

International Choir Festival of Milan Christmas Edition

From December 12 to 16, 2024 



Come and explore the magnificent city of Milan and its world-famous cathedral.

The days are devoted to sightseeing, the evenings to concerts.

All the concerts are organised and shared with regional Italian choirs, as well as other participating international choirs.

Have you been dreaming of visiting the capital of Lombardy for a while, but still haven't found the right time? Don't wait any longer, Milan is waiting to welcome you for the festive season.

With Christmas just around the corner, the city is decked out in the colours of the event, and so are the markets. Milan is one of the cities with the most (and most beautiful) Christmas markets.

Thursday December 12, 2024 :✈️ *Arrival*

Arrival in Milan Malpensa Airport
Transfer to your hotel Mercure Milan Agrate in this example
Check-in
Dinner and Overnight at the hotel



Welcome

Friday December 13, 2024 : *Milan*

Breakfast
Transfer to Milan center
Milan Guided Tour (1h30)
Lunch on own & Time at Leisure

Milan



A visit to **Milan** begins in **Piazza del Duomo**. Pinnacles, spires and thousands of statues (3,400) adorn this stone lacework, making the Duomo of Milan a masterpiece of flamboyant Gothic architecture.

Then, of course, there's the **Galleria Vittorio Emmanuel**. This links the Duomo to the **Scala theatre**. This nineteenth-century gallery is packed with colourful shops and cafés.

At the end of the Galleria Vittorio Emmanuel you arrive at the Scala Theatre, which behind its less than lavish façade hides the world-famous temple of opera, where the great Italian opera composers have reigned:

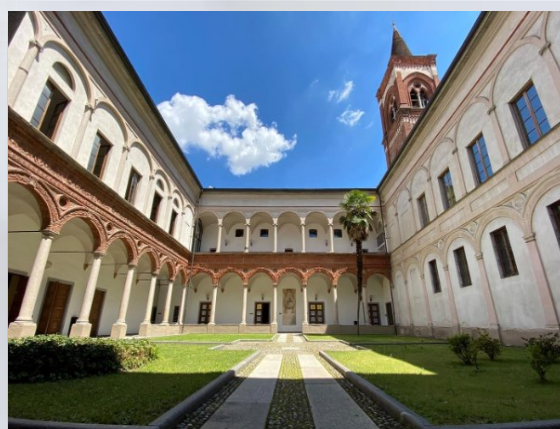
Rossini, Bellini and Verdi.



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Rehearsal
Group Dinner
Concert in the Basilica di San Antonio Abate - Milan Center
Transfer to hotel & Overnight stay



Saturday December 14, 2024 : *Option 1 : Bergamo*

Breakfast
Transfer to Bergamo
Time at Leisure & Lunch on own

Bergamo

35km / 45 minutes



BERGAMO

In 2023, **Bergamo** has been named Italy's Cultural Capital, along with Brescia.

Birthplace of the composer **Gaetano Donizetti**, cradle of the **Commedia dell'arte**, under Venetian rule for three centuries (1428 to 1778), Bergamo has many faces.

High on one side, in **Città Alta**, a city of heritage and historical beauty; low on the other, in **Città Bassa**, a more urban and industrial city, with a view from the funicular railway. 50km north-east of Milan (45min-1h by train), Bergamo, the elegant Lombardy town, is delightfully indolent, dotted with bell towers, cupolas, watchtowers and belfries, against a backdrop of fabulous panoramas. Here the green plains of the **Po**, there the jagged peaks of the Bergamo Alps. Andiamo!



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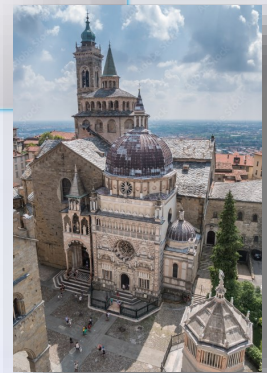
Rehearsal

Group Dinner

21.00 Concert at the Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore di Bergamo
(Subject to availability and repertoire)

Choral Events will submit the choir's application, which will be examined by representatives of the Cathedral.

Transfer to hotel & Overnight stay



Saturday December 14, 2024 : *Option 2 : Milan Center : Visit Ideas for Christmas*

Breakfast

Transfer to Milan

Time at Leisure & Lunch on own

20km / 35 minutes



MERCATINO DI NATALE SULLA PIAZZA DUOMO

From 1 December to 6 January 2024, the Christmas market in Piazza Duomo is the city's biggest Christmas market. Milan's central square is packed with over 60 chalets selling Christmas gifts and traditional handicrafts. Open from 9am to 9pm. It's the perfect place to stroll around Milan.

FIERA DEGLI OH BEJ ! AH BEJ !

The 'Oh Bej! Ah bej! Fair' held at the Sforza Castle is the most popular Milanese Christmas market among locals. The fun name loosely translates to "Oh so adorable!" Oh, so nice! Fair' and offers several stalls selling handicrafts and delicious gourmet treats. Is also known as Fiera di Sant'Ambrogio in honor of the patron saint of Milan. The Market begins on Saint Ambrose Day, December 7, with the official lighting of the Christmas tree and lasts until the following Sunday each year. Sforza Castle is a 10-minute walk from the Duomo Market.

VILLAGGIO DELLE MERAVIGLIE

The Villaggio delle Meraviglie is held at the Giardini Pubblici di Indro Montanelli (Indro Montanelli Public Gardens) in Porta Venezia. Village des Merveilles is famous for its ice rink.

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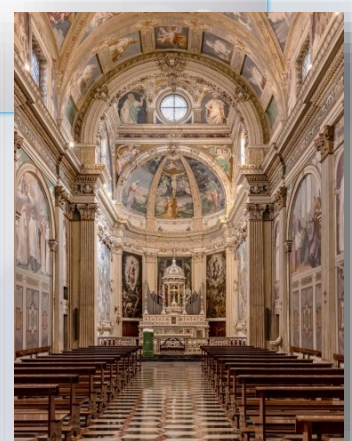


Rehearsal

Group Dinner

Shared concert in the Certosa di Garegnano

Transfer and night at the hotel



Sunday December 15, 2024 : *Milan*

Breakfast

Time at Leisure and Lunch on own

Possibility of singing during morning mass. (Optional)

Possibility of organising an additional concert in the evening. (Optional)

20km/ 35 minutes



The fashion quadrilateral

For fashion lovers, these 4 streets (Via Montenapoleone, Via della Spiga, Via Sant'Andrea and Via Manzoni) are a must in Milan, as they are home to the city's most prestigious boutiques. Here you'll find all the luxury jewellers and the big names in haute-couture, such as Louis Vuitton, Versace, Hermès, Gucci and many others.

Castello Sforzesco and Arco della Pace

Located in Metro Cairoli, the Castello Sforzesco (or "Sforza Castle") is a 15th-century medieval fortification that today houses a number of exhibitions and museums. The building has been extended over the centuries and is very impressive in size. I also recommend a walk through the gardens to the Arco della Pace, a triumphal arch designed in 1838.



The Villa Real di Milano

The Villa Real di Milano, or Villa Belgiojoso Bonaparte, is a villa built in 1796. It now houses Milan's Gallery of Modern Art. You can enjoy the 24,000 m2 of English-style gardens that surround the building.



Monday December 16, 2024 : ✈️ *Departure*

Breakfast

Transfer to the airport

End of the adventure with Choral Events...

63km/ 55 min



End of the Tour

The programme is provisional and subject to change according to the expectations of the choirs, the concert venues and the various requirements of the tour. Changes will always be made in consultation with and with the agreement of the group.

HOTEL : ALGA MILANO 3*



Très bien 8,1
2 013 expériences vécues



**Buffet breakfast, Air conditioning, Wifi, Television, Minibar
Single, twin, double and triple rooms
Gym and meeting rooms**

**30 minutes from the centre of Milan
40 minutes from the airport**

HOTEL : IH MILANO BLU VISCONTI 3*



Très bien 8,1
2 013 expériences vécues



**Breakfast buffet, Air-conditioned, Wifi, Tv, Minibar
Single, twin, double, triple rooms
Bar Restaurant**

Located 25 minutes from Milan historic centre

Located 35 minutes from the airport




HOTEL : Studios Milan 4*



Hotel Studios

Very good **8.2**
1,018 reviews

 Via Europa 56, 20093 Cologno Monzese, Italy



**Buffet breakfast, Air-conditioned, Wi-Fi, Minibar, Safety deposit box,
Single, twin, double, triple rooms**

**Business rooms / Fitness room
Located 25 minutes from the historic centre of Milan**



HOTEL : Il Castelletto 4*

Mercure Milan Agrate Brianza

Very good **8.4**
2,706 reviews



**Singles / Doubles / Twins /Triple
Bar and Restaurant**

**Wifi, TV, AC, Mini-bar
Meeting rooms / Fitness room**

Hotel Located 21km from Milan

MILAN NOEL 2024

Nb of participants	50	40	35	30	25	20	15	Extra
Rates per person in a basis double/twin rooms								Single Room
Hotel Alga 3*	380 €	400 €	410 €	420 €	440 €	460 €	500 €	160 €
Hotel Blu Visconti 3*	380 €	400 €	410 €	420 €	440 €	460 €	500 €	160 €
Hotel Studios 4*	410 €	430 €	440 €	450 €	470 €	490 €	530 €	160 €
Hotel Mercure 4*	430 €	460 €	475 €	490 €	505 €	520 €	560 €	180 €

For smaller groups please contact us / For triple or quadruple room please contact us

Our Prices includes :

- Accommodation 4 nights
- Half board : 4 breakfasts & 4 dinners
- Organization of 2 concerts (communication, logistic and publicity)
- Guided tour of Milan (1h30/2h) - Outdoors, on foot + audio guides
- 1 English speaking Tour Manager during the stay
- **1 package in single rooms in half-board offered for each 40 paying participants**

Optional and individual (but recommended) :

Individual insurance package : *Cancellation/luggage/illness or injury/early return/death/return/stay interruption/accident*

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Health Protection Insurance option : Cancellation due to serious illness, epidemic or pandemic and lack of vaccination / Hotel costs due to quarantine, etc.

Insurance package + Health Protection option = 8% of the cost of the trip

Our prices does not includes :

- Transport from your country, return flight
- Meals not included in the programme (lunches)
- Local Ground Transportation (quote on request)
- 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 30/06/2024 according to the rates and taxes known to date.
Subject to availability.



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