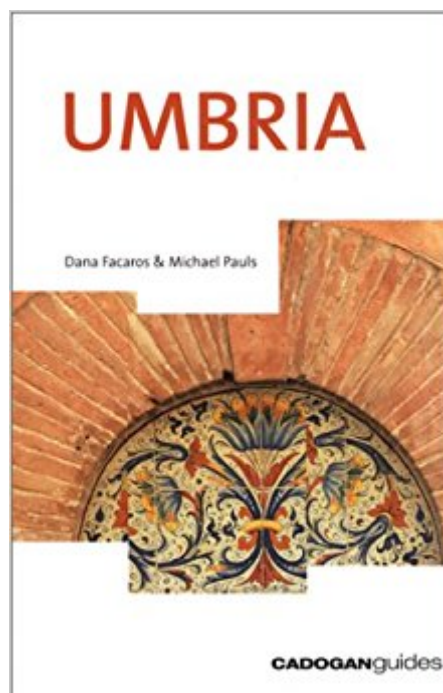


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# Umbria, 2nd



## Synopsis

Umbria is called the "green heart of Italy". Not as famous as neighboring Tuscany, its timeless charms attract loyal visitors year after year, drawn to a bewitching, beautiful, unspoilt region. Having lived in Umbria for three years, Cadogan's Italy experts Dana Facaros and Michael Pauls take visitors to the heart of the region showcasing, magnificent Assisi--the home of St. Francis, Gubbio--a medieval gem that's said to rival Siena, and the extraordinary Renaissance treasures of Spoleto. Explore the festivals and traditions of Perugia and Orvieto along the Tiber Valley, taking in fine wines and the best olive oil in the world on the way. Fully revised to include more maps and eye-catching color photography, it also features updated, detailed listings of markets, vineyards, hotels, and restaurants--all serving the hearty traditional food Umbria is renowned for.

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"The Cadogan series of guidebooks is superb--comprehensive, intelligent, practical, and well-written"--Washington Times "Passionate and packed with good info"--National Geographic Traveler

Gentle Umbria, the mystical birthplace of St Francis, would seem remarkably familiar to him now - olives and vineyards carpeted in wild flowers; pink granite farmhouses; the lush Tiber valley, Apennine forests and glassy Lake Trasimeno where he preached to the birds; and the beautiful hill

towns of Gubbio, Perugia, Spoleto, Orvieto, Todi, and his own native Assisi. Cadogan's thoroughly researched guide will make sure you don't miss a beat in Italy's "Green Heart", whether you seek the masterpieces of the Umbrian school of painting, the landscapes of Perugino, or simply the best place to tuck into a dish of homemade cirioli with truffles. This guide includes practical travel advice; over 150 hand-picked places to stay; over 90 restaurants, bars & cafes; 18 maps & site plans; stunning color photography and touring map sections; essential information on art galleries, vineyards and local festivals. (5 1/2 x 8 1/2, 284 pages, color photos, maps, illustrations), markets and scenic touring routes. (5 3/4 x 8 1/4, 256 pages, maps, illustrations)

We had a house rented in Umbria and seven days to fill. This was the right book. The book had lists, which I liked. As in "Umbria's top 10 things to see" and we knocked off nine of them. You can only look at so many frescoes and I liked the anecdotes on the history of inter-town strifes. The only improvement I might make was more detailed road maps. We had a car with a GPS but I didn't figure out how to work it until the end. You can make a lot of wrong turns in Umbria, even though I like the rotary system. The best praise I can give is that I would look for the Cadogan book on any next area we go to.

We bought this guide, along with a few others for a recent rip to Italy. Looking back on the trip, we used this one extensively while in Umbria so I'd have to say it was very useful. Coverage on what to see and do in various cities and small towns was excellent. Coverage on where to stay and what to eat was minimal, though. Overall, a useful focused guide for this beautiful region of Italy.

This guide provides a nice overview of many cities and towns in Umbria. It is well written, but does not provide maps or images. I see it as a secondary guide. It was helpful during our recent 2 week trip in Umbria, but we only used it occasionally.

Excellent book...we are guiding a cycling trip in Umbria next summer and this book is so informative...a great resource.

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