

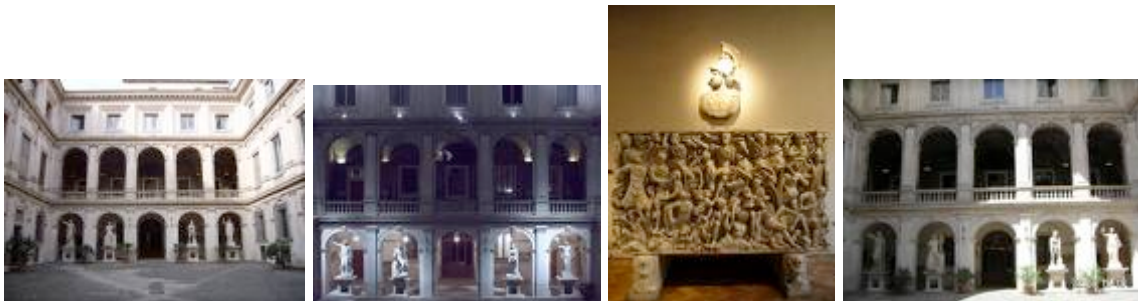
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS DISCRETE 10

NAVONA SQUARE AND THE ALTEMPS'S PALACE

MORNING 10,30 pm



The history of the **Navona square** goes back to Ancient Rome. In this area rose the large Circus of the Emperor Domitian. As a matter of fact the vast elliptical shape of the square matches exactly the outlines of the circus. Here were carried out mock sea battles, grandiose public shows, games etc. In the following centuries, although the complex fell into ruins, the site was still a favourite spot by the Romans. The Pope commissioned also the church of S. Agnese, on the place where the saint endured the martyrdom. In the Middle Ages a church had been already built on the walls of the Circus. The ruins of which are still visible under the new church. The church was designed by Borromini (1645-50).



The Palace of Altemps is one of the most interesting examples of the Renaissance architecture in Rome. Construction was started by Girolamo Riario in 1477 in the place where, in antiquity, existed marble workshops, possibly with a temple of Apollo nearby.

Fee for Social Programme Navona Square and Altemps's Palace Half Day is € 29 (VAT 20% included).

The fee includes:

- Ticket to visit the Museum
- English speaking guide
- English speaking tour leader
- Italian coffee or cappuccino at the historical Caffé della Pace.
- The visit will be held with a minimum number of 25 people.

Meeting point at the S.Agnese in Agone Church in the Navona Square at 9,30 a.m.