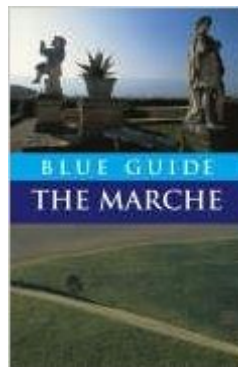




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# **Blue Guide The Marche & San Marino - Special Reprint Edition (Blue Guides (Norton))**



## Synopsis

A reprint version of the First edition, 2006. The first English-language guide to deal with the Marche, a stunningly beautiful Italian region of coast, hills and mountains. As well as the historic town of Urbino, birthplace of Raphael, the region encompasses the former maritime republic of Ancona, the sandy beaches of the Palm Riviera, the dramatic scenery of the Sibylline Mountains, and lesser-known gems such as the marble-built town of Ascoli Piceno, one of the most beautiful towns in Italy. Blue Guide author Ellen Grady guides the reader around the sights with enthusiasm and a wealth of information, covering the region's rich art, architecture and history as well as its classic wines and innovative food.

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Ellen Grady is the author of Blue Guide Sicily and Blue Guide the Marche and San Marino. An author and tour guide, she lives in Sicily on the slopes of Mount Etna. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Guide books on Le Marche are hard to find, and this one is filled with good info about the area. I love the Marche region and am happy to have a guide book on the area.

I am planning a trip to Le Marche, Italy, and was glad to find this guide. There just aren't many books on this region of Italy, so choices are very limited. I was delighted to find ANY guide to Le Marche! What the book lacks is emotion and a sense of excitement. It fails to impart a "feel" for the place. You won't find many pictures, nor any of the compelling qualities you experience with many travel guides. It is almost too clinical in its presentation. But what it lacks in emotion, it more than makes up for in details given. The Blue Guide, has information on even the smallest towns. It gives incredible detail as to the history of each location, as well as places of lodging, and restaurants. History buffs will love this book. The region looks fascinating. The New York Times calls it "The next Tuscany". Mountains, rolling hills studded with ancient castles, romantic hill towns, sea coast, great cuisine. Get excited about this region by doing a little web research...this book will point you in the right direction.

Planning to go there this summer

This book is a beautiful detailed guide to the region. It provides a background on the history and sites to be enjoyed. It would complement a more traditional travel guide and road map.

The picture of the "Blue Guide: The Marche" on does not match the ISBN number (0393328880) and may be an earlier edition (though the description calls out 2006 as the copyright). The (as far as I can tell) current edition (2006) is the "Blue Guide: The Marche & San Marino". There is probably little content difference other than the addition of San Marino. That said, the book contains most definitely useful information and, as someone else noted, the available travel guides for Le Marche are somewhat scarce. The author's writing style takes some adjustment and, as noted, to me seems rather wordy. Following each major section is a "Practical Information" heading listing accommodations of various types, restaurants, cafes, festivals, and local products. This is certainly useful. The most major failing of the book from my standpoint is the lack of maps. There are a few, but inclusion of maps concerning each major section would be most welcome. You will find that having the TCI 1:200,000 "Umbria e Marche" (or equivalent) map handy will be a bonus. All told, the book is certainly worth having, but the TCI "The Marche" (ISBN 88-365-4136-4) is an excellent companion.

I'm just back from 10 days in Le Marche. It's such a beautiful region, though largely ignored by

tourists and guidebooks. I was lucky to have friends who recently purchased a home in the region and have been traveling there for years. This was the first time they had seen a guidebook for Le Marche, and they were impressed by the specific information on all the little towns that dot the mountain tops there. In fact, they liked it so much that I left it at the house for them and their future visitors to enjoy. I might even buy another one to have to plan my next trip there!

My husband is from Marche, and we have made numerous trips there. This is a great travel guide of the province. I am enjoying reading it and sharing it with my extended family.

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