



Dance by Canova, 1798-1799

Grand Historic Events presents

THE SUMMER PLEASURES of 1818

**Celebrating the Bicentenary of Percy Bysshe and Mary Shelley in Bagni di Lucca
with a Bacchanalian weekend of dance, poetry, water, music and love**

24 - 26 August, 2018 - Lucca and surroundings

All events in 1805 - 1818 outfits (see page 7)

Programme of Events

FRIDAY 24 August, 2018, 9pm - 11pm

Palazzo Tucci - Via Cesare Battisti 13, Lucca

DANCE RUN-THROUGH AT PALAZZO TUCCI (in 1805 -1818 outfits with gentlemen's jackets off)

SATURDAY 25 August, 2018, 10am - 11.15am

Palazzo Mansi, Via Galli Tassi, 43, Lucca

VISIT PALAZZO MANSI and its collection of historic clothes and portraits

SATURDAY 25 August, 2018, 11.30am - 1pm

Palazzo Ducale - piazza Napoleone, Lucca

VISIT ELISA'S PRIVATE APARTMENTS and THE MEMORY OF SCENT EXHIBITION in PALAZZO DUCALE

SATURDAY 25 August, 6pm - 1am

Villa Rossi di Gattaiola

GRAND MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S BALL

An Arcadian Pleasure Park with Hot Air Balloon Rides, Gambling and Games

A fully staged performance of Mozart's opera Bastiano e Bastiana

Faeries & Elves and Bacchanalian delights, lit by candlelight and a full moon

SUNDAY 26 August, 2018, 11am - 1am

The Spa Town of BAGNI DI LUCCA

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH COMMUNITY IN 1818, IN ELISA'S THEATRE

A TUSCAN LUNCH AT THE FORESTIERI CLUB BY THE RIVER LIMA

VISIT ELISA & PAULINE'S SUMMER RESIDENCES, THE SHELLEY'S HOME and LORD BYRON'S VILLA

WALK 'THE LOVER'S PATH' CROSS COUNTRY TO THE SPA HOTEL, AFTERNOON TEA

ENJOY A SWIM & A SPA IN PAULINE'S GROTTO

Then A POET'S BALL with GAMES & GAMBLING, MUSIC AND POETRY & DINNER IN THE ROYAL CASINO

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FRIDAY 24 AUGUST, 2018, 9pm - 11pm
Palazzo Tucci - Via Cesare Battisti 13, Lucca

DANCE RUN-THROUGH
(in 1805-1818 outfits with gentlemen's jackets off)

Historical Dance Master Donald Francis, Artistic Director of L'Atelier de Danse Florence, will lead a run-through of Saturday and Sunday's Ball programme. Everyone will have a chance to learn the choreography, meet the other guests and enjoy the beauty of the Palace. Elisa Baciocchi Bonaparte, Napoleon's sister, and her husband Felix Baciocchi, attended a candlelit ball here on their first night in Lucca.

(Palazzo Tucci has accommodation for 12 people. Let me know if you would like to stay)

Refreshments will be served

Dress Code: 1805 - 1818 outfits. No boots, no heels and gentlemen's jackets off

Ticket: 30 euro





SATURDAY 25 AUGUST, 2018, 10am - 11.15am
Palazzo Mansi, Via Galli Tassi, 43, Lucca

VISIT PALAZZO MANSI and its
COLLECTION OF HISTORIC CLOTHING AND PAINTINGS
 and an exquisite, newly acquired, court dress of silk tulle embroidered in silver

SATURDAY 25 AUGUST, 2018, 11.30am - 1pm
Palazzo Ducale - Prefecture - piazza Napoleone, Lucca

VISIT ELISA'S PRIVATE APARTMENTS
& the EXHIBITION "THE MEMORY OF SCENT"

Elisa completely redecorated this part of Palazzo Ducale in the neo-classical style and made it her residence.
 We have special permission to view this private part of Palazzo Ducale.
 A new, permanent exhibition located in the rooms once dedicated to Elisa's theatre
 presents the exotic scents introduced to Lucca by Elisa during her reign.

Dress Code: 1805 - 1818 day wear
Ticket: 20 euro





SATURDAY 25 AUGUST, 2018 6pm - 1am

VILLA ROSSI DI GATTAIOLA
Via Villa Altieri, 1672

GRAND MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S BALL

**a celebration of summer evenings
in a pleasure park of Bacchanalian delights**

Tethered Hot-Air Balloon Rides in the Park

Pioneer aeronaut Vincenzo Lunardi, born in Lucca, first flew in his hot-air balloon in 1784, at the age of 30.

**A fully staged performance of Mozart's *Bastiano e Bastiana*
Theatrical Masques & Mimes with Faeries & Elves
Lover's Games by the Lake under the Full Moon
Bacchus Serving Champagne and Georgian Punch in the Loggia
Gambling and Games in the downstairs Salons
Quadrilles and Contredances in the Candlelit Ballroom**

We have been given permission to light candles in the Villa

A Buffet Froid throughout the Evening

Villa Rossi was home to Count Alfred Émilien van Nieuwerkerke,
celebrated lover of Princess Mathilde Bonaparte, daughter of Napoleon's brother Jérôme Bonaparte

Dance Master - Donald Francis
Orchestra Conductor - Valentino Zangara

Dress Code: 1805 - 1818 Ball attire with faery and elfin wings (see page 7)

bus pick-ups from Lucca at 5.30pm, 6pm & 6.30pm. Pick-up location to be advised. Return buses at 12am, 12.30am & 1am.

Ticket: 160 euro (200 euro with balloon ride)

* Please contact me if you have special dietary needs





Royal Casino at Bagni di Lucca

SUNDAY 26 AUGUST, 2018 11am - 1am
BAGNI DI LUCCA

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENARY OF PERCY BYSSHE AND MARY SHELLEY IN BAGNI DI LUCCA

Bagni di Lucca was Elisa and her sister Pauline Borghese's favourite retreat and they developed the medieval Spa town into a luxurious resort. By 1818 it was home to a large English and international community and was, without doubt, the most fashionable place to be. From June to August of 1818 Percy Bysshe Shelley and his wife Mary and their 2 children lived in Casa Bertini in Bagni. Mary had just published *Frankenstein* and Shelley decided to translate Plato's *Symposium*, a work dedicated to the meaning of Love and Eros.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE SHELLEYS & THE ENGLISH COMMUNITY IN 1818, PRESENTED IN ELISA'S THEATRE
A TUSCAN LUNCH AT THE FORESTIERI CLUB BY THE RIVER LIMA

A VISIT TO ELISA & PAULINE'S SUMMER RESIDENCES, THE SHELLEY'S HOME & LORD BYRON'S VILLA.

WE WILL THEN WALK 'THE LOVER'S PATH' CROSS COUNTRY TO THE SPA HOTEL, <http://www.termebagnidilucca.it/en/index.html>. AFTERNOON TEA WILL BE SERVED IN THE BALL ROOM WHERE THE SHELLEY'S DANCED. YOU MAY ENJOY A SWIM & A SPA IN PAULINE'S GROTTO AND ROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO SHOWER AND CHANGE FOR THE EVENING.

A SHORT WALK TO THE ROYAL CASINO FOR **THE POET'S BALL WITH GAMES, GAMBLING, MUSIC, POETRY & DINNER**

Dance Master - Donald Francis and Orchestra Conductor - Valentino Zangara

Bus Pick-up at 11am - Please be there by 10.50am. Have your swimming costume and ball clothes in a bag. They will be taken to the SPA HOTEL ready for the afternoon. Bus pick-up location in Lucca to be advised. Back to Lucca by 1am.

Dress Code: 1805 - 1818 - day wear with sturdy footwear, swimwear and Ball outfits

Ticket: 200 euro

* Please contact me if you have special dietary needs. Note that the temperature in Bagni di Lucca is cooler than in Lucca



Royal Casino at Bagni di Lucca



PAYMENT

Complete Weekend Programme: 410 euro (450 euro with tethered Hot-Air Balloon Ride)
(please note - a free babysitter will be at each event)

★Payment must be made by 1st August 2018 to the following bank account:

Name on Account: Martinez Wurfel, Margarita Francisca
Bank Name: Banco Posta
Bank Address: Via Pelliceria, 3, 50100 Florence
City: Florence (Firenze)
Country: Italy
IBAN: IT11Y0760102800000016805848
BIC/SWIFT Number: BPPIITRRXXX

My address: Margarita Martinez
"Studio Architettura"
Viale Petrarca, 110
Firenze 50124, Italia

If you do not wish to attend the full Weekend Program, please write me an email with your ticket requests and I will send you the total amount to transfer.

When transferring the money, please include your full name and write “weekend” on the transfer statement.
Once payment is confirmed your name/s will go on the Attendee List for each event.

PAYPAL:

If you are out of the euro zone and wish to pay with Paypal, please let me know, via email. My PayPal is based in Australia and I will send you an invoice in Australian Dollars, bypassing euros altogether.

Confirmation Email to: margaritafm@yahoo.com.au

After payment, please confirm by writing me an email with:

- 1) bank transfer confirmation
- 2) your mobile telephone number (I may need to contact you with possible last minute updates)
- 3) confirm your request for the Hot Air Balloon Ride
- 4) Please include food allergy information for the weekend and other special dietary requests, if necessary.





Information regarding the Dress Code for each event

Friday evening's dance rehearsal, held in Palazzo Tucci (24th August), is in costume.

The Palazzo is air-conditioned, but I suggest jacket's off for the gentlemen (waistcoats on) and light summer evening wear for the ladies. The dress-code period is from 1805 (when Elisa Bonaparte arrived in Lucca) until 1818 but clothes from 1796 - 1805 may be worn. Please note: no heels, no spurs, no boots.

Saturday morning's visits are in day wear from 1805 till 1818. Ladies in bonnets and no Battenburg lace umbrellas, please. Men in jackets.

During Elisa's reign as Princess of Lucca she held numerous Grand Balls and many were themed. Saturday evening's Grand Midsummer Night's Ball, to be held in Villa Rossi and it's surrounding park, is dedicated to celebrating Arcadian summer nights, with faeries, elves, neo-classical nymphs and satyrs, Bacchus (Pan) and Cupid (Eros). The dress code covers the years 1805 till 1818. Guests are asked to wear something to echo this fantastical Dionysian world. It could be a neo-classical outfit or simply a Ball outfit decorated with garlands of flowers or wings.

We will spend Sunday 26th August in Bagni di Lucca, set in the Lima Valley and surrounded by tree-covered mountains. Guests will need day wear from the years 1805 - 1818 for the first part of the day. Ladies in sturdy footwear, bonnets and men in jackets. Again, no Battenburg lace umbrellas, please.

Swimming costumes are required for the swim and Spa in the afternoon. Men in under drawers and women in shifts. Rooms will be available at the Spa Hotel for those who wish to shower and change into Ball outfits for the evening's revelries in the Royal Casino till midnight.

