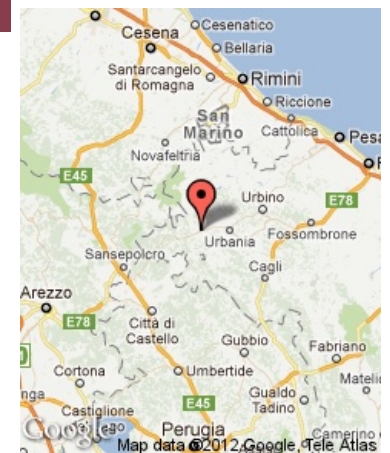


# Agriturismo family holiday



## Highlights

Holidays with the kids are never easy- finding that compromise between keeping them entertained, but at the same time doing something appealing to you is never easy. So, we're feeling ever so slightly smug about this one! Spend your family holiday in Italy, in undiscovered Le Marche, and stay in a beautiful 'agriturismo.' Enjoy a family cookery lesson, hiking in the hills, a visit to a honey farm and chilling out by the pool!

This region of Italy, Le Marche, is in central Italy next to Umbria and Tuscany. Not overrun by tourists, Le Marche is said to give a glimpse of the "real" Italy - nothing pretentious here, just regular people going about their lives. Le Marche is perfect for a mix of sight seeing and doing - medieval art and architecture, hiking, horseback riding and sun worshipping at the beach are just a few things you can do. Food of course is very important to the "Marchelinos" and the prevailing cuisine in the area is called cucina povera, literally translated as "poor cooking" as it was created by local peasants. This philosophy incorporates hearty ingredients from the Earth to create simple, rustic dishes using truffles, homegrown vegetables and even day-old bread.

This family holiday is all about having something for everyone! Included in the price is one half day cookery lesson for the whole family, taught by Jason, a former professional New York City chef. You will pick the ingredients from the vegetable garden and will all get your hands dirty cooking up some delicious food. You'll make pizza in the outdoor wood burning oven and for dessert, that old Italian favourite, tiramisu. But you don't need to be limited to just this session, if some (or all) of you want to do more cookery, there is always the option to add additional sessions. Away from the kitchen, a half day guided hike is also included in the price. Local guide, Pieter, knows every twist and turn of Monte Nerone. He will take you across streams, through forests and point out various flowers and wild vegetables while you make you explore the local countryside.

Aside from a visit to a local honey maker, which is also included in the price, the time will be your own. You are free to relax around the pool, or explore the local area. You can explore the town of Urbino, whose historical district has been designated a Unesco World Heritage Site, or the enchanting mediaeval city of Gubbio, packed full of interesting streets to explore and gelati to enjoy! For lovers of the sea, you're just under an hour's drive from the coast, so you can easily enjoy the beach for the day..

## Is it for me?

Whilst this is a family holiday, the agriturismo is not exclusively for families, so there is no guarantee that there will be other children staying there when you are. This could be a positive or a negative depending on what you want out of your holiday! It doesn't mean that the children are not welcome to play in the pool and must be seen and not heard, but this holiday is all about doing activities together as a family, rather than the children having the chance to make lots of new friends.

None of you needs to be an expert cook to enjoy the cooking element of the holiday. Just a basic interest in good food and eating will suffice! There is no set menu, as the class depends very much on what is growing in the garden, so best to be open-minded.

## Accommodation

The stone farmhouse also houses the cooking school and other apartments which may be filled with guests. Your apartment, named Ciliege (cherry) after the fruit grown on the farm, has a rustic style to match the

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**259** GBP (7 days) per person

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surroundings - wood beams, tiled floors and stone walls. It is equipped with its own kitchen and espresso maker so you can self cater. There are two bedrooms, one double and one with two single beds. Both of the bedrooms are ensuite, so you don't need to share a bathroom with your children! Outside of the sleeping accommodation, there is a lovely pool (about 10m x 15m) which is shared between you and the other five apartments.

A four course dinner with local wine on your first night is included. The meal is cooked by co-owner, Jason, who was previously a professional chef in New York City. As all cooking uses seasonal ingredients, there's no predicting what will be on the menu. A packed lunch and light dinner are also included in the price. The rest of the time, you are left to self-cater – you can choose to cook in the apartment, or you can eat at a local restaurant – either at the accommodation or in one of the nearby towns.

## Itinerary

This is Italy, so it would be so wrong to list out an rigid itinerary! Included in the price is a half day cooking class making pizza and tiramisu, a morning's guided hike, a visit to a honey maker. You can discuss with your hosts when you wish to do these activities. You can also opt for additional lessons, just ask.

## Details

### Getting there

Ancona is the closest airport and you can fly there direct from the UK with Ryanair. The airport is about 109km away from Sant'Angelo in Vado. If you hire a car, the journey from the airport will only take about an hour and a half.

### Price includes

Seven nights accommodation  
Welcome Dinner Four Course Feast  
1 Half Day Family Cooking Class  
Light Dinner  
Picnic Lunch  
Visit to the Honey maker  
Guided Morning Hike  
Meals include 1 litre of house wine

### Price details

Prices is based on a family of 4

### Available

Jan—Dec

### Typical Duration

6 days

### Comfort level

Refined (boutique or luxury accommodation and food)

### Experience required

A reasonable interest is all that is needed

## Reviews (1)

### Reviews of this experience

“ We had a fantastic holiday - it's a lovely place and they are a great couple. ”

Maryc reviewing Agriturismo family holiday