

# Educational Retreats in Italy

*Where professional development and authentic local experiences converge to create a dynamic cultural exchange*



## ***Learning Together in a Special Place: Perspectives on Leadership***

**Mercatello sul Metauro, Italy  
June 2017**

**Organized by Angela Ferrario  
International Study Tours, LLC**

### **2017 Educational Retreats**

Professional development for small groups of educational leaders, complemented by sightseeing excursions and encounters with local artisans and townspeople, taking you inside village life. The charming town of Mercatello sul Metauro, with a population of 1500, is located in the Marche region in east-central Italy. In the 3rd year of this series, two programs are being offered. [Arrival & Departure](#)

Series Organizer: Angela Ferrario is Manager of International Study Tours, LLC, which she established in 2005 for the creation of educational travel initiatives in collaboration with U.S. and International colleagues. [About Angela](#)

**June 17 - 22**

## **Early Childhood Leadership: Strategies to Ignite Passion and Possibilities** [More Information](#)

**Facilitator:** Susan MacDonald, Founder of Inspiring New Perspectives, Waltham, MA, [www.inspiringnewperspectives.com](http://www.inspiringnewperspectives.com) and author of recently published, *Inspiring Early Childhood Leadership: Eight Strategies to Ignite Passion and Transform Program Quality*  
<https://www.gryphonhouse.com/books/details/inspiring-early-childhood-leadership>

**June 24 - 29**

**Expanding Our Leadership Capabilities Through Collaboration, Exploration and Reflection**  
[More Information](#)

**Facilitators:** Raymond Isola, Program Director for Green Schoolyards America Principals' Institute and Jim Cummins, Professor Emeritus at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, co-authors of soon to be published, *Shared Leadership and Urban Education Reform: The Story of Sanchez School*  
<http://isolaleadership.com/>

## **Palazzo Donati**

Our accommodations overlook Mercatello's main square where we will have exclusive occupancy at Palazzo Donati, a family owned historic residence with modern amenities. [www.lemarcheholidayvilla.com](http://www.lemarcheholidayvilla.com)

## **Local Partners**

Access to local places, artisans and regional cuisine is possible through a partnership with Nicoletta Amicizia, resident and tour guide along with local expert Luisa Donati, whose family owns Palazzo Donati. They are available to make sure our days run smoothly while introducing us to everyday life of the town and the surrounding area's hidden treasures. [Daily Itinerary](#)

## **Learning becomes a travel journey where:**

- Sharing ideas, challenges and experience is encouraged
- Synchronicity with the environment brings energy to the dialogue
- Leisure time interweaves with physical activity
- Collaborative engagement engenders new friendships and collegial relationships

## **Educational travel for:**

- Emerging to seasoned leaders, who work or have worked in the field of education
- Travelers who appreciate the slower rhythm of small Italian towns



June 2016 group

QUOTES from past participants . . .

*"I want to thank all of you for the connections we made!!"*

*"I wouldn't be the educator/ administrator/ human I am today without the serendipitous life lessons you facilitated during our time together in Mercatello."*

*"I am deeply grateful to all of you for all I have received - for being open to the experiences and giving so much of yourselves to our retreat. The whole is clearly more than the sum of its parts."*

*"I would like to join the chorus in praise of the wonderful people, setting, food and wine that enhanced our learning together in a special place."*

## Join us!

Small group size - limited spaces.  
Reserve your space now by sending  
Registration Form and Deposit.

**Cost: US\$1,975 per program**  
Based on shared accommodations  
in double rooms. Single room  
supplement available.

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Palazzo Donati outdoor garden area

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