

# Sing in Italy!

From Rome to Venice in 10 days with your choir...







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Picture this: Your choir, standing in the heart of Italy's most iconic art cities, harmonizing their voices amidst centuries-old cathedrals, historic piazzas, and breathtaking landscapes. It's not just a possibility; it's an enchanting invitation to create a symphony of memories that will resonate in your heart forever.

Italy, a country drenched in artistic and musical history, is the perfect canvas for your choir to paint with music.

We start your musical journey in Rome. Imagine serenading the world from Rome, the eternal city, where the Colosseum and the Roman Forum serve as backdrops to your enchanting performances.

Then, take your talents to Florence, the city of the Renaissance, where your harmonies will become an integral part of the artistic tapestry. As the sun sets over the Arno River, the choir's voices blend with the city's own song, celebrating the timeless beauty that is Florence. Their hearts swell with pride, knowing they've become a part of the city's history, leaving their own mark on the pages of this enchanting story.

Moving to Bologna and singing there - it's an opportunity for your choir to be part of something extraordinary. Your voices will echo through the centuries, joining the chorus of history, culture, and art that Bologna, Red City, represents.

The culmination of the tour is Venice, la Serenissima. Venice, where the ethereal sounds of your choir will resonate through its intricate canals and centuries-old bridges.

In between performances, you will indulge in Italy's culinary delights, savouring homemade pasta, fine wines, and gelato, all while basking in the warm Italian hospitality. Your journey will be a feast for your senses, not just your ears.

This isn't just a choir tour; it's an opportunity to create unforgettable moments, to be part of something bigger than yourselves, and to share the universal language of music with audiences from all around the world. It's a chance to become a part of Italy's rich cultural tapestry and leave your unique mark in the annals of musical history.

Don't miss the opportunity to embark on this incredible journey. Italy is waiting to be serenaded by your choir's beautiful music. Book your tour now and let your voices be the soundtrack of Italy's art cities!

#### **DETAILED ITINERARY**

#### 1st day

Arrival in Rome. Transfer to a hotel in Rome. Overnight in hotel Rome area.

#### 2nd day

Visit of Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel 3 hrs with a licensed guide.

Sung Mass in St Peter Basilica in the late afternoon.

Overnight in hotel Rome area.

#### 3rd day

Half day walking tour of Rome with a licensed guide to see the Colosseum, and Roman Forum.

At 4 pm **concert in St. Paul's Within the Walls** (participating Italian local choir will start the concert by a welcome song)

Overnight in hotel in Rome area.

#### 4th Day

Transfer to Florence. Visit of Florence with a licensed guide. Overnight in a hotel in Montecatini

#### 5th Day

Transfer to Florence. Free time in Florence. **Church concert in San Filippo Neri in Florence** at 4 pm (participating Italian local choir will start the concert by a welcome song). Overnight in a hotel in Montecatini.

#### 6th Day

Transfer to Bologna. Visit of center of Bologna with a licensed Guide. Overnight in Hotel Bologna area.

#### 7th Day

Free time in Bologna. Concert in **Church Santi Bartolomeo e Gaetano in Bologna** (participating Italian local choir will start the concert with a welcome song). Overnight in a hotel Bologna area.

#### 8th Day

Transfer to Venice. Visit of Venice with a licensed guide. Overnight in a hotel in Mestre.

#### 9th Day

Transfer to Venice. Concert in **church Santa Maria dei Miracoli in Venice** (participating Italian local choir will start the concert with welcome song). Free time in Venice. Overnight in hotel in Mestre.

#### 10th Day

Transfer hotel Mestre - airport of Venice.

#### **Tour includes:**

Accommodation in a shared double room in hotels as follows:

Hotel 3- 4 stars in Rome area 3 nights

Hotel 3- 4 stars in Montecatini 2 nights

Hotel 3- 4 stars in Bologna area 2 nights

Hotel 3- 4 stars in Mestre near Venice 2 nights

Breakfasts are included

Transportation in a comfortable coach included

Licensed English-speaking guides in Rome (Vatican and walking tour), Florence,

Bologna and Venice

Concerts as indicated in the program

Each concert will have an opening welcome singing by a local Italian choir

Mass in San Pietro

#### **Note**

All concert venues will be reconfirmed at the moment of tour confirmation with specific dates. There can be other venues proposed depending on availability in certain periods.

The tour can be modified to include participation in the Rimini International Choral Competition (Rimini, 1-3 November 2024) or in the Claudio Monteverdi International Choral Competition (Venice, 19-21 February 2025).

#### **Price**

The price of the tour depends on the chosen period and type of accommodation. We are very flexible to find the best possible solution according to your budget.

#### **Extras**

Earphones for the tour euro 21,00 per person.

City taxes to be paid directly in hotels (from 2 to 5 euro per person per day depending on the city).

# Information about the Venues

## 1. Sung Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican

St. Peter's Basilica is one of the most iconic and magnificent churches in the world. Its vast interior, grandiose architecture, and stunning artwork contribute to a sense of awe and reverence, enhancing the overall experience of the sung Mass. The Vatican, as the center of the Roman Catholic Church, holds immense historical and religious significance. Participating in a sung Mass in this sacred space allows attendees to connect with centuries of tradition and spirituality. The Vatican is known for its exceptional choirs and musical traditions. The choirs, often composed of highly skilled singers and musicians, contribute to the beauty of the Mass through their harmonious voices and musical expertise.



#### 2. St. Paul's Within the Walls

The 19th-century church of St. Paul within the Walls is an Anglican church located in the city centre of Rome and it has always hosted classical music performers and singers because of its fine acoustics. It was the first non-Catholic Roman church to be built inside the walls of Rome. It has beautiful mosaics by Sir Edward Burne-Jones and George Breck, and a busy music program offering concerts most days throughout the year.





## 3. Church concert in San Filippo Neri in Florence

The complex of San Firenze (Complesso di San Firenze) in Florence is one of the rare examples of the Baroque style in the city. The complex is located in the historical center of Florence, on the Piazza di San Firenze square of the same name, next to the Bargello Palace Museum. The history of the complex dates back to 1640, when the Filipino fathers who came to Florence from Rome received a gift from Pope Urban VIII of the territory, including the tower houses and the church of San Fiorenzo, which was mentioned since 1174. The Filipinos wanted to create a large complex, including a monastery, a church and a chapel dedicated to the Florentine saint San Filippo Neri, the founder of the order and canonized in 1622.



## 4. Church Santi Bartolomeo e Gaetano in Bologna

The Church of Santi Bartolomeo e Gaetano stands along Strada Maggiore and has remote origins dating back to the 11th century. After welcoming a community of Cluniac nuns in the 13th century, in 1516 the church was demolished with the aim of erecting one that was more imposing. In fact, its superb porch dates back to this period. At the end of the 15th century, it passed to the Theatines who, in 1653-88, had the church rebuilt, providing it with a new bell tower and a new dome, and who added to the original title of San Bartolomeo that of the founder of their order, San Gaetano Thiene. The bell tower, in particular, is 52 metres high and stands in via San Vitale. The interior preserves work by Ludovico Carracci, Guido Reni and other masters of the Bolognese school of the 17th century.



#### 5. Church Santa Maria dei Miracoli in Venice

The church of Santa Maria dei Miracoli was originally built to house a small miraculous image of the Virgin and Child painted around 1409 that is traditionally attributed to Nicolò di Pietro. Over seventy years later, miracles began to be credited to the image. Both religious and political officials agreed that a small chapel should be built to house the painting, and thanks to offerings left by those who visited the miraculous Madonna and Child, funds were readily available to build such a structure. Pietro Lombardo was contracted to begin construction between 1481 and 1485. Both the interior and exterior were sheathed with colorful marble, and these marble slabs were surrounded by intricately carved cornices and several reliefs of saints and prophets, many of which can be attributed to Pietro Lombardo himself. The coffered ceiling of the Miracoli, of painted and gilded wood, was likely added in later phases of the church's construction, but prior to 1520. A staircase leads to the raised high altar where the original votive image is displayed, decorated with sculptures by Tullio Lombardo, Alessandro Vittoria, and Girolamo Campagna.



# Info Tour:

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