

Faculty-led Study Abroad Course

Occidental College Glee Club

MUSC 121 + 122

Custom Tour #1 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1 Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Departure via LAX Airport to Rome, Italy

Day 2 Wednesday, May 18 Rome (L)

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

Welcome Lunch included

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening rehearsals

Dinner, on own, and overnight at hotel

Day 3 Thursday, May 19 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

*Recital at the Pantheon in Rome**

Lunch, on own

*Performance at St. Ignazio in Rome**

Dinner, on own and overnight

Day 4 Friday, May 20 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

*Performance at Sant' Eustachio Church in Rome**

Dinner, on own and overnight

Day 5 Saturday, May 21 Rome / Siena / Montecatini (B)

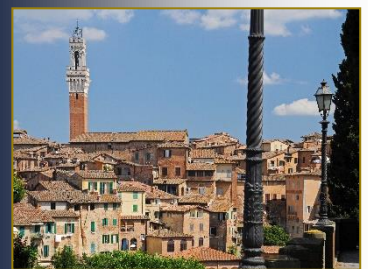
Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

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 to Montecatini

Dinner, on own and overnight



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Day 6 Sunday, May 22 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 at the Basilica of Santa Croce in Florence**

Dinner, on own and overnight in Montecatini

Day 7 Monday, May 23 Montecatini / Florence/Venice (B)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning at leisure in Florence for additional sightseeing, shopping or other planned activities

Lunch, on own

Afternoon transfer to Venice

Dinner on own, and overnight

Day 8 Tuesday, May 24 Venice (B)

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

*Recital at St. Mark's Square**

Lunch, on own

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Venice

Dinner, on own and overnight

Day 9 Wednesday, May 25 Venice (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Day at leisure in Venice for sightseeing and shopping on own

Evening dinner, on own

Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 10 Thursday, May 26 Venice (B)

Breakfast at hotel

Early transfer to Venice or Milan's airport for return flight home

**Subject to confirmation*

***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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