

Catholic Choir Tour & Pilgrimage to Italy



A pilgrimage tour to Italy is a return to the roots of our Catholic faith. There is no better way to learn the teachings than by visiting the sites where they were nurtured.

Since Emperor Constantine recognized the Christian religion in 313 AD, pilgrims have traveled to Rome for prayer at the tombs of Peter and Paul. Rome remains the spiritual center of Christian pilgrims around the world.



A Catholic Choir Tour and Pilgrimage to Italy combine sites associated with the earliest years of Christianity with opportunities to sing in many basilicas, cathedrals, churches and pilgrimage locales that venerate such apostles and saints as St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Mark, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, Blessed Fra Angelico, and so many more. The very beginnings of our great tradition of choral music can be traced directly to Rome with the Schola Cantorum, established by Pope St. Gregory the Great at the Basilica of St. John Lateran in the sixth century. The magnificent treasury of that tradition makes touring for Catholic choirs a spiritual pilgrimage even more than a cultural journey.

In addition to the performance benefits of such a pilgrimage, consider the faith formation benefits of:

- bringing Church teachings to life with real-world experience.
- forming your choir members in the faith as future leaders.
- leadership development that connects personal faith with daily living.
- performances and pilgrimage sites that help your singers listen to God's call with vocation discernment.
- connecting personal faith with Catholic social teaching by visiting and praying at historic sites.
- a truly "catholic" experience of multicultural faith formation in the real-world.
- helping students understand the rich symbols and traditions of following Jesus Christ today.

Our "faith in a suitcase" approach helps you deepen musicianship and form disciples ready to make a difference in the world.

Music Celebrations International and Faith Journeys:
Committed to musical excellence and serving as your partner in ministry.



Tour Itineraries

Tour #1 - (6 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS)

6 nights in Rome with an excursion to Assisi

Tour #2 - (7 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS)

2 nights in Florence, 5 nights in Rome

Tour #3 - (8 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS)

4 nights in Rome with an excursion to Assisi, 2 nights in Florence, 2 nights in Venice

Tour #4 - (9 NIGHTS / 11 DAYS)

4 nights in Rome with an excursion to Assisi, 2 nights in Florence, 2 nights in Venice, 1 night in Milan

Music Celebrations International would be happy to create a custom tour to meet your specific wishes and interests

These tours may be viewed on our website at
www.musiccelebrations.com



"In 36 years as a conductor, there are many concerts in my memory banks, but a few stand out as extraordinary. One of these is undoubtedly the concert (MCI) arranged for us in the magnificent Basilica di San Miniato overlooking Florence. The acoustics were celestial, the Basilica was filled, the sight overlooking the city of Florence was breathtaking, and the audience simply would not stop applauding. They even made us sing outside afterwards! All the concert sites were perfect places for our a cappella chamber choir. The audiences were so friendly, so responsive. I've taken a lot of tours in my day, the first in 1974. I have to tell you, for concert sites, hotels, meals, guide, personal attention - nothing can beat what you arranged for us in Italy."

Lucy Carroll, William Tennent Madrigal Singers

Music Celebrations provided us with many opportunities we wish we might have had with our former tour company. Concert audiences were 20 times what we had 4 years ago in England, and the venues in Italy were magnificent! Travel arrangements came off without a hitch, except when we had to wait for our own fellow travelers. Our hotels were fine and the staffs at all three were excellent. Thank you for a wonderful tour, and I hope that we get to work with you again soon."

*Michael Gorman,
Schola Cantorum of Sacred Heart Church*