

spring break 2027
family packages

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SELECT WEEKS DURING MARCH AND APRIL

CONNECTING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO AUTHENTIC ITALY

CASA ERICA

travel + retreats



WE HAD NEVER ENJOYED AND EXPERIENCED 'AUTHENTIC' ITALY AS WE DID WITH CASA ERICA. PREPARE TO BE SPOILED, AND TO ENJOY EVERY MINUTE OF IT.

Crystal M.

HANDS DOWN, BEST TRIP EVER!

Chris L.

What could be better than Spring Break in Italy with the people you love?

Over the years, we've hosted families, friends, and retreats of every kind here in Lubriano, but families are really where our heart is. What people love most isn't any one thing we plan for them, it's the feeling of settling into real life in Italy together for a little while. Slow mornings, long meals, and days that unfold the way your family wants them to, not the way an itinerary says they should.

We know organizing a group trip can feel like a lot. That's where we come in. Whether you'd like a lightly hosted stay with support when you need it, or a fully hosted retreat where we handle it all, our goal is the same: make your family's time here feel easy, personal, and genuinely enjoyable.

Casa Erica is a restored Renaissance-era monastery in the village of Lubriano, in the Umbrian hills between Rome and Florence. We've owned it for over 20 years, and we've welcomed hundreds of families from around the world, some coming back year after year.

We believe Italy is more accessible than people think, and that the best family memories often come from the smaller, quieter moments. We'd love to help your family find that here.

We can't wait to welcome you.
The Casa Erica Team

OUR GOALS

Picture mornings with no alarms, the smell of espresso drifting from the kitchen, and dinners that go on forever because nobody wants to leave the table. Some days you'll wander to a nearby hill town together. Other days you might not leave the village at all, content to watch the light change over the valley, and that's the point. This trip flexes around your family, not the other way around.

Kids get the freedom to run a little wild in a village where everyone looks out for everyone. Parents get an actual break. And everyone gets the kind of togetherness that's hard to come by at home, no screens, no schedule, just each other and a long table.

We've hosted many guests over the years and are very comfortable managing the moving pieces of group travel. The logistics, the details, the what-are-we-doing-todays, that's ours to handle. Your only job is to relax and enjoy your time together.

OUR LOCATION

Casa Erica is based in the charming and picturesque town of Lubriano, Umbria. Lubriano overlooks Civita di Bagnoregio, famously known as Italy's Dying City.

The town is built on top of Etruscan ruins. It was the regional hub for crafting the pottery vessels used to store herbs and medicines in medieval times, and remains rich in history and beauty.

We are an hour north of Rome and two hours south of Florence by train, making both cities easily accessible for day trips. We are a short drive from the historic city of Orvieto.

Within a five minute walk, we have several small grocery stores, a variety of charming and excellent restaurants, a pharmacy, two coffee shops, and two beautiful Renaissance-era churches.







WHAT IS INCLUDED

We offer two package levels.
The following are included in both packages.

Full Custom Itinerary and Trip Planning

Every family gets a fully custom itinerary built around their own pace and interests, not a group schedule everyone has to follow. Once we've talked through what your family wants, we'll handle all of it: reservations at restaurants and sites, tickets for tours or activities, and any local logistics in between. You don't have to research, book, or plan a thing once you get to us, just follow the plan we've built for you.



Lodging

All lodging is at the Casa Erica property, a former monastery that's been fully restored. The setting is what makes it special: quiet, old stone, views over the valley that change with the light throughout the day.

The property is made up of two homes, each with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and living spaces where the family naturally gathers. Each home also has its own large private garden, a place for kids to play barefoot, for a lazy afternoon nap in the shade, or for everyone to end up outside again after dinner.





Full Service Private Concierge on Site

All packages include an on-site, private, multilingual concierge. Your concierge can help answer questions, make reservations, give directions, suggest and arrange additional activities, run errands for you, and generally make your week smooth and seamless.



Included Activities

The following activities are included in both packages.

01. Welcome Lunch & Village Walk

We begin our time together with a welcome lunch in the monastery's spectacular garden. We'll have a famous lasagne and a sampling of some of the area's best local products. We'll have a quick cultural orientation during the meal, then offer a short history walk through our charming medieval village, ending at the village cafe for a glass of wine or a hot chocolate with the locals.



02. Guided Walk To Civita di Bagnoregio

You'll walk over the historic bridge to the breathtaking "Dying City" of Civita di Bagnoregio. Wander and explore this incredible place, do a little shopping in the tiny stores, and relax with a coffee in the town square. At the end of your time, you'll cross back over the bridge and have a glass of bubbly while overlooking the entire Calanchi Valley.



03. Explore Orvieto

Visit Orvieto, a stunning hilltop city where ancient winding streets lead to charming restaurants, vibrant art, and rich history. The shopping here is outstanding, with beautiful ceramics and artisan goods at a fraction of Rome's prices. Tour the breathtaking Duomo, a masterpiece of Italian Gothic architecture.







FAMILY PACKAGES

Both packages are for six nights and seven days.
Prices are based on two adults and two children.

Lightly Hosted
$6,800 per family
includes

- Lodging
- Private on-site concierge
- Full daily breakfast
- Two in-home dinners
- Full itinerary with reservations

Fully Hosted
$10,700 per family
includes

- Lodging
- Private on-site concierge
- Full-time private chef for all on-site meals
- Rental vehicle - insurance included
- Luxury Winery or Cooking School
- Day trip to Florence
- Three hours of extra travel planning (flights, Rome add-on, etc.)
- Artisan crafted welcome gift

Activities & Amenities

Fully hosted package

Amenities



Private Chef

You'll eat like locals, because you basically will be. Our private chef cooks breakfast, lunch, and dinner for every meal you have at home, using fresh, simple ingredients and a mix of traditional Italian dishes with her own personal touch. She's not working from a set menu, she's on hand throughout your stay to make the meals you and your family are actually craving.



Transportation

A rental car and full insurance are included for the duration of your stay. This includes transfers to and from the nearby Orvieto train station.

- Private transfers from the Rome airport to Casa Erica can be included for a fee. Please inquire for details.



Travel Planning

This package includes three hours of personal travel planning with Heather. These hours are yours to use however works best for you. Some families use this time to sort out flights, others to plan what comes before or after the retreat, whether that's a few days in Rome on the way in or exploring somewhere new on the way out.

Activities - Fully Hosted Package



Explore Florence

You'll start the day in Florence with a visit to Michelangelo's David, one of the city's most iconic masterpieces. Afterwards, you'll have the afternoon free to wander, shop, and enjoy the city at your own pace - plus, you'll receive our handy guide with meal and shopping tips to make the most of your time. Train tickets and tickets to the David are included.

Vineyard Tour & Tasting or Private Cooking Class - it's your choice!



Award-Winning Winery

Discover Villa Tirrena, the acclaimed d'Amico Winery, where rolling vineyards meet timeless elegance. Stroll through their world-class sculpture garden before exploring their iconic, magnificent wine cellars. Conclude your visit with a tasting of their exceptional wines. It's a perfect pairing of wine, history, and art.



Private Family Cooking Class

Learn the ancient art of Umbrian cooking with a talented local chef. At a majestic country estate cared for by the same family for seven generations, you'll tour the stunning property before rolling up your sleeves. The day will end with a delicious wine-paired meal - created by you!

Spring Break Family Retreat: FAQ

Tell me more about the difference between the Lightly Hosted and Fully Hosted packages?

Lightly Hosted gives you lodging, a private on-site concierge, daily breakfast, two in-home dinners, and a full itinerary with reservations already made, so you have support without a heavier price tag. Fully Hosted includes all of that plus a full-time private chef for every on-property meal, a rental car with insurance, a day trip to Florence, your choice of a luxury winery tour or private cooking class, three hours of extra travel planning, and a welcome gift. Think of Lightly Hosted as "we've planned it, you handle the day-to-day," and Fully Hosted as "we handle the day-to-day too."

What are the dates?

We offer weekly retreats between Sunday, March 13 and Saturday, April 24, so you can pick the week that works for your family's school schedule. Every retreat runs Sunday at noon to Saturday at noon.

Can we book with another family, or is there a minimum or maximum group size?

Packages are priced for two adults and two children, but we're happy to adjust for larger or smaller families, or to help two families coordinate their weeks so you can travel together. Just reach out and we'll figure out what works best.

How old can my children be?

Our pricing is set up for children under sixteen, but if you have older kids, just reach out. We're happy to talk it through.

Is there a lot for children to do in your area?

Yes! We've hosted many children over the years, and we've raised our own here too, so we know the village well from a kid's-eye view. So far, we've never met a child who didn't love it. There's a wonderful garden right on the property for them to play in, plus plenty to explore in the village beyond it, with no shortage of child-friendly activities nearby.

What are our choices of things to do during the day?

Tell us what your family enjoys and we'll send over a range of options to choose from.
We like to talk through the possibilities together, our goal is a trip that the whole family, not just the parents, will love.

Can you handle dietary issues?

Within reason, yes, and you'll still eat well. If anyone in your family has a severe allergy, let's talk before you book so we can make sure it's handled properly.

Spring Break Family Retreat: FAQ cont'd

Do you offer babysitting?

We do, for an additional fee.

Who will our concierge be?

Bianca, our Italian retreat coordinator, will be your go-to for the week. She's multilingual and lived in the US for several years, so she understands American families as well as she knows the village. She's a favorite among our guests, many of whom stay in touch with her long after their trip ends.

If we opt for the Lightly Hosted package, will we need a car?

Not strictly. Buses and taxis will get you where you need to go, but you may want a car for a at least a few days to explore further afield. Driving in our area is easy and relaxed.

What's not included in the price?

International airfare and travel insurance aren't included in either package, and alcohol is on your own tab.

How do we book, and is a deposit required?

A deposit of $2500 per family reserves your week, with the balance due sixty days before travel. Once we hear from you, we'll send over a simple booking form and get your week locked in.

What's your cancellation policy?

Deposits are non-refundable, but the remaining balance can be refunded up to 30 days before your trip. After that, the balance becomes non-refundable, since we've already committed to vendors and staffing on your behalf. Both deposits and other payments are transferrable to another family who is not already booked with us.

Is there anything we should know before we go?

Yes, quite a bit, and we've put together a full handbook to walk your family through everything so you show up feeling prepared, not overwhelmed. We're also happy to hop on a Zoom call with your whole family beforehand to answer questions and get everyone excited for the trip.



GALLERY
































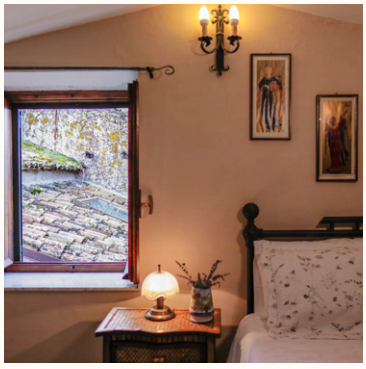











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