



Venue

The conference will be hosted at Palazzo Rasponi Dalle Teste. It is located in the centre of Ravenna, not far from the main monuments of the city. There is a bus stop nearby (Piazza Kennedy) and it is a 10-minute walk from the train station.

Schedule

Participants will be welcomed at Palazzo Rasponi on **Monday 2 July**. The academic conference will take place over the next 5 days with a tour on Thursday. The tour will take participants to visit the Basilica of St. Apollinare in Classe and the pine-forest of Classe, followed by a trip to Faenza where they will see the Convent of Santa Chiara (from the outside). There will be a lunch in Casa Spadoni and the tour will continue in Faenza and in Bagnacavallo with a visit to the convent of San Giovanni where Allegra Byron died.

On **Wednesday 4 July** after a full day's conference, participants will visit Palazzo Guiccioli. After dinner, participants can attend Vespers in San Vitale (part of the Ravenna Music Festival) and there will be a private guided tour of the Basilica of San Vitale and the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia.

The academic conference fee is 350 euros. It includes participation in all academic sessions at Palazzo Rasponi Dalle Teste, the welcome dinner on Monday, the Vespers and guided tour on Wednesday evening and the tour on Thursday.

Accommodation

Accommodation possibilities in Ravenna are varied, but it is not possible to host a large group in a single location economically or even in a number of locations close to the venue.

You can contact the organization for a booking offer suitable to your needs: Ravenna Incoming Convention & Visitors Bureau – e-mail eventi@ravennaincoming.it – phone number +39 0544 482838 (from Mon to Sat from 8,30 a.m. To 6 p.m. and on Sun from 10 a.m. To 4 p.m.)

From the 1st of June to the 22nd of July Ravenna Festival will be taking place: a famous music festival with opera, ballet, and concerts. The organization is available to book tickets for the performances you would like to attend.

Post- conference optional excursion to Ferrara (8 July)

On **Sunday 8 July** there will be an optional guided tour (by coach) to Ferrara, the city of *Parisina* and *The Lament of Tasso*. Ferrara achieved its cultural pinnacle during the Renaissance, the golden age of the Este court, which has left indelible signs everywhere: in the colossal Addizione Ercolea project, the impressive Quattrocento and Cinquecento pictorial cycles, and the *Last Judgement* by Bastianino. In

1995 UNESCO included Ferrara's historic centre in the list of World Cultural Heritage sites as an astonishing example of an intact Renaissance planned town, which had a lasting influence on town planning over the centuries that followed.

The visit to Ferrara will include the Estense Castle and city centre (the Cathedral and the main piazzas). After a lunch based on local dishes, the group will continue the tour visiting the outside of Torquato Tasso's cell (visited by Byron), a walk in the Addizione Erculea, and a tour of Ariosto's home.

The number of participants is limited to that of a guided group, i.e. 30 people. Should there be additional requests, another group may be organized.

The price per person is 65 euros and includes the coach from Ravenna to Ferrara and back, lunch and guided tour.