



FRIENDS of FLORENCE

SPRING 2013 FLORENCE PROGRAM

Michelangelo: The Artist, the Man and his Times

Thursday, May 16th through Tuesday, May 21st

PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

(as of December 2012)

- This program will begin in Rome and conclude in Florence.
- Payment for direct program costs in the amount of \$3,800 per person and a tax-deductible contribution of \$2,500 per person are required to register.
- In Rome (May 16th, 17th, & 18th), a block of rooms is being held at the **Hotel St. Regis** (Via V.E. Orlando 3; 00185 Roma) at a special rate: Superior/Deluxe Double room is Euro 370; Superior/Deluxe Double room for single use is Euro 350; Imperial Double room is Euro 450; Imperial Double room for single use is Euro 430 (All rates are per night; buffet breakfast included; 10% VAT and city tax of Euro 3 per person per night to be added). **Please complete and return the attached Hotel Reservation Form to the hotel's events operation office via fax to 39.06.4709.2828 no later than January 31st.** Our contact at the hotel is Roberta Frasca: telephone - 39.06.4709.2711; email - roberta.frasca@starwoodhotels.com.
- In Florence (May 19th & 20th), guests are encouraged to make their sleeping room reservations at **The Hotel St. Regis** (Piazza Ognissanti, 1; 50123 Firenze) where a block of rooms is being held at a special rate: Double room is Euro 450; Double room for single use is Euro 410; Supplements are: Arno River view - Euro 80; Premium Deluxe room - Euro 70; Junior Suite with Arno view is Euro 1,200; Grand Deluxe Suite is Euro 2,300 (All rates are per night; buffet breakfast included; 10% VAT and city tax of Euro 5 per person per night to be added). Please ask for Sandra Bagni: telephone - 39.055.2716.3723; email - sandra.bagni@starwoodhotels.com or Chiara Ermini: telephone - 39.055.2716.3703; email - chiara.ermi@starwoodhotels.com and mention 'Friends of Florence Program' when making your reservation.

Thursday, May 16th

- ◆ 5:00 PM - Welcome session at the Hotel St. Regis, Rome and lecture by Dr. William Wallace, followed by a discussion with Dr. Bill Cook and Dr. William Wallace.
- ◆ Cocktails and Dinner in a historic Roman venue.

Friday, May 17th

- ◆ Morning visit to see Michelangelo's design of the Campidoglio and special artworks in the Capitoline Museums, followed by a visit to view S Pietro in Vincoli.
- ◆ Lunch and visit to the Santa Maria Sopra Minerva and S Maria degli Angeli churches, focusing on Michelangelo's contributions to each site.
- ◆ Dinner in a private Roman palace.

Saturday, May 18th

- ◆ Morning overview session focused on the Sistine Chapel, followed by a visit to St. Peter's Basilica and lunch.
- ◆ Later-afternoon private visit to the Vatican Galleries and the Sistine Chapel.
- ◆ Dinner in a Roman villa.

Sunday, May 19th

- ◆ Morning departure via train to Florence.
- ◆ Visit to the Casa Buonarrotti followed by lunch.
- ◆ Afternoon check-in to the Hotel St. Regis in Florence.
- ◆ Later-afternoon private visit to the Bargello Museum, followed by cocktails and dinner.

Monday, May 20th

- ◆ Morning overview session at the Hotel St. Regis in Florence, prior to visiting the Medici Tombs and the Laurentian Library, followed by a visit to the SS Annunziata to view the current major restoration project for Friends of Florence, the Chiostrino dei Voti (Cloister of the Vows).
- ◆ Luncheon in a private palace.
- ◆ Private visit to the Uffizi Gallery.
- ◆ Evening private visit to the Accademia Gallery, followed by cocktails and dinner at the feet of Michelangelo's *David* and *Prisoners*.

Tuesday, May 21st

- ◆ Departures.