



Montessori Tours and Travel invite you to come on a journey through Italy, Montessori's Italy. This small group tour has been designed for lovers of Montessori history to expand their knowledge of Dr Montessori's life and times in the country of her birth and early professional life.

Montessori's Italy
See, explore, discover...
29 October 2022 – 05 November 2022

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

DAY 1 - SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER: Chiaravalle

Morning departure from Perugia. Coach to Chiaravalle. Stand in the house in which Dr Montessori was born. Experience Chiaravalle with a walking tour of the town. Our local guide will share stories and history. Tempt your taste buds with locally produced wine and delicious dishes – a perfect way to end a wonderful day.

Accommodation: Chiaravalle

Meals included: Dinner

DAY 2 - SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER: Chiaravalle

Explore Dr Montessori's childhood environment and walk through some of the nearby towns. Tantalize your tactile sense at the Museo Omero, a museum designed for blind people. Return to our accommodation for a meal at 'home'.

Accommodation: Chiaravalle

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3 - MONDAY 31 OCTOBER: Gonzaga & Mantova

Morning departure from Chiaravalle. Coach to Gonzaga and visit Gonzagarredi / GAM office and museum. See for yourself the history of Montessori Materials. Discover Gonzaga on a walking tour with a local guide. Visit local Montessori School. Walk through the famous Villa Alessia, inhabited by the wealthy Maraini family and where Montessori often stayed so she could observe the poor children from the area at the Foebelian Kindergarten. Stay for a late afternoon Reception in the beautiful grounds of the Villa.

Accommodation: Mantova

Meals included: Breakfast, Reception

DAY 4 - TUESDAY 01 NOVEMBER: Mantova

Historic Mantova and surrounding areas have much to offer. As you walk through the UNESCO heritage 'Ducal Palace Museum' you will surely be impressed. Enjoy the culture of the area as did noblewoman Maria Guerrieri Gonzaga (Maraini), a very dear and lifelong friend of Montessori's whom she met at the same time as Alice Franchetti at the 1908 Feminist Congress.

Accommodation: Mantova

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY 02 NOVEMBER: Città di Castello & Rome

Morning departure from Mantova. Coach to Rome. Our trip today would not be complete without a visit to the Villa Montesca, home of Leopoldo and Alice Franchetti, where Dr Montessori delivered her first teacher training course in 1909. We also will visit the textile factory, 'Tela Umbra', and its educational museum in Città di Castello. After an orientation and Reception in Rome, an exquisite 'Welcome to Rome' dinner awaits us this evening.

Accommodation: Rome

Meals included: Breakfast, Reception, Dinner

DAY 6 - THURSDAY 03 NOVEMBER: Rome

Visit a ceramic museum and enjoy a cultural hands on experience at an art school Maria herself attended in 1906. Learn from the team at the Opera Nazionale Montessori.

Accommodation: Rome

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 7 - FRIDAY 04 NOVEMBER: Rome

Enjoy morning coffee with first generation *Montessorinis* (the Italian nickname for the ladies who attended the *Assistente all'Infanzia Montessori School* with Adele Costa Gnocchi) and delight in the history shared at their Montessori Presentation. Discover 'Montessori's Rome' as we walk with Karin Slabaugh through the streets of Rome, visiting sites significant to her history, especially the trainings in Rome. Celebrate our time together over dinner.

Accommodation: Rome

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 - SATURDAY 06 NOVEMBER: Home

After breakfast we say 'goodbye and safe travelling home'.

Meal 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.
Led by Roelie Hartwig and Karin Slabaugh.

Small group tour with a minimum number of 8 and a maximum number of 12.

COST: Single – AUD 4662

Double / Twin Share – AUD 4334

Included in cost: 7 night's accommodation, 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 receptions, 4 dinners, entry to museums as per Itinerary

*To express your interest in this tour, or to secure a place, please email
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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.