



2018 LT&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WORKSHOP "TOURISM, WOLF MANAGEMENT AND NATIONAL PARKS"

EXCURSIONS INTO THE MAIELLA NATIONAL PARK AND ABRUZZO NATIONAL PARK

MAY,
25-31
2018



Day 1 (25/05/2018)

Upon arrival at Rome international airport transfer of the Members to Caramanico, in the heart of the Majella National Park (drive transfer). On arrival check into the hotel. Overnight stay at the Wolf's House Guesthouse (<https://www.majambiente.it/Casa-del-Lupo-foresteria-del-Parco-1.htm>). Dinner in a typical and charming central Italian restaurant.

Day 2 (26/05/2018)

Morning: Meeting with Italian Experts and LT&C Board Member Meeting. Lunch.
Afternoon: Workshop: "Tourism, Wolf Management and National Parks". Overnight stay at the Wolf's House Guesthouse. Dinner in a typical and charming central Italian restaurant.

Day 3-4-5 (27-28-29/05/2018)

Full day drive/walking safari and activities within the park. Botanical Gardens, Museums, Wildlife areas and the stunning and diverse landscapes of the Park, from the impressive high altitude plateau (the stronghold for the Apennine Chamois) to the meadows and shaded forest valleys. Sunrise, sunset and nocturnal birding and mammal watching activities available upon request. Overnight stay at the Wolf's House Guesthouse (for days 3-4). Dinner in a typical and charming central Italian restaurant.

Day 5 (29/05/2018 – afternoon)

Land transfer to Rome International Airport to board the flight for onward destination.
For LT&C Members extending the trip to Abruzzo, Lazio e Molise National Park (PNALM): land transfer to Villetta Barrea. Overnight stay at hotel in Pescasseroli. Dinner in a typical and charming central Italian restaurant.

Day 6 (30/05/2018)

Full day drive/walking safari and activities within the park for wildlife (mammals and birds) sightings within one of the most preserved and pristine natural environment in Italy. This huge wilderness is of vital importance to rare and endangered mammals, such as the Italian Wolf, Marsican Brown Bear and Wild cat. Sunrise, sunset and nocturnal birding and mammal watching activities available upon request. Overnight stay at the Cicerana Refuge (www.ecotur.org/en/refuge_cicerana.shtml).

Day 7 (31/05/2018)

Morning wildlife watching excursion (or visit to Visitor Centers and Wildlife Areas). Lunch and land transfer to Rome International Airport to board the flight for onward destination.





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Dr. Antonio Antonucci (Wildlife manager, Majella National Park)

Dr. Duccio Berzi (Canis lupus NPO)

Dr. Marco Galaverni (WWF Italy, Species and Habitat)

Dr. Andrea Gennai (Science and Research Division, Abruzzo, Lazio e Molise National Park, AIDAP)

Dr.ssa Roberta Latini (Science and Research Division, Abruzzo, Lazio e Molise National Park)

Dr.ssa Daniela D’Amico (Promotion and Marketing Division, Abruzzo, Lazio e Molise National Park)

Dr. Paolo Iannicca (Local tour operator and guide, Ecotur)

Moderator: Dr. Davide Palumbo (Wildlife and Ecotourism Manager, Biosfera Itinerari)



FIELD EXCURSIONS: HIGHLIGHTS

All the excursions cover the most spectacular and fascinating areas of the two National Parks, and are suitable for anyone.

Some may run on flat and graveled ground with little elevation change but the majority of them have some rough terrain and modest elevation change.

Majella National Park

Orta Valley: the most fascinating canyon of the park, with typical Mediterranean flora and Neolithic caves.

Majella high altitudes: a desolate landscapes formed by the erosion process of the old glaciers: moraines, snow-covered little valleys, scree slopes, plateaus and an environment similar to the northern European tundra. The reign of the Apennine Chamois.

Lama Bianca: Located on the western slope of Majella, it represents one of the most important beech wood of timber trees in Abruzzi, where the Marsican brown bear, the wolf and the rare goshawk live.

Orfento Valley: a real paradise for biodiversity, a lush valley with an exceptional abundance of water that houses the rare European otter.

Abruzzo National Park

Val Fondillo: one of the most beautiful valley in the park, used for centuries by shepherds and pilgrims, featuring pristine watercourses, stunning beech woods and house of the Marsican brown bear.

Val di Rose: surrounded by wonderful rocky walls and huge scree, this trail is a must for Apennine Chamois sightings. A trail starting in the wood and ending in front of a wonderful rocky amphitheater.

Barrea- Lago Vivo: a trail crossing the beech wood of Valle dell’Inferno, climbing up the morain of an ancient glacier towards the enchanted basin of the Lago Vivo, a real cradle of biodiversity.

Price: 790 euro (for the extended program), 640 euro (for the short program). The price is based on 20 pax.

The price includes: full board accommodation, all the activities in both parks, guidance from Naturalists and Biologists, all taxes imposed by government authorities and Park entry fees, private vehicle for safaris and within Park transfers.

Not included: international flight and airport taxes, transfer from/to Rome International Airport, alcoholic beverages and soft drinks, cancelling and travel insurance, voluntary activities and service tips, and in general everything not mentioned in section “The price includes”.

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