

DUTCH FORK CHORAL SOCIETY

FESTIVAL CORALE

INTERNAZIONALE DI ROMA

Festival Tour #3 (7 nights / 9 days)

Day 1 Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Depart via scheduled air service from Charlotte, NC to Rome, Italy

Day 2 Thursday, June 19 Rome / Florence / Montecatini (D)

Arrive in Rome

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach

Transfer to Florence with an orientation tour upon arrival. Visit the Piazzale Michelangelo, which has a stunning view of the entirety of Florence

Check in to the hotel for Welcome Dinner and overnight in Montecatini

Montecatini is a medieval Tuscan town famous for its thermal waters and is one of the most famous spa towns in Italy. Montecatini was the vacation spot for numerous Italian and international celebrities. Composers often vacationed here, such as Vivaldi and Puccini – who composed part of the opera La Boheme in Montecatini. If there's extra time in the evenings, ride the funicular up the side of the mountain to Montecatini Alto, a medieval village and ancient castle of Romanesque origin. Enjoy a stunning view of the town below and a visit to the shops with traditional Tuscan delicacies in the main square as well as the old castle and watch tower

Day 3 Friday, June 20 Florence / Montecatini (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, towered by the lofty Palazzo Vecchio. Visit the Ponte Vecchio, the bridge across the Arno. See the Baptistery with Ghiberti's *Gates of Paradise*, the Campanile, and entrance to the Duomo and the Academy of Fine Arts, to see Michelangelo's original *David* and other sculptures by the great master (using the whisper system)

Lunch, on own

Dutch Fork Choral Society evening concert as part of the American Celebration of Music in Italy

Dinner included, and overnight

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



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Day 4 Saturday, June 21 Pisa / Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Rome via Pisa

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

Lunch, on own

Continue to Rome for an orientation tour. Stop at sites such as Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and Piazza Navona

Late afternoon hotel check-in, followed by 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 5 Sunday, June 22 Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day guided tour of *Imperial Rome*, including entrance to the Roman Forum and Colosseum. Also view Baths of Caracalla and Palatine Hill

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure

Dinner at a local restaurant

Evening rehearsal

Return to hotel for overnight

Day 6 Monday, June 23 Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy 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 Museums (using the whisper system), the Sistine Chapel (featuring Michelangelo's Ceiling Frescos and *The Last Judgment*) and St. Peter's Basilica

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure

Dinner at a local restaurant

Evening rehearsal

Return to hotel for overnight

Day 7 Tuesday, June 24 Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning rehearsal

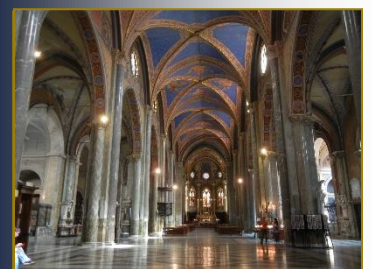
Lunch, on own

Transfer to St. Peter's Basilica

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

Dinner included at a local restaurant

Return to hotel for overnight



Day 8 Wednesday, June 25 Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning Dress Rehearsal in the Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli e dei Martiri

Lunch, on own

Afternoon time at leisure for personal shopping and other activities

Dinner at a local restaurant

Dutch Fork Choral Society Festival Finale Concert in the Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli e dei Martiri

Late return to hotel for overnight

Day 9 Thursday, June 26 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Rome 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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