

# THE TREASURES OF MARCHE: WALKING BETWEEN NATURE AND CULTURE

JANUARY 2017  
HIKES CALENDAR



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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>: NIGHT WALK ON MONTE FALCONE.** Evening hike in the pale light of the full-moon night between Montefalcone and Smerillo, the two villages located on the impressive cliffs of Monte Falcone, in the woods covering it in the woods covering Monte Falcone cliff. **Outward time: 1 h 30' - 2 h 00'** (excluding stops); **return time: 1 h 00' - 1 h 30'** (excluding stops). **Difference in altitude: 330 m.** **Hiking difficulty: E (Hikers).**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>: THE RING OF THE HERMITAGE OF ST. MARC.** From Piaggie of Ascoli Piceno to the Cave of Blessed Conrad, through Hermitage of St. Marc and the Devil's Finger. **Round-walk time: 2 h 15' - 2 h 30'** (excluding stops). **Difference in altitude: 260 m.** **Hiking difficulty: T/E (Tourists/Hikers).**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>: TORRE DI PALME AND CUGNOLO WOOD.** Easy walk in a strip of Maquis shrubland nearby Torre di Palme, suspended on the Adriatic coast. **Round-walk time: 1 h 00' - 1 h 30'** (excluding stops). **Difference in altitude: 80 m.** **Hiking difficulty: T (Tourists).**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>: MONTE CONERO SOUTH RING.** From Fonte dell'Olio of Sirolo (AN) to Passo del Lupo, privileged balcony over Due Sorelle Beach and the southern Marche coast. **Round-walk time: 3 h 30' - 4 h 00'** (excluding stops). **Difference in altitude: 400 m.** **Hiking difficulty: E (Hikers).**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>: THE STONE RING.** In the heart of the lost Apennine, from Piandelloro of Acquasanta Terme (AP) to Agore, Poggio Rocchetta and Rocchetta, three semi-abandoned settlements during the '50s but absolutely fascinating. **Round-walk time: 2 h 30' - 3 h 00'** (excluding stops). **Difference in altitude: 240 m.** **Hiking difficulty: E (Hikers).**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>: THE HERMITAGE OF ST. MARIA GIACOBBE.** Along the slopes of Sasso di Pale overlooking the wide plain of Foligno, passing by the hermitage whose frescoes, covering the small church, are one of the most valuable examples of the Umbrian school over the centuries. **Round-walk time: 3 h 00' - 3 h 30'** (excluding stops) **Difference in altitude: 485 m.** **Hiking difficulty: E (Hikers).**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>: AROUND THE OLD VILLAGE.** Full visit of the area around Castel Trosino, village perched on a travertine outcrop overlooking the course of the Torrente Castellano, discovering forest and aquatic surrounding environments. **Round-walk time: 3 h 00' - 3 h 30'** (excluding stops) **Difference in altitude: 260 m.** **Hiking difficulty: E (Hikers).**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>: IN SEARCH OF LOST APENNINES.** From Tallacano to Pizzo dell'Arco, the peak above Acquasanta Terme, among hamlets once flourishing and now dipped in a centuries-old chestnut woods, up to the spectacular views across the valley of River Tronto and the main surrounding mountain ranges. **Round-walk time: 4 h 30' - 5 h 00'** (excluding stops). **Difference in altitude: 450 m.** **Hiking difficulty: E (Hikers).**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>: MONTE REVELLONE.** From Gola della Rossa to the top of Monte Revellone through Grottafucile Hermitage, up on calcareous bastions blockading River Esino flow. **Round-walk time: 3 h 30' - 4 h 00'** (excluding stops). **Difference in altitude: 660 m.** **Hiking difficulty: E (Hikers).**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>: THE HERMITAGE OF BLESSED GIOLO.** On the mountains crowning the valley of Vigi Creek, the main tributary of River Nera, within the territory of Sellano, among the karst caves that housed in the XIII century, the hermit capable of mastering water and fire. **Round-walk time: 2 h 30' - 3 h 00'** (excluding stops) **Difference in altitude: 270 m.** **Hiking difficulty: E (Hikers).**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>: NIGHT-WALK IN THE TASSINETE BUSH.** In the new moon night, an easy walk in the yew, downy oak and turkey oak woods up to Colle delle Piani overlooking Cingoli, to admire the starry sky and recognize the constellations. **Round-walk time: 3 h 00' - 3 h 30'** (excluding stops) **Difference in altitude: 250 m.** **Hiking difficulty: T (Tourist).**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>: MONTE STREGA.** From Montelago of Sassoferrato (AN), very close to Umbrian Monte Cucco Regional Park to the bleak and permeated by legends mountain. **Round-walk time: 3 h 00' - 3 h 30'** (excluding stops) **Difference in altitude: 560 m.** **Hiking difficulty: E (Hikers).**

**In event of snow... SNOWSHOES WALKS!** Snowshoes walks hiking difficulty is defined as EAI, Hike in Snowcapped Environment.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>: NIGHT WALK ON PIANI DI RAGNOLO.** On the mountains nearby Sassotetto, in the pale night of the fullmoon night up to Punta del Ragnolo, natural balcony overlooking Sarnano and the southern Marche. **Round-walk time: 3 h 00'** (excluding stops). **Difference in altitude: 300 m.**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>: AROUND MACERETO SANCTUARY.** From the Bramantesque Sanctuary to the summit of its plateau overlooking the Monte Bove. **Round-walk time: 3 h 00' - 3 h 30'** (excluding stops) **Difference in altitude: 350 m.**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>: UNDER THE ODD MOUNTAIN.** From Pian dell'Elmo of Apiro to the slopes of Monte St. Vicino, peculiar relief of the Marche Apennine surrounded by woods and privileged landmark from every part of the Region. **Round-walk time: 3 h 30' - 4 h 00'** (excluding stops). **Difference in altitude: 400 m.**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>: PRATI DI RAGNOLO.** From S. Maria Maddalena to Punta del Ragnolo, natural balcony overlooking Sarnano and the southern Marche. **Round-walk time: 3 h 00'** (excluding stops). **Difference in altitude: 300 m.**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>: PIANI DI CANFAITO.** In the beautiful and ancient beech forest of the plans between Monte Canfaieto and Monte Pulcino with magnificent views over Matelica and the high-hills of Macerata Province. **Round-walk time: 3 h 00' - 3 h 30'** (excluding stops) **Difference in altitude: 250 m.**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>: THE RING OF THREE CACIARE.** From the old ski resort of San Giacomo on the Montagna dei Fiore to three caciare (cheese stores), suspended between the sea and the Abruzzo Apennines. **Round-walk time: 3 h 30' - 4 h 00'** (excluding stops). **Difference in altitude: 400 m.**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>: ALONG THE SHORES OF LAKE GEROSA.** From the wonderful Romanesque church of San Giorgio all'Isola along the shores of the lake derived upstream of Comunanza. **Round-walk time: 3 h 00'** (excluding stops) **Difference in altitude: 100 m.**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>: THE RING OF THREE CACIARE.** From the old ski resort of San Giacomo on the Montagna dei Fiore to three caciare (cheese stores), suspended between the sea and the Abruzzo Apennines. Daily and evening snowshoes walks in the newmoon night to admire the sky and the constellations. **Round-walk time: 3 h 30' - 4 h 00'** (excluding stops). **Difference in altitude: 400 m.**

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**Note: this calendar may be changed because of adverse weather conditions.**  
**Any possible changes and new itineraries will be promptly communicated.**