

Royal Parade

Stories of the carriages of Popes, Princes and Kings

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February 2, 2014

Juvarra Stables

A unique display of ten marvelous carriages from the 18th and 19th century that were once used by sovereigns for public appearances at official ceremonies. These genuine “art

works” provide a magnificent and fascinating illustration of Court history: an invaluable heritage that inspires wonder and awe and that deserves to attract greater interest and attention for its historical and artistic relevance.

The display includes superb carriages and sedan chairs of the Italian Royal Family from the Restoration times, the Kings of Naples and Sardinia, and the Grand Duke of Tuscany.

Most notably, the exhibition presents the carriages that once belonged to Carlo Alberto, Pope Pius IX and Vittorio Emanuele II. The display takes visitors on a journey from the times of the Risorgimento to Italy’s Unification and the opulent court of Umberto I and Margherita in Rome, the capital of a country that was finally united.

Also on display is the famous 1789 Berlingotto of Vittorio Emanuele I, the only remaining Italian royal carriage from the 18th century and one of the last symbols of the Ancient Regime, probably in use also at Venaria Reale.

Also on show are three 18th-century sedan chairs, precious original drawings of carriages, and the imposing “Palombella” – the 1909 automobile that belonged to Queen Margherita which marked the passage from carriages to cars at official parades.

The exhibition also presents the renewed multimedia show *The Sublime Boat* celebrating the “Bucentaur of Savoy” - the last remaining original ceremonial boat produced in Venice in 18th century.

The exhibition, organized by the Reggia di Venaria, Palazzo del Quirinale in Rome and Polo Museale Fiorentino - Palazzo Pitti in Florence, is the first event in the framework of a collaboration between the three capitals of Italy (Turin, Florence and Rome) to promote initiatives and studies on the Courts of Italy and particularly the Kingdom of Italy.

