

## Concert Tour Italy 2024



Come and sing through several cities and regions of Northern Italy: MILAN, BRESCIA, VERONE, SIRMIONE, and Lake Garda.

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

All concerts are organised and shared with regional Italian choirs.

They are always a privileged moment of sharing and friendship with the choristers and of course with the public.

### PROGRAMME 5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS - 2024

## Day 1: Milan

Departure by bus
Free lunch on the way
Check-in at the hotel
Dinner and overnight stay





## Day 2: Milan

# Breakfast Drive to Milan Milan guided

32 km - 50 mn







The visit to Milan begins with the Duomo square. Pinnacles, spires and thousands of statues (3,400) that adorn this lace of stone make the Duomo of Milan a masterpiece of flambovant Gothic architecture.

Then, of course, the Vittorio Emmanuel Gallery. It still connects the Duomo to the Scala theatre. This 19th century gallery is full of colourful shops and cafés.

At the end of the Galleria Vittorio Emmanuel you arrive at the La Scala Theatre, which behind a less than sumptuous façade hides the temple of opera, where the great Italian opera composers reigned: Rossini, Bellini and Verdi.

Also worth a visit is the Sforzesco Castle, a medieval fortress transformed into a palace by the Sforza dynasty in 1450 and now a public museum housing, among other things, the Pieta Rondanini, the unfinished masterpiece by Michelangelo Buonarroti.

Free lunch

Afternoon: free visit

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Transfer to the concert venue Rehearsal & Concert Dinner

Transfer & overnight at the hotel

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## Day 3: Milan -> Sirmione -> Brescia

Breakfast

Departure for Sirmione

Visit and free lunch

116 km - 2h



SIRMIONE, Lake Garda, free visit



Sirmione is located on a peninsula in the south of Lake Garda. Its population of 7,300 is multiplied by 4 in the summer months. Sirmione is part of the province of Brescia in Lombardy.

An imposing medieval castle marks the entrance to the town, and cars (you have to be a resident) drive over а wooden drawbridge Benefiting from a microclimate, like the whole region, Sirmione has been renowned since the beginning of the 20th century as a thermal spa for treating respiratory tract ailments. Its 70° sulphurous water source has been catapulted and brought to the thermal baths through

Afternoon: Departure for Brescia Check-in at the hotel

100 km - 1h30



Transfer to the concert venue
Rehearsal & Concert
Dinner

Transfer to hotel & overnight stay

Day 4: Brescia -> Verona

Breakfast
Departure for Verona
Guided tour - free lunch



73 km - 1h30



Verona is one of the most beautiful cities in Italy. Today it has a population of about 260,000.

It is a very old city: it is thought to have been founded by the Etruscans on the banks of the Adige river, although there are records of Verona as early as the 4th century BC.

## Day 4 (following): Verona -> Brescia

Verona was an important place in the Roman world and in the Middle Ages. Nowadays it is also known from the story of Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare. Verona is girdled, most of it dating from the Middle Ages. The arena was built in the year 30. An earthquake in 1117 destroyed much of the outer wall, and restoration began in the Renaissance, although the stones were still used for other buildings.



## Return to Brescia Free visit of Brescia

Brescia is located in the Lombardy region of northern Italy.

The old town has developed on the high ground between the foothills of the Alps and the Po plain.

From antiquity to the Renaissance and the Middle Ages, you can read the history of the city and the region as you stroll through its quarters and picturesque streets, with your nose in the air and your ears wide open, sometimes the walls tell you stories...



Dinner at the restaurant and overnight at the Novotel Hotel

## Day 5: Brescia -> Departure

Breakfast
Free visit of Brescia
Departure during the day

The programme is proposed on a provisional basis and may be modified according to the expectations of the choirs, the venues and the various requirements of the tour. Changes will always be made in consultation and with the agreement of the group.

HOTEL	Number of people	Price per person in double room	Price per person in single room
HOTEL 4*	40 people mini	520 €	720 €

1 complimentary half-double for every 40 paying guests

## **Our price includes**

- Accommodation for 4 nights in a 3\* hotel in a standard half double room
- Milan 2 nights: Hotel MERCURE Milan (or equivalent)
- Brescia 2 nights: Hotel NOVOTEL BRESCIA 2 (or equivalent)
- Meals mentioned in the programme: Continental breakfast and dinner
- Organisation and communication of 2 concerts
- Guided tour of Milan and Verona
- 1 accompanying person during the stay—English speaker
- Medical repatriation insurance to the nearest international airport

## Optional and individual (but recommended):

<u>Individual insurance package:</u> cancellation/luggage/illness or injury/early return/death/return/interruption of stay/accident

<u>+ Health Protection Insurance option:</u> cancellation if positive for epidemic or pandemic up to 30 days before departure / cancellation if Covid19 contact case within 14 days before departure / medical and isolation costs if Covid positive.

Insurance package + Health Protection option = 6% of the cost of the trip

## Our price does not include

- Meals not included in the programme (lunches)
- Transportation in private bus or coach
- Entrance fees for optional visits
- Personal purchases of food, drinks and alcohol during dinners

## **Hotels:**

#### MILAN MERCURE AGRATE BRIANZA Base 4\* in standard room

#### The hotel is located 30 km from Milan.

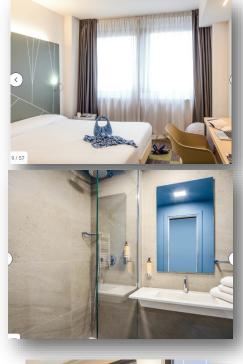
It offers a modern and young environment, where you can enjoy all the comforts for your business or family stay: free WIFI, large beds, gym and breakfast with local products. Strategically located in relation to Milan and Monza and its racetrack, the hotel is close to the main roads and the airports of Linate and Bergamo Orio al Serio.

### Room with 1 double bed or twin beds

Modern and welcoming, the standard room offers comfort, colour and good humour: comfortable bathroom, modern décor, 81cm LCD TV with Sky channels and free unlimited Wi-Fi access.









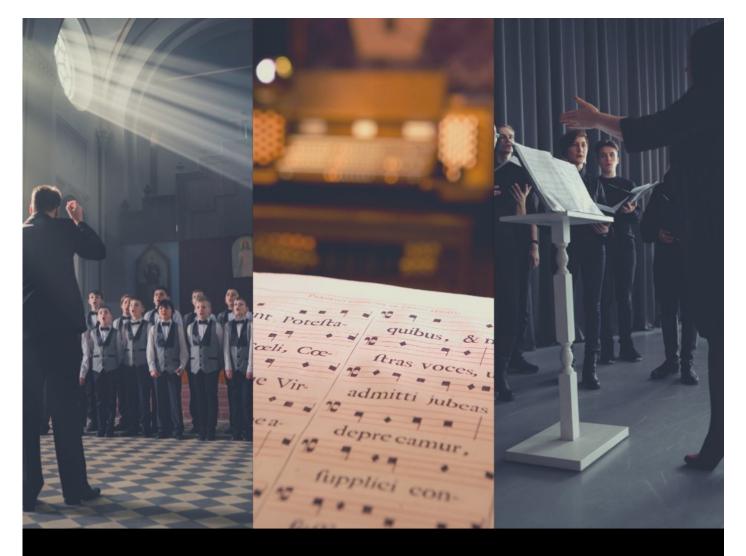
## **NOVOTEL BRESCIA 2 Base 4\* in standard room**

Novotel Brescia 2 is a 4-star hotel with 120 rooms, completely renovated in the heart of the financial district. It is well connected to the city centre and is just 500 metres from the metro station. It is close to the motorway and the airports of Bergamo-Orio al Serio, Verona and Brescia Montichiari. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, mini bar, telephone, wifi, tv and safe, shower and hair dryer in the bathroom. Rooms with 1 double bed or rooms with 1 double bed and 1 single bed.









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