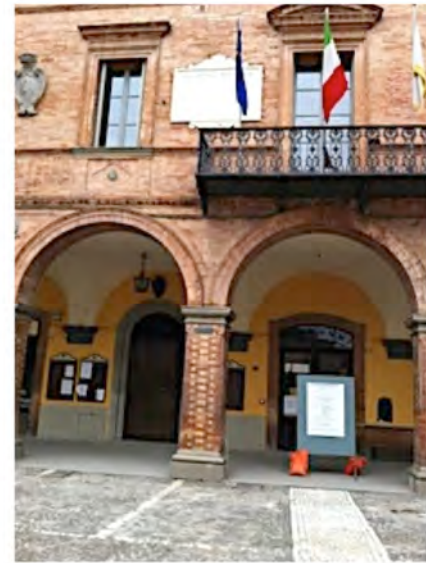


# Educational Retreats in Italy

*Where professional development and authentic local experiences converge to create a dynamic cultural exchange*

Organized by Angela Ferrario  
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## *Discover the Marche Region of Italy*

### ***Learning Together in a Special Place: Perspectives on Leadership***

- Join us for a unique opportunity among adventurous educators as we explore the many facets of leadership while sharing an authentic Italian experience.
- The Marche region in east-central Italy is nestled between Tuscany, Emilia-Romagna, and Umbria. Part of the region is situated along the Adriatic Coast.
- Largely undiscovered by tourists, our destination is Mercatello sul Metauro, a small town with a welcoming population of 1500.
- At the foot of the Apennine Mountains it is 2 hours east of Florence and 3 hours north of Rome.
- Our accommodations overlook Mercatello's main square where we will have exclusive occupancy at Palazzo Donati ([www.lemarcheholidayvilla.com](http://www.lemarcheholidayvilla.com)), a family owned historic residence with modern amenities.
- Limited group size. (Minimum of 10 per retreat required.)

### **Learning becomes a travel journey where:**

- Self reflection and creativity flourish
- Sharing ideas, challenges and experience is encouraged
- Synchronicity with the environment brings energy to the dialogue
- Leisure time interweaves with physical activity
- Personal and professional rejuvenation happens
- Collaborative engagement engenders new friendships and collegial relationships

### **Participants will experience:**

- A small group style of travel and learning
- Comfortable accommodations
- Delicious healthy meals specific to the foods of the area
- Convenient ground transportation
- Unique sightseeing excursions and insider access to the community

### **This form of educational travel:**

- Welcomes the spectrum from emerging to seasoned leaders, who work or have worked in the field of education
- Generates the excitement of discovery for those open to experiential learning
- Is for travelers who appreciate the slower rhythm of smaller Italian towns
- Offers a depth of retention that is not possible through passive learning

## Our Setting



- Daily meetings will be held in one of the large common areas at Palazzo Donati.  
<http://www.lemarcheholidayvilla.com>
- We will have access to the entire property, which includes two kitchen areas, one modern near the dining room and the other rustic with a charming open fireplace.
- The entrance leads to a large walled outdoor area where we can relax or dine in the private garden. As you walk out the front door to the main square, you can enjoy a morning cappuccino or an evening aperitivo at the outdoor tables of the local café.
- Around the square are the former palazzi of the founding families and the town hall and shops under an arcaded walkway.
- There will be time to enjoy our immediate surroundings and wander around the small medieval streets of the town.

### Price Per Retreat:

*(based on double occupancy)*

**\$ 1,950**

### Registration Deadline:

**February 15, 2016**

## What's Included:

- Accommodations for 5 nights from check-in on Saturday, June 11, 18 or 25 to check-out on Thursday, June 16, 23 or 30 at Palazzo Donati
- Welcome drink and selection of antipasti Saturday evening
- Two Excursions (Sunday includes lunch, Tuesday includes dinner)
- Breakfast daily Sunday through Thursday
- Lunch Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- Group Dinners Monday and Wednesday



### RESPONSIBILITY

Angela Ferrario dba International Study Tours LLC acts only as the agent for the several hotels and other suppliers providing accommodations and services to participants.

International Study Tours, LLC shall not be liable for any cancellation, injury, loss, damage, expense, delay or inconvenience which may be caused or sustained by any participant.

Participants are responsible for individual insurance for accidents of any type that may occur during the program.

Travel Insurance is not included and should be secured by the individual participant.

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## Daily Itinerary

**Saturday**  
**June 11, 18 or 25**

**Arrival: Check in at Palazzo Donati from 12 noon**

We will gather for a welcome drink and enjoy an assortment of locally prepared antipasti at around 6:30 p.m.

Nicoletta Amicizia, local resident and tour guide, will accompany us on a walking tour as we begin to balance the pleasure of being in this lovely Italian town with the pleasure of learning together.

**Sunday**  
**June 12, 19 or 26**

**Morning:** Breakfast

**Afternoon:** Guided hike and late afternoon lunch at Castello della Pieve, prepared by their chef. Those who do not wish to hike will be driven. <http://www.castellodellapieve.it>

**Mon. Tues. Wed.**  
**June 13, 14, 15**  
**or June 20, 21, 22**  
**or June 27, 28, 29**

**8:00 - 9:30 am:** Breakfast

**9:30 am - noon:** Professional development gathering

**Noon - 2:00 pm:** Lunch and Break

**2:00 - 4:30 pm:** Professional development gathering

**Thursday**  
**June 16, 23 or 30**

**Departure after breakfast**

### Dinners

Mondays at Ca'Montioni Agriturismo <http://www.camontioni.it>

Tuesdays there will be a late afternoon excursion planned to include dinner

Wednesdays at Ristorante da Uto <http://www.locandasacchi.it>

*Itinerary may be subject to slight changes.*

### \*PLEASE NOTE:

The town has two main restaurants within walking distance of Palazzo Donati, both offering regional and seasonal specialties. Ristorante da Uto <http://www.locandasacchi.it> serves pasta and meat dishes, with a well-considered wine list. Taverna del Cacciatore da Jo specializes in seasonal pizzas - zucchini flowers in summer and truffles in the cooler months. Bar Pieve D'Ico sells the best homemade gelato and Bar Franco provides the perfect place for your morning coffee or a pre-dinner aperitivo.