

# Castles and Fortresses of the Adriatic

*A journey through military history, from the medieval castles in the mountains of Abruzzo to the ducal palaces of the Montefeltro region.*

An itinerary through the most striking defensive architectures of the Italian Adriatic. In Abruzzo, the fortresses of **Calascio** and **Civitella del Tronto** dominate grandiose landscapes, while **L'Aquila** showcases the power of the Spanish Fortress. The seaside villages of **Ortona** and Fossacesia guard castles and abbey-fortresses overlooking the sea. Continuing into the Marche, the walls of **Fano**, the fortresses of **Gradara** and **San Leo**, and the Ducal Palace of **Urbino** tell centuries of battles and Renaissance splendor. A journey intertwining history, art, and breathtaking landscapes, from Abruzzo to the heart of the Montefeltro region.

## Included services

- Overnight stays in double rooms at selected B&Bs.
- Location near the pedestrian area of Vasto.
- **Continental breakfast** sweet and savory.
- Six lunches.
- Seven **dinners in typical restaurants** (wine included).
- Six full day excursions by **minivan**.
- 24 hour **assistance** from our staff.
- Entrance **tickets** to museums and exhibitions.
- App with multilingual **audio guide**.

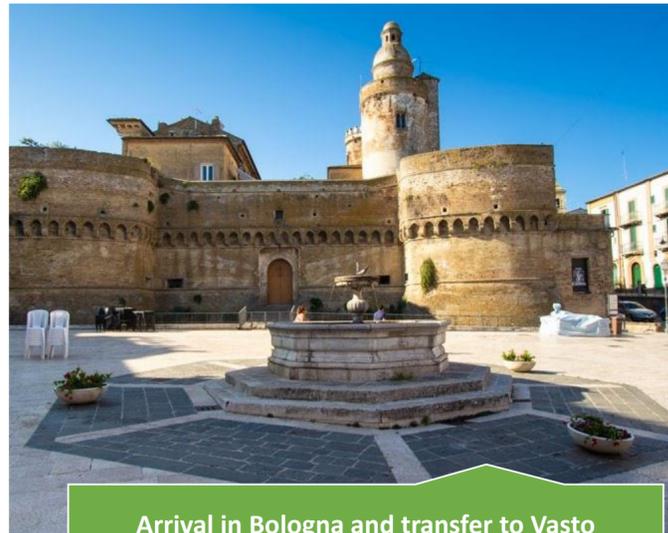


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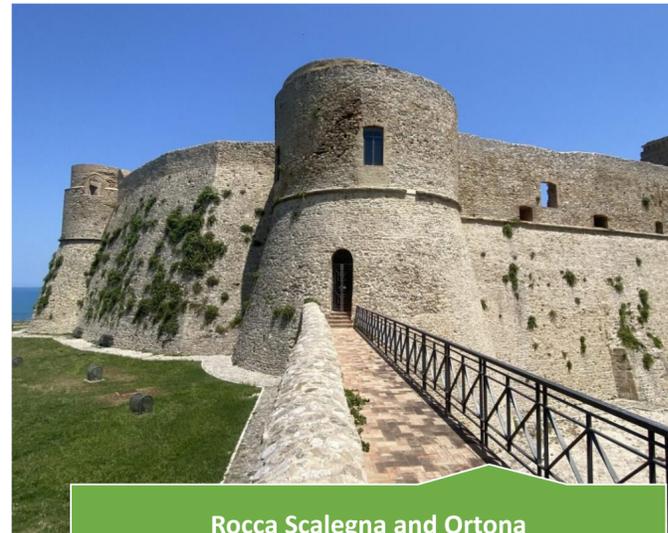
**From 11 to 18 April 2026**



**Day 1**

### Arrival in Bologna and transfer to Vasto

Accommodation in a B&B in the center of Vasto and visit to the town center, dinner at a restaurant.



**Day 2**

### Rocca Scalegna and Ortona

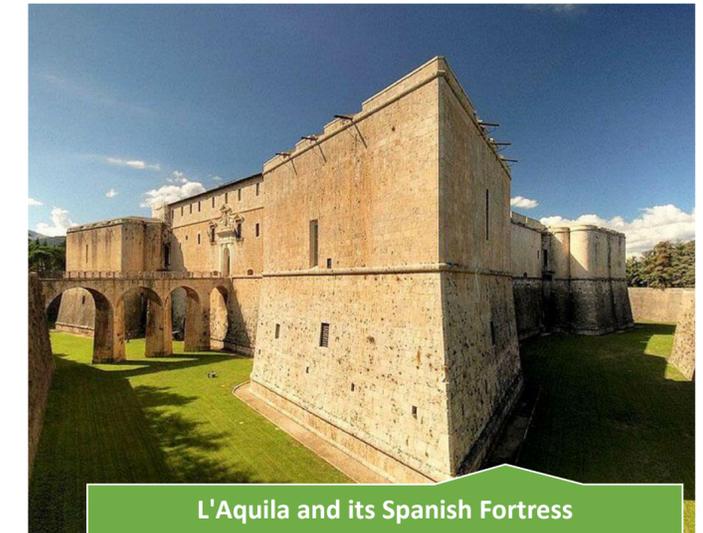
Visit to the medieval castle of Rocca Scalegna, light lunch, visit to Ortona and its Aragonese Castle, return, and dinner at a restaurant.



**Day 3**

### Rocca Calascio and St. Stefano di Sessanio

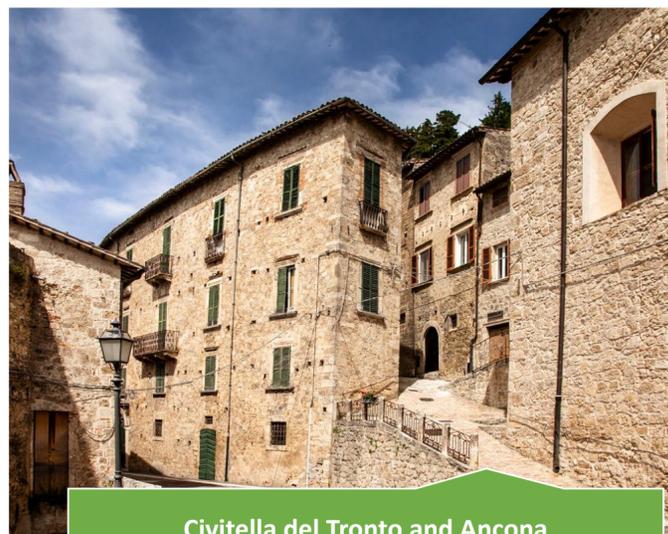
Excursion to the Gran Sasso to visit one of the highest fortresses in Europe and a medieval fortified village, light lunch, return, and dinner at a restaurant.



**Day 4**

### L'Aquila and its Spanish Fortress

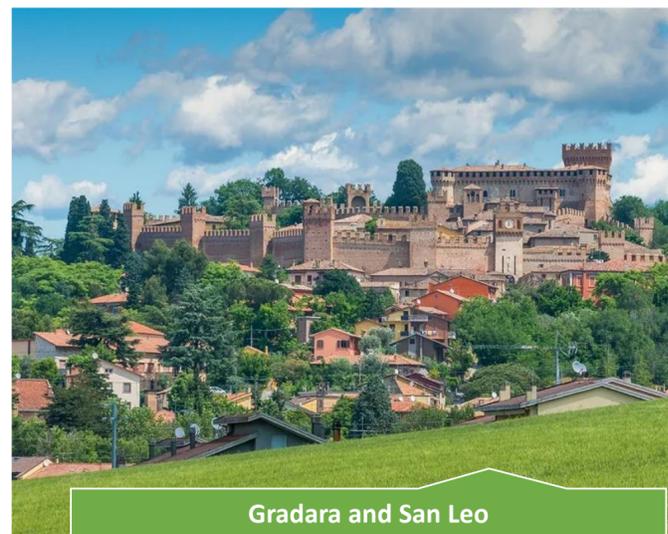
Visit to the Abruzzo regional capital, scene of significant battles in the 15th century, and the fortress commissioned by Charles V, light lunch, return, and dinner at a restaurant.



**Day 5**

### Civitella del Tronto and Ancona

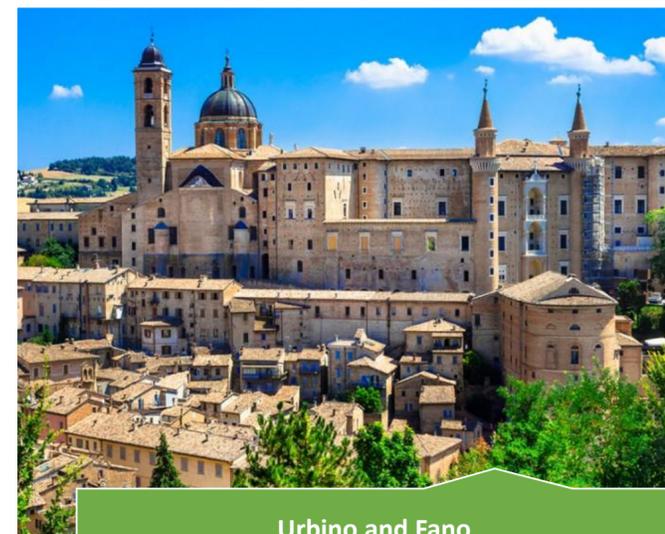
Visit to the Spanish fortress famous for being the last stronghold of the Bourbons, light lunch, accommodation in Ancona, dinner at a restaurant.



**Day 6**

### Gradara and San Leo

Excursion to the fortress of Gradara, famous for the story of Paolo and Francesca, light lunch, visit to the fortress of San Leo, return, and dinner at a trattoria.



**Day 7**

### Urbino and Fano

Visit to the Renaissance city of Urbino, light lunch, evening in Fano with a visit to the Augustan walls and the Malatesta Fortress, farewell dinner.



**Day 8**

### Return

Check-out and optional free activities. Transfer to the airport.