

Welcome Reception at Villa Bardini

The welcome reception will be held at Terrazza Belvedere of the Villa Bardini Gardens, one of the most scenic viewpoints on the city of Florence.

The Bardini Gardens can be reached from the conference venue with a 20-minutes walk across the city center.

The entrance will be from Via dei Bardi 1R starting from 7pm until 7:30pm (yellow route), and from Costa San Giorgio 2 after 7:30pm (green route).

The entrance from Via dei Bardi is really recommended, as this permits to reach the Terrazza Belvedere through a baroque staircase crossing a beautiful Italian garden. The exit will be from Costa San Giorgio 2 (green route).

BATTISTERO DI S.GIOVANNI (Baptistry of Saint John):

It was constructed between 1059 and 1128 in the Florentine Romanesque style. It is octagonal-shaped and has three artistically important bronze doors with relief sculptures done by Andrea Pisano and Lorenzo Ghiberti.

DUOMO (Cathedral):

It was begun in 1296 in the Gothic style from the design of Arnolfo di Cambio and completed structurally in 1436 with the dome engineered by Filippo Brunelleschi. The cathedral complex, located in Piazza del Duomo, includes the Baptistry and Giotto's Campanile.

AUDITORIUM AL DUOMO

CHIESA DI ORSANMICHELE (Orsanmichele Church):

It was built as a grain market in 1337 by Francesco Talenti, Neri di Fioravante, and Benchi di Cione. The facades hold 14 external niches filled with bronze and stone figures by Donatello, Lorenzo Ghiberti and others.

PONTE VECCHIO (Old Bridge):

is a Medieval stone closed-spandrel segmental arch bridge over the Arno River. Butchers initially occupied the shops; the present tenants are jewelers, art dealers and souvenir sellers

PIAZZA DELLA SIGNORIA (Place of Lords):

It is the focal point of the origin and of the history of the Florentine Republic and still maintains its reputation as the political hub of the city.

PALAZZO VECCHIO (Old Palace):

It is the town hall of Florence. It is a massive, Romanesque, crenellated fortress-palace. Beside, the Loggia dei Lanzi with a gallery of statues and in front of the entrance a copy of Michelangelo's David statue.

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