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PARCO ARCHEOLOGICO DI OSTIA ANTICA

Access regulations

Art. 1- ACCESS TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS

The archaeological park of Ostia Antica (archaeological area of Ostia antica, Julius II castle, Imperial Harbours of Claudius and Trajan, Necropolis of Portus in the Isola Sacra, Museum of the Roman ships from Fiumicino) can be visited with a ticket on days and at times open to the public. On special occasions can be open to the public with free admission, also the sites of the Complex of the S. Ippolito's basilica and Tor Boacciana.

The Management reserves the right to:

- proceed, even without prior notice, to fail to open or close sites early in the event of particularly adverse weather conditions and/or for reasons related to public health and hygiene (such as, for example, prolonged interruptions to water or electricity supplies by service providers);
- temporarily modify the tour route and/or close specific areas when necessary to ensure safety or for specific reasons related to maintenance and/or restoration, excavation, protection, and enhancement work.

Art. 2-WARNINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

By accessing the Park's sites, visitors accept and acknowledge that:

- the paths within the Park's sites have varying levels and heights and elements that constitute a tripping hazard;
- given the unique characteristics of the sites, there are areas and spaces with architectural barriers and are not fully accessible;
- considering the vegetation in which the sites are, there are various types of insects, with a consequent risk of bites; visitors are responsible to use extreme caution and, if allergic, bringing the necessary medication;
- visiting the sites, particularly at certain times of the year and times of the day, can involve considerable physical effort.

Visitors are advised to:

- wear suitable footwear and clothing;
- take maximum care to avoid tripping, falling, sprains and other injuries;
- be aware of the possible presence of stray dogs or other wild animals;
- visit at times and in ways compatible with their physical condition and state of health.

Art. 3- PROHIBITIONS

In all the sites of the Park is forbidden:

1. bringing in firearms or cutting weapons, blades, knives, multi-purpose tools, spray cans, or any other tool capable of causing harm to people or damage to property;



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2. behave in a way that puts the safety of structures, works and people at risk;
3. destroying, damaging or removing cultural property;
4. defacing or damaging structures, surfaces, works and artefacts, both ancient and modern, including benches, fountains, etc;
5. touching frescoes, ancient objects or furnishings, etc.;
6. visiting in skimpy clothing and/or bare-chested;
7. throwing any type of waste outside the designated containers;
8. using loudspeakers or other sound amplification equipment;
9. setting picnics and consuming food outside the designated areas;
10. introducing professional optical and audio equipment (cameras on tripods, video cameras, microphones, audio mixers, etc.) without first formal authorisation from the Administration.
11. bringing bicycles, scooters and other motorised and electric vehicles without prior authorisation from the Administration. Vehicles designed to transport people with mobility disabilities are permitted, subject to the specific characteristics of the sites.
12. talking loudly, play ball, shout, run, or disturb other visitors;
13. picking any type of fruit or flower;
14. lighting fires, throw lit cigarettes, or engage in any behavior that could cause a fire hazard;
15. digging holes or remove protective covers;
16. climbing, leaning, or sitting on walls, fountains, counters, or any antique structure, or furniture; and anyway using them in a manner incompatible with their historical or artistic character or that could damage their preservation;
17. climbing over or move barriers, fences, bollards, chains, or ropes that delimit spaces and/or areas and access points closed to visitors;
18. opening locked or closed gates and lingering on the edges of the excavations;
19. entering in formal dresses, masks, or costumes without prior authorization from the Administration;
20. displaying flags and banners;
21. using drones (Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems - RPAS) without prior authorization from the Administration;
22. disturbing and/or mistreating the animals present in the Park;
23. damaging or deface in any way trees, shrubs, or wild animal burrows;
24. leaving fountain taps open after use;
25. touching or tamper with equipment and devices of any kind.

In the Ostiense Museum, Museum of the Roman ships from Fiumicino, Julius II Castle and, in general, in enclosed spaces (like decorated houses in Ostia Antica or tombs in the Necropolis of Portus), it is also forbidden to:

1. smoke (this prohibition also includes electronic cigarettes);
2. consume food and drink;
3. enter with trolleys or bulky bags.



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Art. 4- VISITORS' OBLIGATIONS

Visitors are required to:

1. show their admission ticket and, when required by law, provide their identity to Park staff upon request;
2. follow the designated visitor routes;
3. comply with the instructions provided by Park staff;
4. report any dangerous situations to Park staff;
5. separate their waste.

In addition to the provisions expressly set out in these regulations, visitors are required to read and comply with the instructions contained in the notices and recommendations, including those relating to safety, posted at the entrances to the Park or, published on the website or through other official Park communication channels, as well as to follow the instructions of internal staff.

Art. 5 – ACCESS FOR PETS

Dogs are allowed in the Park's sites according to their specific characteristics:

1. in outdoor archaeological areas (Archaeological Area of Ostia Antica, Imperial Harbours of Claudius and Trajan, Necropolis of Portus on Isola Sacra), dogs are allowed on a leash; dogs are not allowed in enclosed spaces within these areas (such as the decorated houses of Ostia or the tombs of the Necropolis of Portus) or during live shows held there occasionally;
2. Small dogs (maximum 8 kg) are allowed in museums (Ostiense Museum and Museum of the Roman Ships from Fiumicino) and enclosed spaces (Complex of the S. Ippolito's Basilica and Tor Boacciana), provided they are kept in a suitable carrier, bag or held in the arms for the entire duration of the visit.
3. Dogs are not allowed in Julius II Castle.

Guide dogs for the blind, service dogs for the disabled and pets certified as therapy animals are always allowed, upon presentation to staff of certification issued by doctors from public health facilities.

Dog owners are required to pick up their pets' faeces and muzzle them if requested by security staff.

Art. 6- LIABILITY

Without prejudice to any criminal liability and administrative penalties, visitors are civilly liable to the Archaeological Park of Ostia Antica for any damage caused by negligence, carelessness or failure to comply with the obligations and prohibitions set forth in these regulations.

Group leaders and school teachers are required to ensure their groups comply with the regulations.

The Park is not liable for damage to persons or property resulting from a lack of care and prudence appropriate to the nature of the site, and any claims for compensation against the Administration are



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therefore excluded. The Administration is also not liable for theft, loss, or damage to persons or property resulting from unforeseeable circumstances or negligence or carelessness.

Art. 7- FINAL PROVISIONS

The Archaeological Park of Ostia Antica reserves the right to remove visitors who do not respect the obligations and prohibitions established by these regulations, including by alerting the police, with particular reference to the following cases:

1. refusal by the visitor and/or accompanying person to show their admission ticket and, in the cases provided for by law, to provide their personal details to Park staff who request them;
2. violence, even if only verbal, or threats against security guards, other staff and visitors;
3. harassment of other visitors or any person present on the Park's sites;
4. any behaviour that creates dangerous situations or is contrary to public decency;
5. damage, destruction or theft of cultural property.

Similarly, group and school leaders may be temporarily denied access to the Park sites in the event of repeated violations of the regulations by them or by individuals belonging to the group or school.

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