

American Celebration of Music in Italy

Standard Tour #2 (6 nights / 8 days)

Day 1

Departure via scheduled air service, to Rome, Italy

Day 2

Rome / Naples / Sorrento (D)

Arrive in Rome. Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for immediate transfer to Naples/Sorrento area for Welcome Dinner and overnight

The south Italian port town of Naples, principal town of the region of Campania and of the province of Nápoli, lies on the north side of the Bay of Naples, on the Tyrrhenian Sea, extending along the lower slopes of attractive hills. The old town with its narrow streets and stepped lanes and its tall balconied houses is fringed on the west and north by extensive villa suburbs. Naples possesses many historical monuments going back almost 3,000 years, particularly the treasures, to be seen in the National Museum, garnered from the cities engulfed by Mount Vesuvius

Sorrento - this important Italian resort, known for its many beautiful gardens, overlooks the gulf of the same name. Orange and lemon groves are to be found in the surrounding countryside and even encroaching on the town. Local craftsmen produce various marquetry (wood inlaid) objects

Day 3

Naples / Sorrento / Pompeii (B,D)

Morning excursion to Pompeii. Entrance fees are included to Pompeii which was buried by an eruption by Mount Vesuvius in August, 79 AD. The excavations, began in the 18th Century have unearthed some of the best artifacts of Roman life

Day 4

Naples / Sorrento (B,D)

Morning drive to Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Sorrento/Naples. Motorcoach and Tour Manager at group's disposal for additional sightseeing, shopping, museum visits and excursions
Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Italy

Day 5

Naples / Sorrento / Rome (B,D)

Morning transfer to Rome
Afternoon guided tour of *Imperial Rome*, including entrance to the Roman Forum and Colosseum. Also view the Pantheon, Baths of Caracalla, Palatine Hill, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, and Trevi Fountain

Rome - myth has it that Rome was founded around the Seven Hills in 753 B.C. by Romulus and Remus. During the centuries that followed, Rome became the central figure of western history as the Roman Empire flourished throughout the Mediterranean and Europe. After the fall of the Empire the city prospered again during the Renaissance under the influence of such geniuses as Da Vinci, Michelangelo and Bernini. The inspiring treasures of their achievements await your visit



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Day 6 **Rome** **(B,D)**

A half-day guided tour of *Religious Rome*. Tour Vatican City, the home of the Pope and the center of Roman Catholicism, as well as the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel (featuring Michelangelo's Ceiling Frescos and The Last Judgment)

For choirs only: participate/sing in Mass at St. Peter's Basilica

Day 7 **Rome** **(B,D)**

Enjoy a day at leisure in Rome. Motorcoach and Tour Manager are at the group's disposal for additional sightseeing, shopping or other organized activities. Rome's center with its churches, ancient palaces and monuments, spacious parks, tree-lined boulevards, fountains, outdoor cafes and elegant shops, makes it one of the world's most attractive cities

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Italy
Farewell Dinner and overnight

Day 8 **Depart for home** **(B)**

Transfer to Rome's International Airport for return flight home
Arrive home in the evening of the same day

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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