



JOURNEYS OF THE SPIRIT FESTIVAL
Festival Internazionale degli Itinerari dello Spirito

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JOSP Fest Inaugurates its III Edition in the heart of Rome

ROME, 2 JUNE 2011 – In the ideal setting of Rome, Opera Romana Pellegrinaggi, an activity of the Vicariate of Rome, Department of the Holy See, today inaugurated its III Edition of JOSP Fest, Journeys of the Spirit Festival.

The four-day festival held in some of the most important *piazze* and streets in the center of Rome will run through the 5 June. JOSP Fest celebrates pilgrimages and traveling, and is for people of all ages and types who are interested in discovering the world with a new set of eyes and becoming global citizens.

“We are living in a difficult time and there is a great need for spirituality, for reflection, for God, and this is one of the reasons why we are seeing such a great demand for the pilgrimage experience,” said Father Caesar Atuire, CEO of Opera Romana Pellegrinaggi. “JOSP Fest offers the opportunity to live a profound experience in cradle of Christianity – Rome.”

This year’s theme is the Pilgrim Lifestyle, a spiritual and cultural way of life that has at its center important values, including believing in the power of prayer and meditation and building bridges and relationships with other cultures.

This edition, rich with exhibitors, as well as seminars, conferences and even a public debate on whether tourism is a friend or enemy of the environment, has solidified JOSP Fest as an event of the city of Rome. It hopes



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to become an annual appointment for the city and travelers from all over the world.

The business-to-business side of JOSP Fest has continued to grow strong this year. There is a great demand for travel that is based on religious, spiritual, cultural and ecological reasons. That is why more than 100 buyers and sellers are participating in the II JOSP Trade Workshop that will be held at the Auditorium Conciliazione.

In addition, the greatest minds in tourism will meet to brainstorm on a topic important to all pilgrims: the future of tourism and how traveling can bring us into closer contact with new cultures, ideas and ways of thinking.

“This is an ambitious goal, but not impossible, if we work hard and invoke the help of God,” Father Atuire added.

JOSP Fest continues to rely on the arts to entertain and stimulate. This year, Rome’s most famous piazza – Piazza di Spagna – will house the two big concerts – Italian Folk Artist Ambrogio Sparagna, 3 June; and International Tenor Josè Carreras, 4 June.

In addition, a 57-piece orchestra conducted by Maurizio Trippitelli was created for JOSP Fest. The JOSP Orchestra will perform each day of the Festival at Piazza Navona. The events are all free and open to the public.

Lastly JOSP Fest also helps to launch this summer’s travel season. Many of the travel proposals presented during JOSP Fest are interesting and moving choices for pilgrims/travelers looking for more than just the sun and the sand for their holidays.

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