

FESTIVAL CORALE INTERNAZIONALE DI ROMA

Festival Tour #3 (6 nights / 8 days)

Day 1 Saturday, June 20, 2020

Depart via scheduled air service. The destination is Rome, Italy

Day 2 Sunday, June 21 Rome (D)

Arrive in Rome

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who assists the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach for an orientation tour of Rome, stopping at sites such as Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and Piazza Navona (lunch on own)

Late afternoon transfer to the hotel for Welcome Dinner and overnight

Rome - Popes, Vandals, the Borgias and Napoleon, Garibaldi, Michelangelo and Mussolini and, of course, the ancient Romans themselves all have left their physical and spiritual mark on Rome, but though she keeps the glory of an ancient day about her, she remains a wellspring of creative energy; in short, she really is the Eternal City

Day 3 Monday, June 22 Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning rehearsal

Lunch on own

After the rehearsal, depart for a half-day guided tour of *Imperial Rome*, including entrance to the Roman Forum and Colosseum. Also view the Pantheon, Baths of Caracalla and Palatine Hill

Dinner at a local restaurant

Evening rehearsal

Return to hotel for overnight

Day 4 Tuesday, June 23 Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning rehearsal

Lunch on own

After the rehearsal, depart for a half-day guided tour of *Religious Rome*. Visit Vatican City, the home of the Pope and the center of Roman Catholicism, as well as the Vatican Museum (using the whisper system), St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel (featuring Michelangelo's Ceiling Frescos and *The Last Judgment*)

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 5 Wednesday, June 24 Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other planned activities

Lunch on own

Afternoon Dress Rehearsal in the Basilica di Santa Maria sopra Minerva



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Transfer to St. Peter's Basilica the Vatican

Combined choirs participate/sing in a late afternoon Mass in St. Peter's Basilica

Dinner at a local restaurant

Festival Finale Concert in the Basilica di Santa Maria sopra Minerva

Late return to hotel for overnight

Day 6 Thursday, June 25 Rome / Florence (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Florence

Lunch on own

A half-day orientation tour of Florence includes the Piazza della Signoria, a lovely square in the heart of the city, towered by the lofty Palazzo Vecchio. Visit the Ponte Vecchio, the bridge across the Arno. See the Baptistry with Ghiberti's 'Gates of Paradise', the Campanile, and entrance to the Duomo
Evening concert as part of the American Celebration of Music in Italy
Evening dinner and overnight in Florence

Florence was once a Roman colony, but began her real development during medieval times and was at her prime during the Renaissance under the reign of the Medicis. Dante, Da Vinci, Ghiberti and Michelangelo all were either born or worked extensively in Florence. The preservation of their works and that of others has made Florence the greatest museum of the Renaissance

Day 7 Friday, June 26 Florence / Pisa / Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning visit to the Academia, the Academy of Fine Arts, to see Michelangelo's original 'David' and other sculptures by the great master (using the whisper system)

Transfer to Rome via Pisa for sightseeing. See the Piazza del Duomo or Campo dei Miracoli, with the cathedral, the Leaning Tower, the Baptistry and the Campo Santo - a harmoniously composed group of buildings of unrivaled beauty

Lunch on own

Arrive in Rome for some time at leisure (time permitting)

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

Day 8 Saturday, June 27 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Rome's International Airport for return flight

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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