

2006 Annual Meeting Tours

(All tours are subject to change and cancellation.)

Included in Registration Package:

Exclusive CSAA Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, half day tour (for all attendees)

Opened exclusively for this **private CSAA tour**, you will walk through the Vatican Museum to see its vast collection of priceless treasures, frescoes and gardens before entering the world-renowned Sistine Chapel, highlighted by the 16th century masterpieces of Michelangelo, who spent four grueling years painting the Chapel ceiling with frescoes depicting scenes from the Old Testament. On the altar wall, you'll see the maturity of Michelangelo as a painter in his fresco of the Last Judgment, started 22 years after he completed the ceiling. A 14-year restoration process was completed in 1994 returning the works to their colorful power and glory. In addition to the works by Michelangelo, you will see 15th century works on the lower walls of the chapel, depicting episodes from the Life of Moses and the Life of Christ, painted by a group of artists including Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Perugino, Signorelli and Pinturicchio. This tour will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to view these splendid frescoes without lines and without the general public.