

MICHELANGELO in ROME

Grand Hotel Plaza has prepared a series of tours for the art lovers and especially Michelangelo's followers, by discovering the artist's most famous works. We have organized **three tours guided** by professional historians who will tell you more about the history that made Rome an openair art gallery through the centuries.

The **first tour** dedicated to Michelangelo will take you to the **Campidoglio**, since the Medieval age, the place for the city Administration. Here you will admire prestigious palaces redesigned and harmonized by the artist, like **Palazzo dei Conservatori** and Palazzo Senatorio. You will have the chance to climb the famous Cordonata staircase and admire the Great Theater of the ancient Campidoglio, then proceeding towards **Campo Marzio** with the beautiful **Palazzo Farnese**, commissioned by cardinal Alessandro Farnese (then Pope Paolo III) for his family and which can be considered, as of today, one of the most beautiful Renaissance buildings of the city, as well as one of the so-called "**four marvels**" of Rome.

The **second tour** dedicated to Michelangelo will offer you the chance to discover the artist's masterpieces inside the Vatican. You can visit St. Peter's Basilica in which you can stare at the imposing **Pietà**. You will remain speechless before the **Sistine Chapel Ceiling** with its memorable **Universal Judgement**. In the end you will also pass through the **Paoline Chapel**, the Holy Father's private chapel, which is normally not included in the museum tours and closed to the public, and where you can admire works like St. Peter's Crucifixion and the magnificent Conversion on the way to Damascus (Conversione di Saulo). The tour ends with the **Scalinata del Giardino del Belvedere** built in 1550.

The **Monumental Rome** is the main topic of the **third tour** dedicated to Michelangelo. Starting with a visit to the San Pietro in Vincoli Basilica, preserving the **Tomb of Giulio II** and the famous Mosé statue, the tour goes on towards Santa Maria degli Angeli Basilica and the **Museo Nazionale Romano** which has collections concerning the history and the culture of the city in ancient times. Then you will visit the **Baths of Diocletian**, the biggest baths of the ancient Rome. They were commissioned in 298 by Emperor Maximian, said **Augustus**, and continued by Diocletian till 306 after his and Diocletian's abdication. At the end of the tour you will also see the Cloister and the majestic Porta Pia.

Three itineraries which tell in a significant way the **history of the Eternal City** through the eyes of an artist who contributed to the celebration of the Middle Age in a unique way.

Looking forward to seeing you at **Grand Hotel Plaza in Rome**, we invite you ask for more information on our services.

Book your holiday or contact us to decide together the tour that suits you most. We will be happy to put at your full disposal our professionalism and love for our city.