



italy

**rome siena florence
venice milan bellagio**

11-day tour

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concert tour itinerary



Clockwise from top: Roman Forum excavations; Siena at dusk; Vatican

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Italy

Benvenuti a Roma! Learn about local customs and key language from the dedicated tour manager as you ride the chartered motor coach into the Eternal City and see special highlights as time allows.

Check-in to the hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner prior to retiring from a long travel day. (D)

Day 3 Religious Rome

Visit the Vatican Museums, which holds an unparalleled collection of Greek and Roman antiquities, is

adorned by frescoes of the best artists of the Renaissance, and may be most well-known for its amazing Sistine Chapel. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica. **Sing as part of a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.** (B)

Day 4 Historic Rome

Trace the origins of Rome back to its founding by Romulus on the still-visible Palatine Hill. See the well-preserved artifacts of the Roman Empire, such as Circus Maximus and Trajan's Column, followed by a guided tour of the Roman Forum and Colosseum.

Afternoon at leisure. Dinner in a local restaurant. **Evening concert in a beautiful Roman church.** (B,D)

Day 5 Siena

Check-out of the hotel and transfer to Florence with a stop for lunch and a guided tour of Siena, a medieval walled city with ongoing traditions dating to the Middle Ages. See the Piazza del Campo, where the annual Palio horse race is held, and visit the Siena Duomo, where it may be possible to **sing a short recital** there. Continue to Florence for hotel check-in and dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

Day 6 Florence

The entire city of Florence is considered an "outdoor museum." Visit the Piazza della Signoria,

where Michelangelo's *David* was displayed from 1504 to 1873 and continues to exhibit masterworks of Renaissance art. See the Florence Duomo and the adjacent Baptistery, with its golden "Gates of Paradise" doors. Finally, walk to the Uffizi Gallery for a guided, in-depth look at the finest collection of Renaissance art in the world.

Dinner on own. **Evening concert in a Florentine church.** (B)

Day 7 *David* - Venice

Check-out of the hotel and visit the Accademia to see and learn about the actual *David* statue. Depart for Venice, with a lunch stop en route. Hotel check-in and the remainder of the day at leisure in Venice, with dinner on own. (B)

Day 8 Venice

Start a guided tour of Venice its grandest spot: Piazza San Marco. See the icons of Venice, including the Campanile tower and the Byzantine-influenced St. Mark's Basilica, and visit the grand opera house La Fenice (the Phoenix). An afternoon at leisure allows for independent gondola rides on Venice's canals. **Sing at a Mass at St. Mark's Basilica.** After a short break, **sing an evening concert in a local Venetian church.** Dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

Day 9 Milan

Check-out of the hotel and transfer to Santa Lucia station for the high-speed train to Milan. Upon arrival in Milan, take a guided tour

of this fashionable city, including entrance to the imposing Duomo and the world-famous La Scala opera house. Check-in to the hotel and dinner on own. (B)

Day 10 Como - Bellagio

Take a short train ride to Como, where for a chartered cruise to the village of Bellagio starts a relaxing lakeside day. Continue to Isola Comacina for a farewell dinner at Locando dell'Isola, a unique five-course traditional dining experience. Return by boat to Como and train to Milan. (B,D)

Day 11 Flight to USA

Check-out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for the return flight(s) to the USA. (B)

Notes on meals

(B) = Breakfast at the hotel

(D) = Dinner as in the itinerary



Clockwise from top: Florence skyline; overlooking Bellagio and Lake Como; riding in a gondola on Venetian canals



sample tour inclusions and exclusions

transportation

- roundtrip airfare on regularly-scheduled air carrier from USA
- chartered motorcoach from Rome arrival to Venice arrival, and to Milan-Malpensa
- high-speed train from Venice to Milan
- chartered cruise on Lake Como

meals

- any meals provided by the airline en route
- daily breakfast (9)
- 5 dinners, including a farewell dinner

staff/services

- fully-escorted by experienced tour guides and concert tour managers
- professional drivers for motorcoaches
- gratuities to all staff
- individual account management
- dedicated pre-departure staff in USA
- Accent Concerts staff on-site in Italy

experiences

- 3 concerts and 2 sung Mass participations
- 9 nights lodging in first-class (4*) hotels
- Entrance to Vatican Museum & St. Peter's Basilica
- Roman Forum & Colosseum
- Uffizi Gallery
- Accademia (*David*)
- Teatro La Fenice
- St. Mark's Basilica
- Milan Duomo
- Teatro La Scala

exclusions

- additional meals
- beverages at meals
- souvenirs and other personal expenses
- passport acquisition
- travel insurance
- anything else not specifically included

