

ROME – FRIDAY, AUGUST 31st through SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd



PROGRAM

The Eternal City is only 1,5 hour away from Florence. Why miss the opportunity to visit this amazing open-air museum?

1nd DAY – Friday, August 31st, 2018

Departure right after the closing ceremony of the Congress, participants will travel on their own. Please contact the Organizing Secretariat if you need assistance in booking a train ticket.

A hostess will collect participants at 7:00 pm at the hotel (Starhotels Metropole****) and walk with them to the nearby **Mercato Centrale**, a market located in a former piano store dating back to the 1930s and completely remodeled. Participants will enjoy the typical Italian delicacies in a fun and relaxing atmosphere.

2nd DAY – Saturday, September 1st, 2018

Meeting point at the hotel at 9:30 am. Participants will be collected by our guide and will be transferred by private bus to the world-famous **Vatican Museums**.

They display works from the immense collection built up by the Popes throughout the centuries including some of the most renowned classical sculptures and most important masterpieces of Renaissance art in the world. Participants will also admire the breathtaking **Sistine Chapel**, with its magnificent ceiling painted by Michelangelo.

The tour includes the stunning **St. Peter's Basilica**, an Italian Renaissance masterpiece in Vatican City, the papal enclave within the city of Rome. Designed principally by Donato Bramante, Michelangelo and Gian Lorenzo Bernini, St. Peter's is the most renowned work of Renaissance architecture and one of the largest churches in the world.

Participants will then enjoy lunch in a typical Roman *trattoria*, located a few steps away from **Piazza Navona**, with the famous Fountain of the Four Rivers by Gianlorenzo Bernini and from the **Pantheon**, the temple of ancient Rome dedicated to all of the Olympian gods. If you would like to be ensured to return to the Eternal City, throw a coin into the **Fontana di Trevi**, as the legend says! A private bus will be available in the vicinity of the fountain as of 5:00 pm to collect participants who wish to return to the hotel.

Evening at leisure.

3rd DAY – Sunday, September 2nd, 2018

Meeting point at the hotel at 9:30 am. Participants will be collected by our guide and will be transferred by private bus to Rome's most famous landmarks: the **Colosseum** and the **Imperial Fora**, center of the ancient Roman Republic and Roman Empire. Our guide will accompany you on a travel back in time to breathe in the atmosphere of ancient Rome, walking through civic buildings, sacred buildings and monuments, and to admire the most famous and largest

amphitheatre ever built. After the guided tour you can either return to the hotel by bus or continue visiting the Fora at leisure.

Please note that you can extend the stay in Rome if you wish. For more info please contact the Organizing Secretariat.

Price EUR 610,00 per person

The price includes :

2 nights in double room in a 4-star hotel (city tax not included, to be paid directly upon checkout) - English speaking guide - Insurance – Headsets – 1 dinner on August 31st – 1 lunch on September 1st - Private transfer by luxury coach
Museum entrance tickets with advanced booking fee (you will skip the general entry line)

Please note that a minimum of 12 participants is required. In case of tour cancellation you will be refunded prior to the event.