

SCIENCE HISTORY TOUR ITALY - SEPT/OCT 2010

We have decided that this is the year for Italy. To make it a comfortable trip, we will go in the Fall, when it is cooler and less humid. I am sorry that this will not be convenient for those of you who cannot get away once the academic year begins, but some parts of Italy would not be at all comfortable in our usual June/July time-slot.

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Many additions to this outline itinerary will be announced later. As usual, included in the trip cost will be: all land transportation during the tour, hotel accommodation with private bathrooms (often in interesting small hotels), all breakfasts and at least (on average) one other meal per day, admissions to museums, lecture fees, and many incidentals. Often, wine is included with dinners. You will have a comfortably filled program with no hidden extras. Not included in the trip cost are: airfare to and from Europe, the cost of getting from the airport to Como and from your last destination to your home-bound flight, meals on your own during free time, personal expenses such as laundry, drinks other than those provided, and travel insurance. Access to our starting point in Como is easy by train from Milan, or from other places in Europe. Departure via Rome airport will also be no problem. Travel advice will be available to all tour members who need it.

A number of tour members from previous years have already expressed interest in this trip, so I have started a list of those who want to be kept informed of trip details as they become available. If you would like to be included in the list, please let me know. I would also like to know the likelihood that you will participate (0 - 100%), so let me know that too.

Sign-up will start in a month or so and will continue until all spots are filled or until about the middle of August - whichever comes first. You will be able to pay for the tour in three installments if you wish. We hope that you will consider joining the interesting and congenial group of people that participate in Science History Tours.

For further information or sign-up materials once they are available, E-mail me at ytwomey@mindspring.com or ytwomey@fnal.gov or Lee at Lmarek@aol.com or lmarek2@uic.edu For information about previous trips, see Lee's webpage at <http://www.chem.uic.edu/marek/> or tour member John Oliver's great pictures from previous tours at <http://community.webshots.com/user/oliverjcomo>

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