peculiarities and beneficial properties of the fruits of local nature. Later, you will arrive at *Casa Bianconi* for a fun and unique guided cooking class, creating savory dishes or syrups and herbal teas typical of the local tradition with informal tasting.

In the presence of families with children, the walk will be enriched with games and treasure hunts to learn more about the area (cost per child to be added).

**Included:** guided walk in English starting from Palazzo Seneca, informal tasting and activities as planned.

Suggested period: March, April, May, June, from August to December

Recommended clothing:  
comfortable and sporty  
closed shoes  
waterproof jacket in case of rain

Cancellation policy:  
50% from 10 to 5 days  
80% from 4 to 2 days  
100% from 1 to the activity day



PALAZZO  
SENeca

## ONE DAY LIKE A REAL NORCINO MAN

Norcia

**8 h - 20 km (13 miles)**

Nicola, our expert quarryman, with his dogs Tempestina and Lulù will lead you in search of black truffle in the woods of the Monti Sibillini National Park with an excellent final picnic. In the early afternoon you will visit the chocolate workshop where you will be shown the production process of Norcia artisan chocolate delicacies and you will have the opportunity to make sweet purchases after a chocolate-based tasting. Finally, you visit one of the best local meat and vegetable producers, you discover how meat becomes ham, salami, sausages without added gluten, lactose and milk derivatives. The love for nature and animals has led to the creation of an educational farm so that everyone can spend unique moments in a place full of surprises.

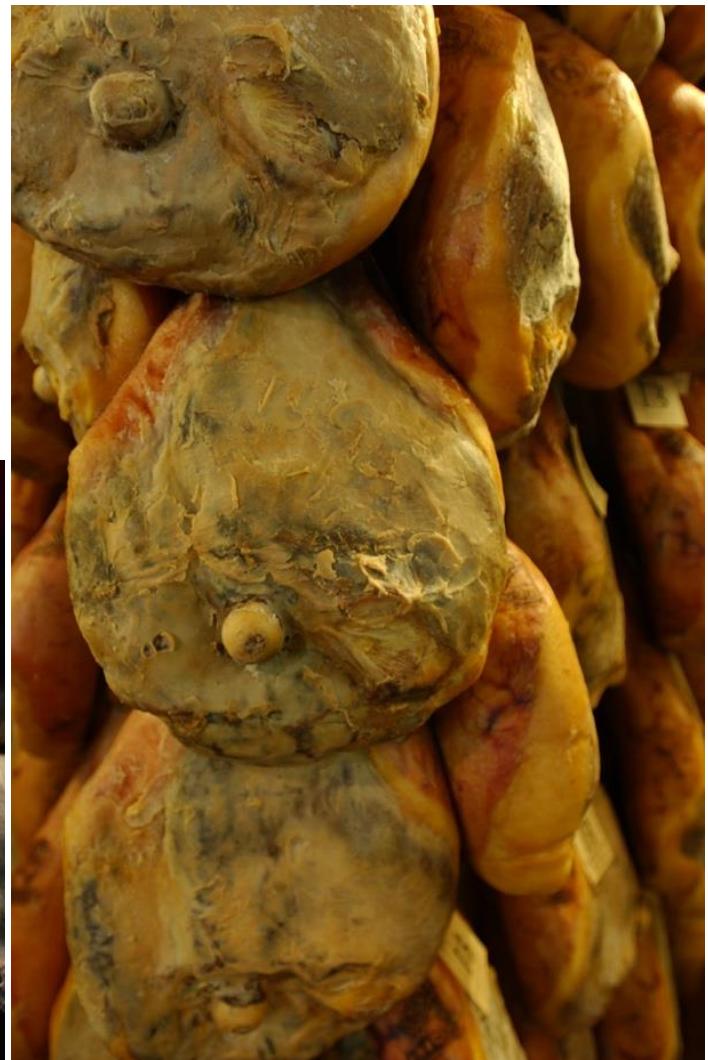
Excursion available for families.

Included: car at disposal with pick up and drop off at Palazzo Seneca with English speaking driver (8h), quarry, picnic in the woods, visits and tastings as planned.

Suggested period: all year

Recommended clothing:  
comfortable and sporty  
sweatshirt or spare sweater in case of wind  
closed shoes  
waterproof jacket in case of rain

Cancellation policy:  
50% from 10 to 5 days  
80% from 4 to 2 days  
100% from 1 to the activity day



## LOCAL PRODUCERS: GASTRONOMY AND SWEET IN NORCIA

Norcia

**6 h - 5 km (3 miles)**

Take advantage of your stay in Norcia to discover the typical products of the tradition: black belted pigs, blue-egged hens, donkeys. You can watch the artisanal processing of meat in the laboratory of one of the most excellent local producers, to learn about the art of *norcineria* famous all over the world. In addition to the small final tasting of the company's cold cuts and cheeses, it will be possible to enjoy a delicious picnic prepared by the Michelin-starred restaurant, Vespa. In the afternoon, you will visit a little historic chocolate factory to explain how its chocolate-based delicacies are born: tablets, creams, biscuits, pralines and *tartufini!* You will be shown the production cycle and have a sweet tasting.

Excursion available for families.

Included: car at disposal with pick up and drop off at Palazzo Seneca with English speaking driver (6h), entrance fees, visits, picnic lunch, tastings as planned.

Does not include: Drinks and anything not expressly mentioned under "the price includes"

Suggested period: all year

Cancellation policy:

50% from 10 to 5 days

80% from 4 to 2 days

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## NORCIA AND CHEESE MAKING IN CASTELLUCCIO

Norcia – Castelluccio – Norcia  
**6 h - 60 km (38 miles)**

This excursion will take you to the center of Norcia to discover its medieval walls before having lunch in one of the oldest restaurants in Umbria. In the afternoon, you will visit a small dairy nearby to the village of Castelluccio. Here, our trusted cheesemaker with simple gestures will show an interesting cheese school with final ricotta tasting.

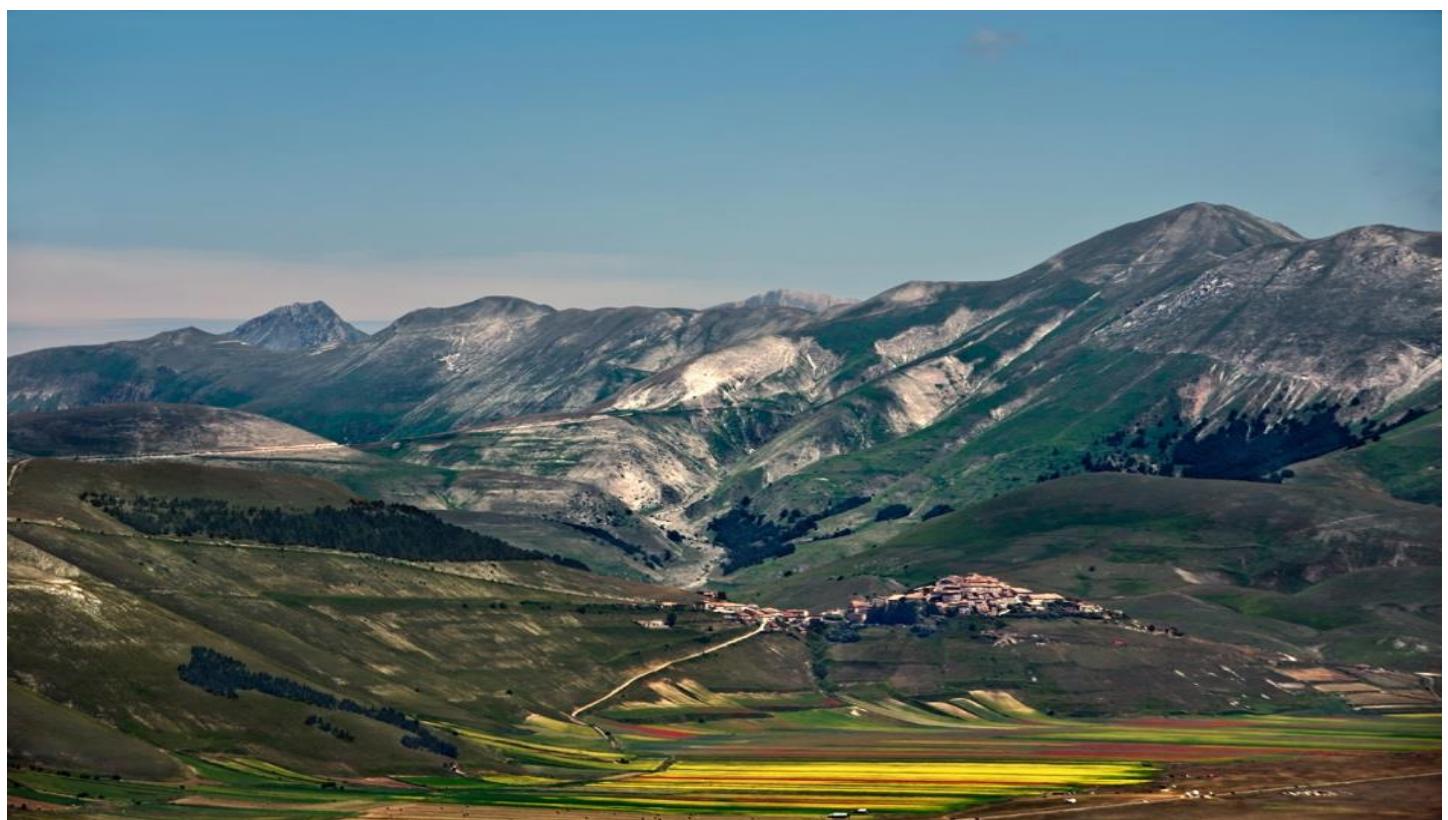
Excursion available for families.

Included: guided tour of Norcia (3h), car at disposal with pick up and drop off at Palazzo Seneca with English speaking driver, visit and tasting at the cheese school as planned.

Does not include: drinks and anything not expressly mentioned under "the price includes "

Suggested period: from April to October

Cancellation policy:  
50% from 7 to 5 days  
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## PRECIOUS WINES AND CASHMERE EXPERIENCE

Norcia - Montefalco - Bevagna - Norcia

**8 h**

This experience ranges from 360 degrees wine culture to the history of the prestigious and worldwide known Cashmere production in Umbria. Through the visit of an illustrious winery and wine tasting with a rich picnic in the vineyard, you will be able to savour the heart of the Umbrian hills. In the afternoon then the little village of Bevagna will amaze you with its history and its textile traditions focused on cashmere production with a Palazzo Seneca exclusive workshop experience. Time available for shopping at the manufacturer's showroom and special tasting of local teas and biscuits.

Includes: car at disposal with pick up and drop off at Palazzo Seneca with English speaking driver, lunch as a picnic in the vineyard, visits and tastings as planned.

In case of bad weather, the picnic in the vineyard will be replaced by a tasting of the most representative labels with a wine educator available, accompanied by a selection of typical local products.

Suggested period:  
from April to October

Cancellation policy:  
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## TREKKING AND HIKING ON THE SIBILLINI MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Norcia - Castelluccio di Norcia

**5h or 8h**

Trekking and hiking excursions with our expert guide who will accompany beginners, enthusiasts or experts to discover the wonders of the Monti Sibillini National Park. The territory of the park offers countless and different possibilities for those who want to experience its natural treasures in all seasons. There is a choice of numerous path options depending on the time available, the degree of difficulty, the level of preparation of the participants, the season and period. The common thread will be nothing other than the constant contact with the wild nature of this corner of Umbria, among the corners of the villages scattered along the slopes of the Sibillini and pleasant walks with rural and pastoral flavor.

Excursion available for families with donkeys – on request basis

Included: car at disposal with pick up and drop off at Palazzo Seneca with English speaking driver. (Car rental driven by the same excursion guide) and guide.

Does not include: lunch

Suggested period: all year

Recommendation: water, complete full spectrum sun protection, k-way in case of rain or waterproof jacket, technical fabric socks and trekking shoes, pointed hat and sunglasses, dress layered garments and carry a lightweight and practical backpack in which to store all that is not used. Snacks or packed lunch at discretion.

Cancellation policy:

50% from 7 to 5 days

80% from 4 to 2 days

100% from 1 to the activity day



## STUNNING E-BIKE RIDE IN THE VALNERINA AREA

Half day excursion - **3/5 hours activity** with e-bike – available for families  
(5/7 hours in total including transport and client preparation)

The Valnerina, the little region where Palazzo Seneca is located, is rich in villages and monuments telling the story of this area, all set in a fantastic landscape. In defining the routes we considered that in addition to being a bike ride it is also a time to savour a territory. To give a meaning to a half-day experience, and therefore to know a territory as a whole, between landscapes, villages, roads and to capture its history and culture, we opted for the use of pedal assisted e-bicycles. Enjoy the experience savouring a tasty and practical take-away picnic prepared by our starred restaurant Vespaia in Norcia, to be enjoyed before your return to the hotel.

**Suggested period:** from April to October on weekdays.

On holidays or week-ends it is advisable to book at least 20 days in advance.

**To know:** detailed descriptions of the planned itineraries, upon request. Where the tour does not provide it, it is possible to request a return with a different vehicle (car or van) at an additional cost, payable directly on site to our supplier. On request it will also be possible to take a shower at the end of the activity before returning to the hotel (for itineraries in the lower Valnerina not departing from Norcia), always paying a small fee on the spot.

Cancellation policy:

50% from 10 to 5 days

80% from 4 to 2 days

100% from 1 to the activity day

### NORCIA AREA (departure form Palazzo Seneca)

1. The plain of Santa Scolastica
2. Plain of Fiano di Abeto, Valle del Campiano and fork of Ancarano



Included: English-speaking guide, bike rental with assisted pedaling, helmet, repair kit, water bottle and lights, guide with first aid kit and all the necessary equipment for small mechanical interventions. Take-out starry snack and backpack to contain it.

### AREA OF BASSA VALNERINA (with private transfer back to Palazzo Seneca)

1. Castel San Felice - Cascata delle Marmore
2. Along the route of the former Spoleto - Norcia railway

Included: English-speaking guide, bike rental with assisted pedaling, helmet, repair kit, water bottle and lights, guide with first aid kit and all the necessary equipment for small mechanical interventions. Transfer from/to Palazzo Seneca to the starting point of the tour for the lower Valnerina and starry snack with backpack to contain it.

## ENRICHING WELLNESS EXPERIENCE

Norcia  
**2 nights**

Step back and relax ... we take care of everything for you!

Sweet dreams, a genuine breakfast in the heart of our National Park and your day will start as a special one! Take your time in our sauna and hammam before your soothing massage and a tisane made with the flowers of the park. Also for lunch and dinner let you be pampered with two different culinary experiences both based on local products satisfying your desire of balance and calm.

Included:

- \* 2 nights in a double room of your choice
- \* Breakfast buffet overlooking the garden and Norcia's historic center
- \* 1 entrance for two at the Wellness Center of Palazzo Seneca with sauna, Turkish bath, Jacuzzi and relaxation area
- \* One 45-minutes massage per person
- \* At Granaro del Monte Restaurant (BIB Michelin):
  - 1 lunch with traditional local products (beverages excluded)
- \* At Vespaia Restaurant MICHELIN:
  - 1 dinner with 4 courses Menu (beverages excluded)
- \* Free WIFI
- \* Free parking (350 meters far)

Does not include: Sala Sibilla entrance (only for couple)

Suggested period: all year

Cancellation policy: on request



## COUPLE WELLNESS EXPERIENCE

Norcia  
**3 nights**

One day in the Green Heart of Italy with your special one? Palazzo Seneca opens the door to a complete relax under its vaulted and cross-shaped ceilings of the wellness center with a special massage. And a great culinary experience is just one stone away: 3 dinners at Vespaia Restaurant MICHELIN during the stay will help you both finding your balance before come back to real life!

Included:

- \* 3 nights in a double room of your choice
- \* Breakfast buffet overlooking the garden and Norcia's historic center
- \* 1 entrance for two at the Wellness Center of Palazzo Seneca with sauna, Turkish bath, Jacuzzi and relaxation area
- \* One 45-minutes massage per person
- \* At Vespaia Restaurant MICHELIN :
  - 1 dinner with 4 courses Menu (beverages excluded)
  - 1 dinner with 6 courses Menu (beverages excluded)
  - 1 dinner with 7 courses Menu (beverages excluded)
- \* Free WIFI
- \* Free parking (350 meters far)

Does not include: Sala Sibilla entrance (only for couple)

Suggested period: all year

Cancellation policy: on request



## **HALF AND ONE DAY PACKAGES**

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\* For families



## RAFTING EMOTION

Norcia - Biselli – Norcia

**4 h**

Immerse yourself in the waters of the Corno river with a rafting excursion through the gorges of the Valnerina. Among fairy-tale scenarios and fun, you will immediately find yourself in close contact with nature and thanks to our expert guides, whole family will enjoy a great moment in total safety. You can then come back to Norcia and enjoying the rich lunch based on local dishes typical of our tradition at the Granaro del Monte restaurant (BIB Gourmand Michelin).

Excursion available for families

Included: transfer service with pick up and drop off at Palazzo Seneca with English speaking driver, lunch with the "Menu of the Nursino" (drinks not included), rafting excursion 1 and 2 section on the Corno river.

Suggested clothing: bathing suit, cotton-wool sweater, spare socks, towels.

All necessary mandatory equipment is distributed at the nautical base. No specific knowledge or skills are required. Activities are also suitable for those who cannot swim.

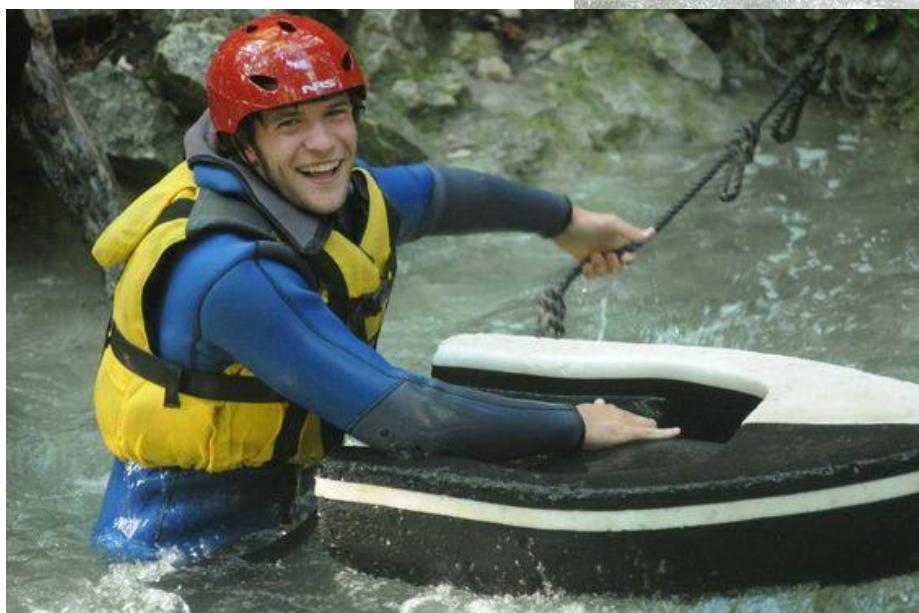
Suggested period: all year

Cancellation policy:

50% from 7 to 5 days

80% from 4 to 2 days

100% from 1 to the activity day



## TRUFFLE AND HEMP EXPERIENCE

Norcia – Scheggino – Campello sul Clitunno – S. Anatolia di Narco – Norcia  
**8 h – 100 km (62 miles)**

You will freely walk in one of the smallest villages of the Valnerina which has made the prized black truffle a symbol and you will visit the truffle museum. Delight your palate with typical truffle-based specialties in our selected cozy restaurant in Campello sul Clitunno. In the afternoon you will immerse yourself in the versatile and enchanting world of Hemp (natural fiber typical of the area) with a guided tour of the museum and a particular experience in the textile laboratory. Pick of the day, a tantalizing aperitif with tasting Hemp-based products before returning to Norcia.

Excursion available for families

Included: car at disposal with pick up and drop off at Palazzo Seneca with English speaking driver (8h), entrance fees to the Museum, visits and tastings as planned.

Does not include: lunch

Village guided tour (only on request)

Suggested period: all year

Cancellation policy:

50% from 7 to 5 days

80% from 4 to 2 days

100% from 1 to the activity day



## UMBRIA EXCELLENCES

Norcia – Scheggino – Campello sul Clitunno – Montefalco – Norcia  
**8 h - 140 km (87 miles)**

This tour is perfect for those who want to immerse themselves in the infinite world of Umbrian excellences such as TRUFFLES, OIL AND WINE. You will walk in one of the smallest village of the Valnerina that has made the black truffle a symbol and you will visit the truffle museum. Enjoy the lunch based on typical specialties and flavors of Umbria in our selected cozy restaurant in Campello sul Clitunno. You will visit an ancient olive oil mill to learn about its history and the technique of pressing and after a rich final tasting the experience continues in Montefalco, in one of the most renowned wine cellars. Let yourself be enchanted by the fragrances the scent and you will taste some of its most famous labels before returning to Norcia.

Included: car at disposal with pick up and drop off at Palazzo Seneca with English speaking driver (8h), entrance to the Museum, visits and tastings as planned.

Does not include: lunch, village guided tour (only on request)

Suggested period: all year

Cancellation policy:

50% from 7 to 5 days

80% from 4 to 2 days

100% from 1 to the activity day



## ARTISANAL RAW BEER AND NATURAL WINE SECRETS

Norcia -Montefalco – Norcia  
**8 h** - 120 km (75 miles)

A combination of beer and wine will involve you in a unique and original way through this tour, whose heady scents will accompany you all the time. From a recipe of Anglo-Saxon origins inherited and transplanted in Umbria, the beer that tells our land is born. You will visit the brewery and enjoy lunch at the eponymous beer shop with typical local products to accompany you in the tasting of the most representative beers. In the afternoon you will visit a natural wine cellar with a suggestive walk in the vineyard and an absolutely unmissable tasting.

Included: car at disposal with pick up and drop off at Palazzo Seneca with English speaking driver (8h), lunch at the beer shop, visits and tastings as planned.

Suggested period: all year

Cancellation policy:

50% from 10 to 5 days

80% from 4 to 2 days

100% from 1 to the activity day



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## COMPARING EXCLUSIVE WINERIES

Norcia – Cannara – Bevagna – Norcia  
**8 h - 150 km (93 miles)**

The tour of contrasts par excellence: two wineries with their own history and their own philosophy of work. The first takes inspiration from organic farming and will let you fully enter into its unique lifestyle choice with a nice ride in an historic carriage. The wine tasting will be guided in an excellent way, professional but at the same time in a family atmosphere. In the afternoon visit and wine tasting at one of the most prestigious and modern wineries in Umbria, where art and taste meet in a combination of absolute beauty.

Included: car at disposal with pick up and drop off at Palazzo Seneca with English speaking driver (8h), visits and tastings as planned.

Does not include: lunch (in this case it is a tasting accompanied by a platter of cold cuts and cheeses).

Suggested period: all year (in case of bad weather the ride in the carriage will be replaced by an indoor tour in the cellar).

Cancellation policy:

50% from 7 to 5 days

80% from 4 to 2 days

100% from 1 to the activity day



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## THE GREAT MADE IN UMBRIA

Norcia – Perugia – Solomeo – Norcia  
**8 h – 220 km (137 miles)**

A tour that assembles together two Made in Umbria great names known throughout the world, ranging from the gastronomic theme to the textile. You will fully enter the world of chocolate with a visit to the museum house and a private lesson with the official *maître chocolatier*. Finally, let yourself be enchanted by the passion for beauty, sewn on and tailored: you will visit the most famous Umbrian textile production and the enchanting village that hosts it, with time available for shopping without equal.

Included: car at disposal with pick up and drop off at Palazzo Seneca with English speaking driver (8h), entrance and visit to the museum, private chocolate processing lesson.

Does not include: lunch

Suggested period: all year

Cancellation policy:

50% from 10 to 5 days

80% from 4 to 2 days

100% from 1 to the activity day



## DISCOVER UMBRIA TOGETHER

First day: Norcia - Spoleto - Norcia, 85 km round trip

Second day: Norcia - Cannara - Assisi - Norcia, 170 km round trip

Two days to discover Umbria craftsmanship, history and food and wine tradition.

All starts from Norcia to discover the excellence of goldsmith's art at a renowned and historic artisan workshop, have lunch in a restaurant based on typical local products in Spoleto and then follow the guided tour of the historic city (maximum 2h30). After a relaxing night at Palazzo Seneca and a genuine breakfast in the heart of our National Park, we will visit a famous local farm with its organic wine cellar, carriage ride and lunch in the vineyard with picnic based on their local products and combined wine tasting. Later, we will arrive in Assisi for a guided tour of the city, entrance to the Basilica (maximum 2h30) and return to Norcia.

Suggested period: all year

(in case of bad weather, the carriage ride will be replaced by a covered visit of the cellar)

Minimum 10 pax and maximum 15 pax (paying).

Included: car available with meeting and return to Palazzo Seneca, English speaking driver; drinks not included.

Cancellation policy:

50% from 10 to 8 days

80% from 7 to 4 days

100% from 3 to the activity day

