



THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK
CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL PROGRAMS

A GRAND TOUR TO ITALY

FLORENCE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF YOUTH ORCHESTRAS
JULY 6-19, 2022

WE INVITE YOU TO AUDITION FOR A REMARKABLE CONCERT TOUR WITH THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK, CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL PROGRAMS 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!

ESTIMATED TOUR PRICING:

MYO PERFORMER AIR & LAND: \$4995.00
MYO PERFORMER LAND-ONLY: \$3995.00

MYO WILL PROVIDE THE LINK AND PASSWORD TO THE ONLINE TOUR REGISTRATION SITE ONCE TOUR AUDITIONS ARE COMPLETE.

A FAMILY & FRIENDS TOUR PROGRAM WILL BE OFFERED AND PARTICIPANTS WILL REGISTER ON A SEPARATE REGISTRATION SITE ONCE TOUR AUDITIONS ARE COMPLETE.

ALL INFORMATION OUTLINED IN THIS TOUR BROCHURE, INCLUDING AIR CARRIERS AND HOTELS, AND CONCERTS IS TENTATIVE UNTIL 2022 AIR AND LAND TOUR SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING.

AT THIS TIME, MYO IS REQUIRING ITALY PERFORMANCE TOUR AND FAMILY AND FRIENDS TOUR PARTICIPANTS TO BE FULLY VACCINATED FOR COVID-19 (EXCEPT IN CASE OF DOCTOR-APPROVED MEDICAL EXEMPTION).

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Day 1 Wednesday, July 6, 2022 Depart the USA
Depart as a group from New York-JFK to Munich Germany on Lufthansa German Airlines. Fly transatlantic overnight with complimentary in-flight meals beverages and entertainment.

Day 2 Thursday, July 7, 2022 Arrival | Santa Margherita
Early arrival in Munich 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. In-flight/D

Day 3 Friday July 8, 2022 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. B/D

Day 4 Saturday, July 9, 2022 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. B/D

Day 5 Sunday, July 10, 2022 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 Monday, July 11, 2022 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 Tuesday, July 12, 2022 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. B

Day 8 Wednesday, July 13, 2022 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. B/D

Day 9 Thursday, July 14, 2022 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 Friday, July 15, 2022 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. B

Day 11 Saturday, July 16, 2022 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 Sunday, July 17, 2022 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 Monday, July 18, 2022 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, Tuesday, July 19, 2022 Rome | USA
Early transfer to Rome's Fiumicino Airport. Board your return flight to the USA on Lufthansa German Airlines, connecting in Munich 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 | drivers | local escorts
- 1 Checked bag, 1 Carry-on bag, 1 Personal item on flights
- Travel Insured International Student Protection Plan
- Online tour registration
- Individual billing for each traveler
- Payment by debit/credit card pricing option (3% 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 for foreign passport holders
- 12-Lunches while touring
- 2-Dinners as outlined in the itinerary
- Bottled beverages in addition to provided table-water at meals
- Oversized/overweight baggage fees for personal luggage
- Trip cancellation and pre-existing medical conditions travel protection insurance coverage
- Any souvenirs you may wish to purchase

ELIGIBILITY

Italy Tour Audition Requirements

- Eligibility: Registered 2021-2022 MYO Members entering 9th grade - 12th grade in September 2021, as well as MYO Alumni, are eligible for the Summer Performance Tour to Italy
- All Italy Tour Auditions are by unlisted YouTube video submission only, no live auditions
- The audition recording should consist of one prepared instrumental or vocal solo of your choice, without accompaniment
- There is no application fee and you do not require a piano accompanist for the audition recording.

Italy Tour Audition Timeline

- September 1 Tour Choir and Orchestra Auditions Open
- October 1 Tour Choir and Orchestra Auditions Close
- October 15 Email tour ensemble placement notifications and provide tour registration link, password access, and Family and Friends link/password
- November 1 Tour Registration Deadline and First Tour Payment of \$500 Due
- Tour Registration will remain open to fill spots as needed

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Tour spots may fill up quickly, please do not wait to register once notified.

TOUR FINANCES

ESTIMATED TOUR PRICING:

\$4,995 Per Person (MYO Performers payment by check)
\$3,995 Per Person (Land-only with no group air)
A 3% CONVENIENCE FEE WILL BE ADDED TO ALL ONLINE DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WHEN PROCESSED.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

November 1, 2021	\$500
February 1, 2022	\$1,500
March 1, 2022	\$1,500
May 2, 2022	Final Balance Due

CANCELLATION POLICY:

90 + days to departure = Full Refund
89 - 60 days = Full Refund minus \$100
59 - 30 days = 50% of payments refunded
29 - 0 days = No refunds (100% Penalty)*

*Travel insurance protection with coverage for trip cancellation and interruption will be strongly recommended for this tour program and options will be presented in detail at the time of online tour registration.

Note: Once tour auditions are completed you will be emailed the tour registration website link and password. We will also communicate the information for the Family & Friends Tour to all registered participants at that time.

MYO TOUR HOTELS

Santa Margherita www.parkhotelsuisse.com	Park Hotel Suisse
Montecatini Terme http://www.grandhotelnizza.it/	Grand Hotel Nizza
Orvieto: (Hotel 1) http://www.palazzopiccolomini.it/	Palazzo Piccolomini
Orvieto: (Hotel 2) https://www.hotelaquilabianca.it/	Aquila Bianca
Sorrento http://www.vesuviosorrento.com/	Hotel Vesuvio
Rome https://www.hotelciceronerome.com/	Hotel Cicerone

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