



TOUR PROSPECTUS

This prospectus sets out the contents of the tour and together with the Booking Conditions and Booking Form is the basis of our contract with you.

Nove Colli and Giro tour 14 to 21 May 2019.

The stunning scenery and challenging terrain of the Adriatic coastal region of the Emilia-Romagna Province of Italy has proved an irresistible draw for cyclists of all standards and this specially tailored tour is your chance to sample its many delights.



The stylish Hotel Fedora in the chic holiday resort of Riccione will act as the ideal base for an unforgettable experience. The tour includes a trip to see the Giro d'Italia. stage nearby.

Riccione is a beach resort that many cyclists go to as it is located near to the stunning Apennine mountains. A short ride from the hotel and you access this cyclists

playground the fantastic hills of the Apennines. The famous Nove Colli sportive runs from nearby and it climbs over an iconic 9 hills. The Giro d'Italia also passes through the vicinity whilst we will be there, one of the deciding stages, the uphill time trial stage into San Marino is on Sunday 19 May 2019. There is also the option to ride to see the finish of the 18 May stage. These events are supported with vehicle transfers.

Itinerary

Tues 14 May 2019	Arrive at Hotel, if arriving at Rimini airport then vehicle transfer is available. Optional coastal ride to Cattolica. 30kms Evening meal.
Wed 15 May 2019	Ride into the Apennines, choice of distance available, 90kms to 140kms. Return to hotel, evening meal.
Thurs 16 May 2019	Ride to visit the world heritage site of the town of Urbino. 95 kms Return to hotel, evening meal.
Fri 17 May 2019	Ride along the coast to the panoramic coastal views of Gabbice Mare and then on to an al fresco lunch at the Paradiso in Collina, high above Pesaro. 100kms Return to the hotel for evening meal
Sat 18 May	Choice of routes available, 1. Ride to Cesenatico via the historic old town of Rimini to see

2019	<p>the Novi Colli set up, then ride or transfer to the stage 8 finish of the Giro d'Italia in Pesaro, 30 / 90kms ride. Pick up from Pesaro to return to hotel.</p> <p>2. Alternative ride into the Apennines west of Pesaro and ride back to the hotel. 110kms.</p> <p>Evening meal at hotel.</p>
Sun 19 May 2019	<p>This is one of the deciding stages of the Giro d'Italia; The stage nine individual time trial will cover 34.7km, starting in Riccione and finishing in San Marino with a constant upward elevation trace marked over the second half of the course.</p> <p>Options are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rest day at the beach with a trip in the afternoon to observe the time trial. 2. Ride to the time trial to watch it and then ride or get a lift back to the hotel. 3. A ride into the Apennines without seeing the time trial. 4. The Grandfondo Nove Colli is also on that day, there is also the option for those who have entered this event of a lift to the start and from the finish to the hotel. <p>Return to the hotel for the evening meal.</p> <p>.</p>
Mon 20 May 2019	<p>Ride to the historic walled comune of Gradara then on to the ancient independent city of San Marino, no need for passports. 60kms</p> <p>Option of a ride back to the hotel or time to visit the city and a lift back by minibus. 120 kms</p> <p>Return to hotel for the evening meal.</p> <p>.</p>
Tues 21 May 2019	<p>After breakfast, pack bikes up ready for transport back to Rimini airport.</p> <p>.</p>

Price £840, £50 discount for Cycling UK members.

The price of £840 is based on a minimum number of 10 people taking part in the holiday and is calculated at a rate of 1.12 to £1 sterling (Based on exchange rates published on www.x-rates.com on 14 September 2018; please note Booking Conditions, clause 3). If there are insufficient bookings by 05 March 2019 we will contact you and return all monies paid, although in certain circumstances the holiday may still run at below minimum numbers but at the same price.

Cost includes

- Rimini airport pick up
- 7 nights hotel, sharing room, half-board
- Transfer to and from the Grandfondo Nove Colli, if entered
- Transfer to and from the Giro stage
- CTC Cycling Holidays & Tours costs
- Any local guides used

Cost does not include:

- Flights to and from Italy
- Lunches or refreshments during the day

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- Entry fees at any attractions
- Any other personal expenses
- Travel Insurance

Single occupancy supplement (£140, subject to availability)

A deposit of £400 per person must accompany the Booking Form, with the final balance of £440 per person (plus any supplement) to be paid ten weeks prior to departure, by 05 March 2019. See payment slip for ways of paying these.

Cancellations

Should you be forced to cancel your booking for any reason you must notify us in writing. Cancellation charges are as follows:

Written notice received:	Cancellation charge:
Before 05 March 2019	Deposit (£400)
05 March 2019 through to departure	100% (840) (plus any supplement)

To make a booking

Complete, sign and return the Booking Form and deposit part of the payment slip **directly to the Tour Manager** (address on Booking Form).

Passports, Visas and Health

EU citizens must hold a passport that is still valid on the date of their return to their home country. Holders of non-EU passports are advised to check whether they require a visa.

There are no compulsory health-related requirements for UK residents, but you are strongly advised to check that your tetanus protection has not expired.

TOUR MANAGER'S INFORMATION SHEET

The information below is given by the Tour Manager to help enquirers decide if the tour is suitable for them.

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The area covered by the Tour

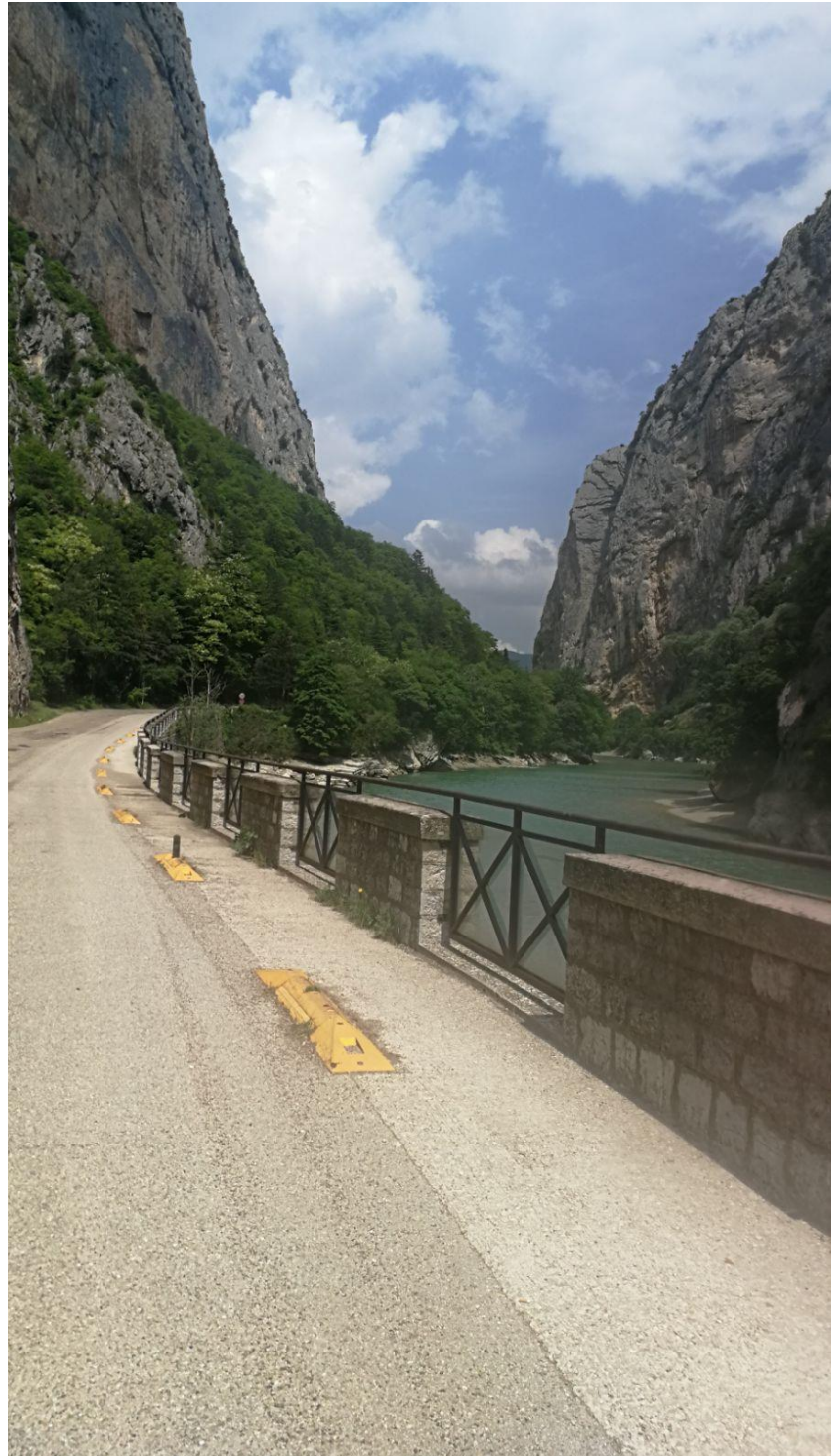
The daily fully-guided rides will take in the history and splendour of the World Heritage Site of Urbino, the medieval walled commune of Gradara and the historic microstate of San Marino, perched high above the Adriatic Riviera. The panoramic coastal views of Gabbice Mare are just a short cycle from our base on the way to an al fresco lunch at the Paradiso in Collina, high above Pesaro.

Included in the itinerary is free entry into the famous Nove Colli Gran Fondo, if booked prior to the sportive closing date. The Nove Colli is a spectacular mass participation race where nearly 15,000 participants tackle either a 140km or 200km challenge. It starts and finishes in Cesenatico. Transport to and from the event on Sunday 19th May will be provided with the added bonus of being able to be at the roadside as the world's best cyclists tackle the key 9th stage of the Giro D'Italia from Riccione to San Marino later that afternoon.

The main stage of the Giro is on the same day as the Nove Colli, so a choice will have to be made by each participant. A ride to the previous day's stage can be organised for those who wish to watch that.

Accommodation

7 nights half board is included. The hotel provides fantastic evening meals of local dishes and seafood. There is also a post ride cyclist buffet.



Rides and rest days

A choice of daily rides into the hills to the west of Riccione. Rides will be fully guided and led at the pace of the slowest. No rest day is included but as the holiday is fixed centre then participants can choose to spend a day at the beach or at the world heritage town of Urbino.

Routes and GPX tracks will be sent out to all participants three weeks before the tour starts, all rides will be led, and some will also have a local cycling guide.

Accommodation / Meals

7 nights half board is included. The hotel provides fantastic evening meals of local dishes and seafood.

Backup support

A van will be available to help with transport to events and pick up from them.

Travel

No flights are included but pick up from the airport of Rimini can be arranged. Alternative airports are further away so travel to Riccione will have to be organised by the participant.

Group information

The maximum group size will be 30, plus the Tour Managers and or leaders.

Weather and clothing

May is usually warm in central Italy, but rain can be expected and even snow on the higher mountains of the Apennines. Bring sufficient clothing for all eventualities.

Cycles / Equipment

A lightweight road bike or good audax / touring cycle is suitable for this tour as no luggage is carried. You should ensure your cycle is well maintained, paying particular attention to wheels, tyres and brakes. Some climbs are long so a low bottom gear (e.g. small chainring the same size or smaller than the largest cog on your rear wheel) is recommended. If you are unsure about gears, please discuss with the Tour Manager. New tyres and tubes are recommended. Participants will be expected to carry each day sufficient spares and tools to deal with punctures and minor repairs.

You will not need to carry luggage, but a rack top pack or bar bag may be useful for carrying wet weather gear, spare clothing needed for the day, camera, snacks and your map. Each participant is expected to bring, and carry, all of their own clothing, personal items and spares. Helmets are your personal choice as there is no legal requirement in Italy.

Maps, Guides and Tour Information

You should carry a map in case you become separated from the group. The Touring Club Italia map of Emilia Romagna is sufficient.

Travel Insurance and Advice

In addition to travel insurance, EU nationals should carry a European Health Insurance Card. This enables you to take advantage of emergency medical services free or at a discount under a reciprocal provision that exists between EU member states. Your travel insurer may refuse to meet the extra costs of medical treatment if you do not carry this Card.

Before booking you should check the Foreign Office 'Travel Advice by Country' at www.fco.gov.uk or on 0845 850 2829.

About the Tour Manager

I am a keen cyclist, trained cycle instructor, leader and mechanic, able to support members of the group who need that. I have led a number of tours and toured myself extensively in Europe and further afield. I speak Italian and lived in Italy for a number of years.

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Additional Italian information

I have lived in Italy for a number of years and understand the language and culture well. One special part of Italian culture is the food. Each region has their own specialities, so if you have not been to Emilia Romagna before; look out for the different types of food.

One similarity over the whole of Italy, is that the Italians really want to show off their culinary expertise and ensure their guests eat well. For that reason, vegetarians and Vegans often get excellent food.

Meals come in different courses, often 4 or even more courses. So, if the first course looks meagre, don't worry more is coming.

Many of the dishes we know and love from Italian cooking comes from this area, so you will be aware of many of them. Tagliatelle, tortellini, capuletti, a smaller version of the tortellino, parma ham, parmesan. Local types of salami and cheeses are also highly regarded.

Local wines include; Colli Bolognesi (Colli means hills), Trebbiano Romagnolo and the well-known Sangiovese. Other wines include the slightly fizzy Bonarda and other classic wines, Merlot and Cabernet. The area's soils and climate make for some lovely wines.

