

NEW YORK MUSICIAN'S CENTER

Recital Performance Tour to Italy

Custom 2024 Italy Tour: July 22 – 28, 2024 (5 NIGHTS & 7 DAYS)

Day 1 Monday, July 22, 2024

Afternoon or evening airline departure from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) via scheduled air service to Rome, Italy

Day 2 Tuesday, July 23 Rome / Florence / Montecatini (D)

Morning airline arrival in Rome

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will remain with you for the entire duration of your time in Italy. Board your awaiting privately chartered motorcoach for transfer to Florence (the capital city of the Tuscany) for an orientation tour of Florence's highlights

Lunch, on own

Continue to Montecatini for late afternoon hotel check-in with free-time to relax and freshen up

Evening Welcome Dinner included and overnight

Montecatini is a medieval Tuscan town famous for its thermal waters and is one of the most famous spa towns in Italy. Montecatini was the vacation spot for numerous Italian and international celebrities. Composers often vacationed here, such as Vivaldi and Puccini – who composed part of the opera La Boheme in Montecatini. If there's extra time in the evenings, ride the funicular up the side of the mountain to Montecatini Alto, a medieval village and ancient castle of Romanesque origin. Enjoy a stunning view of the town below and a visit to the shops with traditional Tuscan delicacies in the main square as well as the old castle and watch tower.

Day 3 Wednesday, July 24 Montecatini / Florence (B)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel

A morning guided tour of Florence includes the Piazza della Signoria, a lovely square in the heart of the city, towered by the lofty Palazzo Vecchio. Visit the Ponte Vecchio, the bridge across the Arno. See the Baptistery with Ghiberti's *Gates of Paradise*, the Campanile, and entrance to the Duomo and the Academy of Fine Arts, to see Michelangelo's original *David* and other sculptures by the great master (using the whisper system)

Lunch, on own

Enjoy your afternoon free at leisure for shopping in central Florence

Dinner, on own

New York Musician's Center Recital Performances in the recital hall of the Cherubini Conservatory of Music (or similar, pending confirmation)

Return to Montecatini for overnight

Day 4 Thursday, July 25 Montecatini / Siena / Rome (B,D)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel

Transfer to Rome via a visit to Siena, one of the most important cities in medieval Europe, and its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A guided walking tour of Siena includes the famous Piazza del Campo (famous for its matchless harmony and the famous horse races during the festival Palio



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delle Contrade), the Town Hall, built in the 13th century, and the Duomo (cathedral).

Lunch, on own and some free-time to explore and enjoy Siena

Continue to Rome in the late afternoon for dinner included and overnight

Rome - Popes, Vandals, the Borgias and Napoleon, Garibaldi, Michelangelo and Mussolini and, of course, the ancient Romans themselves all have left their physical and spiritual mark on Rome, but though she keeps the glory of an ancient day about her, she remains a wellspring of creative energy; in short, she really is the Eternal City

Day 5 Friday, July 26 Rome (B)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel

Morning guided tour of *Imperial Rome*, including entrance to the Roman Forum and Colosseum. Also view the Pantheon, Baths of Caracalla, and Palatine Hill
Lunch, on own

Enjoy your afternoon free at leisure for shopping in central Rome

Dinner, on own

New York Musician's Center Recital Performances in the recital hall of the S.Cecilia Conservatory – the Italian National Conservatory of Music (or similar, pending confirmation)

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 6 Saturday, July 27 Rome (B,D)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel

A morning guided tour of Religious Rome includes Vatican City, the home of the Pope and the center of Roman Catholicism, as well as the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel (featuring Michelangelo's Ceiling Frescos and The Last Judgment) and St. Peter's Basilica

Lunch, on own

Afternoon visit to Palatine Hill, with a stunning overlook of Rome, followed by some free-time at leisure

Evening Farewell Dinner included and overnight

Day 7 Sunday, July 28 Depart for home (B)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel (or to-go breakfast, depending on your flight time), followed by check-out

Transfer to Rome's airport for the return flight

Arrive home to New York (JFK), the same day as your departure from Rome

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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