

Montefeltro & Urbino

8 Day Trip

Independent Walking up to 58.7 miles

Route Open • 1st May to 14th Jun; 27th Aug to 30th Sep



INSPIRING ROUTES TO CRAG-TOP VILLAGES - SAN LEO

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Features

- Walk from crag-top San Leo to the Renaissance city of Urbino
- Open hills of Montefeltro, crested with rocky outcrops, woods and quiet villages
- Ridges with wide views and a profusion of flowers and butterflies in spring
- Renowned 15th century Ducal Palace of Federico da Montefeltro, whose court marked one of the high points of western civilisation
- Fine churches, monasteries and fortified medieval villages en route

Itinerary

Day 1 • Arrive in San Leo

A scenic walk from the valley, along *strade bianche*, leads up to the dramatically situated fortified medieval village of San Leo (2.9 or 5.2 miles, 1.5 or 3 hrs).

Day 2 • San Leo to Villagrande

Time to explore San Leo, its 9th century pre-Romanesque Pieve, 12th century Romanesque 'cathedral' and impressive castle. Afternoon walk through farmland and pine woods to a low pass (3,000ft), and your hotel, beside a small lake (6.1 miles, 3 hrs).

Day 3 • Villagrande to Frontino

Farm tracks through woods and meadows towards Monte Carpegna (4,634ft). Then choose either an ancient drove road around the base of the mountain, or paths up to high meadows and an escarpment (summit) with spectacular views, before descending through pine woods. Routes join in the village of Carpegna and continue to the fortified medieval village of Frontino (11.5 or 12.7 miles, 6 hrs).

Day 4 • Frontino to Piandimeleto

After visiting the monastery of Montefiorentino with its cloister and Madonna by Giovanni Santi, father of Raphael, farm and forest tracks lead down to the small town of Piandimeleto, distinguished by its fine castle complex (9.7 miles, 5 hrs).

Day 5 • Piandimeleto to Urbina

We follow farm tracks up into the hills, enjoying panoramic views. Beyond a ridge (1,602ft) we follow tracks and small gravel lanes through open farmland and down to Urbina (917ft) (11.8 miles, 6 hrs).

Day 6 • Urbina to Urbino

Visit Urbina, its arcaded streets, fine 15th century Ducal Palace, ceramics museum, many interesting churches... then quiet gravel lanes lead across hills, past farms and isolated churches, to Urbino (1,575ft) (13.2 miles, 6.5 hrs).

Day 7 • Free day in Urbino

Visit the superb palace built by Duke Federico da Montefeltro, with paintings by Piero della Francesca, Raphael, Paolo Uccello, etc.

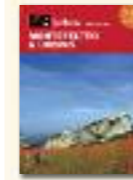
Day 8 • Departure day

CYCLING ITINERARY ALSO AVAILABLE
SEE PAGES 64-67 FOR DETAILS



Montefeltro & Urbino Trip Information

Finding Your Way



The ATG Route Booklet includes detailed directions and maps, as well as up-to-date information on towns visited, places of interest, local history, restaurants, cafés and shops en route.



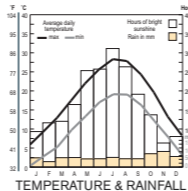
Your Route Manager is there to ensure your trip runs smoothly. They will brief you before you set out, move your luggage along the route, offer advice and answer your questions, and they're contactable by phone to help out in case of emergencies.

Restaurants, Food & Wine

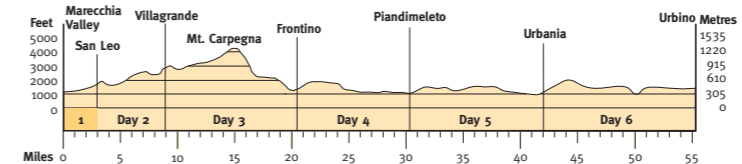
Le Marche is renowned for its interesting and resourceful cuisine – robust handmade pastas complemented by rich and varied sauces; seasonal truffles, both black and white; a wide range of mushrooms – some unique to the area, such as rabbit roasted with mountain herbs and tender lamb.

Sample the local Sangiovese and light white, Bianchetto del Metauro, as well as

On booking you will be sent further trip information: details of how to get to/from the route, what to bring and other practicalities.



TEMPERATURE & RAINFALL



Prices

You can plan your Footloose trip for any time within the route opening dates, subject to availability.

TRIP OPTIONS	TRIP PRICES (excluding flights)	DOUBLE FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY (per night)
• 8 Day Standard	• £ 865 / \$1,515	• £27 / \$47
• 8 Day Superior	• £ 980 / \$1,715	• £36 / \$63

Extend Your Stay

To extend your stay anywhere on the route, please contact the ATG office. See page 68 for extension hotel rates in Bologna.

Accommodation

- NIGHT 1** **B&B** **SAN LEO Il Castello** ★★
Friendly, family-run hotel on town square
Superior rooms are larger
- NIGHT 2** **HB** **VILLAGRANDE Parco del Lago** ★★ ★★
Lakeside, mountain hotel; pool in summer & tennis courts
- NIGHT 3** **HB** **FRONTINO Rocca dei Malatesta** ★★
Converted 'keep' with panoramic views
- NIGHT 4** **B&B** **PIANDIMELETO Hotel Ester** ★★
Simple, friendly, family-run hotel
- NIGHT 5** **HB** **URBANIA La Caputa AGRITURISMO**
Farmhouse with lovely views
- NIGHT 5** **HB** **URBANIA Il Mulino della Ricavata AGRITURISMO**
Small and intimate medieval mill with restaurant
- NIGHTS 6 & 7** **B&B** **URBINO Bonconte** ★★ ★★ ★★
Friendly hotel with attic rooms and garden
- NIGHTS 6 & 7** **B&B** **URBINO San Domenico** ★★ ★★ ★★
Restored 15th century convent opposite the Palazzo Ducale
- EXTENSION** **B&B** **BOLOGNA Touring Hotel** ★★ ★★
Hospitable, modern hotel in historic centre of town
- EXTENSION** **B&B** **BOLOGNA Dei Commercianti** ★★ ★★ ★★
Restored medieval building, retaining many features

NUMBER OF NIGHTS HB (DINNER INCLUDED)
Standard: 3 / Superior: 3

- STANDARD OPTION
- SUPERIOR OPTION
- STANDARD & SUPERIOR OPTIONS