

Imagine a wonderful performance in a grand church, adorned with art treasures. The choir is singing the most breathtaking music to a mesmerized crowd, the acoustics are perfect, and the experience is surreal. Then realize that it is your group performing in this magnificent setting! With EIS, your group will have the enviable opportunity to perform at Italy's most celebrated venues, like St. Peter's Basilica.... We handle the arrangements so you can enjoy your accommodations (maybe treating yourself to some indulgences at the spas), and your visits of Padua, Verona, Lucca, and Rome, some of Italy's most beautiful cities. Return home with life-lasting memories of your performances and your unique Italian experience. You may want to start planning your group's next trip!

ITALIAN SERENADE

Choir Tour



OVERNIGHTS: 12-DAY ITINERARY

Abano – 3 nights Frascati – 2 nights
 Montecatini – 3 nights
 Chianciano – 2 nights



Day 01 Depart for Italy.

Day 02 After arrival, drive to Abano Terme, the spa town in the Venetian Arc. The afternoon is free to explore the area, or **treat yourself to a rejuvenating massage at the spa** to cure any lingering jetlag.

Day 03 Venture to Padua today and enjoy a half-day tour of this major cultural center of Northern Italy and home of the peninsula's second oldest university. The highlight of the tour is unquestionably the Cappella degli Scrovegni, which contains the stunning frescoes by Giotto illustrating the lives of Mary and Christ. **An afternoon concert in this charming town – your first in Italy – sets the stage** for many more musical performances to come.



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PICTURE THIS



- Choir concert performances in exclusive venues
- Exchange performance with an Italian choir
- Superb accommodations in famous spa towns
- Special dinners at countryside restaurants
- Traditional lunch in Bologna
- Private sightseeing tours in Padua, Lucca, and Rome
- Gala "Ancient Rome" theme dinner



RECOMMENDED TIPS

WHO SHOULD YOU TARGET:

Adults and students, including all performing arts groups (schools, churches, etc); especially good for budget conscious groups due to less costly hotels with half-board option in towns near major cities

ITINERARY CONSIDERATIONS:

If you are in Rome on a Wednesday, there is the opportunity to participate in Papal Audience

EXTRA FEATURES TO CONSIDER:

Accommodations in spa towns, with option of 'spa' features

Day 04

Abano
Verona
Abano

Today see more of the Veneto, **visiting Verona, an enchanting city and setting for Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'**. You will have plenty of free time to explore this alluring city before returning to Abano. A relaxing dinner will await you at one of the area's best local restaurants.

Day 05

Abano
Bologna
Montecatini

Today, depart Abano for Tuscany, one of Italy's most famous and beautiful regions. Pass through Emilia Romagna, **stopping in Bologna, Italy's culinary capital, for a special lunch of Bolognese specialties**. Then enjoy free time in this vibrant university town. In the afternoon, continue to Montecatini, another famous spa town. Set in a valley in northern Tuscany, Montecatini is the perfect place to relax, rejuvenate, and explore Tuscany!

Day 06

Montecatini
Lucca

Today, explore Lucca – a charming walled medieval city – with a walking tour. The famous composer Giacomo Puccini was born here. See the Duomo, a fine example of Pisan Romanesque style, and the Piazza del Mercato, where the Anfiteatro Romano once stood. **Relax over lunch and stroll the ancient streets before your evening concert performance**. After the concert, enjoy dinner at a country restaurant.

Day 07

Montecatini

After a morning completely free to explore on your own, you head to an **afternoon concert at Montecatini's lovely Tettuccio Spa**. Perform at sunset in the most glorious Tuscan setting!

Day 08

Montecatini
Chianciano

Your journey continues to Chianciano Terme in Southern Tuscany. A medieval town, Chianciano proclaims its restorative waters are indispensable for a healthy life

Day 09

Chianciano

Take this free day to explore Chianciano, or indulge yourself with a spa treatment. **Prepare for your afternoon concert where you will step on stage in this centuries old setting**. Dinner at the hotel restaurant will greet you upon your return.

Day 10

Chianciano
Frascati

Watch the subtle changes in this romantic landscape as you depart Tuscany today for Lazio. Arrive in Frascati, a small town in the Castelli Romani hills outside Rome, famous for its white wines.

Day 11

Frascati
Rome

This morning, your group will have **the opportunity and high honor to be announced and perform during an audience with the Pope**. Afterwards, tour the city and view the most fascinating sights of Ancient Rome. Enjoy views of the Capitoline and Palatine Hills, Circus Maximus, and the Colosseum. This afternoon, **your final concert will be in conjunction with a local Roman choir**, a truly special experience. The concert is followed by a cocktail reception with your Italian hosts and counterparts. Our dinner tonight is a gala "Ancient Rome" theme feast at a colorful restaurant in Rome – a suitable farewell to your musical tour.

Day 12

Depart for USA.