

IALCCE'08

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Varenna, Lake Como, Italy – June 10-14, 2008

Tours for Accompanying Persons

June 14th, 2008

Post-Symposium Tour: The Best of Milan

1. Tour Description



This tour will introduce you to the most beautiful treasures of the historical centre of Milan. The morning is dedicated to discover the Cathedral and the La Scala theatre, the monumental symbols of the city. The Duomo is one of the most famous and complex Gothic constructions of the world. As dimensions, it is the second highest church of the world after the cathedral of Beauvais in France, and the third greatest cathedral after St. Peter in Vatican and the cathedral in Seville. A

complex of 135 spires and 3200 statues, crammed onto the roof and into the facade, adorn the exterior of this vast cathedral. In particular, the central spire is capped by a golden statue, called Madonnina, literally "little Madonna", traditionally considered the Milan's protector. The interior of the Cathedral, organized into five aisles divided by majestic pylons, contains a collection of beautiful and sacred pieces of art donated by wealthy noblemen and patrons over the centuries.

From the Duomo square, the exquisite Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, a glass-roofed arcade with marble flooring, brings to La Scala square, surrounded by elegant buildings and decorated in the center by Leonardo da Vinci's statue. The world famous historical La Scala Theatre has been housing performances by performers, conductors and composers since 1778. The visit of the



La Scala museum offers the chance to know the unique history of one of the world's best known Opera Houses.

After lunch and free time for shopping, the afternoon is dedicated to visit the majestic complex of Sforzesco Castle and the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie with the extraordinary Leonardo's masterpiece "The Last Supper". The Sforzesco Castle houses a rich system of art and history museum, in which some unique pieces of art like the Rondanini Pietà by Michelangelo and works by Mantegna, Bellotto and Canaletto are exposed. The

Church and Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie is one of the most beautiful churches in Italy, tied up to the name of Leonardo da Vinci and Donato Bramante. The tour will also offer you the unique opportunity to admire, in the ancient Dominican convent refectory, the famous Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece "The Last Supper", initiated in 1495 and finished in 1498. The difficult restoration works, made in 1999, confirmed all the expressive strength of this extraordinary masterpiece of the Christian art.



2. Tour Scheduling (Tentative)

8,30-10,00	Transfer from Varenna to Milan by bus
10,00-12,30	Guided visit of Duomo and La Scala Theatre
12,30-14,00	Lunch (included in the registration fee) or free time for shopping
14,00-15,30	Guided visit of Castello Sforzesco and its museums
15,30-17,00	Guided visit of S. Maria delle Grazie church Visit of Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece "The Last Supper"
17,00-18,30	Transfer from Milan to Varenna by bus

3. Booking and Payment

The tour is managed by Promoest Agency.

The ticket cost is 95,00 Euros per person. This includes the cost of transfers by bus from/to Varenna, the lunch, the entrance to the visited sites, and the guided visits described in the program.

To join the tour please complete the registration process at the following Promoest website:
<http://www.ialcce08tours.promoest.com>

Deadline for booking is May 30th, 2008. After this date tickets will be subjected to availability.

Should you have any inquiry about this tour please contact Ms. Nicoletta Ceriani at:
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