

BRYN MAWR FILM INSTITUTE UMBRIA FILM FESTIVAL



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Experience the Umbria Film Festival with Bryn Mawr Film Institute

**Depart Philadelphia on Monday, July 9
In Italy Tuesday, July 10–Wednesday, July 18**

Discover the enchanting art, architecture, food, music, history, and culture of the Italian region of Umbria as you experience the best in international cinema at the intimate, *al fresco* Umbria Film Festival.

Our itinerary:

Montone: Home of the Umbria Film Festival, Montone will be our base for the entire trip. Our charming spa/hotel is located in this walled hamlet; there will be ample time to enjoy the property.

Todi: Enjoy a tour of this medieval town's architectural highlights and a first delicious taste of the typical Umbrian cuisine.

Monterchi, Arezzo, San Sepolcro: An entire day will be devoted to following the trail of the masterworks of Piero Della Francesca, one of the most important of the Renaissance fresco painters.

Cortona: We will visit neighboring Tuscany to enjoy the delights encountered along the steep, narrow streets of this gorgeous town, rediscovered internationally through Frances Mayes' book, *Under the Tuscan Sun*.

We will visit towns famous for their wine, cheese, charcuterie, linen, ceramics, and fine paper-making. These include: **Bevagna, Deruta, Montepulciano, Pienza, Gubbio, and Montalcino**. We will visit artisans and learn about ancient arts and crafts, as well as sampling the products of renowned makers of the finest food and drink in this part of Italy.

Perugia, capital of the Umbria region: We will take a guided walking tour of this quintessential hill town, which stretches over several hills and dates back to the Etruscans, a civilization that pre-dates the Romans and Greeks. With ample time for sight-seeing and shopping, we end the day with a marvelous dinner before taking our seats for a first-class concert at the world-renowned **Umbria Jazz Festival**.

Umbria Film Festival: For each of the festival's five nights, we will enjoy VIP status at this intimate and charming festival. Only a short (but steep) walk from our hotel in Montone, the screenings are held *al fresco* in the town's historic Piazza Fortebraccio. The festival features a wonderful program of recent international films, most not yet shown in North America, but all with English subtitles. This is the most "up close and personal" international film festival imaginable! We will attend private gatherings for the filmmakers, local dignitaries, and festival staff and have ringside seats at the grand procession where local officials dress up as historic figures of the Renaissance and present the key to Montone to this year's special guest, an international figure from the world of film.

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This trip package includes:

- 8 nights in a charming spa/hotel in Montone, home of the Umbria Film Festival
- Round-trip airfare: direct flights from Philadelphia to Rome
- Ground transportation in Italy: air-conditioned luxury coach with a professional, experienced local driver
- Professional, multilingual art historian escort, with us from arrival in Rome to our departure
- 5 lunches and 3 dinners (2 as guests of the film festival)
- VIP recognition by the Umbria Film Festival
- 1 premium concert ticket to the Umbria Jazz Festival
- All museum fees
- Wine tasting in Montalcino
- Cheese/charcuterie tasting in Pienza
- Taxes and fees
- \$500 per person tax-deductible donation to BMFI**

Trip package cost:

\$4299 per person for double occupancy*

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To reserve your space on the trip, please contact Nicole Redman at NRedman@BrynMawrFilm.org or 610-527-4008 x107.

Call today!

A deposit of \$300 will reserve your spot. Once you have reserved your space, a complete deposit schedule will be provided to you.

*This package price is based on 20 guests; prices may change if fewer people RSVP by the first deposit deadline. If that is the case, you will be notified promptly. Also note that airport taxes are subject to change. If airport taxes change, there will be a guest supplement.

**Documentation confirming the tax-deductible portion of your travel will be provided to you upon receipt of your final deposit.

Rave reviews from previous guests:

"I would just like to say thank you for the trip to Umbria. It was splendid! To describe it as a film festival in Montone only touched upon the breadth of pleasures offered to us all. This well-planned festival of arts was a feast for all our senses. I enjoyed the comfort and beauty of the hotel where we were based. We savored many leisurely and delicious meals in evocative settings. The homage to [fresco master] Piero della Francesca was completely soul-satisfying. The music of the Umbria Jazz Festival was electrifying. And the shopping... who could ask for more?!"

"Umbria is spectacular. I simply can't think of a week that could have been a better antidote to the challenging years that many have had."

"I haven't laughed so much, for so long, in years. Nor have I ever been so completely satisfied with a trip that frankly seemed very ambitious... It would have been so easy for so much to go wrong, and yet it didn't."

Your guides:

A multilingual art historian escort and guide—a resident of Umbria for the past 30 years—will meet us at Rome Airport and stay with us while we're in Italy.

Elizabeth Taylor-Mead, a Boston-based art house consultant, will be our host from the time we leave Philadelphia until we return. She has organized and escorted theater member groups before and is familiar with Umbria and the film festival. If you have questions about the trip itinerary or travel arrangements, please email her at elizabeth@arrow-programs.com.