

Malta
Extended Optional Tour

June 25 – 27, 2011

Mary Beckinsale, President of Studio Art Centers International, will be leading an extended trip to Malta for interested members. The price is in addition to the cost of the conference and includes all costs (except lunches).

Saturday, June 25, 2011:

Take train from Florence to Bologna

Shuttle bus to Bologna airport

Sandwiches for lunch can be bought at the airport

1:15 pm: Flight from Bologna to Malta

2:55 pm: Arrival in Malta

Go to hotel: Beautiful 5 star hotel with garden.

4 pm: Walk to see "The Malta experience" in Valletta that explains the islands great history.

6:30 pm: leave for restaurant by bus to eat Maltese specialties in typical Maltese restaurant.

Sunday, June 26:

Breakfast in hotel

Boat trip around the spectacular harbor.

Free time in Valletta for lunch on own. A wonderful fortress town full of the key 'langue' (the palaces) of the Knights.

2:30 pm: Bus leaves in the afternoon for Archaeological visits to some of the remarkable sites dating from 3400 B:C:

7:00 pm: Meet in hotel to go to dinner in the beautiful port area of Birgu.

Monday, June 27:

Breakfast in hotel

9:30 am: Leave hotel to visit the magnificent St John's Cathedral, the burial site of so many of the knights and the chapel with Caravaggio's masterpiece -'the Beheading of St John', then to the President's palace and/or the armaments museum as is possible, with expert art historian guide Fr. Marius Zaraffa.

Free time to have lunch on own

1:30-2:30 pm: Meeting with the Caravaggio Foundation and Heritage Malta to tie up the visit and to discuss student study possibilities.

3 pm: Leave from hotel to airport

5:15 pm: Flight to Rome

6:45 pm: Arrival in Rome (from this point on, SACI no longer covers the costs).

Fee: US\$ 800 per person all costs included (except lunches).

All rooms are doubles. Single room supplement: \$100s per person.

To register for the trip:

Please send full name, passport information and booking details to anne@saciflorence.edu by December 6, 2010.

As a deposit, please send, **by December 6, 2010**, a check for **\$300 (US dollars)** payable to **Studio Art Centers International** to: Studio Art Centers International, 50 Broad Street, Suite 1617, New York, NY 10004-2372. Please indicate "ICFAD deposit" in memo on checks. I

If you would like to pay by credit card, please contact the NY office at (212) 248-7225 or (877) 257-7225 (toll free within US).

Payment in full to be made by April 1, 2011.

Number of participants: Minimum of 12 and a maximum of 26 participants. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the trip may be subject to cancellation, in which case deposits will be refunded.