

# ICAP 2026 Congress – Tour Proposals

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## Tour 8. Uncovering the Secrets of Pisa

A journey through architectural wonders and ancient Roman shipwrecks

Pisa is far more than its iconic leaning tower, it's a fascinating weave of art, faith, engineering, and mystery. On this half-day experience, you'll be guided through the heart of the city in an itinerary designed to surprise, inspire, and bring to life the rich, thousand-year-old story of one of Tuscany's most beloved gems.

The journey begins in the stunning Piazza dei Miracoli, one of the world's most recognizable monumental squares. Here, between manicured green lawns and gleaming white marble, every building tells its own story. You'll admire the magnificent exteriors of the Baptistery, with its legendary acoustics; the Monumental Cemetery, silent and solemn; and, of course, the Leaning Tower, a universal symbol of balance and imperfection—both physical and historical.

After learning about its curious tilt and the centuries of engineering that have preserved it, you'll step inside the grand Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, a masterpiece of Pisan Romanesque style. Under vaulted arches and glowing mosaics, before Giovanni Pisano's exquisite pulpit, you'll walk through a living testament to the era when Pisa reigned over the Mediterranean.

The tour continues on foot through lesser-known corners of the city, offering glimpses of authentic, everyday Pisa, until you arrive at a truly unique destination: the Ancient Ships Museum, housed inside the historic Medici Arsenals. Here, time seems to stand still. Inside this evocative space, you'll come face to face with real Roman ships, uncovered during archaeological excavations and astonishingly well-preserved after centuries underground. The experience feels like stepping into an ancient harbor, surrounded by hulls, amphorae, tools, and fragments of long-forgotten voyages.

It's not just a visit, but a journey—into the past, into the heart of a city where every stone has a voice, and every ship a story to tell.

Departure from Florence: 9:30 am

Duration: 6 hours

Price per person: € 75,00

Min number of ppl: 35

Dates: 23/07/2026

What's included in the tour:

- ♦ English-speaking tour guide
- ♦ Piazza dei Miracoli walking tour
- ♦ Admission to the Museum of Ancient Ships
- ♦ Transfer from and to Florence by Bus

