

Final Itinerary

GROUP NAME: Langley High School- 106619HConfirm
TOUR TITLE: An Italian Prelude
TOUR DATES: 03 Apr 08 - 09 Apr 08
TOUR AIRPORT: Washington Dulles

ITINERARY OUTLINE

DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON DULLES
DAY 2 ARRIVE ROME (2 NIGHTS)
DAY 3 ROME - *CONCERT PERFORMANCE*
DAY 4 ROME - FLORENCE AREA (1 NIGHT) - *CONCERT PERFORMANCE*
DAY 5 FLORENCE AREA - RAVENNA - VENICE AREA (2 NIGHTS)
DAY 6 VENICE - *CONCERT PERFORMANCE*
DAY 7 DEPARTURE FROM VENICE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

(ADMISSION COSTS INCLUDED)

ROME: Walking Tour, Piazza Navona, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, Raphael Rooms, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain
FLORENCE: Cathedral visit. Campanile ascent or Baptistry visit
RAVENNA: Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, Museum and Basilica of San Vitale
VENICE: St. Mark's Basilica and Square, Grand Canal by Vaporetto



3 CONCERT PERFORMANCES

(We will aim for the most prestigious venues and a balance of secular and sacred settings as your repertoire permits)

“AN ITALIAN PRELUDE”



Thursday, 03 Apr 08

DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON DULLES

17:40 LH 419 departs Washington Dulles Airport

Enjoy full meal service on your scheduled wide-bodied flight to Rome.

Friday, 04 Apr 08

DAY 2 ARRIVE ROME (2 NIGHTS)

07:30 Arrival Frankfurt Airport

10:40 LH3842 departs Frankfurt Airport

12:25 Arrival Rome FCO Airport

We will be met at the airport by our tour managers/guides, Massimo Cannoletta & Sergio Solazzo where we will board our own private coaches and transfer into Rome, “The Eternal City.” Massimo will be the Chief Guide on this tour and will be accompanying Coach 1 whilst Sergio will accompany Coach 2.

This afternoon we will take an introductory **Walking Tour** where you will visit the **Trevi Fountain** and the **Spanish Steps**.

20:00 Dinner at Restaurant Da Mino

Overnight at the Hotel Archimede, Via dei Mille 19, 00185 Roma

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Web: www.hotelarchimede.net

Saturday, 05 Apr 08

DAY 3 CIVITA CASTELLANA & ROME

This morning we will make an early start and travel to Civita Castellana, located about 50 miles to the north of Rome.

09:00 Arrival in Civita Castellana to prepare for our first concert

10:00 Your **first concert** performance will be today at the **Sala Cicuti** in Civita Castellana

This afternoon will be spent at the Vatican City where will begin in St. Peter's Square. The majesty and gigantic size of **St. Peter's Basilica** upon entry is unforgettable. It contains many treasures and masterpieces including the famous Pieta by Michelangelo.

14:30 We will meet up with **two specialist guides** for a tour of the **Vatican Museums** which house one of the most impressive collections in the world including Michelangelo's extraordinary ceiling in the **Sistine Chapel** and the magnificent **Raphael Rooms**.

Next we will visit Castel Sant'Angelo and then cross the Tiber River and walk to **Piazza Navona**, which was built on the foundations of Domitian's Circus. This magnificent square, designed in the 17th century by Bernini, is full of life and is highlighted by one of Rome's most spectacular fountains, the fountain of the *Four Rivers*.

20:00 Dinner at Restaurant **Sottosopra** in the **Piazza Navona** area.

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Sunday, 06 Apr 08

DAY 4 ROME - FLORENCE AREA (1 NIGHT)

08:00 This morning we make an early start as we travel through the beautiful Italian countryside to Florence.

We begin with a visit to the **Piazza del Duomo**, where the Cathedral, Tower and Baptistery display the traditions of Florentine art from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance. We will view the massive and detailed façade of the Duomo, before viewing the Baptistery's bronze doors by Ghiberti, which Michelangelo commented were worthy to be the "Gates of Paradise."

After a brief visit inside the **Duomo** (open 10:00 - 15:30 on the first Sunday of the month), we will have the opportunity to do one of the following: ascend the adjacent **Campanile (Bell Tower)** or visit the spectacular interior of the **Baptistery** (*One admission included*).

nb: It will not be possible to visit the Cathedral's dome due to the fact that we are in Florence on a Sunday.

Later we will enjoy a stroll along the **Ponte Vecchio**.

16:00 Arrival at Santa Maria dei Ricci to prepare for our next concert.

17:00 Your **second concert** performance will be today at **La Chiesa di Santa Margherita in Santa Maria dei Ricci, Florence**.

(the use of the organ has been granted for this concert)

The church was built by the Ricci family in 1010. This family was one of the most powerful during the Medici time, with members who were not nobles being clerical VIPs who extended their influence up to Rome. Their properties were concentrated in the area of via del Corso, half a minute walk from Piazza della Signoria. Although not a large venue, acoustically Santa Maria de Ricci is superior to most of the churches in Florence.

19:00 Dinner at Osteria dei Baroncelli (walking distance of Santa Maria dei Ricci)

Overnight at the **Hotel Unaway Firenze Nord, Area di Servizio Firenze Nord, 50013 Campi Bisenzio (FI)**

Tel: +39 055 447 111

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Monday, 07 Apr 08

DAY 5 FLORENCE AREA - RAVENNA - VENICE AREA (2 NIGHTS)

This morning we leave the Tuscany region on our way to Venice, stopping en route for a visit to Ravenna, one of the most unusual towns in Emilia-Romagna. Ravenna was once the capital of the Western Roman Empire, the Visigoth Empire, and the Byzantine Empire under Emperor Justinian and Empress Theodora.

11:00 Upon arrival we will meet up with **two specialist guides** for a visit to the **Mausoleum of Galla Placidia**, a 5th-century chapel, which contains exceptional mosaics dating from antiquity. Translucent panels bring the mosaics alive in all their grace and harmony, vivid with peacock blue, moss green, Roman gold, eggplant, and burnt orange. We continue with a visit to the octagonal domed **Museum and Basilica of San Vitale**, which dates from the mid-6th century. The mosaics inside, in brilliant greens and golds, are among the most celebrated in the Western world.

This afternoon we continue to the Venice area.

19:00 Dinner at the Antony Palace Hotel.

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Tuesday, 08 Apr 08

DAY 6 VENICE

Venice is set in languorous beauty on a shiny lagoon and the center of this city, built on a myriad of wooden piles, is St. Mark's Square.

11:00 Upon arrival we will meet up with **two specialist guides** who will accompany us on a visit to the magnificent **St. Mark's Basilica** with its famous cupolas, arches and interior walls encrusted with precious art, rare marbles and impressive dark gold mosaics. Next to St. Mark's we will also see the 9th century **Bell Tower, the Clock Tower** and the old **Law Courts** on **St. Mark's Square**.

The **Grand Canal** has been described as the world's finest street. We will view palaces of amazing grandeur and richness when we ride on a **Vaporetto**. Your guides will also help you discover galleries filled with masterpieces, churches, small squares and bridges like the Bridge of Sighs.

19:00 Arrival at the church to prepare for our next concert performance

20:00 Your **third and final concert performance** will be tonight, at the **Chiesa di San Polo in Venice**.

21:45 Dinner at Restaurant Ai Scalzi, Venice

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Wednesday, 09 Apr 08

DAY 7 DEPARTURE FROM VENICE

10:45 LH 4083 departs Venice Marco Polo Airport

12:10 Arrival Frankfurt Airport

13:10 LH 418 departs Frankfurt Airport

15:40 Arrival Washington Dulles Airport

Your enjoyable and rewarding tour will come to an end as Massimo and Sergio accompany you to the airport for the return flight home.