

Social Activities

A **Welcome Cocktail** will be offered to all Conference participants in the evening of Monday 19th in the Chiostro of the Conference Centre.

The **Conference Dinner** will be held on Thursday 22nd. The restaurant is being selected, but we are aiming at a nice open location (weather permitting) allowing us to enjoy Rome's wonderfully fresh Fall's evenings. The Dinner is not included in the registration fee and will carry an additional cost of €50 for each participant and additional guest.

Due to the large number of contributions received the structure of the Conference program had to be modified; the Conference will end on Friday 23rd around 3-4PM, but the free afternoon originally planned for Wednesday 21st had to be cancelled. As a result of that the two guided tour options to "Villa Adriana" and "Ostia Antica" are no longer viable as they require half day at least as they require a out-of-city transfer.

However, the two planned guided tours to the Roman Forum and the Vatican Museums have been moved to the evening. the detailed schedule and info follows. More details will be available in the coming days with direct links to the tour operator website. Please note that the cost of the tours is not included in the fee and will have to be settled directly with the our operator; a tour operator representative will be available at a dedicated desk in the MW2011 registration area on Monday 19th.

Wednesday 21st - ANCIENT ROME - EVENING WALKING TOUR

Colosseum, Roman Forum, Capitoline Hill, Imperial Fora.

Starting time 8.30 PM, duration about 2 hours.

Tour of the archaeological heart of the ancient Rome the beautiful night atmosphere: starting from the Amphiteatrum Flavium, better known as the Coliseum, in which thousands cruel fights between beasts and slaves took place, we will then admire the majesty of the triumphal Arch of the Emperor Constantine. Nearby this arch, the Roman Forum is a journey into ancient roman history: from the early seven Kings to the Late Empire every man who ruled Rome left a reminder of himself in Rome's main public square. The visit goes on to Forum of Trajan, with the large square, the public mall, the huge Column with the bas-reliefs of the Emperor's Battles, then the public Fora built by Julius Caesar, Augustus and Nerva. At the end you'll enjoy the breathtaking view from Capitoline Hill, the main of the seven hills of Rome, where Michelangelo designed in the Renaissance a monumental square built upon the ancient roman ruins.

The Colosseum and the Forum are normally shut at night, but well lighted up, hence we will have the chance to enjoy the most out of our visit without entering inside the monuments.

Price per person euros 14,00 including headsets.

Friday 23rd - VATICAN MUSEUMS - SISTINE CHAPEL -GUIDED TOUR EVENING WALKING TOUR

Starting time 7:45PM

A unique chance of an afterhour tour of the Vatican Museums: we enter the Pinecone Courtyard, crossing the collection of greek and roman sculpture, admiring the famous statue of Apollus, the Laocoon and the Belvedere Torso, the statues of animals, the Coffins of St. Helen and St. Constance, the Galleries of Tapestries and the frescoed Maps of all Italy painted in 1585. The Rooms painted by Raphael and his pupils, ending with the amazing Michelangelo's Sixtine Chapel.

Price per person euros 36,00 including headsets.

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