

PATH OF THE PASSI AZZURRI

Description of the stages

Stage n. 1 - 27/08/2019

Camporotondo di Fiastrone – Cessapalombo - Sarnano

Distance

Km 21,00

Duration

5h – 6h

Difference in altitude of the rise

630m

Difference in altitude of the slope

420m

Description

We will go from Camporotondo di Fiastrone towards the South, walking along the borders of the Parco Nazionale and it will be possible to make some deviations towards the paths of Monti Sibillini.

We will arrive to Cessapalombo through beautiful secondary roads, then we will run down toward Pian di Pieca, where the Fiume Fiastrone flows and there is the Strada Statale 78, then we will penetrate again in the countryside of Marche region and along rising and sloping ruts we will arrive in Sarnano, a small town located in the East slopes of the Sibillini, which can be admired from the Piazza Alta.

Stage n. 2 - 28/08/2019

Sarnano – Monte San Martino

Distance

Km 19,25

Duration

4h 30' – 5h 30'

Difference in altitude of the rise

520m

Difference in altitude of the slope

480m

Description

From Sarnano at the beginning we will walk along the main road, then we will go along a series of secondary roads, many of whom are unpaved, where there are many farmhouses, and we will arrive in the medieval village of Monte San Martino, located upon a hill where it is possible to overlook the lake of San Ruffino, the city of Amandola and all the hills on the South up to the sea.

Tappa n. 3 - 29/08/2019

Monte San Martino – Penna San Giovanni – Sant'Angelo in Pontano

Distance

Km 19,20

Duration

5h – 6h

Difference in altitude of the rise

640m

Difference in altitude of the slope

740m

Description

We will descend from the promontory of Monte San Martino and then we will come up to Penna San Giovanni, a town located on a cliff, following the main road. The suggestion, once arrived, is to climb up the Monte della Penna in order to overlook and amazing view from the Monte Conero to the Monti Sibillini and Gran Sasso.

From here we will descend and we will move towards North direction, arriving in Sant'Angelo in Pontano, where along the Fiume Salino it is possible to deviate towards the so called Percorsi d'Acqua.

Stage n. 4 - 30/08/2019

Sant'Angelo in Pontano – Gualdo – San Ginesio

Distance

Km 18,50

Duration

5h 30' – 6h 30'

Difference in altitude of the rise

770m

Difference in altitude of the slope

570m

Description

From Sant'Angelo in Pontano we will go on penetrating again in the territory of the Comunità Montana dei Monti Azzurri, passing through woods and cultivated fields. We will arrive in the Gualdo promontory and then we will go on towards North in order to reach San Ginesio. From San Ginesio, that is a small town on a promontory, we can see the last part of the path.

Stage n. 5 - 31/08/2019

San Ginesio – Ripe San Ginesio – Colmurano

Distance

Km 14,10

Duration

3h 30' – 4h 30'

Difference in altitude of the rise

390m

Difference in altitude of the slope

650m

Description

From San Ginesio we will move towards the sea, towards the East, passing through small unpaved roads. We will then arrive in Ripe San Ginesio, another small town and from here we will descend towards Colmurano.

Stage n. 6 - 01/09/2019

Colmurano – Loro Piceno – Abbadia di Fiastra

Distance

Km 22,14

Duration

4h 30' – 5h

Difference in altitude of the rise

270m

Difference in altitude of the slope

500m

Description

From Camurano we will go towards Loro Piceno (East direction), an amazing small town when we will admire the historical walls. From here we will descend passing through the archeological park Urbs Salvia and we will run along the Fiastrone river, then we will arrive in the Riserva Naturale dell'Abbadia di Fiastra, where we will have a walk in the Selva wood.

Stage n. 7 - 02/09/2019

Abbadia di Fiastra – Tolentino

Distance

Km 14,65

Duration

3h – 4h

Difference in altitude of the rise

220m

Difference in altitude of the slope

180m

Description

We will leave the Abbadia di Fiastra and we will climb up the hills towards West, following the ridge between Valle del Fiastrone and Valle del Chienti. During this path there will be an amazing view. We will move gradually close to the main roads, that nevertheless we will avoid, as we will walk in cycle paths and secondary roads. At the end we will arrive in Tolentino, passing through the Ponte del Diavolo.

Stage n. 8 - 03/09/2019
Tolentino – Serrapetrona

Distance

Km 12,65

Duration

3h – 3h 30'

Difference in altitude of the rise

500m

Difference in altitude of the slope

270m

Description

Leaving from Piazza della Libertà, we will leave Tolentino and we will go towards West passing through hills and moving away from the chaos of the main roads.

Halfway we will start to climb up towards Serrapetrona passing through chestnut woods and on the background we will see the Monte d'Aria.

Stage n. 9 - 04/09/2019
Serrapetrona – Belforte del Chienti - Caldarola – Camporotondo di Fiastrone

Distance

Km 18,80

Duration

4h 30' – 5h 30'

Difference in altitude of the rise

500m

Difference in altitude of the slope

650m

Description

From Serrapetrona we will go towards Belforte del Chienti passing through a beautiful road surrounded by woods. Once arrived there, we will overlook the amazing panorama of the mountain chain of Parco Nazionale dei Monti Sibillini and the following path towards the Cammino dei Passi Azzurri.

We will go on towards South, we will reach the Caccamo lake, then Caldarola, and finally we will climb up again toward Camporotondo di Fiastrone, that signs the northern boundary of the park. From there it will be possible to walk through some of the main paths of the slope.