

# THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK

**CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL PROGRAMS** 

# A GRAND TOUR TO ITALY

FLORENCE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

JULY 7-20, 2020

JOURNEY WITH THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK, CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL PROGRAMS, ON A REMARKABLE CONCERT TOUR TO BEAUTIFUL ITALY.

DISCOVER ITALY'S AZURE MEDITERRANEAN RIVIERA AND SCENIC TUSCANY. PARTICIPATE IN THE FLORENCE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF YOUTH ORCHESTRAS WHILE IN THE REGION.

CONTINUE TO SEASIDE SORRENTO AS YOU EXPLORE POMPEII, THE ISLE OF CAPRI, AND THE SPECTACULAR AMALFI COAST.

CONCLUDE THE TOUR IN ROME—THE ETERNAL CITY WITH VISITS TO THE COLOSSEUM, VATICAN MUSEUMS, ST. PETER'S BASILICA AND OTHER ICONIC SIGHTS. JOIN MYO ON THE CONCERT TOUR OF A LIFETIME TO ITALY!

### **TOUR PRICING:**

MYO PERFORMER AIR & LAND: \$4795.00 MYO PERFORMER LAND-ONLY: \$3895.00

THE ABOVE PRICING ASSUMES PAYMENT BY CHECK/MONEY ORDER. DEBIT/CREDIT CARD CHARGES WILL HAVE A 4% CONVENIENCE FEE ADDED TO THE AMOUNT CHARGED.

#### GRANDTOURS

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### ITINERARY

Day 1 Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Depart the USA

Depart as a group from New York-JFK to Frankfurt, Germany on

Lufthansa German Airlines. Fly transatlantic overnight with

complimentary in-flight meals beverages and entertainment.

Day 2 Wednesday, July 8 2020 Arrival | Santa Margherita Early arrival in Frankfurt where you connect to Milan-Malpensa, Italy. On arrival, travel south to Cremona, home to the Stradivarius workshops. Get lunch and visit a workshop before continuing to Santa Margherita Ligure, a beautiful small seaside town on the Italian Riviera. Check into the Park Hotel Suisse and enjoy a buffet dinner.

Day 3 Thursday, July 9, 2020 Cinque Terre | Santa Margherita Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a full-day excursion by boat to the scenic Cinque Terre. It features five towns, each very unique, set against the craggy hillsides of the Mediterranean Sea. Our boat will make stops in two of the towns with time to explore and get lunch. Return to Santa Margherita. Have dinner and then perform an evening family concert on the Piazza Caprera.

Day 4 Friday, July 10, 2020 Pisa | Lucca | Montecatini Terme Leave the Italian Riviera and travel to Pisa for a view of the Leaning Tower and Baptistery. Continue to Lucca—birthplace of the composer, Giacomo Puccini. Our final destination today is Montecatini Terme, a classic Italian spa town. Check into the Grand Hotel Nizza et Suisse and enjoy a group dinner.

Day 5 Saturday, July 11, 2020 Florence | Montecatini Terme Travel to Florence and begin a guided walking tour to see the Duomo, its eight-sided Baptistery and its splendid doors sculpted by Ghiberti. Walk across the Ponte Vecchio. The afternoon is free to enjoy Florence in small groups or with families. Tonight have dinner and perform a concert at the Loggia dei Lanzi in Piazza della Signoria as part of the Florence Festival of Youth Orchestras. Return to Montecatini Terme. B/D

Day 6 Sunday, July 12, 2020 Siena | Montecatini Terme Depart to Siena. On arrival, have a guided walking tour that shows you the Duomo, Piazza del Campo and other sights. Return to Montecatini Terme in the late afternoon with time to relax. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. Concert tonight at the Terme Tettuccio as part of the Florence International Festival. B/D

Day 7 Monday, July 13, 2020

Siena | Orvieto
Depart from Tuscany into the region of Umbria. On arrival in
the hill town of Orvieto, take the escalator up into the old
part of the city and check into our two hotels the Palazzo
Piccolomini and Aquila Bianca, steps away from each other.
The jewel of this medieval city is the magnificent Gothic
Duomo. Evening available to get dinner in small groups.

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Day 8 Tuesday, July 14, 2020 Orvieto | Pompeii | Sorrento Depart for the region of Campania and the ancient city of Pompeii. Enjoy a guided tour of this Roman city petrified and preserved by the eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79. It was buried under 20 feet of ash. Afterwards, get lunch and then continue to Sorrento. Check into the Hotel Vesuvio and enjoy dinner. Spend the evening exploring the Old Town.

Day 9 Wednesday, July 15, 2020 Isle of Capri | Sorrento Walk to the Marina Piccola and board a hydrofoil for a short crossing of the Mediterranean Sea to the Isle of Capri. Enjoy views of the Faraglioni Rocks and Marina from the sea. Ascend by mini-bus to Ana Capri for spectacular views all the way across to Naples. Return to Sorrento. Have dinner at the hotel and perform an evening concert in the Sorrento Cathedral or one of Sorrento's beautiful gardens.

B/D

Day 10 Thursday, July 16, 2020 Amalfi Coast | Sorrento Enjoy spectacular sightseeing along the Amalfi Coast seeing the village of Positano. Continue to Amalfi by boat if the sea is calm or by bus if not. Get lunch in Amalfi and explore the compact town-center. Return to Sorrento with time to get dinner in small groups and enjoy final souvenir shopping.

Day 11 Friday, July 17, 2020 Sorrento | Rome Early departure from Sorrento to Rome. On arrival, enjoy guided sightseeing of the Colosseum and Roman Forum. Get lunch and so some souvenir shopping. Check into the Cicerone Hotel with time to get settled into rooms. Have dinner at a local trattoria and then take an evening guided walk through Rome. Begin at the Spanish Steps and continue to the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, and Piazza Navona. Return to hotel. B/D

Day 12 Saturday, July 18, 2020 Rome Morning visit to the Vatican Museums and the beautiful Sistine Chapel. Be amazed at St. Peter's Basilica. Take an afternoon walk through the Jewish Quarter where you see the Synagogue and Teatro Marcello. Enjoy a group dinner before performing the final concert of the tour in the Jesuit Sant' Ignazio Church, a magnificent venue located in the heart of Rome. B/D

Day 13 Sunday, July 19, 2020 Rome
The final day of the tour will be structured in small groups
with time to explore Rome. Visit the Castel Sant' Angelo, walk
the Appia Antica, or visit the Catacombs of St. Callixtus. You
may wish to spend time visiting the Capitoline Museum or
exploring trendy Trastevere. Return to the hotel and spend a
final evening enjoying a festive farewell dinner at Ristorante
Papa Rex dinner with local Italian food and music.

B/D

Day 14, Monday, July 20, 2020 Rome | USA Early transfer to Rome's Fiumicino Airport. Board your return flight to the USA on Swiss International Airlines with a quick connection in Zurich en route to New York-JFK. Clear US Immigration and Customs upon arrival at JFK. B/In-flight





### INCLUDED

- · Round trip airfare from New York (JFK) to Milan/Rome
- · Transportation by deluxe motor coach in Italy
- Professional tour manager/guide on each motor coach
- Local guided tours in Florence, Siena, Pompeii, Rome
- 12-nights hotel in twin occupancy at listed hotels
- · Breakfast buffet daily at the hotels
- 10-group dinners at a mix of hotels and local restaurants
- Sightseeing as outlined in the tour itinerary
- · Local guides in Florence, Siena, Pompeii, Rome
- Admissions as required per the itinerary
- Admission to the Florence Youth Orchestra Festival
- · 5-Concert performances with local promotion
- · Gratuities to guides I drivers I local escorts
- 1 Checked bag, 1 Carry-on bag, 1 Personal item on all flights
- Travel Guard Group Protection Plan Insurance (no cancellation)
- Online tour registration
- Individual billing for each traveler
- · Payment by debit/credit card pricing option( 4% convenience fee)
- · Separate Family & Friends tour offered
- Complete set of travel documents

### NOT INCLUDED

- · Passport with 6-months validity from your return date
- · Any required visas if not traveling on a U.S. issued Passport
- 12-Lunches while touring
- · 2-Dinners as outlined in the itinerary
- · Bottled beverages apart from provided table-water at group meals
- · Bows and rock-stops for cellists and bassists
- · Sticks/mallets for rented percussion instruments
- Folding music stands
- Excess oversized/overweight baggage fees for personal luggage
- · Trip cancellation and pre-existing medical conditions coverage
- · Any souvenirs you may wish to purchase

# TOUR CONTACTS

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### STUDENT/STAFF TOUR PRICING

\$4,795 PER PERSON (MYO PERFORMERS PAYMENT BY CHECK) \$3,895 PER PERSON (LAND-ONLY-NO GROUP AIR) A 4% CONVENIENCE FEE WILL BE ADDED TO ALL ONLINE DEBIT/ CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WHEN PROCESSED.

#### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

 November 1, 2019
 \$300

 February 1, 2020
 \$1,500

 March 1, 2020
 \$1,500

 March 2000
 \$1,500

May 1, 2020 Final Balance Due

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Deposit to November 1, 2019

No cancellation fee

November 2, 2019 to February 1, 2020

February 2, 2020 to March 1, 2020

March 2, 2020 to May 1, 2020

May 2, 2020 to departure

No Refund

Note: Once registered for the tour, you may wish to consider the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. Our recommended supplier is Travel Guard, but you are free to purchase it from any vendor that suits your needs. Please be advised that "cancel for any reason" policies and those for pre-existing medical conditions often need to be purchased within 14-days of depositing on the tour with most providers. Visit <a href="www.travelguard.com">www.travelguard.com</a> for information. Your initial deposit by check or debit/credit card will confirm your online registration and is due by November 1, 2019.

### STUDENT/STAFF HOTELS

Santa Margherita Park Hotel Suisse

www.parkhotelsuisse.com

Montecatini Terme Grand Hotel Nizza

http://www.grandhotelnizza.it/

Orvieto: (Hotel 1) Palazzo Piccolomini

http://www.palazzopiccolomini.it/

Orvieto: (Hotel 2) Aquila Bianca

https://www.hotelaguilabianca.it/?lang=en

Sorrento Hotel Vesuvio

http://www.vesuviosorrento.com/

Rome Hotel Cicerone

https://www.hotelciceronerome.com/

# STUDENT/STAFF AIR SCHEDULE

LH 401 JUL 7 NEW YORK-JFK/FRANKFURT 4:10 PM / 6:05 AM +1 LH 246 JUL 8 FRANKURT/MILAN-MALPENSA 7:15 AM / 8:25 AM LX 1727 JUL 20 ROME/ZURICH 9:40 AM / 11:20 AM LX 014 JUL 20 ZURICH/NEW YORK-JFK 12:55 PM / 3:45 PM

