



# Hotel La Meridiana

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## Hotel Meridiana...

*...Urbino and Montefeltro, cultural landscape and hospitality!*

### Hotel Meridiana

The Hotel La Meridiana is located nearby the old town of Urbino; it is a perfect place for a quiet and relaxed holiday in this green, hilly landscape.

### Urbino, a Renaissance city

Urbino appears to the eye of the visitor as a city that has preserved intact its historical and town planning heritage, which has its origins in the Renaissance period and, at the same time, emerges as a modern centre of cultural irradiation with an international dimension, partly thanks to its University.

Sites worth visiting are the Ducal Palace, which is home to the National Gallery of Marche, with numerous absolute masterpieces (by Raphael, Piero della Francesca and many others), the birthplace of Raphael, the Oratories, the Diocesan Museum, the Mausoleum of the Dukes, etc.

### Ancient villages, castles, fortresses and abbeys



In a short time you can reach many places of cultural and artistic interest, namely: Urbania, Cagli, Gubbio, Assisi, San Sepolcro, San Leo, Sassocorvaro, Pennabilli, San Marino, Gradara, Rimini, Pesaro, Frasassi, Loreto, etc.

In the distance you can see fortresses, castles, abbeys, churches and old villages, set in picturesque natural landscapes all of which are worth discovering.

Among the fantastic fortresses and magnificent castles, the following are especially worth mentioning: the fortresses of Fano, Pesaro, Mondavio and San Leo, as well as the famous Castle of Gradara, with its perfectly preserved medieval village, where the romantic story of Paolo and Francesca narrated by Dante took place.

The tourist route can wind to discover these fortified villages, grown on top spurs of limestone rock, from which the eye can sweep the horizon up to the Republic of San Marino, the coastline and the endless hills, which often provide a backdrop for the beautiful paintings of Raphael.

### Museums and art sites



The choice of museums available in the surrounding area is very rich: the Civic Museums in Pesaro; the Municipal Museum and Picture Gallery of Urbania; the Municipal Museum of San Sepolcro, with its famous paintings by Piero della Francesca; the Civic Museum Vernarecci in Fossombrone, which collects archaeological materials from the ancient Roman settlement of Forum Sempronii, followed by bridges and finds along the course of the Via Flaminia.

To highlight the exhibitions of Renaissance majolica, which allow Pesaro, Urbino and Urbania to hold the primacy among the museums dedicated to the great ceramists of the sixteenth century.

### Landscape



From the viewpoint of landscape, you should not miss a visit to the Furlo Gorge, a spectacular canyon created by the river Candigliano, nestled between two mountains, Pagnucco and Pietralata. Mounts Catria, Petrano and Nerone, interspersed by green hills, offer a wide range of sceneries: by car, motorbike, bicycle or mountain bike, on horseback or on foot, following the extensive network of roads and trails, visitors can enjoy beautiful landscapes in the heart of nature.

You can go as far as the hermitage of Fonte Avellana, hidden in a rocky hollow full of oak trees, in search of the mystic quiet of the Camaldolese monks. The mountains of Cesane, which are to be found between Urbino and Fossombrone, offer trekking lovers a good opportunity to follow hiking trails which, appropriately marked with the conventional signals of the European path system, wind their way along the entire ridge.

The Frasassi caves, located in the gorge of the same name in the municipal territory of Genga, are part of a huge complex that extends for approximately 18 km and have become one of the most important attractions in the Marche and Italy.



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## Bathing-place



Just a few miles away from the hotel, at the place known as Petriano, there are the Baths of Raphael, where you can rejuvenate your body and soul after a busy day, with a dip in the healing waters and specific treatments for the various parts of the body.

## Gastronomy



The undisputed queen of local food is the Casciotta di Urbino, a cheese speciality that can boast ancient origins, much appreciated since the time of the Dukes, ideal to accompany the *crescia*, the local flatbread.



Autumn is the most suitable time for a cuisine tour, as it is the season when truffles, which are eaten fresh, become ripe. And precisely in the months of October and November the main events dedicated to truffles are held, at Acqualagna and Sant'Angelo in Vado. The understory offers a wide variety of mushrooms, including the excellent porcini and spignoli, celebrated during the mushroom festival in San Sisto.

DOP In spring and summer there are a succession of food festivals, including *Distinti Salumi* (a *jeu de mot* based on the

similarity of the expressions *Best Regards* and *Excellent Cold Cuts*) in Cagli and the *Rabbit in Porchetta* (roast sucking pig) in Frontone. Carpegna, on the other side, is well-known for its Fossa cheese and the production of delicious ham, renowned since the time of the ducal splendour and now recognized by the European Union with the DOP (Protected Designation of Origin) label.



The oil of Cartoceto flavours in an excellent way any dish, and there is a great variety of white and red wines of excellent quality, of which the Marche region is, in general, a major producer.

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...we are waiting for you...

...on your holiday in Montefeltro!