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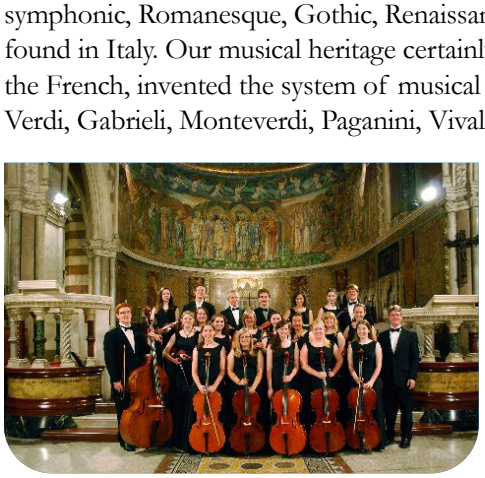
Melded from Greek, Etruscan and Roman civilizations, Italian (Roman) culture has influenced Western thought, art, music, literature and civilization more than any other. The senses almost reel from exposure to history, architecture, art (Italy is the repository of a large percentage of the world's greatest art), and beauty unequaled anywhere else in Europe. The creativity, craftsmanship, artistic energy that made Rome great is still in full evidence in the New Millennium.

American orchestras, choirs, and wind ensembles are very popular in Italy. The American Celebration of Music in Italy provides performance opportunities in churches, piazzas, theaters, concert halls, and archaeological ruins, for American performers to share our own vibrant musical culture with enthusiastic Italian audiences.

A concert and music festival experience in Italy is a return to the roots of Western Civilization. Italy presents a glorious feast of all the senses - sound, sight, smell, taste and touch. Regardless of one's musical tastes - classical, church, ballad, opera, chant, symphonic, Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, Romantic, Baroque - these roots are all found in Italy. Our musical heritage certainly was born in Italy. Italians, with help from the French, invented the system of musical notation used today. Italian composers like Verdi, Gabrieli, Monteverdi, Paganini, Vivaldi, Puccini and Rossini are household names.

*"THANK YOU for an awesome tour of Italy! Please know that I am, yet once again, blown away with how well everything went and how well this tour was managed. You guys really are amazing, and on behalf of the 81 of us in Italy, I want to say THANK YOU!"*

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# Georgetown College Chorale, Tiger Symphonic Band, and Friends American Celebration of Music in Italy

March 7-14, 2026 (6 nights / 8 days)



**Day 1 Saturday, March 7, 2026 Depart for Italy**

Georgetown College Chorale, Tiger Symphonic Band, and Friends to Depart via scheduled airline service to Rome, Italy



**Day 2 Sunday, March 8 Rome / Montecatini (D)**

Arrive in Rome
Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach
Transfer to Montecatini
Late afternoon hotel check-in
Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

*Montecatini is a medieval Tuscan town famous for its thermal waters and is one of the most famous spa towns in Italy. Montecatini was the vacation spot for numerous Italian and international celebrities. Composers often vacationed here, such as Vivaldi and Puccini – who composed part of the opera La Boheme in Montecatini. If there's extra time in the evenings, ride the funicular up the side of the mountain to Montecatini Alto, a medieval village and ancient castle of Romanesque origin. Enjoy a stunning view of the town below and a visit to the shops with traditional Tuscan delicacies in the main square as well as the old castle and watch tower.*



**Day 3 Monday, March 9 Florence / Montecatini (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
A half-day guided tour of Florence includes the Piazza della Signoria, a lovely square in the heart of the city, towered by the lofty Palazzo Vecchio. Visit the Ponte Vecchio, the bridge across the Arno. See the Baptistery with Ghiberti's *Gates of Paradise*, the Campanile, and entrance to the Duomo and the Academy of Fine Arts*, to see Michelangelo's original *David* and other sculptures by the great master (using the whisper system)
Lunch, on own
***Georgetown College Chorale and Symphonic Band Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Italy***
Evening dinner and overnight



**Day 4 Tuesday, March 10 Florence / Montecatini (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Morning sightseeing in Montecatini or Florence with your Tour Manager, or enjoy free time at leisure
Lunch, on own
Continued afternoon time at leisure
Evening dinner and overnight



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**Day 5 Wednesday, March 11 Rome (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to Rome
Lunch, on own
Enjoy a panoramic tour of Rome's highlights, including seeing the Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, and Trevi Fountain
Evening dinner and overnight

*Rome - Popes, Vandals, the Borgias and Napoleon, Garibaldi, Michelangelo and Mussolini and, of course, the ancient Romans themselves all have left their physical and spiritual mark on Rome, but though she keeps the glory of an ancient day about her, she remains a wellspring of creative energy; in short, she really is the Eternal City*



**Day 6 Thursday, March 12 Rome (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Half-day guided tour of *Imperial Rome*, including entrance to the Roman Forum and Colosseum. Also view the Baths of Caracalla, and Palatine Hill
Lunch, on own
***Georgetown College Chorale and Symphonic Band Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Italy***
Evening dinner and overnight



**Day 7 Friday, March 13 Rome (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
A half-day guided tour of Religious Rome includes Vatican City, the home of the Pope and the center of Roman Catholicism, as well as the Vatican Museums*, Sistine Chapel (featuring Michelangelo's Ceiling Frescos and The Last Judgment) and St. Peter's Basilica
Lunch, on own
***Georgetown College Chorale to Participate/Sing in Mass at St. Peter's Basilica (pending confirmation)***
Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight



**Day 8 Saturday, March 14 Depart for home (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to the Rome Airport for return flight home



**Florence's Academy of Fine Arts is closed on Mondays. The Vatican Museums are closed on Sundays.*

***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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### Cost Inclusions & Exclusions

The following are cost estimates for MCI's prepared custom tour, with roundtrip airfare from **CINCINNATI, OH** during **Low Season***.

| *Per-Person Cost Estimates* | *45-47 Paying Per Bus* | *40-44 Paying Per Bus* | *35-39 Paying Per Bus* | *30-34 Paying Per Bus* |
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| (6 nights / 8 days) FLORENCE, ROME | $4,293 | $4,434 | $4,542 | $4,766 |

***Travel season dates are generally as follows:** Low (28-Oct – 13-Dec, 24-Dec – 31-Mar); Shoulder (23-Mar – 10-May); High (11-May – 27-Oct, 14-Dec – 23-Dec); **Travel seasons are subject to change without notice from the airline.***

**Estimated airfares are subject to change, and will be confirmed once an airline contract is secured (roughly 11 months prior to your tour).**

The costs vary, depending upon the total number of paying participants sharing certain fixed overhead costs which include *chartered motorcoach*, *Tour Manager*, *guides*, *free trips*, *concert costs*, etc.

All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements herein are based on rates (including foreign exchange rates) in effect at the date of this offer and are subject to change. Adjustments may be made if the exchange rate varies more than 5%.

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## COST INCLUSIONS

- **AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip transportation by scheduled airline carrier from **CINCINNATI, OH**. Air fares are subject to change pending space availability at the time of group booking.
  - Includes up to $550 for U.S. Government airline taxes, fees, and estimated fuel surcharge.
- **COACH TRANSPORTATION:** Local modern deluxe motorcoach transportation within Europe upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- **INSTRUMENT/EQUIPMENT TRANSPORATION:** An instrument truck is included to transport the instruments.
- **CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS:** All performance and workshops are professionally provided in superior venues with attention to technical details and effective publicity.
- **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotel accommodations in superior tourist-class (4-star) hotels chosen for location, reputation, cleanliness, and service. The price is based on double occupancy, all rooms with private facilities. This offer is based on staying at the following accommodations, or similar:

  **Montecatini-Terme:** *Tuscany Inn* **Rome:** *Hotel Holiday Inn Eur Parco dei Medici*
- **MEALS:** Two meals per day (as noted in the Tour itinerary) including breakfast and dinner. Please note that breakfast is not included on day of arrival and dinner is not included on day of departure.
- **ENTRANCE FEES:** Entrance fees/admissions are included to all sites and activities listed on the itinerary.
- **TOUR ITINERARIES**: Versions of the itinerary are available listing hotel addresses, telephone and websites.
- **TOUR MANAGEMENT**: One full-time, multi-lingual Tour Manager will be on each motorcoach through the entire tour. MCI's European office staff is easily available 24 hours daily to render assistance whenever needed.
- **WHISPER SYSTEM**: Quietvox Audio System consisting of a microphone for the guide and a radio receiver for each participant for guided tours.
- **EXCURSIONS**: Conducted by licensed, professional guides as outlined in the day-by-day Tour itinerary.
- **GRATUITIES**: Tips to hotel personnel (including meals) are included. Tips to tour manager(s), licensed guides, and motorcoach driver(s) are not included.
- **EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES**:
  - 1 Flight bag
  - 2 Luggage tags
  - 1 Souvenir T-shirt
- **TRAVEL NOTES:** Pre-departure Travel Notes are available to each participant containing useful information about travel preparation, destination information, useful packing and cultural conditioning suggestions.
- **LIABILITY INSURANCE:** $5M MCI Tour Liability Insurance coverage.

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- Travel Visa for non-U.S. passport holders.
- Travel Insurance.
- Tips to Tour Manager(s), city guides and motorcoach driver(s).
- Instrument / equipment rental, if needed.
- Concert programs, if needed.
- Transportation to and from the departure airport.
- Drinks at dinners.
- Daily lunches.
- Airline luggage fees, if applicable.
- Difference between current and actual costs for the airline taxes and the estimated fuel surcharge, if applicable.
- European Travel Information & Authorization System (ETIAS) application and fee for all U.S. Passport holders. Learn more here https://www.etiasvisa.com