

Dear PL

I do hope that you are well and that you are looking forward to joining us in Rome in just two weeks time.

We received some news yesterday from the Aran Mantegna Hotel in Rome. In short they have problems with a sector of the rooms in the hotel. There is a maintenance issue which has recently arisen which they have now discovered that they will not be able to have remedied before the New Year.

The hotel has therefore told us that to ensure comfort and satisfaction they have to move some of our passengers out of the hotel to another property. We are therefore moving your group to an equal, if not superior, property – The Midas Palace Hotel www.midasroma.com. This hotel has recently been completely refurbished to a very high standard and has very similar facilities to the Mantegna in terms of restaurants, public spaces, meeting, banqueting and storage facilities etc. In terms of location it is the other side of Rome to the Mantegna and thus closer to Vatican City than the Mantegna but further from the Colosseum and Forum than the Mantegna. In addition there is an excellent and massive supermarket adjacent to the hotel.

There is actually one significant advantage to the hotel over the Mantegna in that it has significantly more flexibility in room type given that all rooms can be configured with twin beds or with double beds based in the use of the zip link mattress system.

We are accommodating three other groups in the Midas Palace this year so you certainly won't be alone and your students will enjoy their great experiences along with like minded young people from around the USA. Charlottesville High School, Virginia, The Nebraska Youth Orchestra and The Saints Brigade from New York will all be staying with you at the Midas Palace with you

I am attaching to this message the 'fact sheet' on the Midas which I hope will give you a little more information.

I do apologise on behalf of the Mantegna for the necessity to switch your hotel so late in the day, but I do believe it is much better than putting you in to a property that has problems which would inevitably lead to dissatisfaction and mar your entire experience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, Lizzie or Emanuele if you need any more information.

Kind regards

Bob Bone
Managing Director