

9-DAY PERFORMANCE TOUR  
July 9-17, 2018  
VERONA—VENICE—FLORENCE—LUCCA—ROME

TOUR WITH THE  
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Concerts in Venice, Lucca,  
and Rome, and featuring  
participation in the mass at  
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS\*

ROUND-TRIP FLIGHTS from NYC  
CENTRAL 4-STAR HOTELS, in twin or  
double occupancy:  
2 Nights Venice Lido  
2 Nights Florence  
3 Nights Rome  
FULL-TIME BILINGUAL TOUR MANAGER  
LOCAL GUIDES, ENTRANCES,  
SIGHTSEEING & COACH TRANSFERS  
MEALS: breakfasts (7), lunch (1), and  
dinners (3)  
Tips for tour manager, driver, and  
local guides  
Optional group health+travel  
protection plan

**\$3699**

*\*subject to change*

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DAY 1: MONDAY, JULY 9

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Begin your European Performance Tour with today's overnight flight!

DAY 2: TUESDAY, JULY 10

VENICE LIDO (D)

Arrive in Milan, where your full-time bilingual tour manager welcomes you to Italy! Begin your explorations right away as you journey by private coach across the region of Lombardy to Veneto. Along the way stop in Verona for lunch on your own. A **local guide** will take you on a stroll to see the Arena and Juliet's Balcony; no entrances. Continue to Venice and transfer to the Lido di Venezia, the island home of the Film Festival. Settle into your hotel, freshen up, and enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant with wine. A two-day vaporetto travel card is included.

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

VENICE LIDO (B)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel each morning of your trip. Begin your day with a walking tour of Venice, with **local guide**, including entrance to **Basilica San Marco**. The afternoon is free to explore on your own.



You may wish to visit the Piccolo Museo della Pietà "Antonio Vivaldi", Peggy Guggenheim Collection, take a gondola ride, or simply cross the labyrinth of bridges uniting the 117 small islands that comprise the city; no additional entrances. Your tour manager can provide suggestions for both sightseeing and restaurant options; dinner is under your own arrangements. *The Alfred James Band and Orpheus Club of Philadelphia will perform a Concert this evening in Venice!*

## DAY 4: THURSDAY, JULY 12

FLORENCE (B/L)

Travel toward the sun speckled Tuscan hillsides and Florence, cradle of the Renaissance and home to many of the world's greatest artistic treasures. Along the way there is a stop for a special **farmhouse lunch and wine tasting** featuring a menu of local cuisine with wine and food pairings. Begin with a guided tour of the estate, to learn of agriturismo and the wine making process. Arrive in Florence this afternoon, where a **local guide** will join you for a walking tour of the historic center. Highlights include the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, and the Piazza della Signoria's sculptures, evocative of the political life in Florence dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century; no entrances.



## DAY 5: FRIDAY, JULY 13

FLORENCE (B)

The morning is at leisure; your tour manager can assist with free time suggestions, and you may wish to shop for fine Italian crafts and leather goods. You might enjoy the Galleria dell' Accademia, to see Michelangelo's statue of David and other masterpieces, along with the Conservatory's collection of treasured musical instruments. Or perhaps Santa Croce Church and Museum—home to Giotto's frescoes, Donatello's sculpture, and the remains of Rossini, Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Galileo, and a memorial to Dante. This afternoon, visit the nearby musical city of Lucca and its old town; birthplace of famous composers Giacomo Puccini, Boccherini, Catalani and Guarni. A **local guide** will provide insight into this Tuscan jewel, including a hike along Lucca's 16<sup>th</sup> century ramparts. You will also stroll through the historic Piazza Anfiteatro. *The Alfred James Band and Orpheus Club of Philadelphia will perform a Joint Concert with a local ensemble in Lucca!*

## DAY 6: SATURDAY, JULY 14

ROME (B/D)

Continue your travels this morning as you journey to the Eternal City! A stop along the way is provided for lunch under your own arrangements. Upon arrival in Rome, there is time for a panoramic drive through the city to familiarize you with its iconic architecture and monuments. Visit the magnificent **Saint Peter's Basilica** for a guided tour with audio headsets to learn of its history and importance. *A highlight of your trip, is attendance of the mass services at Saint Peter's Basilica! The singers of the Alfred James Band and Orpheus Club of Philadelphia are guest choir!* Transfer to your hotel, and enjoy **dinner** with wine, served in the neighborhood.



## DAY 7: SUNDAY, JULY 15

ROME (B)

A **local guide** will share more of Imperial Rome. Walk the grounds of the **Roman Forum**, a rectangular plaza that includes the ruins of several important and ancient government buildings. The Forum was the center of Roman Public life including elections, public speeches, and was considered the nucleus of commercial affairs. Enter the **Coliseum**, one of the wonders of the Middle Ages. The elliptical amphitheater could seat 50,000 spectators for the gladiatorial contests and public spectacles including animal hunts and dramas based on classical mythology. There is free time for lunch, before your afternoon guided walking tour through the ancient city center to see the popular sites of the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, and Pantheon. Your stroll concludes with the famous Piazza Navona, with time to enjoy the fountains and artists. *The Alfred James Band and Orpheus Club of Philadelphia will perform a Joint Concert with a local ensemble in Rome!*



## DAY 8: MONDAY, JULY 16

ROME (B/D)

Spend the morning in the sovereign city-state of the Vatican City. Covering 108.7 acres of land, it is the smallest independent nation in the world. Join a **local guide** for skip the line entrance and a guided visit to the treasures of the **Vatican Museums**, including Raphael's Rooms and the famous frescoes of the Sistine Chapel where Michelangelo's paintings have inspired worshippers for centuries. The remainder of the day is at your leisure; your tour manager will provide free-time suggestions. Celebrate your journey through Italy together, with tonight's farewell **dinner** with wine!

## DAY 9: TUESDAY, JULY 17

DEPARTURE (B)

Enjoy a final breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the Rome airport for your return flights home. Your tour manager will assist with airline check-in, and there is time for one last *arrivederci!*