

Gathering of Nations



• THE LONG MARCH TO ROME •



In the coming days, a group of indigenous leaders, hereditary chiefs and elders will land on European shores, meet in the Renaissance city of Florence and cast their eyes towards Rome.

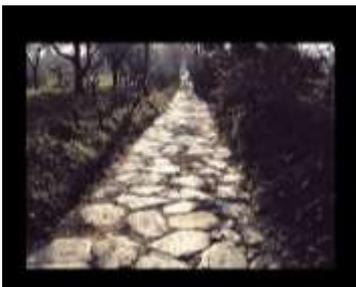
We bring with us the memory of 500 years of historical injustice, genocide, slavery and spoliation.

We come to explain to Pope Francis how three 15th century Papal Bulls invoked the power of the Apostles Peter and Paul to bring untold suffering to our peoples that continues to this day.

This truth needs no demonstration for it is contained in every indigenous heart.



We come to ask Pope Francis to set this wrong right by revocation of the Papal Bulls of Discovery.



Programme April 30 - May 4, 2016

Saturday April 30th

Location: Bosco Sacro dell'Incontro, Candeli Italy
Master of Ceremony: Himko Kaps Kap [Cayuse] Director Long March to Rome

"The Papal Bulls of Discovery: A Manufactured Inequality"

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| 11:00 am | Welcome and Preview - David MacKinnon [Director Long March to Rome] |
| 11:15 am | Purpose of the Gathering - Keith Matthew [Simpchw] |
| 11:45 am | The Doctrine of Discovery in Abya Yala: from animalisation to the racialisation of Indigenous Peoples - Herson Huinca Puitrin [Mapuche] |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch (Blessing - Loretta Afraid of Bear Cook in honour of Grandmother Beatrice) |
| 02:00 pm | "Developments in the CERD Working Group" - Michael Paul Hill [Apache] |
| 02:30 pm | "Rediscovering tribal identity through the Papal Bulls of Discovery"- Chief Himko Kaps Kap [Cayuse, Oregon] |
| 03:15 pm | "The transferable mechanism of inequality: contemporary land grabs in Africa" - Dr Kassahun Berhanu [Ethiopia] |
| 04:00 pm | Discussion |
| 04:30 pm | Twilight Blessing |

Sunday May 1st

Location: Bosco Sacro dell'Incontro, Candeli Italy
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"From the Trail of Tears to the Long March to Rome"

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| 11:00 am | "The 7 laws of the Oglala Lakota Nation - Birgil Killstraight [Oglala Sioux] |
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- 11:30 am “How I discovered the Papal Bulls” - Steven Newcomb [Shawnee, Lenape]
- 12:00 pm “Giving a voice to the voiceless” - Belinda Ayze [Navajo Diné]
- 12:30 pm Letters of support - Kashennoktha Deer [Mohawk]
- 12:45 pm Lunch (Blessing, Loretta Afraid of Bear Cook)

“The Message”

- 02:00 pm “A Message to Pope Francis” - Tribal Chairman JoDe Goudy [Yakama]
- 02:30 pm “Not far enough: The Vatican position on the Papal Bulls” - Grand Chief Edward John [Tl’azt’en]
- 03:00 pm “A Mohawk perspective on the need to revoke the Papal Bulls of Discovery” - Dr Kenneth Deer [Mohawk, Haudenosaunee]
- 03:30 pm Discussion
- 04:00 pm Concluding words - David MacKinnon [Director Long March to Rome]

Monday May 2nd

Location: Grand Hotel Mediterraneo, Conference Room
Moderator: Chief Keith Matthew [Simpw]

- 02:00 pm “Charting a breakthrough: Canada’s Truth & Reconciliation Commission” - Chief Wilton J. Littlechild [Ermineskin Cree]
- 02:30 pm Film: “Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code” - Steven Newcomb [Shawnee, Lenape] & Birgil Killstraight [Oglala Sioux]
- 03:30 pm Discussion
- 04:00 pm Recognition of Delegates to meet with Vatican
- 04:30 pm Concluding Words - Chief Wilton J. Littlechild [Ermineskin Cree]

Tuesday May 3rd & Wednesday May 4th

The program for May 3rd and 4th will be dictated by the result of our negotiations with a prestigious Vatican Council with jurisdiction to discuss the matter of the Papal Bulls of Discovery. Those negotiations are well underway, and in the event a meeting is confirmed, our delegation will be arriving in Rome on May 3rd or 4th for discussions and/or a meeting with Pope Francis.

In either scenario, we invite you to take advantage of one of the world's most beautiful cities, Florence, Italy, that is at our doorstep. We have prepared an à la carte overview of activities and outings that you can enjoy at your own convenience.

Activities and Side Trips Long March to Rome - Florence

Take advantage of the following, within walking distance from the Grand Hotel Mediterraneo. The sites are placed in order of proximity to the hotel. Please contact David Grant during your stay, and he will be happy to provide you with particulars.



Basilica di Santa Croce

Price: €6

Walking: About 1mi. around the museum

[MAP](#)

From Hotel: 15 min. 0.7mi/1.1 km each way [MAP](#)

The Basilica di Santa Croce (Basilica of the Holy Cross) is the principal [Franciscan](#) church in Florence. The site, when first chosen, was in marshland outside the city walls. It is the burial place of some of the most illustrious Italians, such as [Michelangelo](#), [Galileo](#), [Machiavelli](#), [Foscolo](#), [Gentile](#) and [Rossini](#), thus it is known also as the “Temple of the Italian Glories (*Tempio dell'Itale Glorie*).”



Piazza della Signoria and Palazzo Vecchio/Tower

Price: €10/€14

Walking: About 0.5mi. around the piazza and museum

From Hotel: 20 min. 1mi/1.6 km each way

[MAP](#)

Palazzo Vecchio is the historic seat of civil power for the city of Florence, whose original project is attributed to Arnolfo di Cambio. Construction on the solid fortress began in 1299 above the ruins of the destroyed Uberti Ghibelline towers, testimony of the final victory of the Guelph faction. The entire construction also rests on top of the ancient theatre of the Roman colony of Florentia (dating back to the First Century A.D.), whose ruins can be admired in the underground level. There is no lift to the tower, so not recommended for people who have difficulty walking or who are afraid of heights. There are several famous statues in the Piazza della Signoria, free to view including:

- Copy of [Michelangelo's David](#) at the entrance of the Palazzo Vecchio; the original by [Michelangelo](#) is being kept at the [Gallery of the Academy of Fine Arts](#).
- [Equestrian Monument of Cosimo I](#), honoring Cosimo I de' Medici and sculpted by [Giambologna](#) (1594).
- [Fountain of Neptune](#) by [Bartolomeo Ammannati](#) (1575).
- [Il Marzocco](#), (the Lion) with a copy of the "Florentine Lily", originally made by [Donatello](#) (copy).
- [Judith and Holofernes](#), by [Donatello](#) (copy).
- [Hercules and Cacus](#), by [Bandinelli](#) (1533).
- [The Rape of the Sabine Women](#), in the Loggia dei Lanzi by [Giambologna](#).
- [Perseus with the Head of Medusa](#), in the Loggia dei Lanzi by [Cellini](#) (1554).
- [Medici lions](#), by [Fancelli](#) and [Vacca](#) (1598).



Ponte Vecchio

Price: free, €5-€10 for gelato/coffee
Walking: Under 0.5mi./800m from Piazza della Signoria [MAP](#)
From Hotel: 25 min. 1mi/1.6 km each way [MAP](#)

This beautiful bridge is not far from Piazza della Signora, yet the latter takes some time to explore, so it would be a full afternoon, starting with a walk around the Piazza, with time to admire the statues in the outdoor gallery, then walk along Via Por Santa Maria (a main shopping avenue) to Ponte Vecchio, where there is sometimes a live music (busking) performance (such as [Claudio Spadi at sunset, here](#)). There is an excellent Gelateria at the end of the bridge. We could always have one group go to Piazza Della Signora, with a second group leaving later for Ponte Vecchio - we could try to meet up at the North end, and cross over together.



Palazzo Pitti & Boboli Gardens

Entry: €8,50, Audio Guide: €6

Walking: Museum 1.5mi/2.4km, Gardens 1mi. uphill

From Hotel: 30 min. 1.3mi/2.1 km [MAP](#)

Bus: No single bus available. #14 to #C3 [MAP](#)

Across the Arno, over Ponte Vecchio, this massive Renaissance Palace formerly owned by the [Medici Family](#) is now the largest museum in Florence. Originally built as the city residence of banker [Luca Pitti](#) in 1458, it was purchased by the Medici Family in 1549 and became the main seat of power for the ruling families of Tuscany.

The Boboli Gardens behind the palace provide a pleasant hike, outstanding views, and a cool cypress-lined statuary. There are several areas to sit and relax throughout the gardens. Each takes several hours, so we could choose either the palace or the gardens, or divide into two groups if there are leaders available.



Piazzale Michaelangelo

Uphill walk or accessible by bus (€1,50-€3)

From Hotel: 25 min. 0.8mi/1.28km each way [MAP](#)

Bus: 3 min. Bus#13 runs every 15 min.

This Florentine piazza was designed by architect [Giuseppe Poggi](#) and built in 1869 on a hill just south of the historic center. With a magnificent view of the city, San Miniato al Monte is a stunning example of original Tuscan Romanesque architecture dating from the early 11th Century. The monks still make honey, tisanes and liqueurs to sell to visitors and it is also possible to visit the church while the monks sing Gregorian chant at 5.30pm. On the left bank winding up the hill of San Miniato the Viale dei Colli was built, a tree-lined street over 8 kilometers long ending at the Piazzale Michelangelo which was built as a terrace with a panoramic view of the city.



Piazza del Duomo & Santa Maria del Fiore

Entry: €15, Tour: €30

From Hotel: 30 min. 1.2mi/1.9km each way [MAP](#)

Bus: 14 min. Bus#14 runs every 6min.

[MAP](#)

The structure itself is quite breathtaking, and entry into the Cathedral is free, but there is a €15 charge to see any of the artwork within. There is usually a long wait to enter (up to 3 hours).



Uffizi Gallery

Entry: €8-€12

Walking: 20min. 0.9mi/1.4km [MAP](#)

Bus: 7 min. Bus#D runs every 12 min. [MAP](#)

The building of Uffizi complex was begun by [Giorgio Vasari](#) in 1560 for [Cosimo I de' Medici](#) so as to accommodate the offices of the Florentine magistrates, hence the name *uffizi*, "offices". The construction was later continued by [Alfonso Parigi](#) and [Bernardo Buontalenti](#) and completed in 1581.

This is one of the most popular museums in Florence and one can usually expect to wait in a queue for ½ hour to 2 hours, depending on the season. If one is willing, it is worth the wait.



Giardino Bardini

Entry: €10

Uphill walk to top

From Hotel: 30min. 1.2mi/1.9km [MAP](#)

Bus: 20 min. Bus#23 and Bus#D run every 7-12 min.

The Giardino Bardini is an Italian Renaissance garden. Opened only recently to the public, it is relatively little known but is said to rival the Boboli Gardens.



Basilica di Santo Spirito

Entry: Free

From Hotel: 30 min. 1.4mi/2.25km

Bus: 20 min. Bus#D runs every 12 min.

[MAP](#)

The Augustinian Basilica dates from the mid-Thirteenth Century and is filled with beautiful artworks in the nave and the individual family chapels. There are some great restaurants on the Piazza, including [this one](#), which I can recommend, and there is a small café and gelateria nearby in a hidden Piazza that is very pleasant.



Florence Free Walking Tour

Free but a tip (€5-€10) is appreciated

Bus: 30min. Bus#14 runs every 6 min. [MAP](#)

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