

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

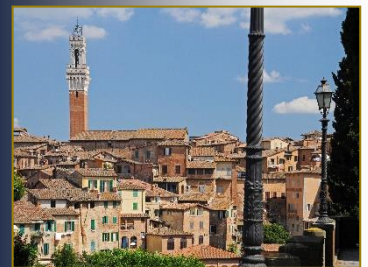
Transfer to Montecatini via Siena. A guided walking tour of Siena includes the famous Piazza del Campo (famous for its harmony and the famous horse races during the festival Palio delle Contrade), the Town Hall, built in the 13th century, and the Duomo (cathedral).

Lunch, on own

Continue on to Montecatini

Dinner, on own and overnight

Day 6 Wednesday, January 13 Montecatini / Florence (B)



Music Celebrations International
Concert Tours With Integrity

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 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

*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

