



Press Release

# THE VITTORIANO AND PALAZZO VENEZIA VIVE

Throughout January, a fresh programme of educational events for children and adults, to share new ways to 'see' the Eternal City and its monuments

# ANIMATED TOURS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN FROM 15 TO 30 JANUARY 2022 EVERY WEEKEND

The programme of guided tours on the weekends continues until 30 January

After the resounding success of the extended evening hours and guided tours from late December to early January, the dense programme of activities at the new **Vittoriano and Palazzo Venezia Institute (VIVE)**, with **Edith Gabrielli** as the General Manager, is being enriched by a series of weekend events that will offer visitors of all ages a fresh perspective of one of Italy's most characteristic museums.

## ANIMATED TOURS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

**Every weekend in January**, **VIVE** is hosting educational events designed especially for families and children with the goal of sharing new ways to see the city and its monuments through original descriptions of them and their transformations.

Two new modules will be added to the current roster of tours:

## Eight wonders at Palazzo Venezia

Porcelain, silverware, majolica, bronze statuettes, the Sala del Mappamondo, an armoury and even a Sea Monster: the spaces of the Museum of Palazzo Venezia, like many cabinets of curiosities, contain applied art objects from all over the world. A journey to discover that each collection is often the mirror of the collector's tastes but also of an era, a mentality and a common feeling, yesterday as today. Participants can create a 'private collection' of their own, deciding what to keep, what to add and how to display the pieces in the space available.

## Red shirts and horsehair tails

A journey to learn about the life and challenges of some of the protagonists of the Risorgimento, the Kingdom of Italy and the Republic, from Mazzini and Garibaldi to the cuirassiers. A lively story will accompany adults and children inside the Vittoriano, to discover colours, symbols and curiosities related to the uniforms of those who, over time, have defended and still defend our homeland. A very particular history of costume, which





intertwines history, popular mythology and ideals on which we should still reflect today. As part of a special educational activity, participants can dress famous historical personalities by inventing original uniforms.

In addition, the following guided tours will continue:

## VIVE in a map

A hanging garden, a market, a gigantic stage, even a traffic divider: leafing through the real and imagined maps of Piazza Venezia is like looking at an illustrated history book. A journey through the late medieval architecture of Palazzo Venezia and the modernity of the Vittoriano to discover the historical and artistic events which transformed these places into true icons and to create a family emotional map, where the details, colours, styles and impressions that most capture one's attention during the tour are rendered visible.

## Postcards from Palazzo Venezia

A special itinerary dedicated to discovering Palazzo Venezia through an animated narration designed specifically for adults and children together. We'll head out on a journey through time, passing through gardens, arcades and monumental halls; we'll imagine what life was like in the palace over the centuries through art, music and literature; and, like travellers of times past, visitors can create colourful illustrated postcards in which to reinvent the places explored on the tour.

### The art and architecture of the Vittoriano over the years

A symbol of unified Italy and, later, of the Italian Republic, the Vittoriano is a symbolic place for the collective imagination. Born as an avant-garde art project, a new modern forum, it then served as the backdrop for countless films and television programmes. A suggestive visit to explore the great spaces of the Vittoriano together, to retrace its history and discover similarities and differences with the art and architecture of the past. Like a puzzle, participants can graphically re-work the iconic structure, inspired by the creative eye of artists and architects.

Reservations are recommended. Email to book: vi-ve.edu@beniculturali.it

## **GUIDED TOURS ON THE WEEKENDS**

VIVE's programme of guided tours for visitors of all ages continues **for all of January**, **every Saturday afternoon and every Sunday**. Six different tours, offered in Italian and in English, will explore famous and less-known aspects of the Vittoriano and Palazzo Venezia.

## One palace, one hundred stories. Fascinating facts about Palazzo Venezia





Behind the building's austere façade is a fascinating past that never ceases to amaze guests and visitors. From papal residence to embassy of La Serenissima, from concert venue for Mozart to a museum, the palace rooms hide countless stories and characters that our visit will try to retrace.

### Palazzo Venezia: art and architecture from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century

Among the dazzle of the large chandeliers, we will enter the halls and rooms of the apartments to discover the frescoes, floors and marble decorations created for the papal residence, without neglecting the twentieth-century restorations that gave the building its current look.

# Sculptors and sculpture of the Vittoriano. From Classicism to Art Nouveau, art and propaganda in Italy's capital city

The sculptures of the Vittoriano extend outward from the massive bulk of the monument to reach for the sky: each figure, seen from close up, reveals the delicacy of Italian Art Nouveau, in perfect harmony with constant references to Classicism. On this evening visit, guests will admire these works of art in a different light and learn more about the artists who created them.

## The Vittoriano: symbolism and meaning in the Italian national monument

The imagery of the Altar of the Fatherland is rich with complex symbols and meaning. This tour will explain their hidden messages and elaborate iconography, but most importantly it will take a look at the elements and symbols that form the basis of Italian national identity.

### One for all: the Unknown Soldier

This tour focuses on the Altar of the Fatherland and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, two key elements of the Vittoriano that are also fundamental to Italian national identity. Visitors will learn about the events that led up to their creation, from the law on the fallen individual and the selection of the remains, to the entombment ceremony and the realisation of the Tomb.

**The Central Museum of the Risorgimento** Through unique objects and relics that illustrate events and historical figures, the museum makes it possible to retrace the steps of Italian independence and unity from the end of the 18th century to the First World War. It's a journey into memory and also a must-attend tour for history buffs.

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## EVENT PROGRAMME 15 – 30 JANUARY 2022

# WEEKEND ANIMATED TOURS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN (5-12 years) 15, 16, 22, 23 and 30 January 2022

Guided tours are available only to those with an admission ticket, which can be purchased at the Palazzo Venezia ticket office (118 Via del Plebiscito) and, during normal operating hours, at the Vittoriano at the base of the elevators. The ticket is valid for 7 days for one entry to Palazzo Venezia, one entry to the Panoramic Terrace of the Vittoriano, and one entry to the Central Museum of the Risorgimento. The animated tour is included in the cost of admission, will last approximately 2 hours, and is subject to availability. Visitors should be at the Palazzo Venezia ticket office (118 Via del Plebiscito) 15 minutes before the tour.

#### Reservations are recommended: vi-ve.edu@beniculturali.it

All Covid-19 rules and regulations will be followed. Guests must have a Green Pass and wear their mask correctly in order to participate.

#### Saturday, 15 January 2022

11 am - VIVE in a map 3:30 pm - Red shirts and horsehair tails

#### Sunday, 16 January 2022

11 am - VIVE in a map 3:30 pm - Eight wonders at Palazzo Venezia

#### Saturday, 22 January 2022

11 am - VIVE in a map 3:30 pm - Postcards from Palazzo Venezia

#### Sunday, 23 January 2022

11 am - VIVE in a map 3:30 pm - The art and architecture of the Vittoriano over the years

#### Saturday, 29 January 2022

11 am - VIVE in a map 3:30 pm - Eight wonders at Palazzo Venezia

#### Sunday, 30 January 2022

11 am - VIVE in a map 3:30 pm - Red shirts and horsehair tails

# GUIDED TOURS ON THE WEEKENDS 15, 16, 22, 23 and 30 January 2022

#### Saturday, 15 January (afternoon)

At Palazzo Venezia: *Palazzo Venezia: art and architecture from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century* Schedule: 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 pm

At the Vittoriano: *The Vittoriano: symbolism and meaning of the Italian national monument* Schedule: 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 pm





#### Sunday, 16 January (morning)

At Palazzo Venezia: One palace, one hundred stories. Fascinating facts about Palazzo Venezia Schedule: 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00

At the Vittoriano: *Sculptors and sculpture of the Vittoriano. From Classicism to Art Nouveau, art and propaganda in Italy's capital city* Schedule: 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00

#### Sunday, 16 January (afternoon)

At Palazzo Venezia: *Palazzo Venezia: art and architecture from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century* Schedule: 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 pm

#### Saturday, 22 January (afternoon)

At Palazzo Venezia: One palace, one hundred stories. Fascinating facts about Palazzo Venezia Schedule: 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 pm

At the Vittoriano: *The Central Museum of the Risorgimento* Schedule: 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 pm

#### Sunday, 23 January (morning)

At Palazzo Venezia: *Palazzo Venezia: art and architecture from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century* Schedule: 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00

At the Vittoriano: *One for all: the Unknown Soldier* Schedule: 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00 **Sunday, 23 January (afternoon)** 

At Palazzo Venezia: One palace, one hundred stories. Fascinating facts about Palazzo Venezia Schedule: 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 pm

#### Saturday, 29 January (afternoon)

At Palazzo Venezia: *Palazzo Venezia: art and architecture from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century* Schedule: 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 pm

At the Vittoriano: Sculptors and sculpture of the Vittoriano. From Classicism to Art Nouveau, art and propaganda in Italy's capital city Schedule: 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 pm

#### Sunday, 30 January (morning)

At Palazzo Venezia: One palace, one hundred stories. Fascinating facts about Palazzo Venezia Schedule: 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00

At the Vittoriano: *The Vittoriano: symbolism and meaning of the Italian national monument* Schedule: 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00

#### Sunday, 30 January (afternoon)

At Palazzo Venezia: *Palazzo Venezia: art and architecture from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century* Schedule: Schedule: 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 pm