

Live Like an Italian in Urbania

June 26 – July 17, 2010

*Escorted by Gino & Julie Muzzatti,
bilingual SRJC Professors*

Be a “local” in the small, picturesque hilltown of Urbania, in the heart of Italy’s central Le Marche region, bordered by Tuscany and the Adriatic Sea. Live with a friendly Italian family or in your own apartment. Learn Italian at one of 6 levels for 3 weeks and enjoy a tour of Umbria. Take optional cooking classes, art lessons and field trips to historic towns such as Urbino, San Leo and Sansepolcro. Escorts Gino and Julie Muzzatti, are congenial, bilingual and have escorted 7 happy groups to quaint Urbania since 2003. Experience the real Italy that tourists never see!

June 24 – Fly from home to **Bologna**, the gourmet city *La Grassa*. Or arrive earlier to anywhere in Europe!

June 25 – We suggest independent arrivals in Bologna.

June 26 – Tour begins as you meet escorts **Gino and Julie Muzzatti** in **Bologna** midday. Our private motorcoach skirts the Po River Valley and Adriatic beaches to **Urbania**. Settle in your own apartment or a family home with dinner.

June 27 – An easy Sunday: sleep in, **sip a welcome aperitivo** and take an escorted walking tour of **Urbania**.

June 28 – Meet **Centro Studi**’s easy-going instructors in historic classrooms after a simple placement exam. Or just enroll in Beginner Level #1 of Italian!

June 29 & beyond – Weekdays feature 9am to noon lessons before an independent lunch break. Afternoon options are **art classes, culinary lessons, field trips** (nominal fee), free conversational classes or just relax!

June 30 – Share your “finds” with co-eds on a break.

July 1 – Shop at Urbania’s weekly **Open Market!**

July 2 – We gather for a **Fourth of July Pizza Party!**

July 3-4 – Consider an optional weekend in antique-filled Arezzo, mosaic-adorned Ravenna or hilltop San Marino.

July 5 – Hike up to nearby hilltop **Peglio per un caffè**.

July 6 – Take a guided tour of the historic **Museo Civico**.

July 7 – We gather for a wine tasting at our local **enoteca**.

July 8 – Dance and chat at our weekly **Giovedrink Party!**

July 9 – Our private motorcoach meanders the lovely **Adriatic seacoast** with its sandy beaches and ritzy resorts. Pause at **Gola del Furlo** gorge to marvel at Mother Nature. In **Senigallia** our hotel is right on the beach! Relax, swim (in pool or sea) dine on fresh seafood or do the nightlife!

July 10 – Enjoy a hotel **breakfast** and time to stroll the palm promenade, swim or shop. Turn inland to **Ascoli Piceno**, cradled on a land terrace above the confluence of two rivers. Splendid Romanesque and Renaissance architecture plus friendly locals welcome us! Admire Piazza

del Popolo, a marble square framed by San Francesco Church and lovely 13th century Loggia dei Mercanti. Savor a **hosted lunch, including famous Ascoli olives**, at a typical trattoria before checking into our palazzo hotel. Free time to relax or taste gelato at art nouveau Caffè Meletti. The grand pageantry and commune rivalry of **La Quintana Festival** awes you! Marvel at Renaissance-costumed dignitaries, falcon handlers, contrada princesses and flag-tossing men in the procession. But the stadium hosts the real action! Against the clock, young men expertly race horses in Figure 8s, piercing targets with medieval lances. Cheer for your favorite contrada/district of Ascoli!

July 11 – Enjoy a hotel **breakfast** before we cross **Gran Sasso** mountains to **Norcia**, Italy’s famous foodie capital. Browse gourmet shops and visit Church of St. Benedict, who was born here in 480. In the Umbrian countryside, savor a **hosted lunch by Cordon Bleu chef Andrea Sposini**. Shop for prized ceramics in **Deruta** before arriving in **Perugia**. Acclaimed musicians perform at the **Umbrian Jazz Festival**; order tickets online or listen al fresco!

July 12 – Enjoy a hotel **breakfast** before time to explore **Perugia**’s medieval heart: Palazzo dei Priori, Fontana Maggiore and Museo d’Arte. In hilltop **Spello**, with views over the valley, enjoy a **hosted spuntino** with local wines. In **Assisi** admire fabulous frescoes in St. Francis Basilica, where the beloved saint lies in the lower crypt. We return to **Urbania**, via backroads, in time for dinner.

*Nowhere else will you find
such a custom, exclusive escorted tour
of Italy’s hidden gems!*

July 13 – Weekdays feature lessons (see June 29).

July 14 – Enjoy an **Opera Ensemble** performance!

July 15 – Dance and chat at Thursday’s **Giovedrink Party!**

July 16 – We gather for a **Farewell to Urbania lunch!**

July 17 – Transfer from Urbania to lively **Bologna**.

Custom Land Rate: \$2495 per person sharing twin on July 9-12 excursion (add \$595 for single supplement). Includes roundtrip Bologna-Urbania transfers, 10 indicated meals/tastings, July 9-12 excursion with 3 nights fine lodging, indicated admissions, escorts, taxes, orientation, reunion and 3 weeks of language classes/tuition/books. **Add:** 1 of 6 Urbania lodging choices; payable there in euro. **Add:** Mandatory trip cancellation insurance; premium based on age and trip cost.

Payment: \$750 deposit now, final check due 4-15-10.

Discount: \$100 per room if deposit received by 4-1-10.

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