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Gadis
Italia

Abruzzo, the Region of little villages

A proud Region of humble people that with dignity and stubbornness fight to rebuild their homeland after the earthquake.

One of the most fascinating and original regions in Italy, Abruzzo kept its character and old traditions.
A land between sea and high mountains...

Services

- 4 HB in Hotel **** in Montesilvano with breakfast buffet
- 1 x Welcome drink
- 1 x Aperitif with typical products by Bar del Teatro in Atri
- 1 x Wine Tasting with snacks in a local winery
- 1 x Light lunch by an historical restaurant (old cloister) near Barisciano
- 1 x Visit of a dairy
- 1 x Visit of a Ceramic factory
- Tour guide for the whole 3-day program

Package price per person from € 169



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Gadis Lago Maggiore
Baveno

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Borgomaro

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Gadis Toscana
Vicopisano

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Gadis Nord
Verona



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Further suggestions

Gala dinner in a Countryhouse,
(including Drinks 1/4 wine and 1/2 mineral water) per Person
€ 20,00

Programme

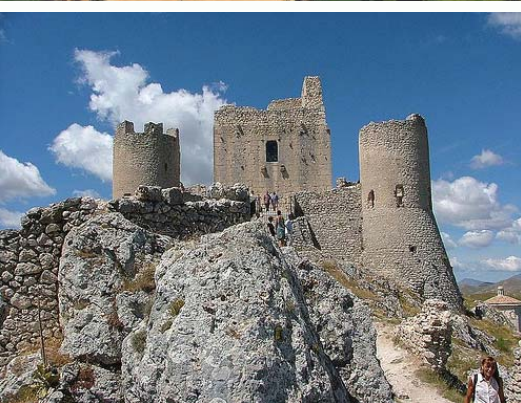
First Day: On the Abruzzo coast

Arrival at Abruzzo in the late afternoon. Accommodation in Hotel, dinner and overnight-stay.

Second Day: In the Kingdom of the two Sicilies

Breakfast in the hotel and sightseeing of Civitella del Tronto, dominated by one of the biggest fortresses in Europe and settled in a wonderful panoramic position. This

fortress, committed by King Charles 2nd, was built on a pre-existent structure representing the last bulwark of the Bourbon resistance against the Savoy. The town stretches on a hill lying at the foot of the fortress and has maintained its old town-planning establishment. We will continue to Controguerra, where we will have a guided tasting of some of best wines of the region and try some typical products of our region as ham, salami and cheese. In the afternoon sightseeing of Camppli, a little town with roman origins. Here we will visit the Collegiate Church of Santa Maria in Platea (XIVth century) with its wonderful wooden ceiling and the Romanesque Crypt, the Farnese Palace (XVIth century) and the romantic Renaissance Courtyard of the Casa del Medico. In the evening return to the hotel. Dinner, over-night stay.





NEWS

Third day: The dukes of Acquaviva and the pottery of Castelli

Breakfast at the hotel and tour through **Atri**, a interesting little village, full of history located in the province of Terame. Atri was found about 100 years before Christ and had its peak time during the empire of emperor Hadrain. Starting in the XV century the city was ruled by the dukes of Acquaviva. Atri has many important pieces of art like the cathedral of Assunta with the most beautiful painting cycle of the Renaissance within this region. Other important sights are the Palazzo Acquaviva, the Theatre Comunale and the Church of Augustin. After the tour we are going to enjoy a rich aperitif with typical products at the bar of the theatre located near the dome's square. The continuation of our journey brings us to **Castelli**, a small village located at the river Gran Sassos. It is known for its traditional trade. Since the XV century this is the city where the best pottery of the region was made – real pieces of art and some of them are exhibited in the most important museums of the world. This tradition still is alive and there are several laboratories where the father still teaches his son. Here we will visit a factory where we will get the chance to see a **potter at work**. Way back to the hotel where we will have dinner and stay over night. As an alternative we can offer a formal dinner at a country house for a small surcharge.



Fourth day: Cheese and saffron at the shepherd's land

Breakfast at the hotel and drive to the national park of Gran Sassos. The journey over the Campo Imperatore, which is a huge plateau (more than 26 km long and 10 km wide at a sea level of 1600m). Emperor Friedrich II, who gave it its name, called it a magic place. It is the heart of the thousand years phenomenon of the shepherds of the Abruzzi and is famous for the western movies of Sergio Leone and numerous movies with Bud Spencer and Terence Hill. After this panoramic trip we are going to visit a cheese dairy near Castel del Monte, where we will have the possibility to see the



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manufacturing of the famous Pecorino cheese. On we go to Barisciano where we will have lunch with some typical dishes in an old abbey. At the afternoon we travel on to **Bominaco**. Here we are going to visit the Benedictine abbey Santa Maria Assunta from the XI century and the oratory of S. Pelligrino, which was rebuilt on behalf of abbot Teodino. Those two buildings are the most important representatives of the Benedictine art in the Abruzzi. We travel on down the valley and visit the excavations of Peltuinum (a Roman City). **Civitaretenga**, visit of the coop. "Altopiano di Navelli". Here one will have the chance to buy not only saffron powder but also saffron threads as well as other products. The saffron of the plateau of Navelli is among the best worldwide.

Just think about it, one need 20.000 flowers to get 100 gram of saffron threads. The plucking of the flowers and the selection of the saffron threads has to made by hand. In the evening we will travel back to the hotel where we will have dinner and stay over night.

IMPOTRANT: The panoramic journey at the Campc Imperatore depends on the weather. During winter the street could be closed due to snow. In this case we offer a visit of Santo Stefano di Sessanio as an alternative.

Fifth day:
Breakfast at the hotel and departure.





These are our main airports for those travelling to the Abruzzi by plane...

Pescara airport

Ancona airport

Roma Ciampino airport

Roma Fiumicino airport

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