

GARDENS, LANDSCAPES,
AND VILLAS
IN THE HEART
OF ITALY
16TH-23RD OF MARCH 2024



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This particular journey takes us to explore two provinces of central Italy which were born before the Roman Empire: Tuscia (*Etruria*) inhabited by the ancient Etruscan people and the Piceno inhabited by the gens Picena. These two settlements have left important vestiges in the archeological museums of Viterbo, Orvieto and Ascoli Piceno. The two populations brought great cultural expansion over the centuries which, little by little, expressed themselves in the Middle Ages, Renaissance and in the Baroque period of many cities that can be still visited today.

In addition to the important architectural remains, botanical and landscape realities of great interest were built in these two provinces. With the help of guides and experts we will visit many of these historical botanic sites. Furthermore, at the end of this peculiar journey, each travel agent will be given a certificate on "Historic Gardens".

DAY 1, 16TH OF MARCH

Arrival of participants at Rome Fiumicino Airport. Departure by private coach towards Marche Region.

Arrival in Colli del Tronto. Accommodation and welcome buffet at Hotel Casale****.

Transfer and visit of Borgo Storico Seghetti Panichi. Guided visit in the romantic 19th century gardens, the Historic House and the Chapel.

Dinner in the exclusive setting of the Villa.



BORGO STORICO SEGHETTI PANICHI

CASTEL DI LAMA (AP)

KNOWN AS THE BIOENERGETIC HISTORICAL PARK, IS A GARDEN WITH A ROMANTIC LANDSCAPING LAYOUT. IT'S A PLACE FULL OF CHARM AND ATMOSPHERE WHERE NATURE EXPLODES IN EVERY SEASON, PROVIDING AN EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT.

DESIGNED BY THE RENOWNED BOTANIST LUDWIG WINTER IN 1870, THE HISTORICAL PARK OF BORGO SEGHETTI PANICHI BOASTS A WIDE VARIETY OF BOTANICAL SPECIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD, CREATING A REAL ECOLOGICAL HABITAT: PALM TREES, CITRUS ORCHARDS, ROSE GARDENS AND MANY MORE.

THE PARK ALSO FEATURES SECRET GROTTOS AND WIDE SPACES FOR RELAXING. BORGO SEGHETTI PANICHI IS A NATURALISTIC ENSEMBLE THAT OFFERS UNPARALLELED LANDSCAPE RICHNESS CHARACTERIZED BY AN ATMOSPHERE FULL OF SILENCE, PEACE, AND INTIMACY.



DAY 2, 17TH OF MARCH

Breakfast at the hotel.

Guided tour of Ascoli Piceno: Cathedral, Baptistery, Picture Gallery, Historic Theatre, its main square and the Giardini del Vescovo.

Time for lunch at the historical Caffè Meletti. Greetings from the authorities.

Free time to visit the antique market.

Transfer to Villa Cicchi, a holiday residence from the late 1600s. Visit of the villa and the historical garden.

In the evening the owner Ms Maria Elena Cicchi, a passionate connoisseur of local traditional food and wines will do a show cooking followed by the dinner.

The demonstration will be focused on the famous “olive ascolane” recipe.

Overnight stay at the hotel.



ASCOLI PICENO



ASCOLI PICENO IS THE PLACE WHERE HISTORY, ART AND FOOD PASSION LIVE TOGETHER AND TELL HOW BEAUTIFUL ITALY CAN BE.

ASCOLI PICENO PRESERVES THE INCOMPARABLE CHARME OF THE OLD TOWNS OF CENTRAL ITALY WHERE TIME SEEMS TO HAVE STOPPED. OLD BUILDINGS IN TRAVERTINE, ELEGANT SQUARES, HISTORIC CHURCHES RICH IN TREASURES AND SUGGESTIVE TOWERS UNDERLINE ITS STYLE.

VILLA CICCHI

ABBAZIA DI ROSARA (AP)

A RESIDENCE SURROUNDED BY PICENO HILLS, WHERE LOVE FOR TRADITION AND THE TERRITORY COMBINES WITH ATTENTION TO DETAIL. THE ART OF HOSPITALITY HERE IS A MUST THAT GIVES LIFE TO A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE.

VILLA CICCHI IS AN AUTHENTIC FARMHOUSE WITH ITS 40 HECTARES OF LAND WORKED CULTIVAD ORGANICALLY: OLIVE GROVES, A VINEYARD, FRUIT TREES AND A VEGETABLE GARDEN, ARABLE LAND, WOODS, AND AN ANIMAL FARM. THIS SCENARIO GUARANTEE EXCELLENT PRODUCTS THAT ARE USED IN COOKING AND CAN BE PURCHASED BY GUESTS.



DAY 3, 18TH OF MARCH

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer and visit of Villa Sgariglia dating back to the 18th century, which boasts an astonishing garden designed like a “green theater” on multiple terraces.

Transfer for a guided visit of Grottammare and lunch at a local fish restaurant, Attico sul Mare.

In the afternoon transfer to Offida and guided visit of this charming hilltop town, famous for its historical architecture and for the handicraft of bobbin lacemaking.

We will visit the Historic Theatre, Cathedral, main square and the Lace Museum.

Time for dining at the restaurant Ciù Ciù.

Return to the hotel for overnight stay.



VILLA SGARIGLIA

GROTTAMMARE (AP)



A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF AN 18TH-CENTURY MARCHE VILLA WHICH BOASTS AN EXTRAORDINARY ESOTERIC GARDEN BUILT IN THE SAME PERIOD. THE ENTIRE COMPLEX WAS DESIGNED BY ARCHITECT GIOSFATTI, WHO ADDED AN ITALIAN GARDEN WITH TERRACES AND CITRUS ARBORS BUILT IN THE 1700S.

OFFIDA

OFFIDA, AN ANCIENT VILLAGE ENCLOSED BY 15TH-CENTURY CASTLE WALLS, IS AMONG THE MOST BEAUTIFUL VILLAGES IN ITALY. PERCHED ON A ROCKY SPUR BETWEEN THE VALLEYS OF TESINO AND TRONTO, IT IS KNOWN FOR THE LABORIOUS AND PATIENT ART OF BOBBIN LACE, AN ANCIENT TRADITION TO WHICH IS DEDICATED A MUSEUM AND A MONUMENT BUILT IN THE OLD TOWN. BOBBIN LACE MAKING IS STILL WIDESPREAD: WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH THE SUGGESTIVE STREETS OF THE HISTORIC CENTRE, YOU SEE WOMEN INTENT ON LACE-MAKING.



CIÙ CIÙ WINE SHOWROOM

OFFIDA (AP)

IN THE MAIN SQUARE OF THE SPLENDID MEDIEVAL VILLAGE OF OFFIDA (AP) IS THE SHOWROOM OF THE CIÙ CIÙ WINERY, HOUSED INSIDE THE BEAUTIFUL PALAZZO MERCOLINI TINELLI. ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE NOBLE BUILDING, EVERY YEAR THE MANY WINE ENTHUSIASTS STOP OVER IN THE PICENO AREA, ARRIVING FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

IN THE WINE SHOP IT IS POSSIBLE TO DISCOVER THE RANGE OF CIÙ CIÙ WINES, PAIRED WITH TYPICAL DISHES OF THE MARCHE TRADITION.

THE BASEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN RECENTLY RESTORED AND HAVE BECOME THE PERFECT LOCATION FOR THE ANCIENT BARREL CELLAR.



DAY 4, 19TH OF MARCH

Breakfast at the hotel and departure with luggage.

Transfer for the visit of Castel di Luco.

After, departure to Castiglione in Teverina, situated in Lazio region.

Wine tasting and light lunch at Fattoria Madonna delle Macchie.

Transfer and guided visit of Civita di Bagnoregio, a wonderful hamlet perched on a plateau of volcanic rock surrounded by steep ravines.

Transfer to Bolsena, check in and accommodation at Hotel Royal****.

Dinner in the stately Palazzo Cozza Caposavi and overnight stay at the hotel.



CASTEL DI LUCO

ACQUASANTA TERME (AP)

CASTEL DI LUCO IS LOCATED IN THE EARTH OF THE GREEN HILLS OF ACQUASANTA TERME AND REPRESENTS A SYMBOL OF HOPE AND RESILIENCY. THE ARCHITECTURAL RECOVERY OF THIS CASTLE HAS BRILLIANTLY SUCCEEDED OVERCOMING ALL THE ODDS OF THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE, AS A DEMONSTRATION THAT HISTORY AND BEAUTY CAN DEFEAT ADVERSITIES.

ITS RENAISSANCE IS THE RESULT OF THE INCESSANT WORK MADE BY FRANCESCO AND LAURA AMICI, GUARDIANS OF BEAUTY AND TRADITION, AIMED TO MAKE THE CASTLE A HUB OF CULTURE AND TRADITIONAL IDENTITY. THIS PROJECT IS NOT ONLY DESIGNED TO PRESERVE THE PAST; IT IS AIMED TO CREATE A DYNAMIC PLACE WHERE HISTORIC ROOTS, AUTHENTIC VALUES AND THE WARMTH OF THE COMMUNITY ARE INTERTWINED.



FATTORIA MADONNA DELLE MACCHIE

CASTIGLIONE IN TEVERINA (VT)

FATTORIA MADONNA DELLE MACCHIE WINERY & OLIVE MILL IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF AN AREA KNOWN AS TUSCIA, AT THE EXTREME NORTHERN PART OF THE TIBER VALLEY; WHERE TUSCANY, UMBRIA AND LATIUM MEET. OUR AREA OF ITALY BOASTS AN ANCIENT WINEMAKING TRADITION, AND OUR OLIVE OIL PRODUCTION IS CONSIDERED AMONG THE BEST IN THE WORLD.



CIVITA DI BAGNOREGIO

BAGNOREGIO (VT)

CIVITA DI BAGNOREGIO IS A ONE-OF-A-KIND, STUNNING HILLTOP VILLAGE IN CENTRAL ITALY.

PERCHED ON THE TOP OF A STEEP, CRUMBLING ROCK FORMATION IN THE CALANCHI VALLEY, BETWEEN ROME AND ORVIETO, CIVITA IS ISOLATED FROM THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES AND CAN ONLY BE REACHED VIA A LONG BRIDGE CONNECTING IT WITH BAGNOREGIO, ITS NEIGHBORING TOWN.

THE ROCK THAT SUPPORTS THE TOWN IS SUBJECT TO INTENSE EROSION DUE TO WIND AND WATER AND THIS CONDEMNS THE CITY TO A SLOW YET SEEMINGLY INEVITABLE COLLAPSE.

OVER TIME, THE INHABITANTS OF CIVITA LEFT AND RELOCATED TO MORE SOLID GROUNDS AND NOW THE TOWN ONLY COUNTS 11 INHABITANTS.

THIS PECULIAR STORY MAKES CIVITA DI BAGNOREGIO UNIQUE AND IS WHAT GAINED THE VILLAGE THE NICKNAME OF 'ITALY'S DYING TOWN'.

DESPITE THIS WORRYING PREMISE, CIVITA DI BAGNOREGIO IS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO VISIT AND DOES NOT FEEL LIKE A DYING PLACE AT ALL



PALAZZO COZZA CAPOSAVI

BOLSENA (VT)



LOCATED IN THE SQUARE IN THE HISTORIC CENTER OF BOLSENA, 550 METERS FROM THE LAKE, THE VESCONTE IS A PERIOD RESIDENCE LOCATED IN THE HISTORIC 16TH CENTURY PALACE OF THE COUNTS COZZA CAPOSAVI AND OVER THE CENTURIES HAS HOSTED VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN ROYAL FAMILIES, TWO POPES, AND AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT WRITERS AND CINEMA CHARACTERS PASSING THROUGH NORTHERN LAZIO. THE POSITION, ON THE ANCIENT VIA FRANCIGENA AND THE IMPERIAL ROAD CASSIA, MADE BOLSENA AN OBLIGATORY STOP FOR TRAVELERS BETWEEN TUSCANY, UMBRIA AND LAZIO.

DAY 5, 20TH OF MARCH

Breakfast at the hotel.

Tour of the lake by private boat with final landing on the Bisentina Island, set in the natural amphitheatre of Lake Bolsena, which the English writer John Evelyn called "a most incomparable prospect."

In Bolsena, wine tasting and light lunch at Azienda Agricola Mazziotti.

Afterwards, in the Renaissance Palazzo del Drago a guided tour will take place and a final wine tasting will be offered on the suggestive terrace.

Afterwards, transfer to Lubriano for a dinner in the exclusive context of the historic Palazzo Monaldeschi della Cervara. Overnight stay at the hotel.



ISOLA BISENTINA

BOLSENA (VT)



ISOLA BISENTINA RISES FROM THE CLEAR WATERS OF LAKE BOLSENA, ONE OF THE LARGEST VOLCANIC LAKES IN THE WORLD. THIS ISLAND IS A LUXURIANT OASIS, A TEMPLE OF NATURE AND ART. A PLACE OF CONTEMPLATION WHOSE HISTORY IS LOST IN CENTURIES.

THE ISLAND MUST BE CONSIDERED AS A UNIQUE WORK OF ART, CREATED ACCORDING TO A MYSTICAL AND ARTISTIC PROJECT BORN IN THE RENAISSANCE BY THE WILL OF POPE PIUS II AND THE POWERFUL FARNESE FAMILY. SEVEN CHAPELS AND A LARGE CHURCH WERE BUILT DURING THE CENTURIES.

BISHOPS, DUKES, PRINCES, BUSINESSMEN, WRITERS, POETS AND SO MANY IMPORTANT FIGURES WHO LOVED IT HAVE BEEN LIVING ON THE ISLAND, LEAVING BEHIND THEM SUGGESTIVE FRAGMENTS OF A PAST FULL OF CHARM.



AZIENDA AGRICOLA MAZZIOTTI

BOLSENA (VT)

THE HOUSE OF MAZZIOTTI WAS FOUNDED IN BOLSENA IN 1900 BY GERARDO MAZZIOTTI WHO HAD ALREADY SPENT MORE THAN 10 YEARS IN THE OENOLOGICAL FIELD. HIS ENTREPRENEURIAL TALENTS WERE SOON ACKNOWLEDGED AND REWARDED BOTH IN ITALY AND ABROAD.

ITALO MAZZIOTTI FOLLOWED IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS, GIVING IMPETUS TO THE GROWTH OF THE HOUSE. AS WITH HIS FATHER, ITALO WAS CHALLENGED TO PRODUCE WINE TO MEET THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF QUALITY.

ONE OF ITALO'S MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS WAS THE PLANTING OF A VINEYARD LOCATED IN THE AREA

WHERE THE "EST EST EST DI MONTEFIASCONI" HAD ITS ORIGINS. THIS HILLY SECTION IS SURROUNDED BY DECIDUOUS WOODS, WHICH CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO THE FAVOURABLE CLIMATE FOR THE VINEYARD. THE VINES FACE THE AFTERNOON SUN AND THE VOLCANIC SOILS ARE ESPECIALLY RICH IN POTASSIUM AND PHOSPHORUS.

ONLY GRAPES GROWN IN THE PRIVATELY-OWNED VINEYARD ARE USED BY THE HOUSE OF MAZZIOTTI.

THE PLANTING OF NEW VINES ARE AIMED TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF REDS. AFTER THE PASSING OF ITALO MAZZIOTTI HIS DAUGHTER FLAMINIA IS AT THE HELM OF THE FAMILY

WINERY, CONTINUING IN THE TRADITION OF A QUALITY FOR WHICH THE HOUSE OF MAZZIOTTI HAS

BECOME KNOWN. CURRENTLY FLAMINIA'S DAUGHTER VALERIA IS OPERATING THE HOUSE AS WELL IN A CONTINUOUS RENEWAL OF THE FARM AND THE PRODUCTS.



PALAZZO DEL PRINCIPE DEL DRAGO

BOLSENA (VT)



AN ELEGANT RENAISSANCE BUILDING OWNED BY THE PRINCE OF THE DRAGON. INTERESTING FOR THE OF ITS ARCHITECTURAL PECULIARITIES AND FOR A CYCLE OF FRESCOES DATING BACK THE RENAISSANCE PERIOD . NOTEWORTHY IS THE SUSPENDED GARDEN WITH NUMEROUS LEMON TREES IN POTS AND THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF LAKE BOLSENA.

BOLSENA (VT)



THE TOWN OF BOLSENA STANDS ON THE NORTH-EASTERN SHORE AND REPRESENTS ONE OF THE MOST ENCHANTING CORNERS OF THE AREA, DUE TO ITS TREE-LINED LAKEFRONT AND ITS ROMANTIC MEDIEVAL VILLAGE. THE IMPOSIVE ROCCA DEI MONALDESCHI (THE ONE IN THE PICTURE) DOMINATES THE TOWN AND HOUSES THE TERRITORIAL MUSEUM. ANOTHER IMPORTANT MONUMENT TO MENTION IS THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SANTA CRISTINA, BUILT IN ROMANESQUE STYLE WITH RENAISSANCE DECORATION. WE ALSO RECOMMEND A NICE WALK IN THE VILLAGE OF BOLSENA, AMONG ANCIENT TUFF BUILDINGS, ALLEYS DECORATED WITH FLOWERS AND SLEEPING CATS- IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE A FAIRYTALE.

PALAZZO MONALDESCHI DELLA CERVARA

LUBRIANO (VT)



NAMED AFTER ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS FAMILIES IN ORVIETO, WHICH TRANSFORMED A CONVENT INTO A SMALL "COUNTRYSIDE" CASTLE IN THE 11TH CENTURY. THE CURRENT BAROQUE STYLE WITH "JUVARRIAN" FLAVOR IS DUE TO PAOLO ANTONIO MONALDESCHI, WHO DECIDED TO HAVE THE PALACE RENOVATED ACCORDING TO THE DICTATES OF THE PATRICIAN VILLAS OF THE ROMAN SURROUNDINGS.

DAY 6, 21ST OF MARCH

Breakfast at the hotel and departure with luggage. Transfer to the small town of Bagnaia where is located Villa Lante, famous for its beautiful mannerist gardens and incredible fountains, statues and water features. At the end of the visit, transfer to Vignanello and visit to Castello Ruspoli, a medieval castle that boasts ones of the most important and well-preserved Renaissance Gardens in Europe.

The lunch will be served inside the property.

In the afternoon, transfer to Viterbo and check in at Hotel Salus Terme****.

Transfer to the historic centre and guided visit. Cobbled streets, little alleys, quaint squares and picturesque stone buildings await visitors in the largest and best-preserved medieval city centre in Europe.

After the visit, Show cooking and dinner in the charming Villa Ascenzi in the historic centre with live music.

Back to the hotel for the overnight.



VILLA LANTE

BAGNAIA (VT)



THE SPLENDID ITALIAN GARDEN REPRESENTS THE CENTRAL ELEMENT COMPARED TO THE TWIN BUILDINGS, DISCREET PRESENCES PERFECTLY INTEGRATED INTO THE GREENERY. THE IDEAL CENTER OF THE STRUCTURE DESIGNED BY VIGNOLA IS THE MONUMENTAL FOUNTAIN OF THE FOUR MOORS. THE MANY OTHER FOUNTAINS, THE SCENE OF INGENIOUS WATER GAMES, ARE LOCATED ON THE HILL ABOVE.

CASTELLO RUSPOLI

VIGNANELLO (VT)



A FORTRESS THAT PRESERVES THE HISTORY OF THE RUSPOLI FAMILY OVER TIME. THANKS TO THE RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION MEASURES PROMOTED BY THE FAMILY, THE CASTLE IS NOW KNOWN WORLDWIDE, ESPECIALLY IN EUROPE, AS THE SEAT OF ONE OF THE MOST EXCLUSIVE GARDENS OF THE RENAISSANCE PERIOD.

VITERBO

LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE NAME VITERBO COMES FROM THE LATIN VETUS URBS, THAT MEANS OLD CITY. NOWADAYS, THE MAIN CITY IN NORTHER LAZIO IS A LIVELY CENTRE WITH BUSTLING SHOPPING MALLS, OFFICES, BARS AND RESTAURANTS. HOWEVER, IF YOU LEAVE THE MODERN PART BEHIND YOU AND STEP INSIDE THE ANCIENT CITY WALLS THAT SURROUND THE HISTORICAL CENTRE, YOU WILL FEEL LIKE TIME HAS STOPPED HERE. COBBLED STREETS, LITTLE ALLEYS, QUAIN T SQUARES AND PICTURESQUE STONE BUILDINGS AWAIT YOU IN THE LARGEST AND BEST PRESERVED MEDIEVAL CITY CENTRE IN EUROPE.



DAY 7, 22ND OF MARCH

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure for Bomarzo. Visit of the famous Parco dei Mostri, also known as the Sacred Wood: it's an impressive Renaissance park featuring extraordinary stone sculptures depicting fantastic creatures related to ancient myths and legends.

Transfer to Ronciglione, close to the charming little Lake of Vico and arrival at the estate Villa Lina, a mediterranean paradise owned and curated by writer and filmmaker Paola Igliori. Time for lunch.

In the afternoon, walking tour in the picturesque hamlet of Ronciglione.

At the end, back to the hotel.

Cocktail and meeting with the entrepreneurs of Tuscia Viterbese Brand.

Dinner and final ceremony with the delivery of the Garden Tour Certificates to all the travel agents.



RONCIGLIONE (VT)



A CHARMING VILLAGE WITH AN ANCIENT HISTORY WHICH FLOURISHED NOTABLY UNDER THE FARNESE FAMILY'S RULE BETWEEN 1526 AND 1649, BECOMING AN ECONOMICALLY ADVANCED CENTRE. THERE ARE ALSO INTERESTING TALES SURROUNDING RONCIGLIONE, LIKE THE ONE ABOUT HERCULES HAVING VISITED IT: LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE LAKE OF VICO WAS FORMED WHEN HERCULES, IN A DISPLAY OF HIS IMMENSE STRENGTH, PULLED OUT A MACE HE HAD PREVIOUSLY THRUST INTO THE GROUND. THIS ACT CAUSED WATER TO GUSH OUT, FORMING THE LAKE. IT WAS ON THIS OCCASION THAT THE DEMIGOD VISITED RONCIGLIONE, DRIVEN BY HIS QUEST FOR THE NYMPHS MELISSA AND AMALTEA.

THERE ARE MANY MANY NATURAL AND ARCHITECTURAL WONDERS TO ENJOY IN TOWN AND IN ITS SURROUNDINGS. THE MEDIEVAL ROCCA IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THEM: IT WAS CONSTRUCTED BY THE PREFECTS OF VICO AND UNDERWENT SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATIONS UNDER POPE SIXTUS IV WHEN IT BECAME THE ICONIC CASTLE KNOWN TODAY AS I TORRIONI. THE FONTANA GRANDE OR DEGLI UNICORNI, CRAFTED BY ARCHITECT ANTONIO GENTILI DA FAENZA, IS A MARVEL IN SANDSTONE, FEATURING THREE UNICORNS FROM WHOSE MOUTHS WATER FLOWS INTO THE BASINS BELOW.



VILLA LINA

RONCIGLIONE (VT)

DEFINED BY THE FINANCIAL TIMES AS "ITALY'S BEST-KEPT SECRET," 40 HECTARES OF AN ORGANIC ESTATE, A MEDITERRANEAN PARADISE, CURATED BY WRITER AND FILMMAKER PAOLA IGLIORI.

AN AUTHENTIC HISTORICAL RESIDENCE IN EVERY DETAIL, WHERE ARTISTS LIKE SANDRO CHIA, CY TWOMBLY, AND JEAN MICHEL BASQUIAT, AND POETS LIKE GREGORY CORSO AND D'ANNUNZIO HAVE STAYED. ENCLOSED BY THE SUGGESTIVE BOTANICAL GARDEN IN THE LATE 1700S AND THE ITALIAN GARDEN.

SACRO BOSCO

BOMARZO (VT)



THIS SACRED WOOD, ALSO KNOWN AS “PARCO DEI MOSTRI” (PARK OF THE MONSTERS”), IS A MONUMENTAL AREA ON THE SLOPES OF A NATURAL AMPHITHEATER, IN THE PROVINCE OF VITERBO. IT WAS DESIGNED IN 1552, AT THE BEHEST OF PRINCE PIER FRANCESCO ORSINI WHO TASKED ARCHITECT PIRRO LIGORIO WITH THE CREATION OF A LABYRINTH OF SYMBOLS IN THE ESTATE OF BOMARZO.

HE WANTED TO GET HIMSELF LOST WANDERING AMONG GIGANTIC STATUES CARVED IN STONES, REPRESENTING MONSTROUS CREATURES.

THE ITALIAN GARDENS IN THE WOOD ARE BUILT WITH A GEOMETRIC AND PROSPECTIVE BASIS, WITH ORNAMENTS LIKE LARGE TERRACES, FOUNTAINS, AND MANNERIST SCULPTURES.

IN THE PARK THERE ARE FIGURES OF MONSTERS, DRAGONS, MYTHOLOGICAL SUBJECTS, AND EXOTIC ANIMALS PROTRUDING FROM THE GROUND; THERE’S ALSO A LEANING HOUSE, A FUNERAL TEMPLE, FOUNTAINS, SEATS, AND OBELISKS ENGRAVED WITH VARIOUS MOTTOS AND INSCRIPTIONS.

DAY 8, 23RD OF MARCH

Departure of the groups for Rome Fiumicino Airport at their respective scheduled time



HOTELS

Hotel Casale - Colli del Tronto
<https://www.hotelcasale.it/it/>



Hotel Salus Terme - Viterbo
<https://www.hotelsalusterme.it/>



Hotel Royal - Bolsena
<https://hotelroyalbolsena.it/>



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