The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

Hidden Treasures of Le Marche

A Regional Discovery Tour

October 6th - 15th 2022

Marche is one of the twenty regions of Italy. It is situated roughly half way down the east coast of the country, bound to the west by the Apennine Mountains and to the east by the Adriatic Sea. It is also an undiscovered jewel.

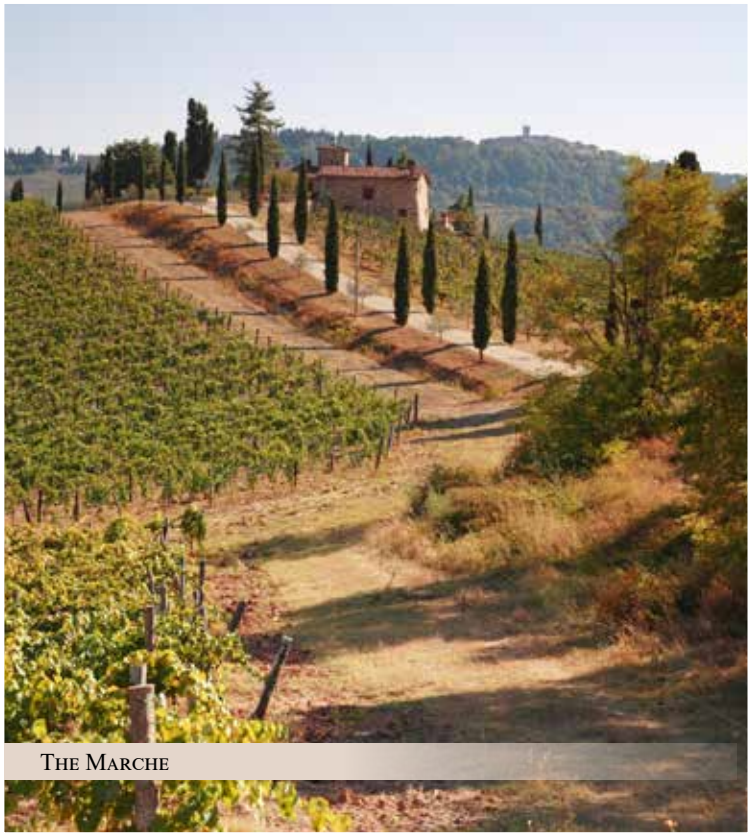
Its neighbors to the north and west (Emilia-Romagna, Tuscany and Umbria) enjoy a booming tourist industry, while Marche sits in rural tranquility, happily devoid of the convoys of tourist coaches clogging up the countryside. Marche has managed to retain its agricultural and rural nature through to this new millennium – no mean feat in this modern age. And therein lies the beauty and charm of the region.

It has not always been so. In Renaissance times, the city of Urbino rivalled Florence in its artistic and cultural reputation (Raphael came from Urbino). Pesaro was the birthplace of Rossini and the Holy Roman Emperor, Frederick II, was born in Jesi.

A highlight of the tour for many will be the visits to three gorgeous renaissance villas, complete with their spectacular gardens.

Making our base in just two hotels for the entire trip, Marche is the perfect destination for those who want to experience the real Italy, away from the tourist throngs. It is also where Fiona Bennett, long time Discover Europe tour guide, has chosen to make her home for the last 25 years! Needless to say it is she who will be leading this adventure in her adopted home. Join Kathy Lindroth and Fiona Bennett this fall for a regional discovery of the Marche.

Urbino



The Marche

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

Land Only (no airfare included)	**$3780**
Single supplement:	**$ 790**

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

The following services are included:

Hotels:	8 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
Coaching:	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
Meals:	Breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 6 dinners, 1 cooking class
Guides:	Kathy Lindroth and Discover Europe's Fiona Bennett throughout, local guides in Urbino, and Ascoli Piceno
Baggage:	Porterage of one large suitcase per person
Entrances:	Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
Gratuities:	All tips to the driver and guide.

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.

For further information & registration information, please contact:
Kathy Lindroth at the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.
(860) 836-3407

Thursday October 6th. Departure from your chosen US gateway. **Overnight: Plane**

Friday October 7th. Your arrival will be met for the transfer to the Villa Cattani Stuart, our hotel base for the northern part of the tour. After checking in, this afternoon we will have a chance to unpack, rest up from the journey, and begin exploring your new surroundings. This evening we will gather for a reception and dinner at the hotel. **(D) Overnight: Pesaro**

Saturday October 8th. A short drive this morning brings us to the spectacular Renaissance gardens of the Villa Imperiale, with its famous hanging gardens, just outside the city. The villa itself is a private residence but it may be possible to see some of the fabulous frescoed rooms of the interior. We'll have free time for lunch in the center of Pesaro, birthplace of the musician Rossini. We'll visit the Rossini Museum, where you can listen to extracts from some of his wonderful operas. There will be some free time in the town, before we return to our hotel. This evening we take a short stroll to a local restaurant for dinner. **(B, D) Overnight: Pesaro**

Sunday October 9th. Today, we set off bright and early towards the mountain village of S. Angelo in Vado to take part in a national Truffle Festa. We'll meet up with our truffle hunter who will take us off to the woods on a truffle hunt to search for the elusive and mysterious fungus. After a truffle lunch at one of the stalls, we continue to the incredible city of Urbino: a Renaissance town, World Heritage site since 1998, and birthplace of one of the world's most famous painters and architects, Raphael. One of the highlights of our tour will be a visit to the Palazzo Ducale, the former residence of Duke Federico da Montefeltro, where we will visit the National Gallery of the Marche. Some important artworks are the Madonna di Senigallia by Piero della Francesca and La Muta, by Raphael, as well as many others. Time permitting we'll visit the house where Raphael was born. We return to Pesaro with time to freshen up at the hotel before we take a short ride to have dinner at a seafood restaurant. **(B, D) Overnight: Pesaro**

Monday October 10th. A lovely drive along the Adriatic Coast this morning brings us to the pretty seaside resort of Fano. Fano was the end point of the ancient Roman Road, the Via Flaminia and was the largest Roman settlement on the Adriatic, founded by Juius Caesar himself. A walking tour of the attractive center will show us the Arch of the Emperor Augustus, the church of San Francesco and the Malatesta Palace. There will then be time for individual exploration around the beautiful main square, the Piazza XX Settembre. After lunch (on your own), we will head back up the coast to Pesaro to visit the Villa Caprile. This villa, with its magnificent terraced gardens, has hosted such celebrities over the ages as Napoleon, Casanova, Rossini, Stendahl and the unfortunate wife of George IV, Carolina of Brunswick. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(B, D) Overnight: Pesaro**

Villa Imperiale

Tuesday October 11th. Leaving Pesaro, we drive south to Jesi, a well-preserved medieval town and the birthplace of Frederick II, Holy Roman Emperor. After visiting the marvellous art gallery housed in the Palazzo Pianetti with its famous rococo ceilings, there will be time to wander through the twisting medieval alleyways. After lunch we will visit a mozzarella and cheese farm, owned by the Marquesa Trionfi Honorati, where we can watch the cheeses being made - and taste them too! The local Verdicchio area is famous for its much-prized wines, so we will of course take an opportunity to visit a wine Cantina for a wine tasting. We'll continue to our hotel, the charming, 4 star Villa Quiete for dinner. **(B, D) Overnight: Montecassiano**

Wednesday October 12th. Today, our morning drive takes us towards the mountains where the Frasassi Caves are hidden in a deep gorge. Discovered in 1979 by a speleological and geological research team, they consist of a series of vast caverns with magnificent stalactites and stalagmites forming the largest complex of caves anywhere in Europe, all beautifully lit to create an enchanting atmosphere. We'll have lunch at a local restaurant very close to the Caves where there's a chance to try delicious local wild boar, as well as truffles and porcini mushrooms. In the afternoon we drive to nearby Fabriano, to the Paper Museum to find out about original paper making traditions in the working museum as well as the invention of the watermark. You can purchase souvenirs or pieces of hand produced Fabriano paper in the museum shop before we return to our hotel. The evening is free to sample a nearby local restaurant. **(B, L) Overnight: Montecassiano**

Thursday October 13th. After breakfast, we drive to Ascoli Piceno, famed for its delicious stuffed olives, among other things. We start our walking tour by visiting Piazza del Popolo, considered to be the most elegant square in the Marche. Here we see the 13th-century Palazzo del Popolo, the church of Saint Francis, and the famous Art Deco café, Meletti where you can try café corretto, coffee with aniseed liqueur. Next we visit the cathedral in Piazza Aringa. We'll have lunch (included) and then return to Montecassiano. The rest of the afternoon and evening will be devoted to a cooking class - and then consuming the product of our labours! **(B, L, D) Overnight: Montecassiano**

Ascoli Piceno

Friday October 14th. Our first stop this morning will be the Villa Buonaccorsi. The gardens here are considered to be a unique example of a perfectly preserved Italian garden from the 17th century. From here we continue to the Chiaravalle Abbey of Fiastra, one of the best-preserved Cistercian abbeys in Italy, famed also for its labyrinthine wine cellars and its marvellous "vin cotto," similar to a rich port. We return to our hotel where our farewell dinner awaits us**. (B, D) Overnight: Montecassiano**

Saturday October 15th. Morning transfer back to the airport for returning flights to the U.S. (B) **Overnight: Home**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner

Registration Form

General Instructions

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to Discover Europe, Ltd.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on this form.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return with your deposit of $500 per person (if this has not already been paid), to:

   Kathy Lindroth, Tour Coordinator
   Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc
   4 Chelsea Place, Farmngton, CT 06032-1545

   Keep the top section for your records.

Detailed Instructions

Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Please also include your "Known As" or preferred name, if applicable.

Passport Details. This information is required by airlines and having it helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

Address. If you have a temporary address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.

Health Information. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

Trip Details

Please fill in the name of the trip you wish to register for, the departure and return dates and your departure airport or city.

Emergency Contact

This information is essential.

Independent Flight Arrangements

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour, or if you wish to deviate from the group flights, Discover Europe

   will be happy to make your flight arrangements for you. The fee for this service is $40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost. It is essential that we receive your complete flight information ***at least*** 90 days prior to your trip departure.

Rooming Requirements

A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please use this section to let us know your preference. We will always book non-smoking rooms when available.

If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

Payment Protection Plan

Please indicate here if you would be interested in applying for our Payment Protection Plan. Please see website or brochure for instru tions and terms & conditions.

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Trip Details: Hidden Treasures of the Marche (1006/KLM)

Itinerary Name: _____

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

Passenger Details

Passport Name:

1._____
Title First Middle Last

2._____
Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport 1#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB:_____

Passport 2#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB:_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip:_____

Special Dietary Requirements or Allergies: _____

Health Information: _____

Contact Information

E-mail: _____

Preferred Telephone: (___) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

Secondary Telephone: (___) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

Please return this form to:

Kathy Lindroth, Tour Coordinator
Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc
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Terms & Conditions

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., the Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyondtheir control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
6. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and laws of the countries in your itinerary, including local health and safety regulations, and following the directions of the tour guide. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your health, condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

Payment Schedule

1. A deposit of $500 must accompany this completed form (if it has not already been paid).
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure. A late fee of $100 per person may be added to balances still outstanding 60 days prior to departure.

Tour Cost Adjustments

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.
3. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size between 15 and 20 participants, Should we end up with fewer than 15, you will be given the option of cancelling with full refund, paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in conjunction with the group organiser in order to keep the cost the same.
4. Late registrations (received within 60 days of departure) may also incur extra fees and charges as discounted rates for hotels and airfares may no longer be available so close to departure. Participants will be made aware of any such charges before their registration is accepted.

Refund Policy

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a $200 cancellation penalty per person*.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
   - 90-61 days prior to departure: $1000 per person*
   - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: $2000 per person*
   - 30 or fewer days prior to departure: no refund*
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the payment schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Trip cancellation insurance is *not* included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferrable.

** Unless enrolled in our payment protection plan*

Inclusions & Exclusions

1. All inclusions are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Primary Telephone: (_____) _____

Flight Information *(Please check one)*

Departure Airport or City: _____

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: □Yes □No

If self-arranged, please provide us with the full details by mail or email **at least** 90 days prior to departure.

Extension Information

I/we plan on extending before or after the tour: □Yes □No

If yes, I would like to extend to: _____

_____

Rooming Requirements *(Please check one)*

□ I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

□ I will be sharing with: _____

We would like a □double □twin-bedded room

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.

□Yes □No

I would like to enroll in the Payment Protection Plan.

□Yes □No

Signatures

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____