



Sing in Italy!

*The Southern Gems
in 8 days with your choir...*



Concert Tour in Southern Italy

08 days / 07 nights

Rome - Vatican – Naples - Reggia di Caserta - Pompei - Amalfi Coast - Sorrento - Capri - Rome

Concerts:

Sung Mass in Vatican City
Rome
Naples
Sorrento

Cultural visits:

Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
Ancient Rome
Reggia di Caserta UNESCO site
Pompei
Capri Island
Sorrento

Highlights:

Southern Italy, with its vibrant and diverse musical heritage, is a veritable paradise for lovers of music. Music is deeply ingrained in the culture of Southern Italy. It's not just a form of entertainment; it's a way of life. You'll find it in celebrations, religious processions, and everyday gatherings.

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.

We move to **Naples**. Naples sits on the sparkling Gulf of Naples, framed by the majestic Mount Vesuvius. This city that exudes a captivating blend of chaos and charm, beckons you to explore its intriguing depths. Visiting Naples isn't just interesting; it's an exhilarating journey into a world where history, culture, and the zest for life collide in a magnificent explosion of authenticity.

We visit the famous Reggia Palace in **Caserta**, UNESCO site, which once hosted kings and queens, a palace that rivals the Palace of Versailles in its magnificence. The sheer scale of Reggia Caserta is awe-inspiring – with over 1,200 rooms, opulent frescoes, and beautifully landscaped gardens that stretch as far as the eye can see. As you explore, you'll unravel the fascinating history of a palace that was once the center of power and culture. The palace's gardens are a wonder unto themselves. You'll feel like royalty as you stroll along the perfectly manicured lawns, admire the cascading fountains, and lose yourself in the enchanting pathways lined with centuries-old trees.

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

Arrival in Rome. Transfer and overnight in hotel Rome area.

2nd day Vatican Museums - Sung Mass

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

Sung Mass in St Peter Basilica in the late afternoon. 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.

Overnight in hotel Rome area.

3rd day Ancient Rome

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 with a welcome song)

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.

Overnight in hotel in Rome area.

4th Day Reggia di Caserta - Pompei

Transfer to Reggia di Caserta. The Reggia di Caserta is renowned for its grandiose and opulent architecture. Built in the 18th century, the palace is one of the largest royal residences in the world, featuring a Baroque and Neoclassical style. The sheer size and architectural beauty of the palace showcase the power and influence of the Bourbon dynasty. The palace and its extensive gardens are recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Reggia di Caserta represents a masterpiece of architecture and landscape design from the late Baroque period, contributing to the preservation of cultural heritage for future generations.

Transfer to Pompei. Visiting Pompeii is an incredible experience that transports you back in time to the ancient Roman city frozen in the moment of its catastrophic destruction by Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Walking through the remarkably preserved ruins, you can explore well-preserved streets, intricate frescoes, and ancient villas, offering a vivid glimpse into daily life in antiquity. The hauntingly preserved plaster casts of human forms, frozen in their final moments, evoke a profound sense of empathy and connection to the people who lived in Pompeii. The archaeological site's sheer magnitude and the layer of ash that once buried the city create an immersive and awe-inspiring encounter with the past.

Overnight in hotel zone of Neaples.

5th Day Neaples - concert

Visit of Neaples with a guide. Concert in Santa Maria la Nova in Neaples. Overnight in hotel zone of Neaples.

6th Day Sorrento - concert

Transfer to Sorrento. Guided tour of Sorrento. Concert in The Cloister of Saint Francis in Sorrento. Overnight in hotel zone of Sorrento.

7th Day Capri in a Boat

After breakfast in hotel, boat excursion to Capri. Transfer to Rome. Overnight in hotel zone of Rome.

8th Day Departure

Breakfast in hotel. Transfer to Rome airport.

Tour includes:

Accommodation in a shared double room in hotels as follows:

Hotel 3-4 stars in Rome area 4 nights

Hotel 3- 4 stars in Neaples 2 nights

Hotel 3- 4 stars in zone of Sorrento 1 night

Breakfasts are included

Transportation in a comfortable coach included

Boat excursion to Capri Island

Small coach transportation in Capri Island

Licensed English-speaking guides in Rome (Vatican and walking tour), Neaples, Pompei, Capri

Tasting of limoncello, a typical lemon liquor in Sorrento

Concerts as indicated in the program and Mass in San Pietro

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

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 28,00 per person.

Vatican Museums entrance tickets (the price euro 35,00 - euro 45,00 per person depending on how in advance the tickets are booked).

Entrance tickets to Reggia of Caserta and Pompei.

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. 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.



2. Santa Maria la Nova in Neaples

Santa Maria la Nova is a Renaissance style, now-deconsecrated, Roman Catholic church and monastery in central Naples. The church is located at the beginning of a side street directly across from the east side of the main post office, a few blocks south of the Church and Monastery of Santa Chiara. Today the adjacent monastery is a meeting site and hosts the Museo ARCA of modern religious art.



3. The Cloister of San Francesco in Sorrento

The Cloister of San Francesco is located in a beautiful position of Sorrento, near the Sant'Antonino square and the public gardens of the town, that overlooks amazingly the Gulf of Naples.

While strolling through the historic center, one encounters the beautiful Cloister of San Francesco d'Assisi, one of Sorrento's oldest monuments. Located adjacent to the church of the same name and the Villa Comunale, this captivating structure from the 14th century exhibits an architecture that is nothing short of unique. Built upon the remains of a 7th-century monastery, the cloister seamlessly blends the typically 14th-century style with elements from later periods, incorporating remnants from pagan temples and other archaeological excavations.

Interestingly, the columns of the arches are all different in height and decoration. This feature contributes to the magic of this place, especially at certain times of the day, when the sun's rays create a suggestive play of light and shadow with the columns. In the center is a tree with a sloping trunk that frames the many weddings celebrated inside the cloister, while on the right stands the bell tower. In the center, there stands a tree with an inclined trunk, serving as a backdrop for the many weddings held within the cloister, while on the right, the bell tower soars above the walls. Additionally, restored in the early decades of the 20th century, the cloister is now a venue for classical music concerts and other civic events.



4. Sung Mass in 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.



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