

ITALY

Director Preview Tour
June 20 - 26, 2015



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About the Preview Tour

You are invited to join us as we experience the breathtaking sites of Rome, Vatican City, and Florence! Join us June 20-26, 2015 in a spectacular Preview Tour of Italy for music directors. This is an incredible opportunity to become familiar with the highlights of an Italian concert tour in advance of your group's participation. As the Preview Tour overlaps the Festival Corale Internazionale di Roma, this is an unparalleled opportunity for choir directors to experience the festival and return home with a wealth of knowledge about the event before their choir's participation.

Highlights of the Preview Tour include:

- Touring the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel.
- Experiencing the wonder of the Basilica of St. Peter, and hear the festival chorus sing parts of the Mass.
- Attending the festival finale concert at Rome's historic Basilica di Santa Maria sopra Minerva, resting place of Saint Catherine of Siena.
- Exploring Florence, one of the world's most beautiful cities, with stops at historic Ponte Vecchio, the Baptistery with Ghiberti's 'Gates of Paradise,' and entrance to the Duomo and Academia to see Michelangelo's 'David.'



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Rome / Florence

Day One: Saturday, June 20, 2015

- Depart from USA gateways via scheduled air service Rome, Italy

Day Two: Sunday, June 21 (D)

- Arrive in Rome
- Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for transfer into Rome via panoramic tour of Rome's highlights, including stops at Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, and Trevi Fountain
- Late afternoon hotel check-in
- Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight
- Optional: Audit or attend evening massed choir rehearsal

Day Three: Monday, June 22 (B,D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- A half-day guided tour of Religious Rome includes the Vatican City, the home of the Pope and the center of Roman Catholicism, as well as the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel (featuring Michelangelo's Ceiling Frescos and The Last Judgment)
- Attend Mass in St. Peter's Basilica with combined choirs
- Evening dinner and overnight

Day Four: Tuesday, June 23 (B,D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 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
- Possible venue visits
- Attend dress rehearsal for the Rome Choral Festival
- Attend evening Rome Choral Festival Concert
- Evening dinner and overnight

Day Five: Wednesday, June 24 (B,D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Florence
- Spend the balance of the day visiting venues
- Evening dinner and overnight

Day Six: Thursday, June 25 (B,D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- A half-day orientation tour of Florence includes the Piazza della Signoria, a lovely square in the heart of the city. Visit the Ponte Vecchio, the bridge across the Arno lined on both sides with Florence's best jewelers. Then drive to Fiesole overlooking Florence before driving back into the city. See the Baptistery with Ghiberti's 'Gates of Paradise', the Campanile, and entrance to the Duomo and Academia to see Michelangelo's original 'David' and other sculptures by the great master (using the whisper system)
- Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities
- Late afternoon return transfer to Rome
- Evening dinner and overnight

Day Seven: Friday, June 26 (B)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Rome's International Airport for return flight



Italy Preview Tour Registration

Name of Participant: _____

Name of Ensemble: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Email: _____

A clear copy of my passport is included with this registration Passport Expiration Date: _____

Nearest Major International Gateway Airport: _____

Date of Birth: _____

**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ITALY PREVIEW TOUR, A \$1,500 GROUP TOUR DEPOSIT
MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2015**

THE ITALY DIRECTOR PREVIEW TOUR INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Round-trip airfare from your nearest international gateway airport. Participants are responsible for travel arrangements to and from this airport.
- Five nights single occupancy hotel accommodations
- Daily breakfasts and dinners.
- All organized sightseeing activities as listed in the tour itinerary.
- Local transportation by deluxe motorcoach.

Eligible participants are limited to an organization's music/artistic director, executive director, president, or similar.

Additional participants are subject to Music Celebrations International management review, and must pay the full cost of the Preview Tour, valued at \$2,500. Additional participant costs do not apply toward an organization's tour costs.

**COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR NON-REFUNDABLE
\$1,500 TOUR DEPOSIT PAYABLE TO:**

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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