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# Undiscovered Italy II

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The gentle breezes off the Mediterranean in central Italy are balmy and fragrant in April, creating an idyllic setting for exploration and adventure. On the latest incarnation of our popular Undiscovered Italy series, we will take advantage of the vast store of art, culture, and history in Italy's Umbria and Le Marche regions. The lovely towns and cities we will visit are celebrated for their warm hospitality and abundant sunshine as well as town squares dominated by Romanesque and Baroque cathedrals and monuments offering clues to Italy's storied past.

Our journey begins along the shores of Lake Trasimeno, where the medieval town of Passignano awaits with its impressive fortifications and spectacular views. A short boat cruise to Isola Maggiore reveals extraordinary 14th and 16th century architecture and paintings. We will explore the hillside town of Spello; Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis; and Perugia, Umbria's capital city and a gastronome's paradise. Later, in Bevagna, Montefalco, and Spoleto, our journey includes an abundance of Roman monuments, renowned wines, and medieval wonders.

As we continue on to Le Marche, we will discover the secrets of Urbisaglia, Macerata, Ascoli Piceno, and Ripatransone, including a 12th century Cistercian abbey, the local delicacy called olive all'Ascolana, a city center built of ivory-white travertine, and a fifth-generation winery with panoramic views. Our visit to this beautiful region also includes time in Recanati, the birthplace of Italian philosopher and poet Giacomo Leopardi and Serra San Quirico, known for its small "coppertelle" arches that run along the city walls. We will conclude our tour of Undiscovered Italy with a drive along the Conero Riviera, basking in stunning coastal vistas.

George Bent, W&L's Sidney Gause Childress Professor in the Arts, will host this tour. His incomparable knowledge of medieval and Renaissance art and architecture makes this tour a rare opportunity to combine central Italy's breathtaking natural beauty, delicious cuisine, and fascinating history with a remarkable learning experience.

**Register today as we expect this tour to fill quickly!**



SPOLETO

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: April 22, 2025

#### Departure from the USA

Embark on your journey as you leave the USA for an overnight flight to southern Italy.

### DAY 2: April 23, 2025

#### Umbria

Upon arrival at Rome Fiumicino airport, proceed to baggage claim, where your Jet Vacations local representative will warmly welcome you. Transfer to the charming Hotel La Posta dei Donini in Umbria, a 2.5-hour drive from the airport. Along the way, stop to explore Todi, a small hilltop town surrounded by Roman and Etruscan walls. Todi offers a blend of relaxation and a nostalgic journey to the region's ancient past. The territory is renowned for its monuments, churches, history, landscapes, and authentic cuisine. Check-in to the hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel restaurant. (D)

### DAY 3: April 24, 2025

#### Lake Trasimeno

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before exploring the Umbria region. Head to Passignano, a medieval walled town on Lake Trasimeno, dominated by an impressive fortress. Take a boat cruise to Isola Maggiore, a tiny fishing village with 14th and 16th-century houses and Romanesque churches. Enjoy leisure time and a traditional lunch in a local restaurant. Return to Passignano by boat and spend the evening at leisure back at the hotel. (B, L)

### DAY 4: April 25, 2025

#### Assisi: Spello & Perugia

Relax with breakfast at the hotel and enjoy a leisurely morning, taking advantage of the hotel's beautiful pool and renowned SPA. Late morning, depart for the tiny village of Spello, a hillside town with interlocked stone houses on the slopes of Saint Francis's mountain, Monte Subasio. Continue to Assisi, a special place linked with St. Francis. Explore the town and its landmarks, including the Church of Santa Chiara, Piazza del Comune, and the Basilica of St. Francis. In the evening, experience Perugia, a medieval city with a vibrant cultural scene. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Perugia. (B, D)

### DAY 5: April 26, 2025

#### Bevagna / Spoleto

After breakfast, depart for Bevagna, a village known for its well-preserved Roman monuments. Continue to the Montefalco area, famous for the Sagrantino di Montefalco wine. Visit a local producer for a wine tasting and country lunch. Later, explore Spoleto with its Cathedral, Ponte delle Torri, and Rocca Albornoz. Spoleto is renowned for the Festival of the Two Worlds, featuring artists from around the globe. Enjoy the evening at leisure. (B, L)



## TRIP SPECIFICS

**Price:** From \$4,995 (from Washington DC and other gateways)

**Tour Operator:** Jet Vacations



## TRAVELING WITH YOU

**George R. Bent** is the Sidney Gause Childress Professor of the Arts at Washington and Lee University. Bent has written about artistic production in Italy, the function and reception of images, and institutional patronage in late medieval Florence. His two books - *Monastic Art in Lorenzo Monaco's Florence* and *Public Painting and Visual Culture in Early Republican Florence* - address these subjects in detail, as does his current book project on Manuscript Painting in Florence. Bent is the Principal Investigator of *Florence As It Was*, a digital project that uses 3D models of buildings and art works, translations of chronicles, and original content to capture the appearance of the city ca. 1500.

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## ITINERARY (CONT.)

### DAY 6: April 27, 2025

#### Le Marche: Urbisaglia Macerata - Ascoli Piceno

After breakfast and check-out, cross into the Le Marche region. Visit the Abbazia di Fiastra with its park and archaeological museum. Stop in Urbisaglia for lunch in a traditional restaurant. Proceed to Macerata for a guided tour, including the Sferisterio Arena and Teatro Lauro Rossi. Later, arrive in Ascoli Piceno, check-in at the hotel, and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B, L)

### DAY 7: April 28, 2025

#### Ascoli Piceno & Ripatransone

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and depart for a guided tour of Ascoli Piceno, exploring its ivory-white travertine architecture. Experience a lively demonstration and tasting of Fritto all'Ascolana, a local delicacy, at Maria Elena country estate. Transfer to Ripatransone for a visit to a historical winery, wine cellar tour, wine tasting, and a taste of local products. (B, L)

### DAY 8: April 29, 2025

#### Recanati & Serra San Quirico

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before departing for Recanati. Enjoy a guided walk in the birthplace of Giacomo Leopardi, a remarkable hill town with plaques marking spots referred to in his poems. Reach Serra San Quirico for a typical Marchigian-style lunch. Evening at leisure in Ascoli. (B, L)

### DAY 9: April 30, 2025

#### Conero Riviera & Loreto

After breakfast, embark on a panoramic drive along the Riviera del Conero, with stops to admire the stunning landscape. Visit Loreto and explore the Holy House of Loreto, one of the most revered Marian shrines. Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

### DAY 10: May 1, 2025

#### Departure Day

Bid farewell to southern Italy, cherishing the memories and friendships formed during your journey. (B)

## THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- » Round-trip air transportation from IAD and other jetports available upon request additional costs may apply. Fuel surcharges included (valid at time of printing).
- » Services of a tour manager throughout the program and licensed local guides for guided tours.
- » First class (4 star) hotel accommodations for 8 nights: 4 nights in Umbria at the Hotel Alla Posta dei Donini or similar - 4 nights at Le Marche Hotel Palazzo Mercanti Ascoli Piceno or similar including hotel tax and service charges.
- » Breakfast daily, 5 lunches, 3 dinners (including a welcome and farewell dinner with wine and beer).
- » Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach transportation for all transfers and guided tours.
- » Guided tours and entrance fees as per program: Macerata, Recanati, Assisi, Spoleto, Ascoli Piceno.
- » Wine tasting and cellar visit. Olive Ascolana cooking demonstration.
- » Whisper system for all guided tours.
- » Tips for tour manager, guides and driver.

## NOT INCLUDED

- » Anything not mentioned under INCLUSIONS
- » Meals and drinks not mentioned
- » Entrance fees not mentioned
- » Personal expenses
- » Travel insurance
- » Luggage service

## REGISTRATION FORM: W&L LIFELONG LEARNING

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FOR THE EASE OF REGISTERING ONLINE PLEASE VISIT <https://go.wlu.edu/undiscovereditaly> or scan your reservation to [lifelong@wlu.edu](mailto:lifelong@wlu.edu)

TSA SECURE FLIGHT REQUIREMENT: PLEASE SUBMIT NAMES EXACTLY AS THEY APPEAR ON PASSPORTS LEAD # 4708

PASSENGER 1: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

CLASS YEAR/AFFILIATION (PARENT OR FRIEND): \_\_\_\_\_

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KNOWN TRAVELER #: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE RESERVE US IN A DOUBLE ROOM (US\$ 4,995 PER PERSON IN DBL OCCUPANCY)

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (ADD US\$ 695 - LIMITED AVAILABILITY)

I AM ROOMING WITH: \_\_\_\_\_ I AM TRAVELING WITH: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES (AIRLINE UPGRADES, DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, OPTIONAL TOURS ETC.): \_\_\_\_\_

BY REGISTERING ON THIS TOUR, I AGREE, ACCEPT AND ABIDE TO THE GENERAL [TERMS AND CONDITIONS](#) AND THE [CANCELATION TERMS](#) AS OUTLINED ON OUR WEB SITE AT [WWW.JETVACATIONS.COM](http://WWW.JETVACATIONS.COM)

**PAYMENT METHOD** Service fee / Deposit: A \$600.00 \*\* per person deposit is required to reserve the space. The Service fee / deposit becomes non-refundable 90 days before departure. Final payment amount to Jet Vacations (see address below) is due by [January 22, 2025](#). Reservations and room availability are based on a first come, first served basis.

For additional information, contact W&L's Office of Lifelong Learning at (540) 458-8723, Fax (540) 458-8478 or email: [lifelong@wlu.edu](mailto:lifelong@wlu.edu) IMPORTANT INFORMATION (FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS AND CANCELATION TERMS ARE AVAILABLE AT [WWW.JETVACATIONS.COM](http://WWW.JETVACATIONS.COM))

**Passenger Cancellation Policies:** No charges other than the non-refundable initial service fee/deposit are levied for individual passengers canceling up to 121 days prior to the commencement of Jet Vacations LLC services. However, services which have been prepaid by Jet Vacations LLC on behalf of individual clients maybe non-refundable, non-exchangeable, non-changeable and/or maybe subject to a cancellation- change fee (e.g. theater tickets, Train tickets, Airline Tickets, Event Tickets, Passes, Entrance fees etc.). **Full cancellation:** Failing to pay the contractual deposits (other than the initial non-refundable service fee / deposit) constitutes a cancellation. In the event of non-compliance with the payment due dates, Jet Vacations LLC shall have the right to demand the Customer to immediately pay the outstanding balance. Payment shall then be received by Jet Vacations LLC within eight days as of the date of Jet Vacations LLC's written request. Should payment not be received within this time limit, the group stay shall be deemed to be canceled by the Customer. In the event of full cancellation of the agreement by the Customer, which is not justified by Jet Vacations LLC's failure to meet its obligations, cancellation penalties shall be invoiced & calculated as follows:

- Initial deposit refundable up to 91 days prior departure.
- From 90 to 61 days prior departures: 50% penalty of the total cost per person
- From 60 days to day of departure & no show: 100% penalty of total cost per person.

If a passenger cancellation creates a change in the price schedule,

the tour price will be revised based on the remaining number of participants. A passenger becoming a single as a result of a partner's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

**Itinerary variation:** We will make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. Situations beyond Jet Vacations' responsibility may arise, voluntarily or involuntarily, that require changes or exceptions in the service dates, airport of departure, the itinerary, air and land arrangements, hotels, trains or cruise ports of call. On dates including, but not limited to religious holidays and national celebrations, some monuments and sites may be closed. National monuments and tourist sites regularly undergo renovations, which can obscure the monument's view. Occasionally, during holidays and certain periods, and/or due to unforeseen circumstances as listed (but not limited to) in our RELEASE FROM LIABILITY section below, there may be changes, sometimes months prior departure, sometimes after arrival, affecting the sequence of the tour, locations visited and/or hotels / cruise ships. Therefore, on these occasions, your trip and/or touring itineraries may be amended to reflect these closures and We reserve the right to make such modifications and substitute conveyances/hotels/cruise ships and any other sites or services as deemed necessary, adjust the sequence and/or substitute any hotels/cruise ships and any other sites or services with others of similar category. In such cases there will be no cost adjustment. No tour will be canceled due to renovations or closures. Jet Vacations LLC will decide based on the conditions whether to amend an itinerary.

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Lexington, VA  
24450

**Postponing of a tour by Jet Vacations:** As clearly mentioned in our GENERAL PROVISIONS below, Jet Vacations LLC seeks to provide services as published or stated in the final Passenger documents. But conditions, events (as listed below in the RELEASE FROM LIABILITY section but not limited to) may affect travel arrangements, planned tours, cruises, itineraries or any other aspects of the travel experience, making traveling to a location (including but not limited to countries, cities, sites, etc.), tour or cruise routes unsafe for traveling / navigation or in other respects, raise sufficient doubt about safety. In these unforeseen circumstances beyond Jet Vacations' responsibility, Jet Vacations LLC reserves the right to postpone a trip and make date modifications along with substitutions on airlines / conveyances / hotels / cruise ships and any other sites or services as deemed necessary as well as adjust the sequence and/or substitute any hotels/ cruise ships and any other sites or services with others of similar category. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, or for any reason whatsoever to postpone a trip, such alterations may be made and Jet Vacations LLC will decide based on the conditions whether to postpone a trip. Passenger understands that depending on the gravity of the situation, the postponing of a tour may result in several days / months / years delay. Such changes and/or the postponing of a trip will not entitle Passenger to any credit or a refund. NO REFUNDS WILL BE POSSIBLE DURING A TRIP POSTPONEMENT PASSENGERS PAID FUNDS WOULD HAVE ALREADY ALLOCATED AND PAID TO MULTIPLE SUPPLIERS TO SECURE THE FUTURE TRIP. Jet Vacations LLC may offer an alternate choice to the Group Participant and this in addition to the new postponed trip. In such cases there will be no cost adjustment. No trip will be deemed canceled due to the Postponement of a trip. In the event of a Postponement of a trip, FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS as well as CANCELATION POLICIES STILL APPLY. Additional expenses for postponing due to circumstances beyond the control of Jet Vacations, if any, shall be borne by the Passenger; conversely, refund will be made to the Passenger if any savings is effected thereby.

**Tour Cancellation by Jet Vacations:** We reserve the right to cancel the entire trip (or any component of the trip) for any reason and/or time. In this event, our liability, if any, shall be limited to and liquidated by refunding to each prospective Passenger the payments made.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** By booking a trip with Jet Vacations LLC, I, Passenger, am aware that travel such as that I am undertaking involves hazardous activities, with a risk of illness, exposure to viruses, injury or death which may be caused by forces of nature, animals, insects or flora, the negligence of Jet Vacations LLC, our agents, employees, officers, directors, associates, affiliated companies, guides, group leaders, and subcontractors, or other persons and companies known or unknown, or of willful or criminal conduct of third parties. I am aware that weather conditions may be severe, adverse and/or unpleasant. I am also aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during some or all of the time during which I am participating on the trip. In order to partake of the enjoyment and excitement of this trip I am willing to accept the risks and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of my adventure. I hereby accept and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of illness, exposure to viruses, injury or death and of the negligence of Jet Vacations LLC and agree to hold harmless and release Jet Vacations LLC our agents, employees, officers, directors, associates, affiliated companies, guides, group leaders, and subcontractors, from claims of third-party negligence. I, Passenger, understand the physical requirements of the activity in which I will be participating, and I currently have no known physical, medical or mental condition which would impair my ability to participate in this tour or my safety in this activity, and I am willing to assume all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition. I hereby authorize Jet Vacations LLC or the local ground handler or others to arrange for any emergency medical treatment and hospitalization as may be necessary for me because of participation in this activity without my further consent.

YOU HEREBY EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL OF THESE RISKS AND DANGERS, AND YOU HEREBY EXPRESSLY AGREE TO FOREVER RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD US, AND OUR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ASSOCIATES, AFFILIATED COMPANIES, GUIDES, GROUP LEADERS, AND SUBCONTRACTORS HARMLESS AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTIONS, SUITS, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF ANY AND EVERY KIND AND NATURE WHATSOEVER WHICH YOU NOW HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ARISE OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THESE RISKS AND DANGERS. I, PASSENGER, RELEASE JET VACATIONS LLC FROM ITS OWN NEGLIGENCE AND ASSUME ALL RISK THEREOF.

**RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** Jet Vacations LLC., its owners, shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates, (collectively "Jet Vacations LLC") does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for its trips including, for example, ownership or control over hotels, or other lodging facilities, airline, cruise ships/vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions or equipment used thereon, food service, restaurants or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Jet Vacations LLC is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, Jet Vacations LLC is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, natural disasters, power shortage or failures, fires, inclement weather, acts of war or civil commotion, acts of restrictions by governmental agencies, political unrest, insurrection or revolt, kidnappings and ransom, strikes or other labor disruptions or activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, bankruptcy and insolvencies, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels, cruise ships or other lodging facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, vehicles or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, dangers associated with attacks or bites from animals, pests or insect born illness, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as swimming, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, rafting, hiking, walking, running, bicycling, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics, pandemics or the threat thereof, water level rising or dropping, high altitude sickness or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Jet Vacations LLC. In addition, I, Passenger, release Jet Vacations LLC from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

**KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY EXECUTION:** I, Passenger, have carefully read these Terms and Conditions, Releases from liability and the booking information sections of this Passenger Agreement document, and fully understand its contents and certify that I am 18 years of age or older. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and Jet Vacations LLC and agree of my own free will. By registering on a Jet Vacations' travel program, I agree to these Travel Terms & Conditions and Passenger Agreement and Jet Vacations LLC's Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Compulsory Arbitration Clause for myself, each member of my traveling party and any minor children accompanying me.

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