

Ravenna under the Stars

14 - 18 June 2016

Ravenna Festival & Piero della Francesca

During the Festival Ravenna bursts into light with the stars above and the mosaics in Basilicas and Churches illuminated during the concerts. During the week of our visit the city is host to a famous series of concerts by 100 Cellos. The musicians arrive from cities throughout Europe and are directed by Maestro Sollima, Head Tutor of cello at the Accademia of Santa Cecilia in Rome. He is renowned for his ability to coordinate such large groups. He and a number of cellists gave a short concert as part of the Press Presentation of the Festival which was wonderful. Mrs Silvia Muti, wife of Maestro Muti, is the President of the Festival.

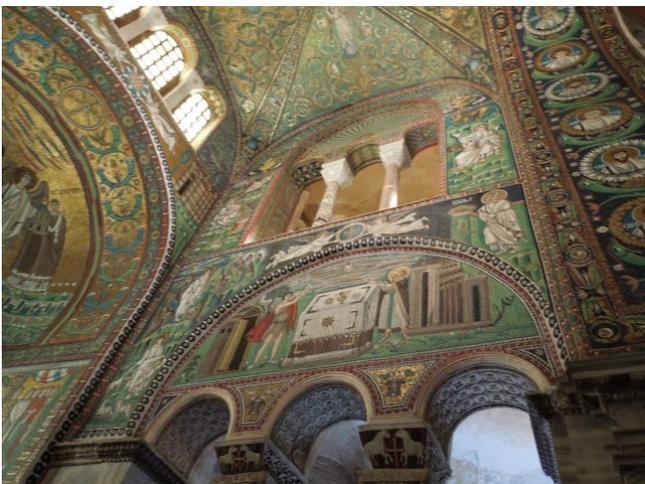
For one day we leave Ravenna to visit an exhibition by Piero della Francesca in Forli. The exhibition includes some major works of Piero della Francesca as well as contemporaries such as Melozzo da Forli, Domenico Veneziano, Paolo Uccello and Andrea Mantegna. Also later artists such as Cezanne, Degas and Edward Hopper are represented to illustrate the influence that Piero had on his contemporaries as well as later artists.

Recommended flights: Tuesday 14 June 2016 - LGW to Bologna 07:10 arrives 10:15
Saturday 18 June 2016 - Bologna to LGW 15:10 arrives 16:20

I t i n e r a r y

Tuesday 14 June

11am - Transfer from Bologna airport to Ravenna where our hotel is Ostello Galletti Abbiosi, Via di Roma 140, I-48121 Ravenna. Tel: +39 0544 31313, www.galletti.ra.it. This is now a four star hotel. Refurbished and upgraded, it has lost none of its charm.



S. Vitale Cathedral, Ravenna

3pm - Guided tour of some of the major sites in Ravenna starting with S. Apollinare Nuovo, which is close to the hotel. It was built between 483 and 526 AD by Theodoric, probably as a Palatine Church. Between this afternoon and tomorrow morning we will visit the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, the Basilica of St. Vitale, the Orthodox Baptistery, the Archiepiscopal Museum and Dante's Tomb. We will also visit the Loggetta Lombardesca at the Museo d'Arte della Città di Ravenna where cartoons supplied by great painters in the 1950's were transformed to mosaics by top mosaicists of Ravenna. There is a beautiful Chagall.

8pm - Dinner (by invitation)

Wednesday 15 June

10am – We continue our visit of Ravenna. Time permitting we could visit the Biblioteca Classense, one of the greatest libraries in Europe and an exhibition of the Museo d'Arte "La Seduzione dell'Antico".

Afternoon and evening - at leisure **9pm** - Concert in S. Apollinare Nuovo



S. Apollinare in Classe - exterior



S. Apollinare in Classe - interior

Thursday 16 June

10am - Visit the Mausoleum of Theodoric and S. Apollinare in Classe, which is outside Ravenna. We then go to Cesenatico whose canal harbour was designed by Leonardo Da Vinci. We will have lunch (by invitation) at a fish restaurant overlooking the water.

4pm - return to hotel, evening and dinner at leisure.



Cesenatico canal harbour designed by Leonardo Da Vinci

Friday 17 June

10am - leave for Forli to see the exhibition of Piero della Francesca at the museum San Domenico. This major exhibition, with more than 200 works is worth a visit of several hours.

We return to the hotel around 4pm

7pm - dinner by invitation

9pm - concert in Teatro Alighieri



Madonna and Child with Two Angels, Ducal Palace, Urbino

Saturday 18 June

Morning - free

12 noon - transfer to Bologna airport for return flight.

COST: Members: £995 Friends £1095 Others: £1195 Single supplement: £100

(Price includes: 4 nights B&B; 2 dinners; 1 lunch; 2 concerts; guiding; entrance fees; transport throughout)

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