

## Le Marche – The Undiscovered Tuscany

Some of the most memorable places in Le Marche, though, you will stumble upon by accident ... tiny hilltop towns, with mellow rooftops, sunlit piazzas and medieval churches perching on cliff faces. Recanati, Fermo and Offida are to name just a few.

The natural beauties of Le Marche are undeniable. The mountain scenery is at its most impressive in the Sibillini Range around Ascoli in the south. The peaks are often snow capped even in Summer and make a sublime backdrop to the sienna coloured towns and flower carpeted hills below. Many slopes are covered with vineyards and farmland, which produce some very fine wines and delicious food, which still stays true to its peasant origins. Among Le Marche's other natural treasures are the Frasassi Caves – limestone caverns with huge rock formations within.

And then, of course, there are the beaches. Some of the most chic examples are at San Benedetto del Tronto, where the promenade is lined with rare palms. Indeed, the trees have been seeded from those growing at our prestigious hotel in Le Marche (The Palm House) and fascinate botanists the world over. The Riviera is mostly flat sandy beach, but at Conero the coast becomes more rocky and produces one of the most beautiful and undiscovered beaches in the area. A description of Le Marche cannot conclude without a word for its fabulous art treasures. The birthplace of the Renaissance, the region boasts a wealth of fine art and architecture, with masterpieces of painting and sculpture by Bellini, Perugino, Crivelli and perhaps most famously, Lotto.

Many works by Piero della Francesca, regarded as one of the greatest Renaissance painters, can also be seen, and Rafael himself was born and studied in Le Marche. To all but true aficionados, the abundance of art and culture here can be overwhelming, and to get the best out of it, we would recommend an accompanied tour from your hotel.

### Getting There

Fly direct from the UK to Ancona or Pescara with Ryanair.

### Combine With

Tuscany, Umbria or Abruzzo, or Puglia to the south. Add citybreaks in Venice, Rome or Florence, or combine with the Lakes to the north.

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Le Marche lies between the Adriatic Sea and the Sibillini mountains, nestled beside the better known regions of Tuscany and Umbria. Holidays or honeymoons in Le Marche are ideal for those inquisitive enough to explore beyond the mainstream tourist destinations. This gentle land is best known as the birthplace of the Renaissance and boasts a wealth of notable art, architecture and historic sights. But with long stretches of palm-lined sandy beach, stunning central mountain ranges, quintessentially Italian hilltop towns and delicious food and wine to enjoy, its attractions extend far beyond the cultural. Whilst crowds pour into nearby Tuscany, holidays in Le Marche remain blissfully free of tourists and it is easy to take day trips to the well-known Tuscan and Umbrian sights from here.

**Our Recommended Hotels in Le Marche**  
**The Palm House**