



FRIENDS OF FLORENCE

**Leonardo's World:**  
*Intellect, Imagination and Creativity*  
October 20th to October 26th 2018

**Friends of Florence** is planning a special travel program to celebrate Leonardo da Vinci's genius following upon the August 2017 Aspen Conference. Our itinerary will follow Leonardo from Florence to Milano and Paris as we learn about the development of Leonardo's artistic focus and his lifetime of discovery and analysis.

This fascinating program, accompanied by expert historians, will commence in Florence on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and conclude in Paris on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The number of participants is limited to 35 guests, plus the historians.

The program fee includes Milano and Paris hotels, train travel from Florence to Milano, air transfer from Milano to Paris, and ground transfers throughout the program. Travel to Florence and the hotel stay in Florence are the responsibility of the program participant. Departure from Paris is likewise the responsibility of the program participant. Trip reservations and fees will be processed by Friends of Florence.

**Hotels:**

Friends of Florence has reserved a block of rooms in Florence. Participants should contact the hotel, reserve a room from the block, and pay for these rooms and any expenses directly. The St. Regis and the Westin Excelsior Hotel are the hotels reserved. Please contact Sandra Bagni at [Sandra.Bagni@marriott.com](mailto:Sandra.Bagni@marriott.com) and refer to the October 2018 Friends of Florence Leonardo Program to reserve rooms. Most participants choose to arrive a day or two earlier in Florence. The hotels in Milano and Paris are included in the program cost.

**Program Cost:**

The per person program cost is \$9,500. A non-refundable deposit of \$4,000/p is payable with registration. The balance is due no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Cancellation fees will apply and will be fully described in *Terms & Conditions* when posted to the Friends of Florence website.

**Resources:**

Ross King, PhD, Gary Radke, PhD, and Bill Cook, PhD will accompany the program throughout. Other expert historians, depending on the location and specific topic, may join the group for a lecture.



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**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**  
(As of January 2018 and subject to change)

**Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Overview lecture in the early afternoon followed by visits to sites related to Leonardo da Vinci.

Dinner in a private palace of a Friends of Florence Trustee

**Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Visit to the Bargello Museum to view works by Verrocchio, Leonardo's maestro, and other artists and sites.

Visit Palazzo Vecchio to explore Leonardo's lost "Battle of Anghiari."

Dinner in a private palace.

**Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Private visits of the Uffizi Drawing Collection to view several sublime drawings by Leonardo and to the Uffizi Gallery to view works by Leonardo and other artists

Later afternoon, transfer to Milano by high-speed train

Check in to the Hotel Principe di Savoia in Milano  
(the cost for this hotel will be included in the overall program cost).

Private visit to Leonardo's Cenacolo with the *Last Supper*

Dinner in Milano

**Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Visit to the Biblioteca Ambrosiana

Visit to the Castello Sforzesco and the restoration of Leonardo's Sala dell'Asse with a lecture during the day

Dinner in Milano

**Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Morning: transfer to Paris and check into the Hotel Le Meurice in Paris  
*(the cost for this hotel will be included in the overall program cost)*

Visits to various sites related to Leonardo and his work

Dinner at a Parisian landmark

**Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Morning itinerary in Paris with luncheon during the day

Later afternoon private visit to the Louvre and other sites

Final Celebratory dinner in Paris

**Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Departures