MONTESSORI TOURS AND TRAVEL

… your window to the world of Montessori

Tastes of Montessori's Italy

20th Anniversary Tour | 17–24 April 2027 | 7 nights

Wander, wonder… and be inspired.

MORE THAN A HOLIDAY.

A JOURNEY THAT STAYS WITH YOU.

Imagine walking in the footsteps of Dr Maria Montessori, discovering places that shaped her extraordinary life and legacy, and experiencing Italy from a perspective few conventional holidays can offer.

This carefully curated, small-group boutique journey blends Montessori history and professional inspiration with personal discovery, creativity, warm companionship and the pleasures of Italian culture. Rather than simply seeing famous sights, you will encounter the stories, people and traditions that give each place meaning.

Whether you are an educator, school leader, trainer, Montessori enthusiast or simply inspired by her vision, come ready to ask questions, make connections, learn through experience and savour Italy at a gentler, more personal pace.

Come for the Montessori history. Leave with fresh perspectives, new friendships and renewed inspiration — professionally and personally.

A distinctive journey

Our highlights include Rome's San Lorenzo neighbourhood and the Casa dei Bambini grounds; Montessori's birthplace in Chiaravalle; the historic Santa Croce Montessori School in Perugia; Villa Montesca and the Franchetti family story; Umbrian weaving and printing traditions; watercolour painting; an olive farm visit; and a hands-on Italian cooking class.

YOUR DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

SAT 17 APR | Welcome to Rome

ARRIVAL AND CONNECTION

Arrive independently in Rome and settle into your accommodation by late afternoon. Meet your fellow travellers and begin a week of shared discoveries over a welcoming dinner. Enjoy the first conversations and connections that make small-group travel so memorable.

Included: Welcome Dinner • Overnight: Rome

SUN 18 APR | Cooking, creating and celebrating

UMBRIAN COOKING EXPERIENCE

Roll up your sleeves for a hands-on introduction to traditional Umbrian cooking. Learn regional techniques using locally sourced ingredients, then sit down to savour the meal you have created. Enjoy the laughter, shared learning and simple pleasures that make a boutique journey special.

Included: Breakfast and Lunch • Overnight: Perugia

MON 19 APR | Montessori's living legacy

SANTA CROCE AND CREATIVITY

Visit Perugia's historic Santa Croce Montessori School. Learn about Montessori's association with the school, view historic furniture and materials, discover the Montessori District and observe a lesson in the beautiful music room. This afternoon become a learner yourself through a relaxed watercolour experience — a chance to experiment, create and enjoy the process.

Included: Breakfast • Overnight: Perugia

TUE 20 APR | A feast for the senses

BATTA FAMILY OLIVE FARM

Visit the Batta Family Olive Farm to explore olive groves, discover how olive oil is produced and enjoy a tasting. Share a traditional Italian lunch prepared by the family, taking time to appreciate regional flavours, genuine hospitality and the pleasure of learning through the senses.

Included: Breakfast and Lunch • Overnight: Perugia

WED 21 APR | Discovering Montessori's beginnings

CHIARAVALLE AND THE ADRIATIC

Journey to Chiaravalle, Montessori's birthplace. See where she was born and wander streets linked to the lives of local people in her time, including Via G. Marconi, once walked by women employed in the town's cigarette industry. Browse a bookshop or enjoy gelato before travelling towards the Adriatic Sea for lunch.

Included: Breakfast and Lunch • Overnight: Perugia

THU 22 APR | People, purpose and pioneering work

CITTÀ DI CASTELLO

Explore Villa Montesca and the story of the Franchetti family's connection with Montessori's early professional life. Then discover Umbrian craftsmanship at a traditional weaving house, including its connections with local women and children, before visiting the historic Grifani Donati Printing House.

Included: Breakfast • Overnight: Perugia

FRI 23 APR | Where Montessori's vision took shape

ROME TO PERUGIA

Depart Perugia for Rome by private transport followed by a walk through the historic San Lorenzo neighbourhood. Discover the social context in which Maria Montessori's pioneering work began. Spend time in the grounds of the Casa dei Bambini and reflect on the enduring impact of her respect for children. As we share our Farewell Dinner together, let's recall the adventures and learnings we experienced.

Included: Breakfast and Farewell Dinner • Overnight: Rome

SAT 24 APR | Arrivederci, Italia!

FAREWELL

After breakfast, farewell your fellow travellers. Take home more than photographs: a deeper appreciation of Montessori's legacy, new connections, memories of authentic Italy and inspiration to carry into everyday life.

Included: Breakfast • Tour concludes

Why travel with Montessori Tours and Travel?

Montessori is the thread that connects the journey, but its rewards extend far beyond the philosophy. Travelling in a small group creates space for thoughtful conversations, questions, spontaneous discoveries and the joy of learning alongside like-minded people. There is time to reflect, to create, to taste and to simply enjoy being in Italy.

This is professional development with a difference — an experience in which personal growth and the joy of travel matter just as much as historical discovery. A certificate of Professional Development for 30 hours will be issued after the Tour.

What is included:

- Seven nights' hotel accommodation with daily breakfast
- Private transportation during the tour
- Sightseeing with local English-speaking guides
- Hotel taxes and tourist fees
- Cultural activities as specified in the itinerary
- Meals (food only) as specified in the itinerary

What is not included:

- Meals not specified in the itinerary; alcoholic and other drinks
- International flights, airport taxes and pre-tour- or post-tour arrangements
- Overweight luggage and personal expenses
- Full comprehensive travel insurance (compulsory)
- Passport and visa costs, vaccinations, medication and personal items
- Tips, gratuities and any services not listed as included

Important information

Walking: *Travellers need to be able to walk more than 5 km (3 miles) on any given day.*

Itinerary flexibility: *This itinerary may be adjusted while maintaining the integrity of the tour. The tour is conducted in English with local guides and drivers.*

Prices: *Quoted prices are based on prevailing fuel costs, taxes, fares, hotel rates and exchange rates at publication and may change if these costs increase.*

COST: ***SINGLE - EUR 4,670*** ***TWIN / DOUBLE SHARE EUR - 4,120 per person***

DEPOSIT EUR 200 per person

Final Payment Due 29 January 2027

To find out more or secure a place, please email Roelie Hartwig at montessoritoursandtravel@gmail.com

Local flavours. Meaningful discoveries. A journey to remember.

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