

# **FAMILY & FRIENDS OF**

# THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL PROGRAMS

# A GRAND TOUR TO ITALY

JULY 7-20, 2020

TRAVEL AS FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MYO TO ITALY IN THE SUMMER OF 2020. SHARE IN THE EXPERIENCE OF A BEAUTIFUL CONCERT TOUR TO SOME OF ITALY'S MOST INTERESTING REGIONS.

DISCOVER ITALY'S DAZZLING RIVIERA WITH VISITS TO SANTA MARGHERITA AND THE PICTURESQUE VILLAGES OF THE CINQUE TERRE.

VISIT THE REGIONS OF TUSCANY AND UMBRIA, FAMOUS FOR STONE FARMHOUSES, HILLSIDE VINEYARDS, OLIVE GROVES AND CYPRESS TREES.

CONTINUE TO THE BAY OF NAPLES AS YOU EXPLORE SORRENTO, 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, AND ST. PETER'S BASILICA.

ATTEND CONCERTS BY MYO AS THE CHOIR & ORCHESTRA PERFORM FOR LOCAL AUDIENCES.

JOIN US ON THIS GRAND TOUR TO ITALY!

#### **TOUR PRICING:**

MYO FAMILY & FRIENDS AIR & LAND: \$4995.00 MYO FAMILY & FRIENDS LAND-ONLY: \$3995.00 SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$795.00

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

THE F&F TOUR WILL USE SEPARATE FLIGHTS, HOTELS, BUSSES, TOUR GUIDES AND RESTAURANTS. IT WILL FOLLOW THE SAME DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY WITH SMALL DEVIATIONS. THE TOUR IS DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT THE MYO TOUR AND YOU WILL ATTEND ALL CONCERTS WITH RESERVED ADMISSION.

THE FAMILY & FRIENDS TOUR WILL NEED A MINIMUM OF 25 PASSENGERS TO OPERATE AT THE ESTIMATED PRICE.

#### GRANDTOURS

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## ITINERARY

Day 1 Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Depart the USA

Depart as a group from New York-JFK non-stop to Milan. Fly
transatlantic overnight with complimentary in-flight meals
beverages and entertainment.

In-flight

Day 2 Wednesday, July 8 2020 Arrival | Santa Margherita Early arrival at Milan-Malpensa Airport where you meet your Italian Tour Manager. 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 Hotel Regina Elena and enjoy a buffet dinner. In-flight/D

Day 3 Thursday, July 9, 2020 Cinque Terre | Santa Margherita Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a full-day excursion with members of MYO 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 on your own and then attend an evening outdoor 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 Hotel Ambasciatore 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 on your own and attend a concert by MYO at the *Loggia dei Lanzi* in Piazza della Signoria as part of the Florence Festival of Youth Orchestras.

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. Make a stop in the afternoon at a local wine and olive oil producer where you can have lunch and enjoy local products. Concert tonight at the Terme Tettuccio of Montecatini Terme as part of the Florence International Festival.

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 town and explore on foot. The jewel of this medieval city is the magnificent Gothic Duomo. Travel outside of the city to the beautiful Altarocca Wine Resort for dinner and an overnight stay in this relaxing property.

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 Carlton and Michelangelo hotels. Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 9 Wednesday, July 15, 2020 Isle of Capri | Sorrento Take mini-busses 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 then attend an evening concert by MYO in the Sorrento Cathedral or one of Sorrento's beautiful gardens.

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.

Day 11 Friday, July 17, 2020 Sorrento | Rome
Depart 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 Hotel Grand
Palatino with time to get settled into rooms. Have dinner at a
local trattoria and then take an evening guided walk through
Rome with MYO. Begin at the Spanish Steps and continue to
the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, and Piazza Navona.

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. Attend the final concert of the tour in the Jesuit Sant' Ignazio Church, a magnificent venue located in the heart of Rome. The evening is free to get dinner.

Day 13 Sunday, July 19, 2020 Rome
The final day of the tour is completely free to explore Rome in small groups. Visit the Castel Sant' Angelo, walk the Appia
Antica, or visit the ancient 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 with members of MYO at a festive farewell dinner with local Italian food and music.

B/D

Day 14, Monday, July 20, 2020 Rome | USA Morning flight from Rome to Amsterdam where you connect to an afternoon flight to New York-JFK. Clear US Immigration and Customs upon arrival at JFK. MYO Family and Friends will arrive shortly after MYO members/staff so please note the two group flight schedules.

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 while in Italy
- Locally guided tours in Florence, Siena, Pompeii, Rome
- 12-nights hotel in twin occupancy at listed hotels
- · Breakfast buffet daily at the hotels
- 1-lunch and wine-tasting in the Siena area (Tuscany)
- · 6-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
- · Attend all MYO concerts
- · 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)
- · 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
- 11-Lunches while touring
- 6-Dinners as outlined in the itinerary
- · Bottled beverages apart from provided table-water at group meals
- · 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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\$4995 PER PERSON (PAYMENT BY CHECK)
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\$795 SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT

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

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 cancellation fee

\$300 cancellation fee

\$500 cancellation fee

No Refund

Note: Once registered for the tour, and it is communicated as viable by MYO, 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. A deposit made payable to GrandTours will confirm your online registration and is due by November 1, 2019.

### F&F HOTELS

Santa Margherita Hotel Regina Elena www.reginaelena.it

Montecatini Terme Hotel Ambasciatori Palace www.ambasciatoripalace.it

Orvieto Altarocca Wine Resort

http://www.altaroccawineresort.com/

Sorrento Hotels Carlton & Michelangelo

www.hotelcarltonsorrento.com http://www.michelangelohotel.it/

Rome Hotel Grand Palatino

www.hotelpalatino.com

# F&F AIR SCHEDULE

DL 172 JUL 7 NEW YORK-JFK/MILAN-MXP 4:10 PM / 6:05 AM +1 KL 1598 JUL 20 ROME/AMSTERDAM 10:20 AM / 12:55 PM KL 645 JUL 20 AMSTERDAM/NEW YORK-JFK 2:30 PM / 4:30 PM

