

Join Gwen Wright &

Cranleigh DFAS on our trip

# A Taste of Medieval Italy

8 Day Escorted Tour

£830pp

DEPARTING 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017



## Your holiday includes

Coach transfers to Heathrow.

Scheduled flights from Heathrow with British Airways or similar scheduled airline.

Overseas transfers and other transportation.

7 nights' accommodation in the Hotel Plaza with breakfast, plus 4 dinners.

The services of a Travelsphere Tour Manager.

Local Guide - Audio Guide.

Wi-Fi on board your coach.

Hotel portorage (one bag per person).

## Included holiday highlights

Explore the delightful UNESCO listed city of Ravenna and enjoy a piadina - traditional flatbread.

Discover the beautiful town of Bologna.

Try delicious Balsamic vinegar and Parmesan cheese in Parma.

Explore medieval Ferrara.

## Optional Excursions

Mantua Visit - Full Day - £36

Visit San Marino & Wine Tasting - Half Day - £36

## YOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1 UK/Bologna

Depart on your flight to Bologna. On arrival, you'll transfer to your hotel in the resort of Lido degli Estensi, where dinner will be served.

### DAY 2 Ravenna

On your morning tour of Ravenna you will visit the UNESCO-listed Basilica di San Vitale, Basilica di Sant'Apollinare Nuovo and Galla Placidia Mausoleum to see 5th and 6th century mosaics. You'll also taste one of the city's regional dishes, piadina, a traditional flatbread which will be served with cheese.

### DAY 3 San Marino

Perhaps choose to join your Tour Manager on an optional excursion to one of the world's smallest countries and possibly its oldest republic San Marino, for a tour. In the afternoon you will arrive in the town of Santarcangelo di Romagna for wine tasting and samples of local products at Collina dei Poeti. In a beautiful setting, this farm and vineyard produces Sangiovese wine and olive oil. Dinner will be served this evening.

### DAY 4 Bologna

Join us for an included excursion to Bologna and discover its fine palaces and churches. We have left free time for lunch, so why not try a local delicacy, such as tagliatelle with ragù, known as Bolognese sauce, which originated here. Dinner is served this evening.

### DAY 5 Ferrara

Today's included excursion takes you to medieval Ferrara. In the company of a Local Guide you'll explore this delightful UNESCO-listed town, which is home to numerous palaces dating from the 14th and 15th centuries and more than 9,000 metres of city walls. We include entrance to the Castello Estense. Built as a fortress in 1385, inside you'll discover state apartments and dungeons.

### DAY 6 Parma

Today's included excursion begins with a guided tour of Parma, the home of Parma ham and parmesan cheese. You'll visit a Balsamic vinegar distillery and a producer of parmesan cheese.

### DAY 7 Mantua

Enjoy breakfast before heading to Mantua on our optional excursion. Known as 'La bella Addormentata', which translates as sleeping beauty, this enchanting town has barely changed since medieval times. Visit San Giorgio Castle, which is part of the stunning Renaissance Ducal Palace, to admire the precious frescoes by Renaissance artist Andrea Mantegna. Dinner will be served this evening.

### DAY 8 Lido degli Estensi/UK

Today you'll transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK.

**Please note: This holiday includes walking in areas of rough ground, gradients and steps.**

Single Supplement from £200pp

For more information or to book contact Gwen Wright  
gwen.john@live.co.uk or Call 01798 873226

# TOUR FACTS

## Your Hotel

7 nights' accommodation in the Hotel Plaza with 11 meals: 7 breakfast, plus 4 dinners. The dinners will be on days 1, 3, 4 and 7

[www.hotelplazapineta.it](http://www.hotelplazapineta.it)

The modern, comfortable ambience of the Hotel Plaza is the ideal place for a fantastic holiday rich in opportunities, and is a strategic starting point for unforgettable excursions to the nearby tourist destinations.

The de Vitis family has been welcoming its guests with enthusiasm and professionalism since 1972.

## Highlights

From mosaic-filled cathedrals to magnificent castles and medieval cities, enjoy the art, architecture and historic treasures for which Northern Italy is known. Along the way sample wines, cheeses and other local delicacies in the towns where they originated.

## Optional Excursions

### Mantua Visit - Full Day £36

Mantua, known as 'La bella Addormentata', which translates as sleeping beauty is an enchanting town which has barely changed since medieval times. Enjoy a guided walk before a visit to San Giorgio Castle, which is part of the stunning Renaissance Ducal Palace, to admire the precious frescoes by Renaissance artist Andrea Mantegna. This afternoon enjoy free time before heading back to your hotel.

Full Day – Moderate Walking – Enchanting

### San Marino and Wine Tasting - Half Day £36

The origins of San Marino are based on the charming legend of Saint Marinus, who founded the community and the republic in AD301 after taking refuge on Mount Titano. What the tiny city state lacks in size, it makes up for in history, museums and priceless architectural monuments. Meanwhile, a wealth of assorted crafts and souvenirs provide a vast, pleasant shopping experience. After your visit to San Marino enjoy a wine tasting.

Half Day – Moderate Walking

These optional excursions **do not need** to be booked at the initial booking stage however we do advise if you would like to join any of the optional excursions to book them at prior to departure as they do cost more to book when in resort.

## How to Book

If you would like to book a place on this tour please contact [Mrs Gwen Wright](mailto:MrsGwenWright@travelsphere.co.uk)

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Mail: Moat House

Moat Lane

Pulborough

West Sussex

RH20 2DF

## What's Required to Book

At the time of booking we require your full name including any middle names as they appear on your passport and your date of birth.

We also like to confirm if you have any special requirements such as any **Dietary, Mobility or Medical**.

Please advise us of:

Diabetes, food allergies, walking problems, any assistance required at the airport, and low floor requests. Our special service team can then make sure all requirements are in place before you travel giving you a seamless stress free tour with everything in place and ready for you.

**A £200pp** deposit is required at the time of booking with the balance due **12weeks** before departure.

Cheques should be made payable to Travelsphere and posted, along with the booking form, to Gwen Wright at the above highlighted address.

For Travel Insurance we recommend getting a quote from [Holiday Extras](#)



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**Awards**  
**MULTIPLE**  
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# Group Booking Passenger Details

Tour Code: FIMET

Group Reference: I0584753

**Passenger 1**

Title:

Name:

Middle Name:

Surname:

Date of Birth:

Nationality:

Passport Number:

Passport Issue Date:

Passport Expiry Date:

Place of Issue:

Next of Kin: (name, relationship, number)

Insurance Details:

Please declare any special requirements I.E Dietary, Mobility Medical,

**Passenger 2**

Title:

Name:

Middle Name:

Surname:

Date of Birth:

Nationality:

Passport Number:

Passport Issue Date:

Passport Expiry Date:

Place of Issue:

Next of Kin: (name, relationship, number)

Insurance Details:

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