

SUMMER 2015 FLORENCE PROGRAM

Michelangelo and His Revolutionary Legacy: Exploring the Path of Del Sarto, Pontormo, and Rosso Fiorentino

Thursday, June 11th through Monday, June 15th

PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

(as of January 2015)

Program Costs:

- Program Fee: \$4,000 per person (not tax deductible)
- Charitable Contribution: \$2,500 per person (100% tax deductible)

Historians:

- William Wallace, Ph.D. Barbara Murphy Bryant Distinguished Professor of Art History, Washington University in St. Louis
- William Cook, Ph.D. Distinguished Teaching Professor of History, SUNY Geneseo (Emeritus)

For additional program and cost details, please see the "Reservation Form," "Terms and Conditions," and "Hotel Lungarno Reservation Form"

Thursday, June 11th

- ♦ Afternoon Welcome Lecture by historians Bill Wallace and Bill Cook, followed by private visits to the Medici Chapels.
- Dinner in an historic landmark of the city.

Friday, June 12th

- Special visit to the church of Santa Felicità to view the extraordinary Pontormo masterpieces, then follow the path across Florence of a selection of frescoes from the Last Supper cycle. The morning will end with a viewing of the Last Supper by Andrea del Sarto in San Salvi.
- Lunch will be enjoyed on the hillsides of Florence.
- Later-afternoon private visit to the Bargello Museum, followed by cocktails and dinner in a private palace.

Saturday, June 13th

- Morning departure via fast train to Rome.
- ♦ View Michelangelo's *Moses* and *Risen Christ*, followed by lunch.
- Private visit to the magnificent Palazzo Colonna to view their collection of works by Pontormo, Ridolfo da Ghirlandaio, and other artists.
- ♦ Later afternoon private visit to the Vatican to view the unique masterpieces by Michelangelo in both the Pauline Chapel and the Sistine Chapel, kindly arranged by the Papal offices and the Director of the Vatican Museums.
- Return to Florence via evening train followed by an informal dinner in a Florentine trattoria.

Sunday, June 14th

- Visit the Medici villa of Poggio a Caiano, then travel to Carmignano to see the fascinating *Visitation* by Pontormo, recently restored.
- ♦ Lunch at Da Delfina, followed by a scenic drive to Volterra to view Rosso Fiorentino's *Deposition*.
- ♦ Visit Badia a Passignano to view the current Friends of Florence major restoration project of Ghirlandaio's *Last Supper* and enjoy a wine tasting dinner in the vineyards and olive groves of this exceptional abbey.

Monday, June 15th

- Morning visit to the Chiostro dell Scalzo, followed by a viewing of the Cloister of the Vows, one of the current major restoration projects by Friends of Florence, in the Church of SS Annunziata.
- Private visit to the Uffizi Gallery to follow the artistic path running from Michelangelo's Doni Tondo to the works of Del Sarto and Pontormo. We will also view the Gallery's Botticelli collection - the Botticelli room is currently being renovated/restored as another of Friends of Florence's major projects.
- Lunch in a private palace.
- ♦ Later afternoon private visit to the Accademia Gallery, followed by cocktails and dinner in this extraordinary venue amidst Michelangelo's *David* and *Slaves* and masterpieces by Pontormo and Andrea del Sarto.

Tuesday, June 16th

Departures.