# THE VERDICCHIO AND THE FRASASSI CAVES

### 1st day: ARRIVAL / ESANATOGLIA / MATELICA

Arrival at Esanatoglia and meeting with the guide. To visit: the Church of Pieve, St. Cataldo Herm, the external part of the "Cartieri Medievali." Matelica. Free lunch. To visit: a wine cellar that produces the typical white wine "Verdicchio di Matelica", Piazza Mattei, the Piersanti Museum, the Civic and Archaeological Museum and the Theatre. Dinner and overnight stay.ù

### 2nd day: GENGA / FRASASSI CAVES / DEPARTURE

Breakfast and departure to Genga. Guided visit of: Benedictine Abbey of San Vittore delle Chiuse, speleo-palaeontological Museum, octagonal Temple and Frasassi Caves. Departure. Free lunch. End of services.

# WINE AND VILLAGES

### 1st day: ARRIVAL / ESANATOGLIA / MATELICA

Arrival at Esanatoglia and meeting with the guide. To visit: the Church of Pieve, St. Cataldo Herm, the external part of the "Cartieri Medievali." Matelica. Free lunch. To visit: a wine cellar that produces the typical white wine "Verdicchio di Matelica", Piazza Mattei, the Piersanti Museum, the Civic and Archaeological Museum and the Theatre. Dinner and overnight stay.

### 2nd day: GAGLIOLE / CASTELRAIMONDO / DEPARTURE

Breakfast and departure. Guided visit of Gagliole: Santa Maria delle Macchie, Santa Maria della Pieve, the Castle, the San Giuseppe Oratory, the Natural History Museum. Castelraimondo. To visit: the Lanciano Castle, the Park Tower. Departure. Free lunch. End of services.

# WINE AND PAPER

### 1st day: ARRIVAL / ESANATOGLIA / MATELICA

Arrival at Esanatoglia and meeting with the guide. To visit: the Church of Pieve, St. Cataldo Herm, the external part of the "Cartieri Medievali." Matelica. Free lunch. To visit: a wine cellar that produces the typical white wine "Verdicchio di Matelica", Piazza Mattei, the Piersanti Museum, the Civic and Archaeological Museum and the Theatre. Dinner and overnight stay.

### 2nd day: CERRETO D'ESI / FABIANO / DEPARTURE

Breakfast and departure to Cerreto d'Esi. Guided visit of: "architectonical labyrinth", old town, Belisario Tower, parish Church. Fabriano: Piazza del Comune, Palazzo del Potestà, Dome, Civic Museum, Paper and Watermark Museum. Departure. Free lunch. End of services.

# FORTRESSES AND CASTLES

#### 1st day: CAMERINO / URBISAGLIA

Arrival at Camerino and meeting withthe guide. To visit: Da Varano Fortress, whose remains have been restored and they are now used like settle for expositions; The Borgesca Fortress with its cylindrical towers. Free lunch. Urbisaglia: guided visit of the Fortress. Dinner and overnight stay. **2nd day: CASTELRAIMONDO / CALDAROLA / TOLENTINO / DEPARTURE** Breakfast and departure to Castelraimondo. Guided visit of: Lanciano Castle whose gallery on the

first floor and the Celebrations Room are very interesting. Caldarola: Pallotta Castle and its arms and coaches exposition. Free lunch. Tolentino: guided visit of Rancia Castle that is famous because of the battle between the Murat troops and the Austrian army. Departure in the late afternoon. End of services.

# WINE AND CULTURE

#### 1st day: ARRIVAL / ESANATOGLIA / MATELICA

Arrival at Esanatoglia and meeting with the guide. To visit: the Church of Pieve, St. Cataldo Herm, the external part of the "Cartieri Medievali." Matelica. Free lunch. To visit: a wine cellar that produces the typical white wine "Verdicchio di Matelica", Piazza Mattei, the Piersanti Museum, the Civic and Archaeological Museum and the Theatre. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 2nd day: CAMERINO/DEPARTURE

Breakfast and departure to Camerino. Guided visit of: Piazza Cavour, the Dome, Palazzo Arcivescovile, Palazzo Ducale, the Churches of San Filippo and San Venanzio, the Rocca Borgesca. Departure. Free lunch. End of services.

# ART TOWNS

#### 1st day: ARRIVAL / MACERATA

Arrival at Macerata. Free lunch. Guided visit of: Basilica della Misericordia, Piazza della Libertà, Church of San Paolo, Loggia dei Mercanti, the Lauro Rossi theatre, Clock Tower, Church of San Filippo, Coaches Museum, Civic Art Gallery, Natural History Museum, Church of San Giovanni and Sferisterio. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 2nd day: URBINO

Breakfast and departure to Urbino. Free lunch. Guided visit of: the Dome, the Dukes' Palace, The Marche National Gallery, the Church of San Domenico, the

Oratory of Santa Croce, the old convent of Santa Chiara, the University Palace, the Oratory of San Giovanni Battista, the Raffaello's house, etc. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### **3rd day: ASCOLI PICENO / DEPARTURE**

Breakfast and transfer to Ascoli Piceno. Free lunch. Guided visit of: Piazza Arringo, Piazza del Popolo, Palazzo dei Capitani del Popolo, Church of San Francesco, Church of SS Vincenzo e Anastasio, Ponte di Solestà, Porta Gemina, the Church of San Pietro Martire and the Church of San Venanzio. Departure in the late evening. End of services.

# <u>ARTSANDPOETRY</u>

#### 1st day: ARRIVAL / MACERATA

Arrival at Macerata. Free lunch. Guided visit of: Basilica della Misericordia, Piazza della Libertà, Church of San Paolo, Loggia dei Mercanti, the Lauro Rossi theatre, the Clock Tower, Church of San Filippo, Coaches Museum, Civic Art Gallery, Natural History Museum, Church of San Giovanni and Sferisterio. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 2nd day: ABBADIA DI FIASTRA / URBISAGLIA

Breakfast and departure to Abbadia di Chiaravalle di Fiastra. Visit of: Sala del Capitolo, Sala delle Oliere, Refettorio dei Conversi, the Caves. Free lunch. Transfer to Urbisaglia. Guided visit of: the Archaeological Park, the Fortress and the Archaeological Museum. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 3rd day: RECANATI / LORETO / DEPARTURE

Breakfast and departure to Recanati. Guided visit of: Piazza Leopardi, the Town Hall Palace, the Civic Art Gallery, the Cathedral of San Flaviano, the Church of Sant'Agostino, the Church of San Vito, the house and the places where Leopardi grew up and about he wrote. Free lunch. Transfer to Loreto. Free visit of: Santuario della Madonna di Loreto, the connected Museum. Departure. End of services.

# **CULTURE, FAITH AND... SHOPPING**

#### 1st day: ARRIVAL / MACERATA

Arrival at Macerata. Free lunch. Guided visit of: Basilica della Misericordia, Piazza della Libertà, Church of San Paolo, Loggia dei Mercanti, the Lauro Rossi theatre, Clock Tower, Church of San Filippo, Coaches Museum, Civic Art Gallery, Natural History Museum, Church of San Giovanni and Sferisterio. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 2nd day: RECANATI / LORETO

Breakfast and departure to Recanati. Guided visit of: Piazza Leopardi, the Town Hall Palace, the house and the places where Leopardi grew up and about he wrote. Free lunch. Transfer to Loreto. Guided visit of: Santuario della Madonna di Loreto and the connected Museum. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### **3rd day: OUTLETS / DEPARTURE**

Breakfast and departure to Civitanova Marche. In the nearby there are the best outlets of famous brands. Free lunch. In the afternoon departure. End of services.

# **ART AND FAMOUS BRANDS**

#### 1st day: ARRIVAL / MACERATA

Arrival at Macerata. Free lunch. Guided visit of: Basilica della Misericordia, Piazza della Libertà, Church of San Paolo, Loggia dei Mercanti, the Lauro Rossi theatre, Clock Tower, Church of San

Filippo, Coaches Museum, Civic Art Gallery, Natural History Museum, Church of San Giovanni and Sferisterio. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 2nd day: ABBEYS TOUR / TOLENTINO / SAN SEVERINO MARCHE

Breakfast and departure to the Abbeys Tour. Free lunch. Visit of: Abbazia di Santa Maria a Piè di Chienti, a treasure of the Romanic art; San Claudio al Chienti with its particular cylindrical towers, l'Abbadia di Chiaravalle di Fiastra that is a part of a monastic complex built by Cistercians. Tolentino: Basilica di San Nicola. San Severino Marche: Piazza del Pololo and its important palaces of the XV-XVIII centuries. Dinner and overnight stay.

### **3rd day: OUTLETS / DEPARTURE**

Breakfast and departure to Civitanova Marche. In the nearby there are the best outlets of famous brands. Free lunch. In the afternoon departure. End of services.

# **PRESENT, PAST AND SHOPPING**

### 1st day: ARRIVAL / MACERATA

Arrival at Macerata. Free lunch. Guided visit of: Basilica della Misericordia, Piazza della Libertà, Church of San Paolo, Loggia dei Mercanti, the Lauro Rossi theatre, Clock Tower, Church of San Filippo, Coaches Museum, Civic Art Gallery, Natural History Museum, Church of San Giovanni and Sferisterio. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 2nd day: ABBADIA DI FIASTRA / URBISAGLIA

Breakfast and departure to Abbadia di Chiaravalle di Fiastra. Guided visit of: the church of Santa Maria Annunziata that is a part of a monastic complex built by Cistercians . Free lunch. Transfer to Urbisaglia. Guided visit of: the Archaeological Park and the historical centre characterized by the Fortress. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### **3rd day: OUTLETS / DEPARTURE**

Breakfast and departure to Tolentino. In the nearby there are the best outlets of the territory of Macerata. Free lunch. In the afternoon departure. End of services.

# FAITH TOUR

#### 1st day: ARRIVAL / ABBEYS TOUR

Arrival in the morning and guided visit of the abbeys in the territory of Macerata. Free lunch. Abbazia di Santa Maria a Piè di Chienti, a treasure of the Romanic art; San Claudio al Chienti with its particular cylindrical towers, l'Abbadia di Chiaravalle di Fiastra that is a part of a monastic complex built by Cistercians. Dinner and overnight stay.

### 2nd day: TOLENTINO / SAN SEVERINO

Breakfast and departure to Tolentino. Guided visit of the town that is famous for the treaty Napoleon and the Pope signed there. To visit: Basilica di San Nicola and its cloister. Free lunch. San Severino Marche. Guided visit of: the old

town called "Castle", the Civic Art Gallery, Piazza del Popolo, the Town Hall Palace, Palazzo Gentili and the Archaeological Museum. Dinner and overnight stay.

### **3rd day: LORETO / DEPARTURE**

Breakfast and departure to Loreto. Guided visit of: Santuario Madonna di Loreto that protects the Santa Casa and the Apostolic Museum. Free lunch. Departure. End of services.

# **VERDICCHIO, NATURE AND CULTURE**

### 1st day: ARRIVAL / MATELICA AND ITS "VERDICCHIO"

Arrival at Matelica. Free lunch. To visit: a wine cellar that produces the typical white wine "Verdicchio di Matelica", Piazza Mattei, the Piersanti Museum, the Civic and Archaeological Museum and the Theatre. Dinner and overnight stay.

### 2nd day: CAMERINO / SAN SEVERINO MARCHE

Breakfast and departure to Camerino. Guided visit of: Piazza Cavour, the Dome, Palazzo Arcivescovile, Palazzo Ducale, the Churches of San Filippo and San Venanzio, the Rocca Borgesca. Departure. Free lunch. Transfer to San Severino Marche and guided visit of: the medieval town called "Castle", Piazza del Popolo and the San Domenico Church. Dinner and overnight stay.

### 3rd day: GENGA / FRASASSI CAVES / DEPARTURE

Breakfast and departure to Genga. Guided visit of: Benedictine Abbey of San Vittore delle Chiuse, speleo-palaeontological Museum, octagonal Temple and Frasassi Caves. Departure. End of services.

# THE DISCOVERY OF THE GOTHIC STYLE

#### 1st day: URBINO / PESARO

Arrival at Urbino. Free lunch. Guided visit of: the Dome, the Dukes' Palace, The Marche national Gallery, the gothic Church of San Domenico, the Oratory of Santa Croce, the old convent of Santa Chiara, the University Palace, the Oratory of San Giovanni Battista, the Raffaello's house. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 2nd day: LORETO / MACERATA

Breakfast and departure to Loreto. Guided visit of: Santuario della Madonna di Loreto and the Apostolic Museum. Free lunch. Macerata. Guided visit of: Basilica della Misericordia, Piazza della Libertà, church of San Paolo, Loggia dei Mercanti, Clock Tower, Lauro Rossi theatre, Church of San Filippo, Coaches Museum, Civic Art Gallery, Natural History Museum, church of San Giovanni and Sferisterio. Dinner and overnight stay.

### 3rd day: FABRIANO / FRASASSI CAVES / SAN SEVERINO MARCHE / MACERATA

Breakfast and departure to Fabriano. Guided visit of: Piazza del Comune, Palazzo del Potestà, Dome, Civic Art gallery, Paper and Watermark Museum. Genga. Visit of the Frasassi Caves. Free lunch. San Severino Marche. Guided visit of: the old town called "Castle", the Civic Art Gallery, Piazza del Popolo, the Town Hall Palace, Palazzo Gentili and the Archaeological Museum. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 4th day: FERMO / ASCOLI PICENO / DEPARTURE

Breakfast and transfer to Fermo. Guided visit of: Piazza del Popolo, Town Hall Palace, University Palace, Palazzo dei Priori, Piazza del Girifalco, Dome, Piscine. Free lunch. Ascoli Piceno. Guided visit of: Piazza Arringo, Piazza del Popolo, Palazzo dei Capitani del Popolo, church of San Francesco, Loggia dei Mercanti, Town Hall Palace, Dome, Porta Gemina. Departure. End of services.

# LAND OF CHARMS

#### 1st day: ARRIVAL / MACERATA

Arrival at Macerata. Free lunch. Guided visit of: Basilica della Misericordia, Piazza della Libertà, Church of San Paolo, Loggia 21 dei Mercanti, the Lauro Rossi theatre, Clock Tower, Church of San Filippo, Coaches Museum, Civic Art Gallery, Natural History Museum, Church of San Giovanni and Sferisterio. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 2nd day: FABRIANO / FRASASSI CAVES / SAN SEVERINO MARCHE

Breakfast and departure to Fabriano. Guided visit of: Piazza del Comune, Palazzo del Potestà, Dome, Civic Art Gallery, Paper and Watermark Museum. Genga. Visit of the Frasassi Caves. Free lunch. San Severino Marche. Guided visit of: the old town called "Castle", the Civic Art Gallery, Piazza del Popolo, the Town Hall Palace, Palazzo Gentili and the Archaeological Museum. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### **3rd day: ABBEYS TOUR / URBISAGLIA**

Breakfast and departure to the Abbey of Chiaravalle di Fiastra. Guided visit of the church of Santa Maria Annunziata that is a part of a monastic complex built by Cistercians. Free lunch. Urbisaglia. Guided visit of the Archaeological Park and the historical centre characterized by the Fortress. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 4th day: RECANATI / LORETO / DEPARTURE

Breakfast and departure to Recanati. Guided visit of: Piazza Leopardi, the Town Hall Palace, the Civic Art Gallery, the house and the places where Leopardi grew up and about he wrote. Free lunch. Transfer to Loreto. Guided visit of: Santuario della Madonna di Loreto and the connected Museum. Departure. End of services.

## THE DISCOVERY OF THE ROMANIC STYLE

#### 1st day: ARRIVAL / ANCONA

Arrival at Ancona and free lunch. Guided visit of: the Cathedral of San Ciariaco, the Diocesan Museum, Arco Clementino, Arco di Traiano, Teatro delle Muse, Loggia dei Mercanti, Piazza Plebiscito, Lazzaretto, Passetto. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 2nd day: NUMANA / OSIMO / ANCONA

Breakfast and departure to Numana. Guided visit of: Santuario del Crocifisso, the Antiquarium, Torre del Pincio. Free lunch. Osimo. Guided visit of: the Cathedral of San Leopardo, Battistero, the Diocesan Museum, Piazza del Comune, Santuario di San Giuseppe da Copertino and the Theatre. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 3rd day: CINGOLI / MACERATA

Breakfast and departure to Cingoli. Free lunch. Guided visit of: the central Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II, the Town Hall Palace, the Clock Tower, the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, San Francesco and San Filippo, the Civic Archaeological Museum, the Library and the Civic Art Gallery. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 4th day: URBISAGLIA / ABBADIA DI FIASTRA / MACERATA

Breakfast and departure to the Abbey of Chiaravalle di Fiastra. Guided visit of the church that is part of a monastic complex built by Cistercians. Free lunch. Urbisaglia. Guided visit of: the Archaeological Park and the historical centre characterized by the Fortress. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 5th day: CAMERINO / MATELICA / DEPARTURE

Breakfast and departure to Camerino. Guided visit of: Piazza Cavour, the Dome, Palazzo Arcivescovile, Palazzo Ducale, the Churches of San Filippo and San Venanzio, the Rocca Borgesca. Free lunch. Matelica. Guided visit of: a wine cellar that produces the typical white wine "Verdicchio di Matelica", Piazza Mattei, the Piersanti Museum, the Civic and Archaeological Museum and the Theatre. Departure in the late afternoon. End of services.

## **THE HEART OF THE MARCHE**

#### 1st day: ARRIVAL / MACERATA

Arrival at Macerata. Free lunch. Guided visit of: Basilica della Misericordia, Piazza della Libertà, Church of San Paolo, Loggia dei Mercanti, the Lauro Rossi theatre, the Clock Tower, Church of San Filippo, Coaches Museum, Civic Art Gallery, Natural History Museum, Church of San Giovanni and Sferisterio. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 2nd day: ROMANIC ABBEYS / TOLENTINO / SAN SEVERINO MARCHE

Breakfast and departure. Guide whole day. Free lunch. Visit of: Abbazia di Santa Maria a Piè di Chienti, a treasure of the Romanic art; San Claudio al Chienti with its particular cylindrical towers, l'Abbadia di Chiaravalle di Fiastra that is a part of a monastic complex built by Cistercians. Tolentino: Basilica di San Nicola and its important cloister. San Severino Marche. Visit of: the old town called "castle", the Civic Art Gallery, Piazza del Pololo, the Town Hall Palace, Palazzo Gentili and the Archaeological Museum. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 3rd day: RECANATI / LORETO / OSIMO

Breakfast and departure. Guide whole day. Free lunch. Recanati. Visit of: Piazza Leopardi, the

Town Hall Palace, the house and the places where Leopardi grew up and about he wrote. Loreto. Visit of: Santuario della Madonna di Loreto and the connected Museum. Osimo. Guided visit of: the Cathedral of San Leopardo, Battistero, the Diocesan Museum, Piazza del Comune, Santuario di San Giuseppe da Copertino and the Theatre. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 4th day: SIBILLINI MOUNTAINS PARK

Breakfast and departure to the National Park of Sibillini Mountains. Guide whole day. Free lunch. The most important mountains are: Monte Vettore (2476 m), Monte Priora (2332 m), Monte Sibilla (2175 m). In the Pilato Lake lives the "Chirocefalo del Marchesoni" that only in this lake reproduces. The main plain is "la piana di Castelluccio" with its importan "fioritura". The landscape is characterized by a rich fauna and a particular vegetation. In the late afternoon transfer to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 5th day: MATELICA AND ITS "VERDICCHIO" / DEPARTURE

Breakfast and transfer to Matelica. Free lunch. Guided visit of: a wine cellar that produces the typical white wine "Verdicchio di Matelica", Piazza Mattei, the Piersanti Museum, the Civic and Archaeological Museum and the Theatre. In the afternoon departure. End of services.

# **HARMONIES AND COLOURS OF PAST TIMES**

#### 1st day: ARRIVAL / MACERATA

Arrival at Macerata. Free lunch. Guided visit of: Basilica della Misericordia, Piazza della Libertà, Church of San Paolo, Loggia dei Mercanti, the Lauro Rossi theatre, the Clock Tower, Church of San Filippo, Coaches Museum, Civic Art Gallery, Natural History Museum, Church of San Giovanni and Sferisterio. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 2nd day: ABBADIA DI FIASTRA / URBISAGLIA / SERRAPETRONA / CALDAROLA

Breakfast and departure to Abbadia di Chiaravalle di Fiastra. Free lunch. Guide whole day. Visit of: Sala del Capitolo, Sala delle Oliere, Refettorio dei Conversi, the Caves. Urbisaglia. Visit of: the Archaeological Park, the Fortress and the Archaeological Museum. Serrapetrona. Nice small village famous for the production of a sparkling red wine called "Vernaccia". Caldarola: the Pallotta Castle whose rooms have got the original furniture. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 3rd day: SARNANO / AMANDOLA

Breakfast and transfer to Sarnano. Free lunch. Guide whole day. Visit of: the medieval town, the Town Hall Palace, the Civic Art Gallery, the Church of Santa Maria Assunta. Amandola: church of San Fancesco. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 4th day: SIBILLINI TOUR / CASTELLUCCIO / VISSO

Breakfast and departure to the Sibillini Mountains. Free lunch. Guide whole day. Nature and culture are preserved in the national park. Castelluccio: from this small village there's a wonderful and unique view. Castelsantangelo sul Nera: Parrocchiale di Santo Stefano, Church of San Martino. Visso: historical centre, Piazza Martiri Vissani, Civic Art Gallery and Museum. Santuario di

Macereto: the Temple, built in the Renaissance, mirrored the style of Bramante. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 5th day: CAMERINO / MATELICA

Breakfast and departure to Camerino. Free lunch. Guide whole day. Visit of: Piazza Cavour, the Dome, Palazzo Arcivescovile, Palazzo Ducale, the Churches of San Filippo and San Venanzio, the Rocca Borgesca. Matelica. Visit of: a wine cellar that produces the typical white wine "Verdicchio di Matelica", Piazza Mattei, the Piersanti Museum, the Civic and Archaeological Museum and the Theatre. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 6th day: FABRIANO / GENGA / FRASASSI CAVES

Breakfast and transfer to Fabriano. Guide whole day. Free lunch. Visit of: Piazza del Comune, Palazzo del Potestà, Dome, Civic Art Gallery, Paper and Watermark Museum. Genga. Visit of: San Vittore delle Chiuse, speleo-palaeontological Museum, octagonal Temple and Frasassi Caves. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### 7th day: DEPARTURE

Breakfast and free time for shopping. Departure for the return. Free lunch. End of services