

Behind the Scenes of Vatican Art and Architecture (Part II)



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with **Chris Longhurst**

The Vatican's masterpieces are well known throughout the world – Saint Peter's Basilica, Sistine Chapel,

Apostolic Palace and the papal art galleries, although often the details and their history remain elusive. In this online seminar we go on a visual excursion to unravel some of the major historical and artistic achievements in the history of the popes' contributions to art and culture, from pre-Imperial times to the establishment of the modern Vatican City State. We focus on the old and new Saint Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, papal galleries at the Vatican Museums, and Raphael's rooms in the historical Apostolic Palace.

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