

International Choir Festival of Roma

From November 08 to 12, 2024



It's well known that all roads lead to Rome...

A path that will delight all lovers of Italy, as well as history and art enthusiasts.

Nowhere else are 28 centuries of history so present in one city.

If you love old stones, this is the city for you! Known as the "Eternal City", it occupies, like Athens, an essential place in the history of the Western world. In addition to the influence it exerted on the Mediterranean basin over many centuries, it remains one of the world's most sought-after destinations.

From ancient Rome, with its legacy of architectural marvels, to Renaissance Rome, which revolutionized the world of art and culture, not forgetting Pontifical Rome, the Mecca of Christianity and a pilgrimage destination (Rome is home to Vatican City), to the Rome of today, as passionate and exciting as ever, the proverb "to know Rome in a lifetime is not enough" takes on its full meaning...

5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS - NOVEMBER 2024

Friday November 8, 2024 :✈️ Arrival in Roma

Arrival

Transfer in private coach from Roma - Fiumicino airport to your hotel

Mercure Roma West in this example

Check-in

Time at leisure

Group dinner at the restaurant

20 km / 20 minutes



Welcome



UNLIMITED TRANSPORT ROME 72H INCLUDED

METRO, TRAMWAY, BUS, COMMUTER TRAIN



Saturday November 9, 2024 : *The remains of Ancient Rome...*

Breakfast
Transfer to Roma
Colosseum Tour (not included)
Lunch on your own

Roma

15 km / 30 minutes



What better way to start your trip than at one of the city's most emblematic landmarks? **The Colosseum** is the world's largest amphitheatre, and will probably be one of your most memorable visits. A visit to Rome's Colosseum takes us back 2,000 years in history, built between 70 and 80 AD under Emperor Vespasian and later Emperor Titus. The aim was to build the most impressive monument in ancient Rome. It was here that thousands of Romans gathered to watch gladiatorial combat and wild animal hunts. Today, despite being partly damaged, it remains an imposing and impressive edifice that bears witness to Rome's rich past.



Mount Palatine is one of Rome's seven hills, on which a residential area was built in the 9th century B.C. for leading Romans such as Cicero, Crassus, Augustus and Tiberius. The latter emperor ensured that the 43-metre-high hill became the definitive imperial residence. According to legend, Rome was founded on the Palatine Hill by Romulus in 753 BC.

Today, Mount Palatine is a vast archaeological park linked to the Roman Forum. The latter was once the political, legal and religious center of the Roman Empire.



Saturday November 9, 2024 : *The remains of Ancient Rome... Continued*

Roma



Piazza Venezia is home to the monument to **Victor Emmanuel II**. This huge 135-meter-wide, 70-meter-high white marble building, built between 1885 and 1911, is dedicated to the first king of Italy, Victor Emmanuel II, and through him, to the unity of Italy.

The square is the starting point for three major roads: via dei Fori imperiali, via del Corso and via del Teatro di Marcello.

Just a 5-minute walk away, you can admire **the Markets of Trajan**, one of the wonders of the ancient world. It was built between 107 and 110 AD. By Apollodorodorus of Damascus, one of Rome's great architects, who served the emperor Trajan, although the project is thought to have been carried out under the emperor Domitian, who is credited with starting the work. **Trajan's Market is considered the first covered shopping mall in history.**



Concert 1

Rehearsal and Group dinner
Concert in Roma - Possible venues pages 11 et 12
 Can be shared with local or international choir or both...

Transfer & Overnight at the hotel



Sunday November 10, 2024 : *Fountains and squares... The Historic Centre*

Breakfast

Transfer to Roma

Singing tour during mass at 12:15 p.m. in
Basilica di Santa Maria in Montesanto on
Piazza del Popolo (Optional)

Lunch on your own - Day at leisure

18 km / 40 minutes



Roma

Today, **after singing mass in the Basilica Santa Maria in Montesanto on Piazza del Popolo**, let's explore the historic center, starting with **Piazza Navona**, one of the city's most famous and beautiful squares. A popular tourist destination, this square is surrounded by numerous restaurants and cafés.

In the center of the Piazza Navona, take time to admire the **3 fountains** and enjoy the romantic atmosphere, while taking in the street performances.

Nearby is the **Pantheon**, home to the tombs of **Emperor Victor Emmanuel II** and the famous **painter Rafael**.

Inside, you can admire the **superb dome with its light-permeating oculus**.



Another of the city's landmarks is the **Trevi Fountain**, just a 10-minute walk from the Pantheon.

You've probably already heard of it, as it's **the most famous fountain in Europe**.

Tradition has it that two coins are thrown into the fountain:

The first to make a wish, and the second to ensure your return to Rome.



Sunday November 10, 2024 : *Fountains and squares... The Historic Centre*

Day at leisure

Group dinner in a restaurant in Trastevere district

Transfer & overnight at the hotel



Starting from the Trevi Fountain, take a detour to see **the Quirinal Palace**, the official residence of the President of the Italian Republic. This palace, one of the largest in the world, is one of the most prominent symbols of the Italian state.

Alternatively, head to the **Piazza di Spagna** at the foot of the grand staircase overlooked by the **Church of the Trinità dei Monti**. With its cobbled floor, fountain and typical "**Dolce Vita**" atmosphere, this is one of Rome's most popular and convivial squares. With its many ice-cream vendors, boutiques and street entertainment, you're sure to have a great time...



In the late afternoon, and before 6 p.m. if you wish to visit the magnificent **Basilica di Santa Maria di Trastevere**, don't hesitate to head for the famous district of the same name. The name comes from the Latin Trans Tiberim, meaning "beyond the Tiber". Take the time to stroll around and discover its warm, authentic atmosphere, brimming with restaurants, bars and pretty little squares. This district is truly full of life and has managed to retain its authenticity. In short, **live the Dolce Vita!**



Monday November 11, 2024 : *Heading for the smallest country in the world...the Vatican*

Breakfast

Transfer to the Vatican

Vatican Tour (not included)

Lunch on your own & Time at leisure

22 km / 40 minutes

Vatican



Since 1929, Vatican City has been the spiritual heart of the Catholic Church and the residence of the Pope. The Vatican City is an autonomous state of only 44 hectares and has its own security service, the 'Swiss Guard'.

The Basilica di San Pietro in Vaticano was built between 1506 and 1626 on the remains of a church dating from the time of Emperor Constantine the Great (324). Legend has it that the body of Saint Peter lies in this church. Due to the long construction period, many artists have worked on St Peter's Basilica, including **Bramantes, Raphael, Antonio del Sangallo, Michelangelo and Carlo Maderno**.



The highlight of your journey through the Vatican Museums will be a visit to **the Sistine Chapel** (Capella Sistina). The name is derived from its founder, Pope Sixtus IV. The impressive ceiling of the Sistine Chapel was painted by **Michelangelo** in the 16th century and depicts the story of creation and the flood.

You will also have the opportunity to admire the **magnificent Bramantes Staircase** which, as its name suggests, was designed by the Renaissance artist **Donato Bramante** (1444-1514), one of the most renowned architects of his time. One of the most astonishing features of the Bramante staircase is its double-helix design. This means that people or cars using the stairs can go up or down without meeting in the staircase itself.



Monday November 11, 2024 : *Heading for the smallest country in the world...the Vatican*

Time at leisure



While the majority of monuments from the time of the Roman Empire lie in ruins, Rome's breathtaking **Castel Sant'Angelo** has managed to stand the test of time for almost 2,000 years. It was originally built as a tomb for the Roman emperor **Hadrian** in 139 AD. Hadrian's Mausoleum was later transformed into a military fortress that protected Rome during the Middle Ages. Since then, it has served as a papal residence, a prison during the Renaissance and, today, as the city's museum. It is a site of immense cultural value, home to numerous sculptures, architectural works, frescoes and many other works of art.



Concert 2

Rehearsal and Group dinner
 Concert in Roma - Possible venues pages 11 et 12
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Transfer & Overnight at the hotel



Tuesday November 12, 2024 :✈️ Departure

Check-out hotel

Transfer in private coach from your hotel to Roma - Fiumicino airport

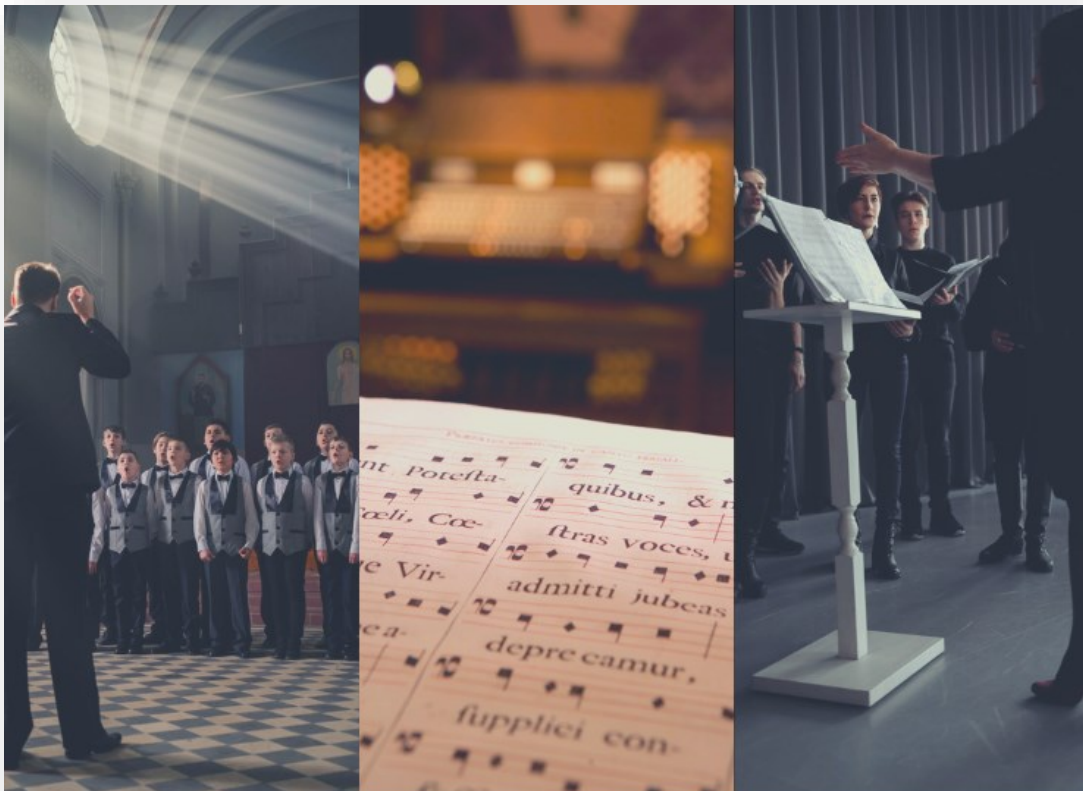
End of the adventure with Choral Events...

20 km / 20 minutes



End of the Tour

Thank you



Share your passion for choral singing

*This programme is a travel proposal. It is subject to change depending on the venue, concerts and arrival and departure times.
Any changes will be submitted to the participating group.*

ANNEXE 1 : Possible concert venues : (Subject to availability)**BASILICA DI SANT'ANDREA DELLA VALLE**

Sant'Andrea della Valle is one of Rome's largest Baroque churches.

Built in 1591, it now stands on Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, Rome's main thoroughfare. Its dome is the second largest in Rome after that of St Peter's Basilica.

**BASILICA DI SAN SABA**

The basilica is located in the San Saba district near the Baths of Caracalla and the Circus Maximus.

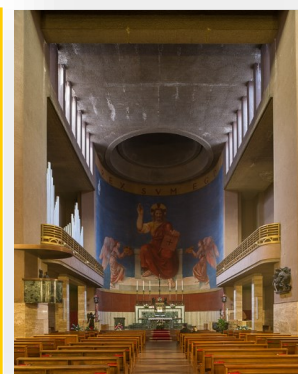
It is famous for its acoustics, that's why it is so popular.

The basilica is a splendid example of medieval architecture.

**BASILICA DEL SACRE CUORE DI CRISTO RE**

The basilica is located in a central area of Rome, "Prati-Della Vittoria", close to the courts and the RAI headquarters.

Strictly speaking, the basilica does not have good acoustics, so concerts are regularly held in its crypt, which is very welcoming and renowned for its excellent acoustics.

**BASILICA DI SANTA MARIA IN MONTESANTO - PIAZZA DEL POPOLO**

The Basilica of Santa Maria di Montesanto is located in Rome's Piazza del Popolo.

It stands opposite the north gate of the Aurelian Wall, at the entrance to Via del Corso. It has a twin church, Santa Maria dei Miracoli. Concerts can be organised here on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. It is also possible to sing at the Sunday mass at 12.15pm.



ANNEXE 1 : Possible concert venues : (Subject to availability)

CORTILE DI PALAZZO BRASCHI - MUSEO DI ROMA



The Museum of Rome is a museum located in the Palazzo Braschi in Rome, Italy. Outdoor concerts are regularly held in the courtyard of the Palazzo.



ANNEXE 2 : Touristic suggestions : The medieval village of Tivoli...

Breakfast
 Transfer to Tivoli
 Lunch on your own & Time at leisure
 Transfer to your hotel
 Dinner at the restaurant

50 km / 1 heure

Tivoli



The **Tivoli region** has always been popular for its privileged environment. Hadrian found himself better off here than in Rome, and the Romantics loved to depict its resplendent natural beauty. This large town, which sits on a hill overlooking the outskirts of Rome, owes its current fame to the villas of Este and Hadrian (Adriana), both of which were declared **World Heritage Sites by UNESCO in 2001**.

It's hard to recommend a visit to either one!

One thing is certain, Tivoli is well worth a visit, especially in fine weather...



Possibility of buying tickets for Hadrian's Villa on site: **Extra 15 euros per person**

Possibility of buying tickets for the Villa d'Este on site: **Extra 15 euros per person**



ANNEXE 3 : Touristic suggestions : The Ancient City of Ostia...**Breakfast****Transfer to Ostia Antica****Lunch on your own & Time at leisure****Transfer to your hotel****Dinner at the restaurant***15 km / 30 minutes**Ostia Antica*

This is the ancient port city of Rome, and today it is an enormous archaeological park covering 100 hectares, with numerous archaeological excavations.

Ostia Antica is one of the best-preserved Roman cities in Italy, despite the fact that the abandoned city was used and emptied several times for its marble, columns and other building materials. And if during your visit you wonder where the sea is, you'll find it just a few kilometres away due to the gradual shift of the coastline.

Even the course of the river Tiber has changed.

In the park you'll find many ancient excavations, such as a theatre built by Marcus Agrippa for 3,000 people, numerous dwellings, thermal baths, temples and many perfectly preserved mosaics...



Archaeological Park of Ostia Antica : 21€ Extra per person

Closed on Monday

ANNEXE 4 : *Touristic suggestions in Roma...*

Breakfast
Transfer to Roma
Lunch on your own



Today, the **Campo dei Fiori** is one of the most popular places in the capital. Every morning from Monday to Saturday since 1869, a market has been set up to sell food, flowers and a variety of other products.

The **Villa Medici** is a sixteenth-century Italian Renaissance architectural complex with a 7-hectare park and Italian-style garden, located on Mount Pincio in the historic centre of Rome and listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

It is home to the Académie de France in Rome.



Piazza del Popolo: This name actually comes from the poplar trees surrounding the oval square.

The two Baroque churches overlooking the square are remarkable buildings: **Santa Maria dei Miracoli** and **Santa Maria in Montesanto**. They stand opposite each other, separated by the Via del Corso.

The Villa and the Borghese Gallery:

The museum boasts **Bernini's statues** of "*Apollo and Daphne*" and paintings by **Caravaggio, Rubens, Leonardo da Vinci and Sanzio Raphael**.

The 80-hectare park offers a multitude of monuments to see...

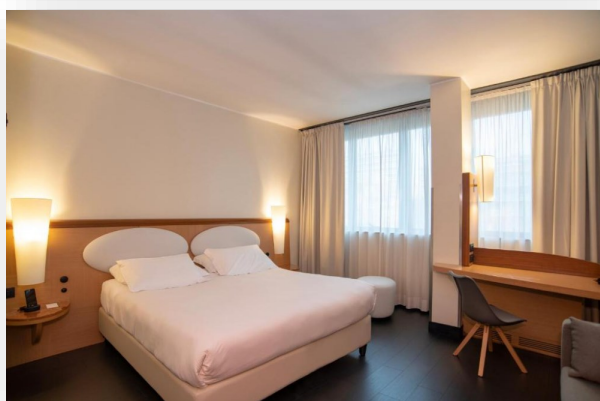
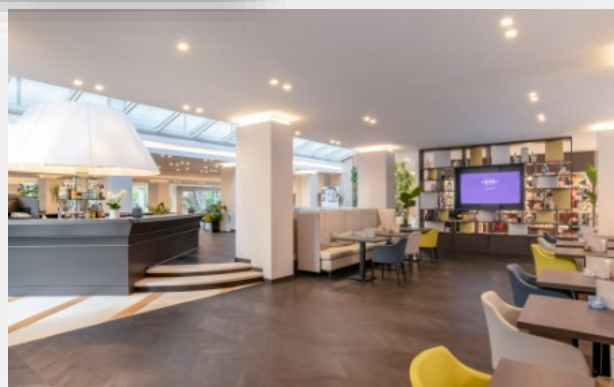


ANNEXE 5 : Hotel Mercure Rome Ovest ★★★★★



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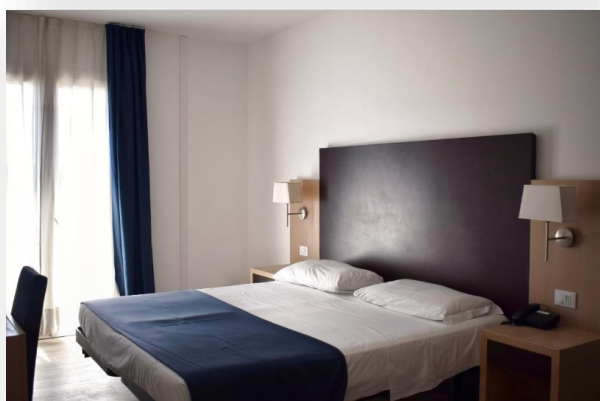
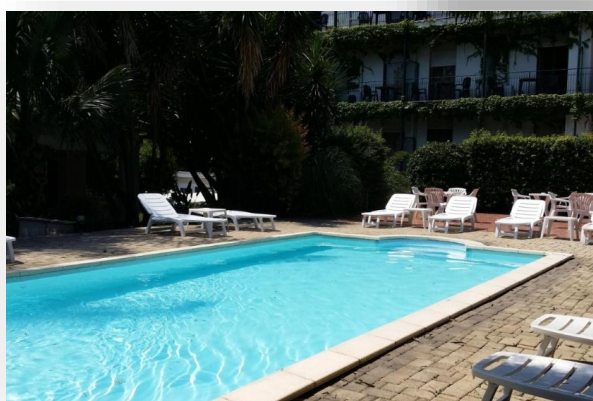
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Large international breakfast buffet, Air-conditioning, Wifi, TV

**Single, twin, double, triple rooms
Bar, restaurant, fitness centre
Swimming pool
15 km from the centre of Rome**

ANNEXE 6 : Hotel Giardino d'Europa ★★



Large international breakfast buffet, Air-conditioning, Wifi, TV

Single, twin, double, triple, quadruple rooms

**Meeting room, Restaurant
Swimming pool
15 km from the centre of Rome**

ROME 2024

Nb of participants	50	40	35	30	25	20	15	Extra
Rates per person in a basis double/twin rooms								Single Room
Hotel Giardino d'Europa	400 €	420 €	440 €	460 €	480 €	510 €	540 €	130 €
Hotel Mercure Roma West 4*	470 €	490 €	505 €	520 €	535 €	560 €	590 €	130 €

Our prices include :

- 4 nights Half Board : (4 breakfasts and 4 dinners)
- Organization of 2 concerts + 1 singing session during the sunday mass (optional) (Marketing, Logistics, Coordination)
- 72h Illimited Transport Pass
- **1 free package in single room offered for 40 paying participants**

Optional and individual (but strongly recommended) :

- **Individual insurance package:** cancellation/luggage/illness or injury/early return/death/return/stay interruption/accident
+
- **Health Protection Insurance option:** cancellation if positive for epidemic or pandemic up to 30 days before departure / medical and isolation costs if positive for Covid...

Insurance package + Health Protection option = 7% of the cost of the trip

Our prices do not include :

- Transport from country of origin / Transport in Roma (quote available on request)
- All lunches
- [Priority access to the Colosseum, Roman Forum & Palatine Hill](#)
& [Skip the line entrance ticket to the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel](#)
& [City audio guide App for your smartphone](#)
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED—+50€ per person
- Visits and tickets not included in the programme
- Personal purchases of food, drink 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 fee: €50 for the choir
- Roma Festival registration fee: €100 for the choir

Prices established at 10.11.2023 based on current rates and taxes, subject to availability. Quotation valid for 2 months.



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