

### Dear Friends, members of the Director's Council,

In the Summer of 2017 I'll be working in the Museo Egizio in Turin, Italy, the world's second museum for Egyptian antiquities (after Cairo). I want to give you the opportunity to have a look behind the scenes of this wonderful museum. UCLA also has a collaborative project with the architectural historians of the Politecnico di Torino on a 3D Virtual Reality recreation of the Nile Valley before the building of the Aswan High Dam and the move of the Nubian Temples by Unesco. These experts have agreed to give us a tour of the history and architecture of Turin and we'll have access to spaces where no tourists will ever enter, from the Palazzi and Tombs of the Royal Family to the famous Fiat Factory (with a test track on the roof!) which now houses this technical university.

We will then travel to Rome where we'll see more Egyptian art (obelisks!) and will meet our very own Stella Nair, Professor of Art History and in the eternal city for a year because she is the recipient of the prestigious Rome Prize in architecture. Because her specialization is Incas rather than Romans, Stella has found the ideal guide for us in Rome: her Norwegian colleague Line Cecilie Engh is a specialist in Roman history and is writing a book on the secrets of the medieval city. She will give us a new perspective on the famous highlights of the city, but also lead us where no other tour will go. Whether it is your first visit, or you are a Rome veteran, on this unique trip you will find Turin and Rome's hidden jewels and walk paths that are closed to others!

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### **Director's Council Tour Itinerary;**

**June 20**, (Tue) **Arrive Turin** (**D**)- Turin welcome's you to Italy! Meet with your English-speaking tour escort at Turin airport and transfer to the Hotel for four nights (check in available from 3.00pm).

**HOTEL VICTORIA TORINO.** Rest of the day at leisure, take your time to familiarize with the city and local people and prepare to experience the most unforgettable journey of your life! Evening our welcome dinner together.



### June 21, (Wed) - Turin, the Royal City. (B, L)

Turin's history and architecture are closely linked to the Royal House of Savoy, starting in 1562 when Emmanuel-Philibert, Duke of Savoy moved his capital to this city. The residences of the Royal House of the Savoy family in and around Turin together form the largest, multi-site UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Museo Egizio in Turin, which is the focus of our trip, was founded by the Royal Family in 1824 as the first Egyptian Museum



in the world. Even before Napoleon's famous favourite residence of the Ladies of the Royal Court. Visit the Palazzo Carignano, or Palazzo Reale where the Savoy kings held court. See the spire of the Cathedral, before getting up-close to its stern medieval façade behind which the Turin Shroud is kept. The shroud is currently not on display, but the debate still rages as to whether the suggestively stained linen once held the body of Christ or not. We will walk through the Piazza San Carlo, one of the city's most elegant squares that was

once dubbed "Europe's sitting room". After lunch you can go shopping in this elegant neighbourhood, or come with our student-guides to the Lingotto in our bus, a district in Turin named after the Lingotto building constructed as car factory by Fiat. We will go there by Bus and because the building, now houses the engineering department of the Politecnico di Torino we will have special access, including to the test track on the roof (!). The interior has been re-designed by the famous architect Renzo Piano.

We will convene in the late afternoon at the Castello del Valentino, the residence of the French princess Madame Cristina, which houses the classrooms of the architecture department of the Politecnico di Torino. We will enjoy our aperativoin this royal atmosphere and will enjoy an introduction into the building history of Turin.

# June 22, (Thu) - The House of Savoy and Egyptian Antiquities. (B, L)

For those who are interested in architecture, we will visit the Mole Antonelliana, the tallest unreinforced brick construction in the world. Designed by Alessandro Antonelli, the Mole(lit. "massive") was originally conceived as a synagogue, but grew to such an extent in size and costs that the Jewish community withdrew. Since 2000 it houses the Cinema Museum. After lunch we will visit the Museo Egizio, which is at walking distance from the hotel. Christian Greco will assist Willeke, the museum staff for a special tour, including an introduction of the work that the UCLA team (Willeke and six graduate students) are doing in the museum. After the aperativo

you can retreat, or join the museum public for a lecture by Willeke on the Virtual Reality project around the Museum's Temple of Ellisiya.

# June 23, (Fri) - Remembering the Famous. (B, L)

(Bus to Superga) In the morning, we will visit the opulent tombs of the House of Savoy in the crypt of the Basilica of Superga. This church looms high over Turin on a mountain top and is a juxtaposition of remembrance, keeping the memory alive not only of the royal family, but also of the Grande Torino, the football team that perished in 1949 when their airplane crashed into the retaining wall of the Superga.

In the afternoon we will leave by bus for a



special access to Palace of Venaria, outside the city. Paolo Cornaglia, Associate Professor of History of Architecture and an expert on Court's Residences and historical gardens, will do the tour of Venaria. Originally this was a hunting lodge, built in the 17th century, it was turned into barracks during the Napoleonic period. The palace was restored, but the gardens have been re-designed in modern style. The palace now houses the conservation department of the city of Turin, which we hope to visit.





### June 24, (Sat) - Turin to Rome by train (B)

Transfer from Hotel to Station. Travel to Rome by train. Transfer from Station to Hotel. Arrival at Roma Termini. We will be transferred to the **VOI DONNA CAMILLA SAVELLI HOTEL** at the foot of the Gianicolo Hill.

In the evening, welcome drinks and tour at the American Academy in Rome (AAR). Amidst lush gardens at the Gianicolo Hill, AAR welcomes you to Rome with a private tour of their prestigious institution. Enjoy some fine Italian wines while lounging in the gardens and sampling some delicious appetizers prepared by the Academy's famous sustainable food project under the quidance of Alice Waters.

June 25, (Sun) - In Rome we are hosted by Professor Stella Nair and Dr. Line Cecilie Engh. Hidden Marvels of Ancient Rome (B, L)

8.00, our bus will drive us to Forum Romanum(entrance in Via dei Fori Imperiali)

8.30 -11.00: We meet at the entrance to the archaeological site, and wander through the heart of ancient Rome for a general overview of the area and its highlights (guides: LCE, WW, SN)





11.00-12.30: Visit the Houses of Augustus and Livia on the Palatine Hill, usually closed to the public. Savour the splendid wall paintings and experience how the great Emperor Augustus lived with his wife Livia when Rome ruled the world (guide: site archaeologist).

### -- lunch --

12.30-15.00 --lunch break/Self-Guided
Option-- Do-it-yourself midday programme
(Our local guide available to escort one
group of 4 or more guests): While others
eat and rest, energetic travellers can visit
the world's oldest museums, the Capitoline
Museums,dating from the 15th century.
Seated onto ancient ruins on the legendary
Capitoline Hill, the Capitoline Museums
houses the world's most prestigious
collection of Roman statuary as well as
offering breath-taking view of the Forum
area. Grab a light snack, like a tramezzino or
a panino, at the Capitoline Roof Terrace Bar.

### Afternoon:

15.00-16.30: We meet at the entrance to **Domus Aurea**, Emperor Nero's fabled Golden House, for a guided tour of the magnificent ruins and archaeological restorations,



usually closed to the public (guide: site archaeologist).

### **Optional evening walk from Domus Aurea:**

16.30-18.00: An easy walk across the Oppian



Hill to the 5th-century church, **S. Pietro in Vincoli**, housing Michelangelo's celebrated Moses with horns, followed by a pleasant stroll along the Imperial Forums (guide: LCE). Our bus will bring us back to the hotel.

June 26, (Mon) - Collapse, catastrophe, and transformation: the Christianization of Rome. (B, L)

# Optional morning walk from the Lateran to S. Clemente:

7.45: Bus will drop us from hotel to the Lateran (side entrance with obelisk)

8.15-9.15: We meet at the Lateran obelisk next to the world's oldest baptistery, built by Emperor Constantine at the beginning of the 4th century. Trailing the old papal processional route, we peek in at the enigmatic 13th-century frescos in the Chapel of St. Sylvester, displaying the power of the pope over the emperor. We walk to S. Clemente to meet the others at the entrance (guides: LCE, WW, SN).

### **Morning:**

9.15: Bus from hotel to S. Clemente (entrance from Via di S. Giovanni in Laterano)



9.30-12.30: Visit the incomparable **S. Clemente** with excavations beneath the church: An amazing travel through history, as we move downwards layer upon layer, back in time (guide: LCE)

12.30-15.00 --lunch break--Do-it-yourself midday programme (Local guide available for 4 or more guests): While others eat and rest, energetic travellers can visit the **Galleria Doria Pamphili** in Via del Corso (open on Mondays) with its unique collection of baroque paintings.

### **Afternoon:**

15-17: Visit to **Peter Rockwell's** studio, about 10 minutes from AAR (Via Fonteiana 7). The famous Rome-based American sculptor will show us his work and the tools that stone carvers have used in ancient and modern times. Try your hand at chiselling marble yourself under the artist's instruction!

17.30-18.30: Wine reception at the Norwegian Institute in Rome, Our bus available for transportation. Soak in the stunning panorama at the roof-terrace of the **Norwegian Institute in Rome** while enjoying a selection of fine Italian and Lazio wines.

18.30-20.00: Optional evening walk to visit the lively and characteristic neighbourhood of Trastevere and the medieval church S. Maria in **Trastevere** with 12th-century mosaics of otherworldly beauty that show the mystical marriage between Christ and the Virgin Mary (guide: LCE).

June 27, (Tue) - Rome - The Secrets of the Vatican. (B, L)

Optional morning walk from Trastevere to the Vatican:

8.00-9.00: Meet at the Renaissance bridge Ponte Sisto and follow Via Giulia, the papal processional road to St. Peter's (guide: LCE).

### **Morning:**

9.00-13.00: Visit the Vatican and the Vatican Museums (guides: LCE, SS, SN, WW?).

Pre-booked, no queues. Marvel at Raphael's Stanze and Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel, but also lesser-known treasures like the Egyptian collection.

### Afternoon: free (no guide)

The adventurous can visit **Castel S. Angelo:** the tomb of Emperor Hadrian turned into a mighty castle by medieval popes. The more leisurely can stroll about in the shopping districts or sit down at one of the numerous cafés in centro storico and just observe Roman life.

June 28, (Wed) - Rome- Forbidden Thoughts and Transgressive Art. (B, L)

### **Morning:**

8.00: Our bus will drive us from hotel to **S. Maria degli Angeli** in Piazza della Republica

8.30-12.00: Enjoy a pleasant walk (ca. 1 km total) through central areas of Rome, which takes us to discover some incredible artwork – architecture, paintings, sculpture – from the Renaissance and the Baroque periods, but largely unknown to most Rome-travellers, including: S. Maria degli Angeli, a unique, spacious church designed by Michelangelo, and built into the great public baths of Emperor Diocletian. S. Maria della Vittoria, a delightful Baroque church that houses Gianlorenzo Bernini's daring sculpture of St. Theresa of Avila's ecstasy: Can this really

be what we think it is? The Crypt of the Capuchins, a strange celebration of death guaranteed to give you goose-bumps (guides: LCE and SS).

### 12.00-15.00-- lunch break --

Do-it-yourself midday programme (Local guide available for 4 or more guests): While others eat and rest, energetic travellers can visit the stunning papal palace Palazzo Barberini which houses the no less stunning Galleria Barberini. Be sure not to miss the magnificent staircase designed by the genius architect of the baroque, Borromini.

### Afternoon:

15.00: We meet at the greatest jewel of ancient Rome, the **Pantheon**.

15.00-17.00: Revel in spectacular gems in the area of Campo Marzio ("Fields of Mars"). We visit the church S. Maria sopra Minerva, the headquarters of the inquisition and stage for the trial that shook the world in which Galileo Galilei abnegated his teaching, but which also contains fabulous frescos and the relics of a medieval saint who starved herself to death. Nearby, we are treated to Caravaggio's masterpieces in the churches S. Luigi dei Francesi and S. Agostino. Experience the baroque church dedicated to S. Ignazio Loyola: Only in Rome could this spectacular frescoed ceiling remain relatively unknown. (guides: LCE, SS, and SN)

### **Optional evening walk:**

17.00-18.30: Walking tour to **Trevi Fountain** and the **Spanish Steps** (guide: LCE). Our bus available to bring us back to the hotel.





June 29, (Thu) Rome- Off The Beaten Track (B, L)

### **Optional morning walk from Trastevere to** S. Sabina on Aventine Hill:

9.00-10.30: We meet at the Trastevere side of the Ponte Palatino bridge across the Tiber, walk past the republican temples at Piazza della Bocca della Verità, peek in at the medieval church S. Maria in Cosmedin, and climb up to the Aventine Hill (guide: LCE).

### Morning:

10.15: Our bus available to take us to S. Sabina on the Aventine.

10.30-12.00: Experience S. Sabina, one of Rome's best-kept secrets: a giant, solemn Christian basilica from the Golden Age of early Christianity in Rome, immersed in

light and space. The church has kept intact its carved wooden doors from the early 5th century including a panel showing what may be the earliest surviving representation of the Crucifixion. Next to the church is a delightful Orange Garden, with splendid views (guide: LCE).

### 12.00-15.00 -- lunch break --

### Afternoon

15-17: Visit to the Vatican Necropolis (Our local guide will accompany us)

### June 30, (Fri) Rome Testaccio. (B, D)

9.00 Visit to Rome's ancient pyramid, built as a tomb for the magistrate Cestius in the 1st century BC when Rome was smitten with Egyptomania. (LCE, SN, WW)

9.30-11.00 Wander in the non-Catholic

cemetery, the graveyard ghetto for foreigners and non-Catholics who died in Rome and could not be buried in consecrated ground. Here lie the young English poets Percy Shelley and John Keats, as well as many painters, sculptors and authors, a number of scholars, several diplomats, Goethe's only son, and Antonio Gramsci, a founding father of European Communism, to name only a few. (guide)

11.00-12.00 The Monte Testaccio, or Monte dei cocci (Potsherd Hill), as the Romans say: an artificial hill entirely made out of fragments of amforae shipped in to the nearby ancient port of the Tiber River and discarded here. (with our local guide)

Afternoon at leisure to enjoy Rome on your

17.00: Farewell drinks and dinner at the Donna Camilla Savelli Hotel roof terrace.

July 01, (Sat) - Leave Rome for Home. Transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport.

### **Guides:**

Line Cecilie Engh, PhD, Norwegian Institute in Rome and University of Oslo (LCE)

Stella Nair, PhD, American Academy in Rome and UCLA (SN)

Sebastian Salvadò, PhD, Norwegian Institute in Rome and NTNU (SS)

Willeke Wendrich, Director of Cotsen Institute, UCLA (WW)

And our local Italian guide in each city.

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- 1HD to Visit Rome Domus Aurea (2h)
- 1HD to Visit Rome San Clemente Basilica 1HD to Visit Rome Vatican Museums (4h)
- 1FD to Visit Rome city center Churches (6h
- 1HD to Visit Vatican Necropolis (1h30)





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