

# SAVE THE DATE

“Walking the Appia Way from Rome to Brindisi”



**Robert Schmits, originator of the initiative:**

"Our walk is intended as a cultural event to promote the Appian Way in Italy and abroad and to bring visitors and walkers in the future not only to the stretch of the ancient Appian Way in and near Rome but along the entire Appian Way "

**Laura Perrotta, fundraising manager of Doctors Without Borders in Italy:**

"For more than 50 years we have brought assistance to people who often travel very long distances, sometimes even on foot, to escape from conflicts or violence or simply to receive medical assistance. Their often tortuous and dangerous journey tells their stories, their experiences, and their hopes. We are happy that this journey that combines culture and solidarity will support our medical humanitarian action in over 80 countries around the world "

**When / Where:** Departure the 24<sup>th</sup> of April at 09.00 from the Roman Forum next to the Arch of Septimius Severus - expected arrival in Brindisi 22 May

**What:** A 530-kilometer-long walk that will take us along the ancient Appian Way in the footsteps of Paolo Rumiz from Rome to Brindisi

**Who:** A group of five lovers of history and the ancient Appian Way in original clothing from ancient Roman citizens, tunic, and sandals [www.appia-hicetnunc.com](http://www.appia-hicetnunc.com)

**Why:** For the passion of walking together and love for nature, and to promote this legendary route so full of beauty, history, and culture

**There are many reasons that led us to organize this walk:**

- The passion for the book "APPIA" by Paolo Rumiz who in 2015 walked the same path revealing unknown parts of the ancient Appian Way;
- Love for walking together - all five participants like to walk and discover all the wonders and secrets of the Appian Way
- Raise funds for MSF, Doctors Without Borders
- Sponsor one of our most evocative Italian treasures, the Appia Way, make it known abroad as an alternative, for example, to the Santiago de Compostela walk, a wonderful experience for sure, but which does not stand up to comparison with one of the most ancient, paved roads of the world where kings, emperors, Cicero, Apollodorus of Damascus, Virgil, St. Paul and St. Peter etc., etc once have walked
- Inform about the extraordinary techniques of the Romans, discovered in Italy or assimilated by other peoples and then exported throughout the Roman Empire.
- Finally, the desire to organize more walking groups on some parts of the Appia in the future

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