

## Sample schedule – April - May

Spring is my favourite season of the year and this beautiful region of Italy flourishes during this time of year: the flowers blossom, the beautiful rolling hills are a luscious green; the days become longer with blue skies and the smell of air changes from that crispy ice to a sweet scent. It is the perfect season to come and explore Le Marche especially if you are not a fan of the mid summer heat. We have put together an exciting itinerary for guests booking a week with us at Villa Prati in April or May which will ensure you get to see and explore the wonders of this region and taste some great food and wine along the way!

Excursions, nature, sport and relax package includes:

- Exclusive accommodation in Villa Prati
- Meals are included where specified
- Exclusive guided Tours and excursions
- Bus transport from and to the villa
- Private Cookery course with dinner
- Vineyard visit and Wine tasting

Price per person £ 800

Day by day Common			
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1	Saturday	Arrival at Villa Prati at 4 pm. You can enjoy the rest of the day at the villa or explore the local Village of Mogliano.	Villa Prati accommodation for 8 people
2	Sunday	Morning visit to the Abbadia di Fiastra (a beautiful natural reserve and one of the only two still existing Cistercian abbeys in Italy) with a guided tour followed by lunch at a typical restaurant in the abbey (very good food and wine!).	Villa Prati accommodation for 8 people
3	Monday	Trip to Loreto, one of the world's most important shrines to the cult of the Virgin Mary. The town mainly exists to service the thousands of pilgrims who travel here from around the world (second only to Lourdes).  In the Afternoon the bus will take you to the coast to visit Monteconero, a natural reserve and limestone mountain with slopes sliding down to the sea where you will discover breathtaking scenery and the prettiest beaches of the whole	Villa Prati accommodation for 8 people

of the Northern Adriatic coast. Here you can stop and enjoy a lovely fish meal by the sea followed either by a guided walk around the national park or a boat tour which will take you all around the limestone to explore the beautiful hidden beaches – some of which can only be reached by boat.

### 4 Tuesday

You have the morning to relax at Villa Prati or you may wish to visit the local village of Mogliano where you can take a stroll to the local market (only on a Tuesday morning) where you can buy fresh vegetables, fish and you will also find some clothes and shoes stalls where you may pick up a bargain! In the afternoon a bus will pick you up to take you for a guided wine tour and tasting at La Murola winery (approx. 10 minutes drive) in the afternoon.

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## 5 Wednesday

Today we suggest an escursion in the Sibillini mountains, one of Italy's great national parks, which covers 70,000 hectares and has numerous trails mapped and marked. We will suggest two different itineraries which you can choose from. The bus will pick you up from the villa and take you to your guide who will accomany and guide you through the breathtaking vistas of the sibillini Mountains. There will be no restaurants along the way so a packed lunch is required – you will stop along the way to enjoy a picknic while enjoying the beautiful scenery.

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#### 6 Thursday

Visit to Ascoli Piceno with a tour train guide to show you this city's attractions. Ascoli Piceno is the major centre of southern Marche and is astonishing for its renaissance beauty and travertine marble. You can then explore the city at your own leisure for a couple of hours and perhaps enjoy a nice lunch in the city (we will be more than happy to recommend some wonderful restaurants in Ascoli Piceno).

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# 7 Friday

Guided tour around the beautiful Roman ruins in Urbisaglia.

Afternoon hands-on cookery class using seasonal regional produce to create local dishes to le Marche. Dinner incorporating dishes from the afternoon class including local wines.

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# 8 Saturday

Departures