









#### **ITALY**

# SELF-DRIVE UMBRIA (TOUR CODE: 11589)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in San Martino in Campo	09 Jan 2022 - 22 Dec 2023	Food & Wine	Independent Holiday Packages
		Self-Drive	

A wonderful way to uncover Umbria, known as the "Green Heart of Italy": a region characterized by a prosperous nature and many ancient towns!

#### Highlights

- Stay in a charming historical residence in the Umbrian backcountry
- Explore Perugia, perched on a hill, undoubtedly one of the most beautiful ancient towns in Italy!
- Stop in Orvieto, a must-see on your bucket list. is situated on top of a rock offering the most splendid of views, with the
  wonderful the Gothic Cathedral
- Do not miss **Todi**, yet another splendid medieval little town full of ancient buildings and tiny streets!
- Taste the delicious, authentic dishes of the regional cuisine eating at restaurants recommended by Slow Food in the "Osterie d'Italia" guide such as *Trattoria l'Acquario* and *Osteria La Lumera*!
- Sample several Slow Food Presidia products recognized for their high-quality such as the baby Pecorino cheese and wines at
  risk of "extinction" such as the famous Sagrantino wine

The starting point of this amazing itinerary is Orvieto – with its masterpiece, the gothic Duomo cathedral. Then you will proceed onto the fascinating old town of Todi and will continue by following the tracks of St. Francis to Assisi. Your trip will then take you to the beautiful town of Perugia with its Etruscan walls, 16th century palaces and chocolate laboratories, touching also the shores of the Trasimeno Lake. Much more awaits you in this unique tour!

Additionally, participants will have the unique chance of sampling several **Slow Food Presidia** products (high-quality, traditional food and beverages at "risk of extinction") and will taste authentic regional dishes at restaurants selected among those recommended by the Slow Food association in their "Osterie d'Italia" guide: small "trattorie" that still use fresh, local produce for traditional recipes.

Slow Food is an organisation that promotes local food and traditional cooking. It was founded by Carlo Petrini in Italy in 1986 and has since spread worldwide. Promoted as an alternative to fast food, it strives to preserve traditional and regional cuisine and encourages farming of plants, seeds, and livestock characteristic of the local ecosystem. It promotes local small businesses and sustainable foods. It also focuses on food quality, rather than quantity. It was the first established part of the broader slow movement. It speaks out against overproduction and food waste. It sees globalisation as a process in which small and local farmers and food producers should be simultaneously protected from and included in the global food system.



- ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
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#### **INCLUSIONS**

- 5 nights in San Martino in Campo at Posta Donini 4\*
- · Car Hire Credit of \$600
- · Daily Buffet Breakfast
- · 1 welcome dinner upon arrival at the hotel
- 2 dinners at "Osterie d'Italia" typical Slow Food restaurants
- · 1 light lunch in the area of Orvieto
- · 4 guided tastings of Slow Food wines and/or Presidia products from the Umbria region

### **ITINERARY**

## § 1 San Martino in Campo

Arrival at your hotel in **San Martino in Campo**, **near Perugia**. Time to settle in and enjoy your **welcome dinner** at the hotel, with traditional products from Umbria.

Overnight stay in San Martino in Campo at Hotel Posta Donini.

Dinner



### § 2 San Martino in Campo Orvieto Todi San Martino in Campo

After breakfast, morning visit to **Orvieto**, a stunning town situated on top of a rock offering the most spectacular views of the surrounding countryside. We suggest a tour of the city, including the Duomo Gothic Cathedral.

Stop in Cantine Neri in Bardano, in the outskirts of Orvieto, a winery famous for its outstanding quality. You will experience a **wine tasting with local products and light lunch**. Before heading off, we suggest a short visit to *Adriano* pastry shop to try Orvieto's typical cakes and desserts, including chocolates made with chillies and saffron.

We, then, suggest an afternoon visit to **Todi**, a splendid medieval town, or **Civita di Bagnoregio**, a unique small town perched on a rock surrounded by a canyon. Return to your hotel.

Overnight stay in San Martino in Campo at Hotel Posta Donini.

Breakfast, Lunch



Departure to **Montefalco**, another splendid town situated on top of a hill, offering amazing views over the surrounding nature. Visit the ancient olive groves - 3,000 plants - belonging to the Azienda Romanelli family, to discover the many plant varieties and the extra virgin olive oil production techniques, accompanied with a tasting.

On the road to Assisi, we suggest a stop in **Bevagna**, an ancient medieval town that has held onto its ancient traditions.

Arriving in **Assisi**, we recommend a visit of the town and the famous Basilica of St. Francis. Proceed to Caseificio Broccatelli for a **cheese tasting**.

Return to your hotel.

Overnight stay in San Martino in Campo at Hotel Posta Donini.

#### Breakfast



### §4 San Martino in Campo Torgiano Perugia San Martino in Campo

After breakfast, departure to **Torgiano** to visit the Azienda Lungarotti: **sample their extra virgin olive oil,** and visit the MOO – Olive and Oil Museum.

We then suggest to visit **Perugia**: perched on a hill, it is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful towns in Italy. You may also visit the Perugina chocolate museum, famous all over the world for its Baci Perugina chocolates. Free time to discover the old city and stop at the historical Pasticceria Sandri pastry shop.

Enjoy a dinner with dishes from the traditional Umbrian cuisine at the Osteria i Birbi, part of the "Osterie d'Italia" Slow Food restaurants (Slow Food is an organization that promotes local food and traditional cooking). Return to your hotel.

Overnight stay in San Martino in Campo at Hotel Posta Donini.

Breakfast, Dinner



### § 5 San Martino in Campo Lake Trasimeno Castiglione del Lago San Martino in Campo

Today we suggest to discover the stunning Lake Trasimeno, one of the largest lakes in Italy.

You can visit the Azienda Madrevite and its cellars: take a pleasant stroll across the vineyards and sample the olive oils and typical products. Take also some time to discover **Castiglione del Lago** at your own pace.

Stop for **dinner at the Trattoria l'Acquario**, where traditional dishes, including the *Fagiolina del Lago* (Slow Food Presidium) will be served. *Trattoria l'Acquario* is part of the "Osterie d'Italia" Slow Food restaurants (*Slow Food is an organization that promotes local food and traditional cooking*).

Return to your hotel.

Overnight stay in San Martino in Campo at Hotel Posta Donini.

Breakfast, Dinner



After breakfast, check out of your hotel and your journey comes to an end.

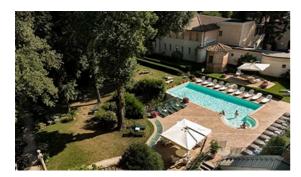
Breakfast

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

#### Posta Donini

#### San Martino in Campo

In San Martino in Campo, near Perugia, the luxury hotel Posta Donini provides exclusive comfort and excellent service. This magnificent XVII century villa welcomes you to frescoed rooms, surrounded by over 20,000 square meters of the most extraordinary botanical park in Central Italy.



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Italian	EURO

- This package is excluded from the "CHANGE OF MIND" Portion of our Peace of Mind Booking Plan.
- FLEXI CAR HIRE CREDIT: This self-drive package includes a \$600 (\$100/day) Flexi Car Hire Credit. This provides the flexibility of selecting a vehicle based on your own preferences and requirements. As each location has vehicle limitations, please speak to our team for options.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.

#### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- · Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- · Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package