

DUTCH FORK CHORAL SOCIETY

FESTIVAL CORALE

INTERNAZIONALE DI ROMA

Festival Tour #4 (8 nights / 10 days)

Day 1 Saturday, June 21, 2025

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

Day 2 Sunday, June 22 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, the Pantheon, 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 23 Rome (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

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

Lunch, on own

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

Dinner at a local restaurant

Evening rehearsal

Return to hotel for overnight

Day 4 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



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Day 5 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 6 Thursday, June 26 Florence / Montecatini (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Florence

Lunch, on own

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

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Montecatini

Montecatini is a characteristic medieval village and is one of the most ancient inhabited centers in the Valdinievole. The Montecatini of today, a suggestive outdoor masterpiece, does not retain the image of a sole period. Instead, it is witness to a historical parable of intense experiences, filled with dark moments, almost total destruction and splendor



Day 7 Friday, June 27 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

Afternoon time at leisure for shopping and sightseeing

Return to Montecatini for dinner and overnight



Day 8 Saturday, June 28 Venice (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning transfer to Venice

Lunch, on own

Continue to the main island of Venice via public boat. A walking tour includes St. Mark's Square, with entrance to the incredibly rich Basilica of St. Mark and the Doge's Palace where the powerful and prosperous dukes of Venice ruled their far-flung empire at its height during the 15th century

Evening dinner and overnight

Venice is eternally preoccupied with the contemplation of its own beauty. Founded on marshes, it rose to dominate the Adriatic and hold the gorgeous East in fee. At the height of her power in the 16th century, Venice was a wealthy city-republic glorying in feasts and pageants, reveling in the splendor



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of her painting, sculpture and architecture. Those days of glory are gone, but her art survives and the grace and refinement remain

Day 9 Sunday, June 29 Venice (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
Morning transfer to Venice including sightseeing to the main island of Venice via public boat. Enjoy time at leisure for personal sightseeing
Lunch, on own
Continued afternoon time at leisure for shopping and sightseeing
Dutch Fork Choral Society evening concert as part of the American Celebration of Music in Italy
Farewell Dinner and overnight

Day 10 Monday, June 30 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to the Venice or Milan 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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