



ITALY

# Winter Wolf Tracking in Italy's Apennines



# TRACKING WOLVES IN THE MOUNTAINS

The wolf is an **extraordinary, intelligent and adaptable predator**, that is able to travel through long distances and to survive in hostile environments and with scarce food resources. Less than 100 wolves survived in the central-southern Apennines around the end of the 1960s. Since then, the wolf has slowly expanded its area through a spontaneous recolonization process. Nowadays, seven or eight packs of wolves are living in the territory of the Abruzzo National Park.

During this three-day experience we will explore the extraordinary social life of wolf, following the paths and the valleys of the Park, participating also in **beautiful evening hikes**. We will discover its role as a predator, its great adaptability to Italian territory, but also the historical and difficult relationship with human beings.

This wild landscape is also home to chamois, deer, the rare Marsican brown bear and golden eagles. As well as welcoming people and its rustic villages.

With an expert local guide, you'll **learn about its important role as a predator**, its mastery of the Italian interior, along with the historical and sometimes challenging relationship with humans here.



# SHORT PROGRAMME

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## Day 1

Arrival in Pescasseroli, in the afternoon check in the hotel and introduction of the guide. In the late afternoon, departure for an easy hike until the sunset. Dinner and overnight stay.

## Day 2

Sunrise hike along the southern slope of the mountain. Historically, this area has been frequented by wolves. Packed lunch and transfer to Civitella Alfedena, visit to the Apennine Wolf Museum. Afternoon time at the hotel. Evening hike to try to hear the howling of wolves. Return to the hotel during the night using torches; dinner based on local products and overnight stay.

## Day 3

At dawn, you will enjoy the beautiful scenery of Pianoro Le Forme, at the foot of Mount Meta and of the Mainarde mountain range. There will be a hike until Passo dei Monaci to try to spot deers and chamoises. In the afternoon return to the valley, a cup of hot chocolate, a tasting of local products and departure of travellers.



# DETAILS

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3 days/2 nights - an extra day and night are option when you book a private tour

**Season:**

November to April (winter)

**Accommodation:**

Two nights in local family-run hotel in a double room

**Guide:**

Umberto, Valeria or Marco

**How to get there:**

Closest airports are Rome Fiumicino and Pescara Airport. You can rent a car from the airport for an easy 3 hr drive to the town of Pescasseroli, or request to book a transfer from/to the airport with us. You can also reach Pescasseroli by train (to Avezzano) and bus: [www.tuabruzzo.it](http://www.tuabruzzo.it)

**Languages:**

English, Italian



# PRICES

## **Price Private tour (starting 2 people) - flexible dates**

- 2-3 people: € 595,00 pp (4 days / 3 nights)
- 4-8 people: € 470,00 pp (4 days / 3 nights)
- 2-3 people: € 470,00 pp (3 days / 2 nights)
- 4-8 people: € 295,00 pp (3 days / 2 nights)

## **Scheduled group tour (4-8 people):**

€ 220,00 pp

## **Next trip dates are:**

- 27 November 2020
- 18 December 2020
- 15 January 2021
- 12 February 2021
- 26 February 2021

## **Price includes:**

- Half-board in double rooms with services, support of official nature guide
- Binoculars and Nikon spotting scopes rental
- Use of a thermal camera
- Dinner in restaurants and bivouac
- Internal transfers

## **The cost does not include:**

- Lunches or packed lunch and anything not mentioned
- Transfer from and to Rome Fiumicino or Pescara Airport
- Flights



# OUR RESPONSIBILITY

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Rewilding Europe Levy: 5% of your booking sum goes to the local Rewilding Europe organization.

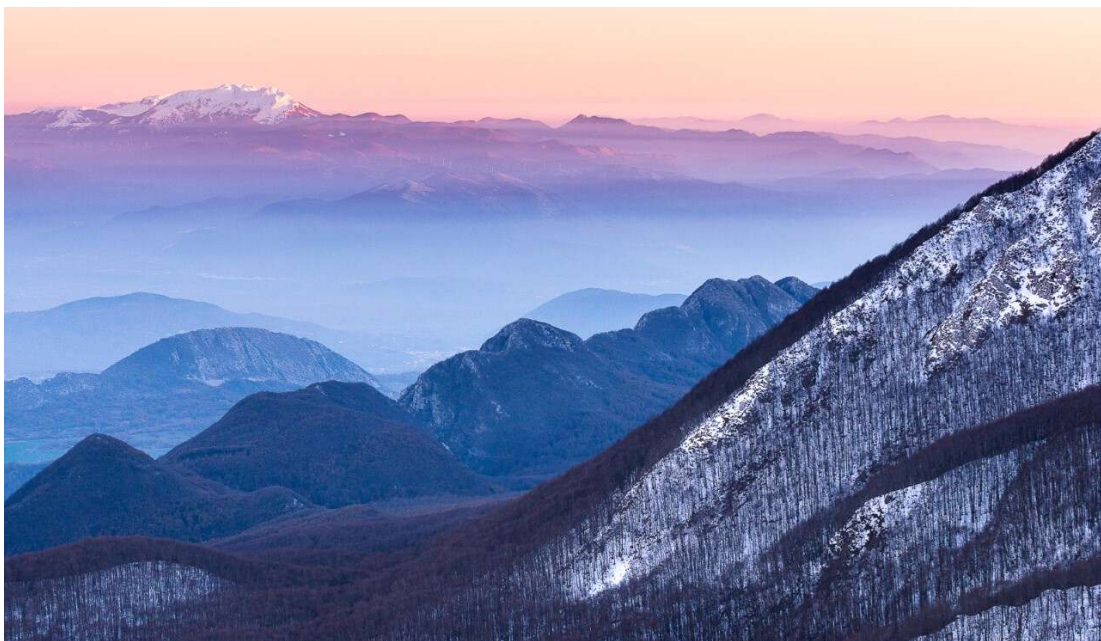
In the Central Apennines rewilding area Rewilding Europe is working with local partners to develop large **“coexistence corridors”** by connecting the local economy with wilder nature in five corridors collectively covering more than 40,000 hectares

By reducing the damage caused by such wildlife, and by allowing communities to benefit from it, people living here will become ambassadors for the area's wild nature.

Rewilding Europe is **working with local partners** to reduce bear mortality and conflict by installing traffic accident prevention measures, removing old fencing, restoring and improving signage, and distributing new mobile electric fences.

By **working to establish a vibrant nature-based economy** in the Central Apennines rewilding area, Rewilding Europe is providing local communities with an economic incentive to protect such wildlife.

**[Read more about our work in the Central Apennines here](#)**



# WHAT TO BRING

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We recommend you to dress in layers.

## CHECKLIST

- Hiking shoes
- Sun hat
- Water bottle
- day pack
- Long pants
- Hat and wool gloves
- Jacket
- Raincoat or poncho
- Sun protection cream
- Non-smelling mosquito repellent.
- Personal toiletries/medicines and ...
- a **sense of adventure!**



