Umbria

The Green Heart of Italy



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Dear Members and Friends,

Discover the heart of Italy on an affordable adventure through the enchanting region of Umbria. Each year, SBMA offers one specially selected Value Tour with a trusted tour operator—enriching, immersive, educational travel experiences at a more accessible price point without compromising quality, comfort, or cultural depth.

This beautifully designed and well-organized small-group journey allows you to unpack once and enjoy seven nights in a high-end hotel (enjoyed by many past SBMA Travelers) while setting out daily to explore hill towns rich in medieval history, artistic treasures, Renaissance and baroque architecture, and sweeping countryside views. With a full stay at one home base, travelers develop a special connection to Perugia, a less-touristed but equally rewarding alternative to nearby Tuscan cities.

A departure designed exclusively for SBMA Members, with special art touches added by the Museum, this weeklong immersion into Umbrian art, history, architecture, cuisine, and culture includes excursions to Perugia's remarkable National Gallery of Umbria; Orvieto and its underground city; Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis; Montefalco and its celebrated frescoes; Todi with its beautiful piazza; and the Tuscan towns of Cortona and Montepulciano. Travelers may also choose between a visit to Siena or a hands-on cooking demonstration.

Lectures by guest experts and sightseeing with tried-and-true local guides round out the educational aspect of this type of travel. A professional Travel Director will handle the logistics so you can focus on enjoying Umbria's many treasures. Limited to no more than 28 participants, the program offers both the camaraderie of traveling in a small group and opportunities for personal downtime.

A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available with no single supplement, and there are early booking and pay-in-full discounts for those who don't delay.

We hope you will reserve your place and begin looking forward to your next adventure with SBMA!

Sincerely,
Lisa Benshea and Amy Davidson
SBMA Travel

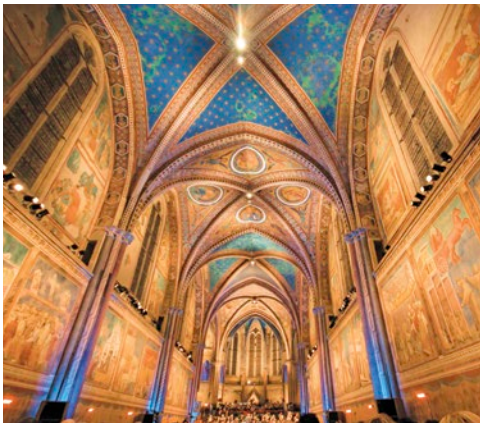
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UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Assisi, the Basilica of San Francesco and Other Franciscan Sites**
2. **Historic Centre of Siena**



Basilica of San Francesco, Assisi



Discovery begins here



Discover the hidden gem of Umbria, where rolling hills and vineyards frame a rich cultural landscape. Explore the historic centers of Perugia, Cortona and Orvieto, home to renowned museums and remarkable art collections, and visit the fresco-filled churches of Montefalco. Experience the spiritual and artistic treasures of Assisi, including its world-famous basilica, and witness the Renaissance highlights and daily rhythms of charming Montepulciano.

Top: Perugia | Above: Wine cellar, Montepulciano
Cover: Orvieto | Mail panel: Montepulciano | Perugia

Inspiring Moments

- Enjoy exclusive private tours of the **National Gallery of Umbria** and the **Museo Diocesano di Cortona.**
- Discover **Umbria's timeless wonder,** artistic treasures and emerald hills.
- Experience Perugia's seamless blend of **medieval charm and dynamic culture.**
- Witness **stunning views from Orvieto,** perched atop a dramatic rock plateau.
- Explore **hilltop towns** where history, nature and tradition harmoniously exist.
- Uncover **Montepulciano's** Renaissance architecture, **Assisi's** spiritual heritage and **Montefalco's** apse frescoes.
- Choose an interactive cooking class with **authentic Umbrian dishes** or visit Siena's historic **Santa Maria della Scala.**
- Opportunities to visit two **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**



Cortona

Day 1 | In Transit | Rome, Italy

Depart for Rome, Italy.

Day 2 | Rome, Italy | Perugia

Arrive in Rome, transfer to Perugia and check in to the hotel.

Meet and mingle with your fellow travelers at this evening's Welcome Reception.

Day 3 | Perugia

Enrichment: *History of Perugia & Umbria.*
Perugia Tour & National Gallery of Umbria. Take a guided walking tour of Umbria's capital city, brimming with medieval pageantry. Begin at the 14th-century Piazza IV Novembre, the city's historic and cultural heart. Marvel at the magnificent Fontana Maggiore, a two-tiered fountain adorned with intricate bas-reliefs and mythological statues depicting zodiac signs, biblical scenes and civic virtues. Pass by ancient Etruscan and Roman walls and witness the Palazzo dei Priori, a palace with a striking Gothic façade, an ornate portal and magnificent bronze Griffin and Lion statues.

Dig into an Umbrian lunch at a local osteria.

This afternoon, enjoy a private guided visit to the National Gallery of Umbria, located within the impressive Palazzo dei Priori. See an exceptional collection of Umbrian art, which highlights the transition from medieval styles to the balanced beauty of the Renaissance.

Day 4 | Orvieto

The Hill Town of Orvieto. After breakfast, venture to this picturesque Umbrian jewel perched atop a dramatic volcanic tuff cliff. Join your guide for a walk along the hilly, cobblestone streets to the Piazza del Duomo in the heart of Orvieto. Step into the cathedral, then continue strolling along the scenic Anello della Rupe, an ancient path that loops around the cliffside town, offering sweeping valley views.

Next, descend into the town's vast underground network, where over 1,200 chambers carved by Etruscans and medieval atisans reveal centuries of history. Among these, marvel at the 16th-century Pozzo di Santa Patrizio, an engineering feat featuring a double-helix staircase designed to keep ascending and descending foot traffic separate.

Free Time: Craft your own path in Orvieto.

Day 5 | Cortona | Montepulciano

A Day in Tuscany. Begin in hilltop Cortona with a guided walk past historic palazzos and charming piazzas. Step inside the 11th-century Cortona Cathedral, stop for a coffee break and enjoy a private guided visit to the Museo Diocesano di Cortona, set within the historic

Palazzo dei Priori, Perugia





Piazza Grande, Montepulciano

Church of Gesù and home to an outstanding collection of sacred art. Highlights include Fra Angelico's radiant Annunciation alongside works by Pietro Lorenzetti, Luca Signorelli and Bartolomeo della Gatta, tracing the region's artistic evolution from the Gothic era through the Renaissance.

Our next stop is medieval Montepulciano, brimming with classical antiquity. From the Piazza Grande central square, surrounded by historic palaces and churches, the Town Hall and the Duomo, take a leisurely walk through winding streets and peek inside the town's mysterious underground wine cellars.

Day 6 | **Perugia *or* Siena**

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- ***Winery Cooking Demonstration.*** Learn the secrets of traditional Umbrian recipes as the chef prepares authentic dishes, such as homemade pasta and cakes. Then, indulge in rustic, seasonal and flavorful cuisine with paired wines for lunch.
- ***Medieval Siena.*** Enjoy a walking tour, passing Gothic architecture and the stunning Piazza del Campo with its iconic Torre del Mangia. Visit the historic Santa Maria della Scala, now a cultural complex filled with frescoed halls, before exploring the magnificent Siena Cathedral, renowned for its intricate mosaic floors and remarkable artworks.

Siena Cathedral



Day 7 | **Assisi | Montefalco**

The City of St. Francis. Make a pilgrimage to Assisi, the birth and burial place of St. Francis, to visit the Basilica of San Francesco d'Assisi, a revered masterpiece of medieval architecture. Inside, discover luminous frescoes illustrating the life of St. Francis and view the sacred, holy tomb of St. Francis, a divine spiritual space. Continue to the baroque, Renaissance-style Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli to admire its harmonious proportions, with a light-filled central dome, elegant artwork, sculptures and frescoes. View the Chapel of Transit, where St. Francis died in 1226. At the basilica's center, discover the ancient stone Porziuncola chapel, where St. Francis experienced his divine calling and founded the Franciscan order in 1209. Outside, stroll the tranquil Rose Garden, also referred to as the "Thornless Rose Garden," a sacred place where St. Francis is said to have witnessed the Miracle of the Roses.

Regional cuisine





Montefalco. Journey to Montefalco to examine the apse frescoes by Benozzo Gozzoli in San Francesco. A standout of the Umbrian Renaissance, the frescoes depict scenes from the Life of Christ and the Virgin with vivid colors and details. They showcase the artist's expressive storytelling and offer a rare example of his work outside Florence, highlighting both devotional depth and Renaissance artistry.

Day 8 | Todi

Enrichment: *Contemporary Italy.*

Historic Todi. Discover alluring Todi perched in the Tiber River Valley. Visit the medieval Piazza del Popolo square, and witness the Prior's Palace grand façade and the Todi Cathedral, towering over the piazza. Admire the symmetry of the Renaissance Cathedral of Saint Mary, with its centralized Greek-cross layout and massive central dome. Also, visit the San Fortunato Church to admire the contrast between the simple, elegant façade and the vast, majestic interior.

Celebrate at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | In Transit

After breakfast, AHI FlexAir passengers are transferred to Leonardo da Vinci International Airport for their flight home.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.
Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.
PYJ experiences are included.

Activity Level

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Included Features

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **7 nights** in Perugia, Italy, at the deluxe Sina Brufani.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- Deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ |** A choice of excursions in selected locales.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Frescoes, Church of San Francesco, Montefalco





Duomo di Orvieto



Above: Palazzo dei Priori, Perugia | Below: Charming Todi



2027 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates ✈ **April 6-14, 2027**

✈ Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates* **April 7-14, 2027**

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land Program

Full Price	**$5,445**
Special Savings	**$500**
Special Savings Price*	**$4,945**

***This Special Savings Price includes our $250 Early Booking and $250 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is $1,000 per person.
Final Payment is due at least 150 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated). Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at https://santab.ahitravel.com/destinations/2038A?schoolId=146.

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Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

– **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
– arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
– **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
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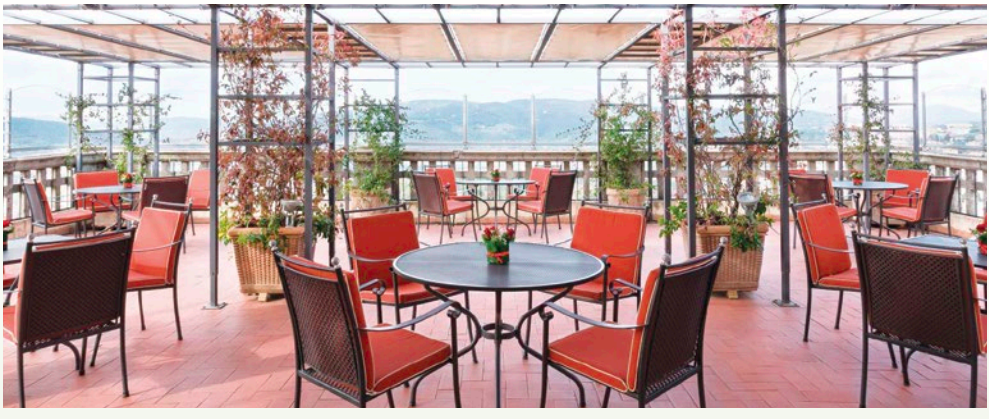
Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides and **Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.

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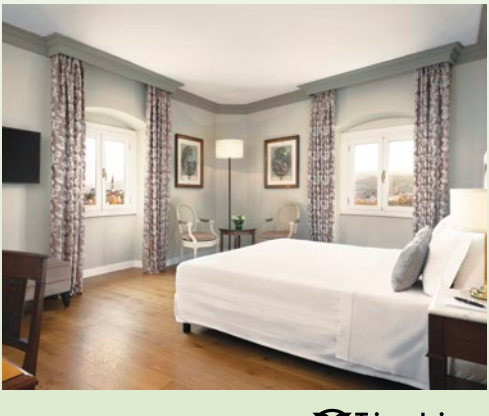
Accommodations



Sina Brufani | Perugia

Frequented by royalty, heads of state and celebrities, the luxurious Sina Brufani offers a refined atmosphere, impeccable service and sweeping views of Umbria's green valleys. The aristocratic interiors feature a classical decor with antique furnishings. Savor a cocktail at the Collins' Bar overlooking the Piazza Italia square and unwind in the Sina Wellness Club, a hidden gem beneath medieval vaults with a fitness area, sauna, Turkish bath and swimming pool.





Tripadvisor

Double-helix staircase, Pozzo di Santa Patrizio, Orvieto



St. Francis mural, Basilica of San Francesco, Assisi



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