Dream Riders presents

# Cavalli e Cavalieri
# *nei Parchi dell'Appia Antica*

An integrated tourism project to promote the Parks of the Appia Antica, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
A charity event in support of Appia Happy Kids.

PROGRAMME FOR RIDERS

## Diamond

**3 days on horseback**

4 – 7 MARCH 2027 · ROME

> **Veterinary service with horse ambulance** on hand throughout the event.

THURSDAY 4 MARCH 2027

## Arrival

09:00 – 18:00

### Arrival and stabling of your own horse, or allocation of hired horses

Excalibur Riding Club (Circolo Ippico Excalibur), Via della Tenuta di San Cesareo 61, 00178 Rome.

15:00 – 18:00

### Check-in at the Park Hotel Appia Antica

Via Appia Nuova 934, 00178 Rome. Shuttle from Ciampino and Fiumicino airports on request. By train: from Roma Termini take Metro line A to Colli Albani, then the shuttle to the hotel.

19:00

### Technical briefing with the riding guides

Conference room of the Park Hotel. Riding groups are formed according to FISE, ASI, FITETREC or other international equestrian federation licences.

20:00

### Dinner for the riders and their guests

Restaurant of the Park Hotel Appia Antica.

Welcome address by Bartolomeo Bove, Governor of Rotary District 2080, Rotary year 2026-2027.

Introduced by Tatiana K. Kirova, Chair of the UNESCO Relations Committee of Rotary District 2080, Rotary year 2026-2027.

SAPIENZA SEMINAR

*«The colours of the Appia Antica»*

Teaching drawing and watercolour to young architects.

- **Prof. Mario Docci** · Architect, Academician and Professor Emeritus, Sapienza University of Rome
- **Prof. Emanuela Chiavoni** · Architect, Full Professor of Drawing, Sapienza University of Rome

FRIDAY 5 MARCH 2027

# The archaeological ride

09:00 – 09:30

## Tacking up and allocation of horses

Excalibur Riding Club, Via della Tenuta di San Cesareo 61, 00178 Rome.

09:30 – 10:00

## Departure, in groups of up to 20 horses

From the Excalibur Riding Club to the Tomb of Caecilia Metella and the Church of San Nicola, through the Roman Campagna and along the Via Appia Antica, among archaeological remains and historic landscapes. Students and professors from the Faculty of Architecture of Sapienza University of Rome describe the route along the Regina Viarum.

12:30 – 15:00

## Riders' lunch

Cavalieri dell'Appia Antica Riding Club, with typical Lazio specialities in a traditional setting.

15:00 – 17:30

## Return to the Excalibur Riding Club

At sunset the route reveals «The colours of the Appia Antica», which will become the students' watercolours, on show on 9 April 2027 in the Aula Magna of Sapienza University of Rome.

20:00

## «Flavours and scents of Lazio» dinner

Italian cuisine, UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, prepared by the Tor Carbone Hotel and Catering School.

Cartiera Latina, headquarters of the Appia Antica Regional Park.

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SAPIENZA SEMINAR

- **Prof. Marina Docci** · Architect, Lecturer in Architectural Restoration, Sapienza · National President of AIPAI, the Italian Association for Industrial Archaeology
- **Prof. Edoardo Currà** · Engineer, Sapienza University of Rome
- **Dr Caterina Rossetti** · Curator of the Cartiera Latina

Closing remarks by Dr Enrico Maria Guarneri, Director of the Appia Antica Regional Park.

SATURDAY 6 MARCH 2027

# «Remembering Sissi»

09:00

## Preparing the horses for the occasion

Excalibur Riding Club. Reserved for riders with their own horse who are members of the Rome Fox Hunt Society (Società della Caccia alla Volpe).

Afterwards

## «Remembering Sissi», Empress of Austria and Apostolic Queen of Hungary

Cross-country riding at walk, trot and canter, with optional natural obstacles of up to 50 cm.

20:00

## Golden Gala Dinner raising funds for «Appia Happy Kids»

The project offers free psychomotor and emotional rehabilitation to vulnerable children at the end of their hospital treatment.

Tenuta di Fiorano estate of the Princes Boncompagni Ludovisi, Via di Fioranello. Dress code Black Tie.

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SAPIENZA SEMINAR

### *«The history of fox hunting in Rome»*

From Lord George Stanhope, 6th Earl of Chesterfield, and Count Livio III Odescalchi (1842) to the famous hunt of 1870, in which Sissi, Empress Elisabeth of Austria, also took part.

- **Prof. Maria Grazia Turco** · Architect, Professor of Architectural Restoration, Sapienza University of Rome
- **Barbara Tetti** · Architect, Researcher in Architecture, Sapienza University of Rome

Closing remarks by Dr Luigi Scaroina, Director of the Appia Antica Archaeological Park: «The new life of the Casale di Caccia alla Volpe and the Appia Happy Kids project».



Sissi in the portrait by F. X. Winterhalter, 1865

SUNDAY 7 MARCH 2027

# The Treasure Hunt to Fiorano

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| 09:00 | **Tacking up**<br>Excalibur Riding Club, Via della Tenuta di San Cesareo 61, 00178 Rome. |
| 09:30 | **«Treasure Hunt»**<br>A cross-country course with optional natural obstacles of up to 50 cm, for pairs of riders following messages left by an experienced rider ahead of them. Reserved for riders with their own horse who are members of the Rome Fox Hunt Society (Società della Caccia alla Volpe), and also open to holders of a FISE B licence. |
| 13:00 | **Arrival at the Tenuta di Fiorano estate**<br>Estate of the Princes Boncompagni Ludovisi, Via di Fioranello, the venue of the Golden Gala. Brunch with typical Lazio produce and the estate's own wines. |
| 15:00 – 16:30 | **Return to the Excalibur Riding Club** |
| 17:00 | **Tea time and farewell** |

# General information

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| GENERAL NOTES | The riding event «Cavalli e Cavalieri nei Parchi dell'Appia Antica» was created to fund the «Appia Happy Kids» project, which provides psychomotor rehabilitation for vulnerable children. |
| GETTING THERE | By train: from Roma Termini take Metro line A to Colli Albani, then the shuttle to the Park Hotel Appia Antica. By air: shuttle on request from Ciampino (CIA) and Fiumicino (FCO). |
| SAFETY | At the technical briefing, our riding guides form the riding groups according to FISE, ASI, FITETREC or other international equestrian federation licences. There is a riding guide or qualified assistant for every 6 riders: a group is normally made up of 18 riders, with 1 riding guide and 2 assistants. With hired horses, there is one guide for every 5 participants. |
| LUNCHES AND DINNERS | Food intolerances and allergies must be stated at the time of booking. |
| COMPANIONS AND GUESTS | Guided excursions in the parks and in the centre of Rome are organised for companions and guests. Any disabilities should be stated at the time of booking. |
| ASSISTANCE | **Veterinary service with horse ambulance**, on hand throughout the event. |
| ORGANISED BY | DREAM RIDERS |
| IN COLLABORATION WITH | MINISTERO DELLA CULTURA · PARCO ARCHEOLOGICO DELL'APPIA ANTICA |
| UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF | PARCO REGIONALE DELL'APPIA ANTICA |
| WITH THE SUPPORT OF | Rotary Club Magliano Sabina · Rotary Club Colleferro |

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The seminars are coordinated by Tatiana K. Kirova, President of the National Section for Italy, Malta, San Marino and Bulgaria (Rotary years 2024-2027) and Chair of the UNESCO Relations Committee of Rotary District 2080 (Rotary year 2026-2027).