ITALY



SAMPLE CONCERT TOUR Florence | Rome

This itinerary was absolutely a home run for the Appleton West High School Choir!!

Appleton West High School ITALY 2015/16



SAMPLE ITINERARY



HIGHLIGHTS

Explore
the Renaissance's
roots in Florence
Tour ancient and
monumental Rome
3 concerts
Sing Mass at
St Peter's Basilica

FLORENCE | ROME

DAY 1: DEPART Depart home

DAY 2: ARRIVE

After clearing customs/immigration and time for a little lunch we begin our leisurely drive to Montecatini with a stop in one of Tuscany's famed towns. The first of your daily Italian dinners is served after checking into the hotel. Overnight Montecatini

DAY 3: FLORENCE

After a buffet breakfast (served daily), we embark on a guided tour of Florence, the epicenter of the Renaissance. Florence has to be seen to be believed! Visit the Piazza Del Duomo, Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria and of course Accademia to see Michelangelo's brilliance as he set his life forms free from marble blocks. Marvel at the centerpiece of the collection, and Michelangelo's most renowned work; David. After lunch, take time to explore this city, walking along the banks of the River Arno, having a gelato like none you've tasted before or simply discovering the many secrets of this jewel in the Tuscan crown. Return to Montecatini and overnight there.

DAY 4: TUSCANY

We depart Montecatini for our tour 'under the Tuscan sun' visiting Pisa to see the Leaning Tower in all its glory or Lucca, one of Italy's last fully walled cities dating back to Gothic times. Later in the afternoon we arrive at one of Tuscany's ancient towns for an exchange **CONCERT** with the local community. Overnight Montecatini







DAY 5: MONTECATINI

This morning we have time to explore the spa town of Montecatini – perhaps even to ride the funicular to the old garrison city overlooking 'modern Montecatini' before transferring to Rome, truly the 'Eternal City'. Overnight Rome

DAY 6: ROME

We start our day as if on a movie set enjoying our guided walking tour of the historical center of this great city touring the Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona and seeing Campo de' Fiori and the Pantheon etc. before preparing for our first Rome **CONCERT.** Overnight Rome

DAY 7: THE VATICAN

A tour of the Vatican Museums unfolds a world of art, intrigue and religion the pinnacle of which is the Sistine Chapel where we take in the immensity of the breathtaking Michelangelo frescos. Many choirs are honored with an invitation to **SING MASS** at St Peter's Basilica which completes a never to be forgotten day. Overnight Rome

DAY 8: ROME

Our final day in Rome sees us walk back through ancient times past the Roman Forum, home to the world's first senate, seeing the Capitoline Hill, Citadel of ancient Rome, and the Tarpeian Rock before touring the magnificent Colosseum itself. Our final **CONCERT** in Italy is a chance to celebrate a life-changing tour. Overnight Rome

DAY 9: RETURN HOME

Arrive at Rome's airport and travel back home

Itinerary subject to change.

Confirmation of performances is dependent upon early receipt of performance information: biographies, pictures, recordings and repertoire





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