## MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' EMPLOYEES SPOUSES ASSOCIATION INSIEME A ROMA GENERAL PROGRAM 2019-2020

#### September

#### Villa Madama

The opening of the social year 2019/2020 will be held at Villa Madama, the historical residence of State; during this occasion the cultural programs of the Association will be presented. Located on the slopes of Monte Mario, Villa Madama preserves a spectacular system of frescoed loggias, Italian arcades and gardens from the original ambitious project assigned to Raphael by Pope Leo X and realized by the disciples of the master of Urbino. After the death of Clement VII, the villa became the official residence of Margherita D'Austria, known with the name of "Madama", married in second marriage of Ottavio Farnese. Today it is employed as a place of representation by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and by the Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.





#### October

#### Palazzo Firenze

In the heart of Campo Marzio, it has been for a long time the headquarters of the Embassy of the Granducato of Tuscany in Rome. Today, it hosts the offices of Società Dante Alighieri, a prestigious institution that deals with the diffusion of the Italian language worldwide. Built in several stages, it still offers visitors its Renaissance look with a fascinating courtyard and a precious garden embellished with small archeological remains. The Palace is a continuous sequence of rooms rich of frescoes, stuccoes and refined carvings. Usually closed to the public, Palazzo Firenze opens its doors for the ACDMAE.





### November

# Palazzo Spada

Previously a cardinals' residence, the palace hides priceless treasures and it is famous for its façade and the false perspective by Borromini of the entrance hall to the secret garden. The heart of the palace is Galleria Spada, which exhibits works of inestimable value from the XVI and XVII centuries including paintings, classical sculptures, furnishings and old furniture. The art-gallery includes works by Guido Reni, Guercino, Orazio and Artemisia Gentileschi, and Tiziano. Today, it is the seat of the Council of State and one of the most beautiful Renaissance buildings in Rome.





## December

## Marina Militare

Exclusive visit to the historic, eclectic and neo-baroque palace of the Navy. The palace placed on the banks of the Tiber shows the maritime vocation of Italy through the pictorial decorations, nautical sculptures and symbols of which it is very rich, best represents the history and current events of the Navy. Set in an extremely scenic position, overlooking the Tiber on one side and the offshoots of Villa Borghese on the other, a stone's throw from Piazza del Popolo, it used to be the seat of the Ministry of the Navy and now it houses the Stato Maggiore of the Navy.





### January

#### Farnesina Private Collection of Modern Art

The Farnesina Collection is a collection of works of Italian art of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, placed inside the Palazzo della Farnesina, seat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome, which contains the most representative expressions of the visual arts of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Founded in 2000, not only to enrich the spaces of the Palazzo della Farnesina, but also as an important instrument of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' cultural promotion policy, the collection is continuously enriched through a special collaboration between the Ministry and the artists, their heirs, the art institutions, the galleries and the foundations that, in lending the works free of charge, contribute to enhance many of the most important trends in Italian contemporary art.





# **February**

# Cript of the Capuchins

A stone's throw from the fountain of Tritone by Bernini in Piazza Barberini and under the Church of Santa Maria della Concezione, built in the first half of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, there is the Crypt of the Capuchins of Rome, a place as famous as it is provided of a disturbing beauty, which for several centuries amazes, frightens and induces visitors to reflect on life and death.

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#### March

#### Museum of Musical Instruments

The seat of the National Museum of Musical Instruments in Rome is located next to the beautiful Basilica of Santa Croce in Jerusalem, inside an archaeological site of great interest from the III and IV century a.D.

This museum has one of the most important collections of instruments in the world; the museum itinerary tells the history of music, from the first wind instruments and percussion of the ancient Greek and Roman world up to those of our century.





## April

### Hilton Hotel Cavalieri

The Rome Cavalieri Hilton hosts one of the largest private art collections in the world; from XVI century masters to major contemporary artists, the collection includes over 100 art treasures.

On the hill of Monte Mario.





## May

# Walk to Angelica and Casanatense Library

Only 7 minutes' walk away from each other, the Casablanca Library and the Angelica Library belong to the so-called hidden jewels of Baroque Rome. Two examples of rare beauty: intimate and welcoming the Angelica, belonging to the Order of Augustinians, and monumental and elegant the Casanatense, belonging to the Order of the Dominicans. The two libraries became among the most important and furnished of the time and preserve precious manuscripts.





June

## Foreign Affairs Club

The reception for the ending of the social year 2019/2020 will take place, as usual, in the elegant and historical setting of the Foreign Affairs Club, a green oasis on the bank of the Tiber and since 1936 a prestigious place of sociality, sport and representation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.





During the year the program could be modified. Every monthly meeting will be reminded by mail and/or e-mail to the subscribers. It is always necessary to confirm your participation.

The fee of the General Program gives the right to free participation in all the cultural and social activities. tel. 06 3691 3909 fax 06 3600 00 38 - 06 3691 8679 E-mail: acdmae@esteri.it