Faculty-led Study Abroad Course
Occidental College Glee Club
MUSC 121 + 122

Italy Tour January 8-16, 2021 (7 nights / 9 days)

Day 1  Friday, January 8, 2021
Departure via LAX Airport to Rome, Italy

Day 2  Saturday, January 9  Rome (D)
Arrive in Rome
Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for transfer into Rome. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Rome's highlights, including stops at Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, and Trevi Fountain
Late afternoon hotel check-in
Evening Welcome Dinner
Overnight at hotel

Day 3  Sunday, January 10  Rome (B)
Breakfast at the hotel
Half-day 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
Performance in St. Ignazio *
Evening dinner on own and overnight

Day 4  Monday, January 11  Rome (B)
Breakfast at the hotel
A half-day 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
Participate in Mass at St. Peter's Basilica or Performance in Sant'Eustachio Church
Evening dinner on own and overnight

Day 5  Tuesday, January 12  Rome / Siena / Montecatini (B)
Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to Montecatini via Siena. A guided walking tour of Siena includes the famous Piazza del Campo (famous for its harmony and the famous horse races during the festival Palio delle Contrade), the Town Hall, built in the 13th century, and the Duomo (cathedral).
Lunch, on own
Continue on to Montecatini
Dinner, on own and overnight

Day 6  Wednesday, January 13  Montecatini / Florence (B)
Breakfast at the hotel
A half-day orientation 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 Baptistry 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
*Performance in the Basilica of Santa Croce*
Evening dinner on own and overnight

### Day 7 Thursday, January 14  Montecatini / Venice  (B)
Breakfast at the hotel
Morning at leisure in Montecatini for additional sightseeing, shopping or other planned activities
Lunch, on own
Afternoon transfer to Venice
Evening dinner own and overnight

### Day 8 Friday, January 15  Venice  (B,D)
Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to the main island of San Marco via public boat. A morning walking tour includes St. Mark's Square, with entrance to the incredibly rich Basilica of St. Mark and the Doge’s Palace where the powerful and prosperous dukes of Venice ruled their far-flung empire at its height during the 15th century
Time permitting, visit a glass-blowing factory on one of Venice's many islands
Lunch, on own
Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Venice
*Sing as part of Mass in Saint Mark’s Basilica*
Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

### Day 9 Saturday, January 16  Depart for home  (B)
Breakfast at the hotel
Early transfer to Venice or Milan’s airport for return flight home