



MONTESSORI TOURS AND TRAVEL

... your window to the world of Montessori

Montessori Tours and Travel invites you to join the

Montessori's Italy Study Tour

See, explore, discover...



This small group tour has been designed for lovers of Montessori history to expand their knowledge of Dr Montessori's life and times in Italy.

27 October 2024 – 07 November 2024 (11 nights)

COST: Single – EUR 2787 Double / Twin Share – EUR 2558

Deposit of EUR 200 per person required to secure your place.

Balance due Monday 29 July 2024

This tour requires travellers to be able to walk 3+ miles / 5+ kms in any given day.

Highlights include: Sites in Montessori's Rome, Perugia, Villa Montesca, Città di Castello, Chiaravalle (Montessori's birth town), Montessori Training Centre, Montessori School

Included in cost: 11 night's accommodation including daily breakfast, all hotel taxes and tourist fees, private transportation during this tour, local Italian and English-speaking tour guides, meals as specified in this itinerary

**Sunday 27 October: TOUR STARTS**

Make your own way to Rome. Be sure to arrive at our accommodation by late afternoon to meet your fellow travellers followed by free time.

Meals included: N/A

Accommodation: Casa San Giuseppe di Cluny, Rome

Monday 28 October: ROME

After breakfast, put on your walking shoes and let's head out for the first day of our historic walking tour of 'Montessori's Rome'. Our local guide, Karin Slabaugh will help us better understand the times and life of Maria Montessori. You will be excited when we visit sites significant to Montessori's history, some you may know about, some you may be surprised by. We will experience the places where she lived and worked and studied from 1875 to 1951.

The evening is yours to discover and be delighted.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Casa San Giuseppe di Cluny, Rome

Tuesday 29 October: ROME

Today we get our hands busy and dirty as we enjoy a cultural hands-on experience at an art school. While we work, we will learn about an unknown aspect of the development of Montessori's methods thanks to this art school. The historical items in the museum have a fascinating connection with Maria's mission at that time.

After lunch, our walking exploration of 'Montessori's Rome' continues.

When we are finished for the day, why not choose a new flavour of gelato and continue your own exploration of exciting Rome.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Casa San Giuseppe di Cluny, Rome

Wednesday 30 October: ROME

After breakfast we will delight in a lecture about the Montessori work in Rome with newborns from 1947 to present and how to offer respect, dignity and an *"education from birth as a help to developing life"* for the very youngest infants.

We will learn about the Montessorini - the Italian nickname for those who attended the *Scuola Assistente all'Infanzia Montessori* with Adele Costa Gnocchi and visit historic 0-3 sites as we learn about this part of Rome's Montessori legacy.

The evening is yours to explore and check off any Montessori sites yet on your list.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Casa San Giuseppe di Cluny, Rome

Thursday 31 October: ROME

Today is our last day together in Rome with further discoveries and learnings about Montessori's life and times, the people she met, the work she did. Where will we go? What will you explore? What will you experience?

Last chance for shopping, photos, further exploring, time with friends and Roman treats.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Casa San Giuseppe di Cluny, Rome

Friday 01 November: MONTEFALCO & ASSISI

Today is *Ognissanti*, or *All Saints Day*, a public holiday in Italy. A perfect day to visit the saints.

After early breakfast we say goodbye to Rome. Our private transport will take us to the beautiful town of Montefalco where we will learn more about Adele Costa Gnocchi (known for her work with the 0-3 age group) and her relationship with Dr Montessori. A delicious lunch offering local cuisine will follow.

Our next visit is the beautiful city of Assisi, birthplace of Saint Francis (1181 - 1226), one of the most venerated religious figures in Roman Catholic History and the patron saint of Italy. There will be time to explore this exquisite town, learn more about St Francis' incredible life and legacy and why he is associated with 'peace'.

As night falls we will arrive at our accommodation in Perugia.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel Europa, Perugia



Saturday 02 November: CHIARAVALLE & ANCONA

Another early start today. Wear your walking shoes for our trip east by private transport to Chiaravalle. Stand in the house in which Dr Montessori was born. Walk the streets and hear the stories of what life was like in the mid-1800s as we experience Chiaravalle with our local Chiaravalle-born guide. Lunch will be delights of the region before heading to nearby Ancona for a sensorial experience at the Museo Omero, a tactile museum created especially for blind people. Return to Perugia and the night is yours to explore this beautiful hill town.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel Europa, Perugia

Sunday 03 November: PERUGIA

Take a breath after breakfast and plan your day to do what you wish. There are many options in Perugia, including the annual Fiera dei Morti (Fair of the Dead), a huge open-air market with lots of travelling merchants displaying their wares, situated not far from our hotel. Gelato is fabulous in Perugia, as is the chocolate. There's a beautiful cathedral and museums to visit. It will be hard to choose what to do with so many options.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Europa, Perugia

Monday 04 November: CITTA DI CASTELLO

After breakfast we head to the beautiful grounds of the Villa Montesca. Here we will meet our local guide who will share stories about the Baron & Baroness Franchetti and how they supported Montessori in her work. The first course Dr Montessori conducted was held at this Villa.

After lunch we make our way to the nearby town of Città di Castello. Here we watch while the intricacies of the beautiful famous textiles from Tela Umbra are produced. Learn about weaving at the historic machines that are still used today. View original Montessori materials used so long ago by the children of the factory workers.

Return to Perugia for an early night or further exploration of the delights by night.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Europa, Perugia

Tuesday 05 November: PERUGIA

After breakfast there are a few more special places to visit in Perugia.

The Sorbello Foundation has an amazing museum, with connections in so many different ways to Dr Montessori's journey. Learn from our guide what influential women at that time were doing to enhance the lives of others, including children.

After lunch (gelato is a good option), we will visit the University for Foreigners, where Dr Montessori held her last international course. Did you ever think that you would sit in the lecture room, in Perugia, where Montessori delivered her course?

Tonight, continue to wander as you wish through the old city on the hill.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Europa, Perugia

Wednesday 06 November: PERUGIA

Our last full day in beautiful Perugia will be visiting Antoinetta Paolini's Santa Croce Montessori School.

As we walk the corridors of this old school, be enthralled as we learn how a convent for the Carmelite nuns became a pre-school in 1861, eventually transforming into a Montessori school. We will stand in the observation space specially designed by Montessori, learn more about how her influence quickly spread throughout this city and the development of the Montessori District in Perugia.

We end our day, and our time in 'Montessori's Italy' with a presentation from staff of the Montessori Training Centre, Perugia.

It will be sad to leave fascinating Italy tomorrow so let's spend time together tonight, sharing stories and enjoying delicious local food.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Europa, Perugia

Thursday 07 November: TOUR ENDS

After breakfast today the Italy Tour ends.

Make your way back to your home or work country or continue your travels.

Meals included: Breakfast



There will be local wines, local foods, local guides, local cultural experiences, local larrikins.
There will be surprises and activities,
time to chat,
time to play,
time to learn,
time to wonder,
time to wander.

Led by Roelie Hartwig and Karin Slabaugh.

Small group tour – maximum 8

This itinerary will always be a work in progress and what we end up doing on some days may be different to what is stated here. All will be done to ensure the tour proceeds as per the itinerary whilst maintaining the integrity of the tour. Should this happen your understanding and cooperation will be appreciated. This tour will be conducted in English with local guides and local drivers.

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

Inclusions:	Exclusions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Accommodation with breakfast at hotels● Transportation whilst on tour as specified in this itinerary● Sightseeing with local English speaking guides● Accompanied by English and Italian speaking Montessori trained guide on entire tour● Taxes and fees● Meals (food only) as specified in this Itinerary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Other meals where not mentioned in the Itinerary● Alcoholic drinks● International flights and airport taxes● Overweight luggage● Personal expenses● Travel Insurance (compulsory)● Tips and gratuities● Other services not listed in inclusive column

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