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WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2024 – GELA



- Arrival of conference participants in Gela.

THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024 – GELA

- **09.00 am** Reception and group selection for the Congress at *Palazzo Ducale* (Piazza Calvario).
- **9.30 am** Participant's meeting point at *Piazza Calvario*, historical city center.
- **9.45 am** Guided tour of the *Federician Walls* (medieval walls in the historic center – groups will depart every 15 minutes).
- **11.00 am** Guided tour of the *Museum* (groups will entry every 15 minutes) at the end of the guided tours, transfer to *Hotel Villa Peretti* (main Congress venue).
- **1.00 pm** Welcome lunch at Hotel Villa Peretti
- **3.30 pm** Guided tour of the *Timoleonte Walls* (Greek Walls in the Caposoprano area).
- **6.00 pm** Return to the hotel.
- **8.00 pm** Dinner Gala with the presentation of the new members' club (Dress code: black tie or dark suit)
- **11.00 pm** Return to the hotel.

FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024 – GELA / AGRIGENTO / SCIACCA

- **08.45 am** Participant' Congress' registration at the Teatro Eschilo (Piazza S. Agostino)
- **09.30 am** Opening of the Congress at the *Theatre Aeschylus*.
 - Congress Presentation: Vice President (Francesco Butera - Gela) and Secretary (Giuseppe Di Giovanna - Sciacca) of the LIONS Walled City International Foundation.
 - Greetings from the Mayor of Gela.
 - Greetings from the Authorities.
 - Greetings from the Presidents of the hosting Lions Clubs Gela Host (G. Iozza) and Sciacca Host (M. Maggio)
 - Greetings from the Governor District 108Yb (D. Macaluso)
 - Greetings from the Presidency of the International Walled City Foundation LIONS (M.A. Abela, G. Guerra, F. Butera and G. Beorchia)
- **10.00** Beginning of the Conference regard the theme "*The walls: war closure in antiquity and tourist opening today and in the future*":
 - The Greek fortifications – The walls erected by the Tyrant Timoleon (prof. archaeologist Rosalba Panvini – Catania's University).
 - The medieval fortifications – The walls erected by Frederick II (prof. Salvina Fiorilla – Superintendency BB. AA. And CC. of RG).
 - Tourist development in fortified cities (prof. Marco Platania – Catania's University).
 - L.C. Osimo: Presentation about next Congress' place of 2025
- **12.15 pm** End of the conference and return to the hotel.
(For the guided there is a little tour of the historic center and churches).
- **1.15 pm** Departure to Agrigento (historic city founded by the Greeks) and during the return travel near Butera area is provided a Packed Lunch with typical Sicilian specialities.
- **3.00 pm** Visit to the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento.
- **7.00 pm** Departure to Sciacca and hotel accommodation.
- **8.30 pm** Welcome Dinner.

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SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2024 - SCIACCA

- **09.30 am** Opening of the Congress at Santa Caterina's Church.
 - Congress' Presentation: Secretary (G. Di Giovanna) and Vice President (F. Butera) of the LIONS International Walled City Foundation.
 - Greetings from the Mayor of Sciacca.
 - Greetings from the Presidents of Sciacca Host (M. Maggio) and Gela Host (G. Iozza) Lions Clubs.
 - Greetings of other local authorities.
 - Greetings from the Governor District 108Yb (D. Macaluso)
 - Greetings from the Presidency of the International Walled City Foundation LIONS (M.A. Abela, G. Guerra, F. Butera and G. Beorchia)
- **10.00 am** Start of works regard the theme the conference's theme.:
 - Introductory speech by the Architect. Michele Benfari, former BB Superintendent. CC.AA. of the Province of Agrigento.
 - Speech by the Arch. Giuseppe Cattano, Honorary Inspector of the Superintendence of BB. CC. AA. of the Province of Agrigento.
 - *Bell Passes* to the XXI CONGRESS of Osimo that will be in 2025.
- **12.15 pm** End of the Conference.
(For the guided there is a little tour of the historic center and churches)
- **1.00 pm** Lunch with typical Sicilian specialities.
- **3.30 pm** Assembly of the International Walled City Lions Foundation
(For the guided there is a little tour of the historic center and churches).
- **5.30 pm** Guided tour of the Ancient City Gates and Churches.
- **7.00 pm** Return to the hotel.
- **8.30 pm** Dinner Gala. Greetings and exchange of pennants (Dress code: black tie or dark suit).
- **11.30 pm** Return to the hotel.

SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024 – SCIACCA

- **09.30** Guided tour of the Luna Castle.
- Departure participants' congress from Sciacca.

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