

7 Mid - Rome before Rome: a river among two volcanoes. Discovering the relationship between the history of the city and the territory.

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Proposed Excursion Dates: *16 July 2023*

Draft Itinerary: *Rome downtown (Piazza Colonna, Santa Maria sopra Minerva, Campidoglio, Foro Romano, Colosseo)*

Definitive cost per head: € 50

Minimum number of participants: 10

Maximum number of participants: 30

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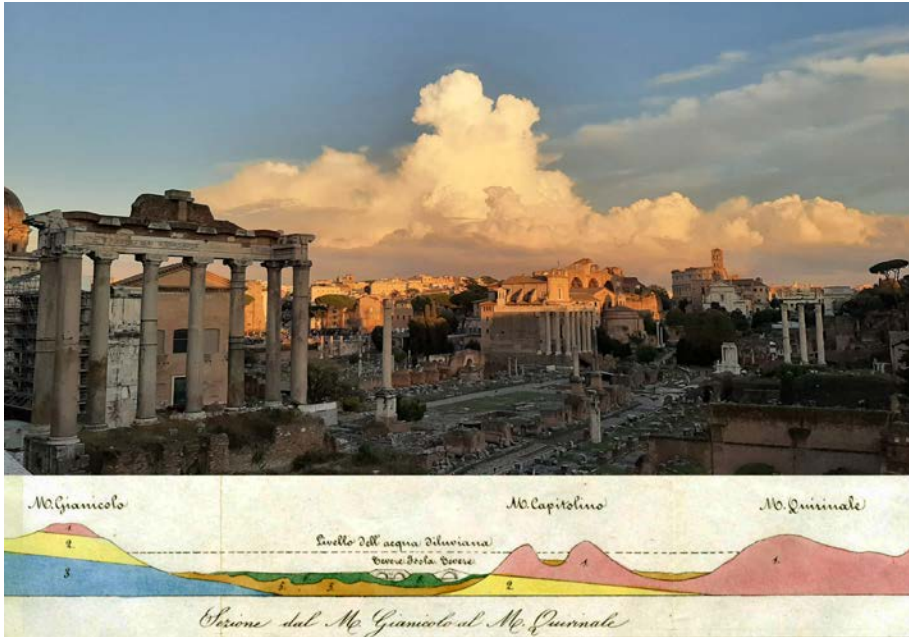
Description

Water and fire: a river and two volcanoes provided Rome a great chance for its raising and development to evolve into the most important city in the Mediterranean area of the ancient world.

The Tiber, with its privileged access to the sea, has been an important communication route for the exchange of goods; the volcanoes have provided raw material for the construction of walls, bridges, aqueducts, roads and buildings.

However, water and fire also pose a threat to the city: the floods of the Tiber, the seismicity, the high CO₂ flows linked to the activity of the Alban Hills volcano are elements with which Rome and its inhabitants still have to deal with today.

During the geological walk in the city centre will be possible to observe geological outcrops and, from privileged observation points, the original morphological features and the subsequent urban landscape modifications.



The swirling human activity changed the morphology of the Seven Hills and forced the Tiber into the banks, however the wounds from the geological evolution on the city (floods and earthquakes) are still visible.

This field trip is a journey through space and time dedicated to the geological and geomorphological evolution of "Rome before Rome".