



PROGRAMME

Day One: (Monday 22 May) – Ancona

Participants' arrival at Ancona by 1 p.m.: check in at the **** Hotel.

2 p.m. - Welcome cocktail at the Hotel.



Following a brief presentation of the programme by the Club President Massimiliano Olivieri. The walking tour of Ancona begins at 3.30 p.m., guided by Prof. Antonio Luccarini: the Old Town, the Roman Amphitheatre, St Ciriaco's Cathedral (1000 A.D.), the Archaeological Museum, the Romanesque church of S. Maria della Piazza, Piazza Plebiscito, the church of St Domenico with paintings by Titian and Guercino, the Calamo Fountain, etc.

Return to the Hotel.

8.30 p.m. – Dinner at a typical Restaurant, in the beautiful Plebiscito Square.

Return to the Hotel: overnight stay.

Day Two: (Tuesday 23 May) – Urbino



Breakfast at the Hotel.

Departure at 8,30 for Urbino, one of the most important centres of Renaissance Italy, and which has preserved its unique architecture. The old town has been a UNESCO World Heritage Centre since 1998.

Visit to the Ducal Palace, the Picture Gallery with several paintings by Raphael and Piero della Francesca, the painter's birthplace and the old town.

Lunch (with local, traditional cuisine).

In the afternoon "Walking in historical centre" visiting Oratori, Casa di

Raffaello and San Bernardino.

Return to the Hotel; free evening. Overnight stay.

Day Three: (Wednesday 24 May) – The Marche and Nature



Breakfast at the Hotel.

Departure at 8,30 for Fabriano, center of Art and History. Visit of historic centre and Museum of Carta and Filigrana. Lunch in typical restaurant "Old railway".

3,00 p.m. Departure to Grotte della Rossa and the splendid underground Frasassi Caves. The Caves, of karstic formation, are in area of the town of Genga. The complex consists of a series of caves of which the first,

which can be visited using the current entrance, is the Abisso Ancona (Ancona Abyss). It is 180 by 120 metres, reaching a height of 200 metres; in fact, it is over 2 million square metres and could easily contain Milan Cathedral.

Return to the Hotel.

Musical Show In Teatrondelle Muse.

Overnight stay.

Day Four : (Thursday 25 May) – The Ascoli Marche



After breakfast in the Hotel Roof Garden, departure at 8.30 in a large tourer coach for the beautiful, historic town of Ascoli Piceno.

On arrival, a walking tour of the old centre, guided by the architect Valerio Borzacchini(incoming 2090 District Governor) to see: the famous Piazza del Popolo(one of the most beautiful squares in Italy), the old Meletti Coffee House, Piazza Arringo, the Cathedral, the Ventidio Basso Theatre, the Roman Bridge (and its interior), etc.

Lunch at “Villa Picena”, a typical restaurant where guests can enjoy the

local cuisine, such as traditional Ascoli olives.

In the afternoon, a visit to the Medieval Town of Offida, which is famous for its traditional production of lace and fine wines.

Return to Ancona.

Free evening, and overnight stay at the Hotel.

DayFive : (Friday 26 may) - Fermo and Macerata



Breakfast in Hotel.

Departure at 8,30 to Fermo, roman and medieval city. Visit of historical Centre, Roman cistern,the Cathedral, Theatre of Aquila. Free snack.

This will be followed, in early afternoon, by a visit to Romanic Abbeys of Santa Maria a Pie’ di Chienti and San Claudio.

Return to Ancona . Free afternoon.

8 p.m.Rotaryevening : Dinner at the “ FortinoNapoleonico “ at

Portonovo, beautiful place on the sea coast of Marche; there will be, with the district Governor, a presentation of the participants and pennants will be exchanged.

Return to the Hotel; overnight stay.

Day Six: (Saturday 27 May) – Cruise and Panoramas



Breakfast at the Hotel.

Departure at 9 to the Port of Numana for a cruise along the coast to see the Conero Riviera, the small towns of Sirolo and Numana and Portonovo Bay; the splendid Romanesque Chapel of Holy Mary at Portonovo, directly overlooking the sea, will complete the excursion.

An aperitif will be served on board: the cruise ends by 1,00 p.m..

If the weather is unsuitable, the cruise will be replaced by a visit to the famous Marian Sanctuary of Loreto.

Farewells and departure.