

TRUFFLES, WINES, AND CHOCOLATES OF UMBRIA

7 Days FROM \$2,739



Arena in Gubbio

HOSTED PROGRAM

(6) Gubbio



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the Tuscan-like region of Umbria and its lush landscapes, olive groves, and vineyards that produce rich oils and world-famous wines
- Discover Perugia and its ancient past dating back to the Etruscan civilization
- Attend a cooking class and learn the secrets of Umbrian Cuisine under the hotel chef's guidance
- Venture out with a truffle hunter and his dogs on his daily truffle hunt in the unspoiled Umbrian forests
- Meet the local artisans in their studios and learn about the ancient art of pottery

- No. of overnight stays

DAY 1 | ROME | GUBBIO Upon arrival proceed to baggage claim. After clearing customs, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel in Gubbio, the oldest town in the Umbria region as shown by the Tables of Gubbio housed in the City Museum and the Roman Theatre's ruins. Rich in historical and artistic heritage as well as in ancient traditions that can be found intact in its folklore and products, Gubbio is a town of ochre colored houses, tiled rooftops, towers and narrow cobbled streets. Tonight enjoy a gourmet dinner at your hotel, a most beautifully restored 17th century monastery. (D)

DAY 2 | GUBBIO In the morning you will join a truffle hunter and his dogs on his daily truffle hunt in the unspoiled Umbrian forests. Learn during this unique experience all there is to know about two main types of truffles ("tartufi" in Italian): the precious black truffle - *Tuber melanosporum*, and the summer black truffle - *Tuber aestivum*. Afternoon at leisure to relax or to enjoy your included 50 minutes body message at the hotel's spa. (B)

DAY 3 | GUBBIO Meet with your guide after breakfast. As you stroll through a maze of streets, alleys and staircases surrounded by fortified walls, you will meet local artisans in their studios who will teach you about the ancient art of pottery, wood engraving and iron works. After a salumi and cheese tasting you will continue your tour with a visit of St. Francis church and San Martino neighborhood. You will then stop by the Bargello Fountain, also known as "Fontana dei Matti" (Fountain of the Madmen) as folklore has it that if you complete three laps around the fountain you officially become a lunatic. Continue to the impressive Piazza Grande home to Palazzo dei Consoli, a towering Gothic building of limestone lined with narrow arched windows. The tour will end with dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 4 | GUBBIO | PERUGIA | GUBBIO This morning we head to Perugia, the region's capital city. After a wine tasting session held at a charming estate dating back to the 13th century, you will enjoy a visit of the chocolate factory known for its production of the "Baci Perugina". The tour will end with a visit of Perugia. The town's Etruscan past is present in the massive Etruscan walls, while the Medieval and Renaissance past is present in the elegant buildings that dot the city. Return to Gubbio in the late afternoon. (B)

DAY 5 | GUBBIO Today learn the secrets of the Umbrian cuisine under the hotel chef's guidance. After class, you will be invited to feast on the dishes you have prepared as you take your seat at the table for lunch. Rest of the afternoon to relax at the hotel's spa or to visit, on your own, the Sant'Ubaldo Monastery, a basilica perched upon the summit of Mount Ingino amid olive orchards, chestnut trees and wild flowers. For a unique experience, take the open air funicular that travels along a wire hanging over the rocky hill. (B,L)

DAY 6 | GUBBIO During the Renaissance, Gubbio's strategic position and the dominance of wealthy and politically important families greatly contributed to the development of arts and crafts. At that time, the fame of Gubbio pottery increased enormously thanks to Mastro Giorgio's lustre plates which are among the most relevant pieces of Italian Renaissance art. Today, enjoy a pottery class and learn all there is to learn about this unique and traditional technique. Free afternoon to shop and to relax while enjoying your 25 minute facial at the hotel's spa. Tonight enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

DAY 7 | GUBBIO | ROME TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY) Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner



Wine and chocolates of Umbria

INCLUDED FEATURES

- Deluxe class hotel accommodation for 6 nights
- 10 included meals consisting of:
 - 6 buffet breakfasts
 - 1 lunch at hotel
 - 2 dinners at hotel
 - 1 dinner at local restaurant
- Assistance of a professional local Representative
- Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows:
 - Truffle hunting tour (during certain time of the year the truffle hunting tour might be substituted with 1.25 hour stone massage at hotel spa)
 - Tour of artisanal shops in Gubbio followed by salumi and cheese tasting
 - Full day excursion to Perugia including wine tasting and visit of Perugina chocolate factory
 - Cooking class at hotel
 - Pottery class at a local artisan's workshop
 - 50 minutes body message, 25 minutes facial and access to spa facilities at hotel
- Round trip transfers from Rome airport to hotel
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Gubbio	6	Park Hotel Ai Cappuccini	Deluxe class

PRICED FROM

Deluxe class hotels: \$2,739

Price is per person, based on double occupancy.