

International Choir Festival of Tuscany

From May 22 to 26, 2024

Standard Program - 5 days 4 nights



Tuscany! A magical word that makes you want to escape, or even go into exile... Groves of cypress trees sparingly arranged on the hills. The old farmhouses of Chianti immersed in a tide of holm oaks, with the sound and light of cicadas and the weight of the sun. The feverish Maremma and its Etruscan hinterland full of open-air catacombs. Romanesque chapels and hamlets topped with square dovecotes. Dusty dirt roads lined with dry stone walls and olive trees.

Nourishing and enchanting, Tuscany speaks to the mind as well as the body. But no matter how magnificent the scenery, it still needs artists to give it its true face, to magnify and interpret it.

Tuscany has never been short of artists, especially during the Renaissance, with painters like Piero della Francesca who were able to capture and enhance the essence of the landscape. The painters of the Quattrocento showed off the country, using the veduta: a window opening onto the countryside, giving depth to the painting.

The Concerts are organised in partnership with the municipalities and choirs of Tuscany.

Wednesday May 22, 2024 :✈️ *Arrival in Pisa (Or Firenze)*

Arrival at Galileo Pisa Airport (Or Firenze-Peretola)
Transfer from Pisa Airport to your hotel in private coach
Hotel 3* or 4* located within a 30km radius of Montecatini
Check-in at your hotel
Time at leisure
Dinner at the hotel

*60 km / 45 minutes
From Airport to your hotel*

*33 km / 35 minutes
From your hotel to Lucca*

Welcome



Depending on your arrival time, Tourist visit possible in Lucca

Lucca

Lucca is one of Tuscany's most beloved artistic cities, an unskippable part of any tour of the region. Nicknamed **the town of a hundred churches** on account of its incredible number of places of worship, it is unique among city-states for having maintained its independence up until 1847. Historical circumstances demanded that **Lucca fortify itself**, and so its immense artistic and architectural heritage is ringed by a massive circuit of defensive walls.



Thursday May 23, 2024 : *Florence*

Breakfast

Transfer to Florence

Lunch on own & Time at leisure in Florence

Optional : guided visit (quote on request)

Florence

55 km / 1 hour



A stroll through old Firenze...

Take the time to wander through the maze of narrow streets. And don't forget to do a little shopping, as Florence is one of Europe's leading fashion centres.

Enjoy an unforgettable visit to the capital of the **Italian Renaissance**, where you can explore iconic sites such as the **majestic cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore**, the Uffizi Gallery containing masterpieces by great masters such as Michelangelo and Botticelli, and the famous Ponte Vecchio across the Arno. Immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of **Piazza della Signoria**, home to Palazzo Vecchio and the **statue of David**. You can also relax in the magnificent **Boboli Gardens**, a haven of peace in the heart of the city...



Ponte Vecchio



Palazzo Vecchio



Duomo (Santa Maria Del Fiore)

The historic centre of Florence is an open-air museum, with probably the greatest concentration of artistic masterpieces in the world!

Among the most famous are the **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore (Duomo)**, of course, with its dome and Museo dell'Opera, **Giotto's campanile**, Ghiberti's baptistery and gates, the **Palazzo Vecchio** and the **Piazza della Signoria**, which sums up the entire history of Florence. Not forgetting the Ponte Vecchio, the emblem of Florence, which spans the Arno... You won't believe your eyes!

Guided tour with a professional guide included!



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Rehearsal and Dinner
Evening Concert in Firenze Area
Shared with local or international choir
Transfer & Night at the accommodation



Friday May 24, 2024 : *Siena*

Breakfast
 Transfer to Siena
 Lunch on own
 Guided Tour (Optional—quote on request)
 Time at leisure

*Siena**From your hotel 115 km / 1h30 minutes*

A mystical and gentle city of art, passionate and generous. Siena welcomes some 3 millions tourists every year, with its motto "Cor magis tibi Sena Pandit" (Siena opens its heart even wider to you). Clinging to three hills of reddish clay, its streets wind their way around the surprisingly extensive city walls before coming to a marvel in the tawny swell of the rooftops: **the magical Piazza del Campo**, where the heart of the city beats.
 Love at first sight guaranteed!



Sienna Cathedral (Duomo)

*Optional guided tour with a professional guide
 with entrance to Siena Cathedral*

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Saturday May 25, 2024 : *Florence*

Breakfast
Transfer to Florence
Lunch on own
Time at leisure

Florence

From your hotel 55 km / 1 hour



Florence is the symbol of the influential **Medicis family**, who reigned throughout the Renaissance period. This Florentine dynasty shaped the town into a prosperous city by multiplying artistic encounters and financial and economic relations at both national and European levels. This interaction greatly enhanced the influence of the Tuscan city. And, as chance would have it, Tuscany has been the birthplace of many artists and writers, including **Donatello, Michelangelo, Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci**, as well as scientists and politicians such as Boccaccio, Machiavelli and Galileo...

Tourism Ideas

- ◆ Galleria dell'Accademia - David di Michelangelo
- ◆ Piazza della Signoria
- ◆ Santa Croce Basilica
- ◆ Pitti Palazzo
- ◆ Boboli Gardens
- ◆ Piazzale Michelangelo - City view



Sunday May 26, 2024 :✈️ **Pisa and departure**

Breakfast

Transfer to Pisa

Lunch on own & Time at leisure

Transfer to Galileo Pisa Airport

End of the adventure with Choral Events...

Pisa

From your hotel 55 km / 45 minutes

*From the historic centre of Pisa to the airport
8 km / 15 minutes*



The famous **Leaning Tower of Pisa**, in central Italy, is a symbol of the country. Since 2001, it has been possible to take a quick tour of the tower and climb it via a spiral staircase.

The Piazza dei Miracoli is Pisa's most important cultural and historical centre. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987, it is home not only to the famous Leaning Tower, but also to the **Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption and the Baptistery**.

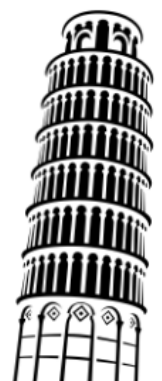


Most people know the campanile or free-standing bell tower of Pisa as the "**Leaning Tower of Pisa**". The Torre Pendente was built on marshy ground **from 1173**, which is why the tower was already beginning to sag when the third floor was erected. Nevertheless, construction continued and by 1350 it was complete. Several interventions have already been carried out to limit the tower's inclination. As a result, the building is once again safe and accessible to the public. The tower, which is around **56 metres high**, was originally part of the Duomo, which is also located in the Piazza dei Miracoli.

End of the Tour

This program is a travel proposal. It is subject to change depending on location, concerts and arrival and departure times.

Modifications will be submitted to the participating group.



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Nb of participants	50	40	35	30	25	20	15	Extra
Rates per person in a basis double/twin rooms								Single Room
Hotel 3*	340 €	360 €	370 €	380 €	400 €	420 €	450 €	130 €
Hotel 4*	410 €	430 €	440 €	450 €	480 €	500 €	530 €	150 €

Our prices includes :

- 4 nights in half board (4 breakfasts & 4 dinners)
- **Hotel 3* or 4* located within a 30km radius of Montecatini**
- Organization of 2 concerts (Marketing, Communication & Logistic)
- **1 package offered in single room in half-board for 40 paying participants**

Individual & Optional (but highly recommended) :

- **Insurances Package** : *cancellation/luggage/sickness or injury/early return/death/return/interruption of stay/accident*
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 - **Health Protection insurance** : *cancellation if positive for epidemic or pandemic up to 30 days before departure / medical and isolation costs if positive for Covid...*

Price of the full package insurance : 8% of the amount of the trip

Our price does not include :

- Transport from your country, return flight
- Meals not included in the programme (lunches)
- Local Ground Transportation (rates given separately)
- Entrance fees for optional visits
- Personal purchases of food, drinks and alcohol during dinners
- Individual Medical repatriation insurance, to the nearest International Airport of the participant's home :
 - ⇒ 0,95% of the total amount of the trip for EU citizens
 - ⇒ For Non EU Citizens—Quotation on request
- Additional Insurances (cancellations, pandemic, ...)
- Choral Events 2024 Membership fees : 50€ for the choir
- Festival Registration Fees : 50€ for the choir

**Prices valid until 31.01.2024 according to the rates and taxes known to date.
Subject to availability.**



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