



## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE TOUR OF ITALY

*featuring*

### JOINT CONCERTS

Lucca, Florence & Milan

*including*

FLIGHTS from Boston

4 STAR HOTELS, centrally located

twin/double rooming:

2 Venice Mestre

4 Lucca

2 Milan

FULL-TIME BILINGUAL TOUR  
MANAGER

LOCAL GUIDES Venice, Pisa,  
Lucca, Siena, San Gimignano,  
Florence, & Milan

ENTRANCES & EXCURSIONS

PRIVATE MOTOR-COACH

MEALS: daily breakfast (8), Lunch  
(1), & most dinners (7) Standard  
tips for tour manager, coach  
driver, & local guides

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## 10-DAY ITINERARY JULY 13-22, 2019

# JOYFUL VOICES OF INSPIRATION

*Music Director: Mr. Donnell Patterson*

**DAY 1: SATURDAY, JULY 13**

**OVERNIGHT FLIGHT**

Your Performance Tour begins with an overnight trans-Atlantic flight.

**DAY 2: SUNDAY, JULY 14**

**VENICE MESTRE (D)**

Arrive in Venice, and meet your full-time bilingual tour manager, who will greet you at the airport and welcome you to Italy. Transfer to your comfortable hotel in the mainland Mestre area, and refresh from your travels. Later this afternoon, transfer by boat to Venice's grand Piazza San Marco with your tour manager, and enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant. Return to the hotel in Mestre by boat this evening.

**DAY 3: MONDAY, JULY 15**

**VENICE MESTRE (B/D)**

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel today, and each morning of your trip. A labyrinth of bridges unites the 117 small islands of Venice. Return by boat for a **guided** walking tour to discover the city's art, culture, and history. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Relax in la Piazza, visit Piccolo Museo della Pietà "Antonio Vivaldi", tour the Peggy Guggenheim Collection of modern art, or take a stroll and get lost amongst the canals; no entrances. Your tour manager can provide suggestions for sightseeing options. Enjoy **dinner** before transferring by boat back to the hotel. An optional gondola ride is offered.

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#### DAY 4: TUESDAY, JULY 16

LUCCA (B/D)

Continue your tour as you travel toward the sun speckled Tuscan hillsides and city of Pisa, with free time for lunch along the way. A **local guide** joins you for a walk through the Piazza dei Miracoli, with entrance to the **Duomo**. There is free time scheduled for exploration, souvenir shopping, and photo opportunities with the celebrated Leaning Tower; an optional entrance is offered. Continue to Lucca, birthplace of famous composers Giacomo Puccini, Luigi Boccherini, and Gioseffo Guarni. Check-in to your hotel, and enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant.



#### DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

LUCCA (B/D)

A **local guide** provides insight into this Tuscan jewel, including a hike along Lucca's Roman walls; originally constructed for protection, they provide about three miles of paths and park, allowing for great strolls, biking, and views of Lucca's gardens, towers, and streets. Visit the unique Piazza Anfiteatro, and tour the **Puccini House and Museum**. *Present tonight's performance—a Joint Concert with an ensemble in Lucca! A warm-up rehearsal and mixer with the local choir is provided at your venue, prior to your performance.* The choir joins you for a **pizza dinner**.

#### DAY 6: THURSDAY, JULY 18

LUCCA (B/L)

Spend the day exploring Tuscany with your tour manager. Highlights include medieval Siena with its huge piazza Il Campo, and the Italian hill town of San Gimignano with its skyline of towers. **Local guides** are provided in these UNESCO World Heritage gems. Included is a **farmhouse lunch** featuring a menu of local cuisine with wine. Return to the hotel later today, and enjoy the evening at leisure; dinner is under your own arrangements.

#### DAY 7: FRIDAY, JULY 19

LUCCA (B/D)

Visit nearby Florence, cradle of the Renaissance. A **local guide** will join you for a walking tour to stroll the historic center. See the Duomo, Piazza della Signoria's copy of Michelangelo's David, and the Arno River's Ponte Vecchio. Showcased is your entrance to the **Il Duomo di Firenze**. *Present tonight's performance—a Joint Concert with an ensemble in Florence! A warm-up rehearsal and mixer with the local choir is provided at your venue, prior to your performance.* A shared **pizza dinner** is included together. After the concert, transfer back to Lucca for the overnight.



#### DAY 8: SATURDAY, JULY 20

MILAN (B/D)

Depart for Milan, the global capital of fashion and design! En route, a boat excursion along the Ligurian Sea brings you to the Cinque Terre with a **local guide**; a UNESCO World Heritage Site of five villages on the Italian Riviera. Your coach will pick you up for your continued journey back to Lombardy. Check-in to your hotel and refresh. Your tour manager will introduce you to your neighborhood, and **dinner** is served at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 9: SUNDAY, JULY 21

MILAN (B/D)

Stroll through the historic center of Milan with a **local guide**. Visit **La Scala Museum** where, subject to scheduling, see the celebrated **Teatro alla Scala Opera House**, featuring some of the best acoustics in the world. Wander through the pioneering architecture of the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, home to the likes of Prada and Gucci. The historic Piazza del Duomo features cafes and restaurants that line the square and border the magnificent Gothic Duomo, and is the perfect destination for people watching, shopping, and lunch. *Present your Concert Finale—a joint performance with a local ensemble! A warm-up rehearsal and mixer with the local choir is provided at your venue, prior to your performance.* Your day ends with a **celebratory dinner finale** for JVOI!

#### DAY 10: MONDAY, JULY 22

DEPARTURE (B)

Enjoy a included **breakfast** at the hotel, before departing for Milan's airport for your return flights home. Your tour manager will assist with airline check-in, and there is time for one last **Arrivederci!**