



**Mozart Requiem Performance Tour  
June 29 – July 10, 2024**

**Rome, Florence, Venice  
ITALY**

Conductor: Dr. Kent Hatteberg

**Day 1: Saturday, June 29 – Departure for Rome**

Departure from the USA to Rome, Italy

**Day 2: Sunday, June 30 - Arrival in Rome**

7:55 am – Group to land at the Rome Fiumicino Airport

Upon arrival, the Tour Manager will meet the group at the Rome Fiumicino Airport (for group arrivals only). The group will travel to the city center of Rome with a modern a/c coach to enjoy a panoramic guided tour of Rome.

**8:30 am – Bus transfer from the Fiumicino Airport to Rome city center for guided tour, including the Spanish steps, Piazza del Popolo, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, and Trevi Fountain.**

Lunch in Rome (not included).

**2:00 pm – Bus transfer from Rome City Center to Mercure Roma West Hotel (address: Viale Eroi di Cefalonia 301, 00128 – Roma)**

Check into the hotel and take some time to settle in the rooms and rest prior to the welcome dinner.

6:00 pm - Welcome dinner (included)

**7:00 – 9:00 pm - Evening choral rehearsal, conducted by Dr. Hatteberg (120 minutes), at the hotel conference room**

Overnight in a 4-star Hotel in Rome at [Mercure Roma West\\*\\*\\*\\*](#)

**Day 3: Monday, July 1 - ROME**

Breakfast at the hotel

**8:45 – 10:45 am - Choral rehearsal with Dr. Hatteberg at the hotel conference room**



**10:45 am – 11:30 pm - Dr. Hatteberg to rehearse soloists with pianist at the hotel conference room.**

**11:45 am - Bus transfer from Mercure Roma West Hotel to the Vatican**

12:30-2:00 pm - Lunch in the city center (not included)

2:00 – 4:00 pm - Guided tour of the Vatican and Sistine Chapel

**4:00 pm – Bus transfer back to the hotel to enjoy free time and rest prior to the evening rehearsal.**

**4:30 – 6:30 pm - Orchestra rehearsal with Dr. Hatteberg at the hotel conference room**

6.30 pm – Dinner (Included)

**7:30 – 10:00 pm – Tutti rehearsal: Soloists, chorus, orchestra with Dr. Hatteberg at the hotel conference room**

Overnight in a 4-star Hotel at Mercure Roma West\*\*\*\*

#### **Day 4: Tuesday, July 2 - ROME**

Breakfast at the hotel

**9:30 am – Bus transfer from Mercure Roma West Hotel to Rome city center for a guided tour**

9:30 am – 12:30 pm - Guided tour of the Coliseum, Forum Romanum, and other sights suggested by our professional tour guide.

**12:30 pm – Bus transfer from Rome city center to Mercure Roma West Hotel.**

1:00 pm -Lunch in the hotel (included).

Free time at the hotel to rest and relax prior to the evening performance.

**3:45 pm - Transfer from Mercure Roma West Hotel to the concert venue: Teatro San Raffaele**

**4:30 - 6:00 pm – Dress rehearsal**

Free time for dinner (not included)

**8:30 pm - Performance of Mozart Requiem at Teatro San Raffaele in Rome**

**10:00 pm - Bus transfer from Teatro San Raffaele to Mercure Roma West Hotel**

Overnight in a 4-star Hotel at Mercure Roma West\*\*\*\*



### **Day 5: Wednesday, July 3 – Rome**

Breakfast at the hotel restaurant

**Morning optional Tour to Ostia Antica.** Ostia Antica is an archeological site located 45 minutes' drive from Rome. We will see the Archeological Park, the Castle of Giulio the II, and the adventure park. Cost for the optional tour: \$90 per person, includes private transfers, tour guide, and entrance fees.

For participants not joining the optional tour – free time to explore the city on your own or enjoy the hotel amenities. The tour manager will make suggestions and provide directions.

**9:00 am – Bus transfer from the hotel to Ostia Antica for our guided tour**

Lunch (not included)

**3:00 pm - Bus transfer from Ostia Antica back to the hotel**

Free afternoon!

Dinner (included)

Overnight in a 4-star Hotel at Mercure Roma West\*\*\*\*

### **Day 6: Thursday, July 4 – Florence**

Early breakfast and check out of the hotel.

**8:30 am - Bus transfer from the hotel to Florence city center (approximately 4 hours ride)**

12:30 pm - Arrive in Florence city center, lunch on our own (not included). Restaurants will be suggested by our tour manager.

2:00 - 4:00 pm – Walking guided tour of Florence with our local tour guide, including a visit to the Uffizi Gallery.

**5:00 pm - Bus transfer from Florence to the hotel in Montecatini Terme - Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale\*\*\*\* (approximately 90 minutes ride).**

Dinner (included)

Overnight in [Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale\\*\\*\\*\\*](#) (address: Viale IV Novembre 77, 51016 Montecatini Terme)



## **Day 7: Friday, July 5 – Montecatini Terme**

Breakfast at the hotel restaurant.

9:30 am – 12:30 pm – Free time to explore the charming city of Montecatini Terme on our own, under the guidance and suggestions of the tour manager.

Lunch (not included)

After lunch, free time and rest prior to the evening performance.

5:00 pm – Early dinner (included)

**6:00 pm - Transfer from Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale to Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta.**

**7:00 pm - Sound check**

**8:30 pm - Performance of Mozart Requiem at Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta**

**10:00 pm - Transfer back to the hotel**

Overnight at Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale\*\*\*\*

## **Day 8: Saturday, July 6 – San Gimignano**

Breakfast at the hotel restaurant

**9:00 am - Transfer from the hotel to San Gimignano (approximately 2 hours ride).**

This charming UNESCO World heritage site is famous for its well-preserved 14 towers and incredible ancient architecture featuring buildings of the Romanesque and Gothic styles. After our guided tour of this extraordinary town, we will enjoy some free time, wondering about the streets, savoring Italian coffee and gelato, and acquiring souvenirs in the quaint small shops of this amazing Medieval town.

11:00 am – 12:00 pm - Guided tour of San Gimignano.

12:00 am – 3:00 pm - Lunch (not included) and free time in this charming town.

**3:00 pm - Return to Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale\*\*\*\* or private transfer to the Chianti area for the optional tour.**



**3:00 – 5:30 pm - Optional tour to the Chianti area for a wine, cheese and other delicacies tasting tour.**

The tour includes private transfer, private guide, tour of the farm, authentic wine and cheese tasting on the farm – a worldclass experience not to be missed! Cost: \$120 per person.

**5:30 pm – Transfer back to the hotel.**

Afternoon special art class for the **youth on tour (middle and high school age only)**, provided by an Italian master artist – **provided that there are over 10 youth participants!**

Dinner (included)

Overnight at Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale\*\*\*\*

**Day 9: Sunday, July 7 – Venice**

Early breakfast and check out of the hotel.

**8:00 am - Transfer to Mestre Santa Lucia train station with our a/c coach (group will then take the train into Venice; 4 hours).**

12:00 – 1:15 pm – Lunch in Mestre (not included)

1:15 pm – Gather at the train station with the tour guides.

1:30 pm - Transfer by train from Mestre train station to Venice

1:45 – 5:00 pm Guided tour of Venice. During the tour, we will visit the ACCADEMIA, and the San Marco Square. *(Choir to sing a few choral selections at San Marcos Cathedral – pending confirmation from the church! – TBD).*

The ACCADEMIA is a great way to cross centuries of Venetian history through its wonderful painting. Each room is dedicated to a different century and there are several paintings where we will see ancient musical instruments of the highest documentary interest. After our tour of the ACCADEMIA and San Marco Square, time permitting, we will visit the Church of San Sebastian or La Pieta.

**5:00 pm – Return to the Santa Lucia train station to transfer by bus to Vicenza (approximately 90 minutes ride).**

Check into the hotel and take time to settle in our rooms.

Dinner (included), followed by a free evening.

Overnight at [Best Western Aries Hotel\\*\\*\\*\\*](#) (address: Viale Leonardo da Vinci, 28 Vicenza)



### **Day 10: Monday, July 8 – Verona**

Breakfast at the hotel

**10:00 am – Bus transfer from Best Western Aries Hotel, in Vicenza to Verona City Center (approximately one hour drive).**

11:00 am– 12:30 pm - Guided tour of Verona

Lunch (not included), followed by free time in Verona

**6:00 pm – Transfer back to the hotel**

Dinner (included)

Overnight at Best Western Aries Hotel\*\*\*\*

### **Day 11: Tuesday, July 9 – Vicenza**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by free time to explore Vicenza with the guidance of our tour manager.

Lunch (not included)

Free time to rest prior to the evening performance.

6:00 pm – Farewell dinner (included)

**7:00 pm - Transfer to the concert venue: Chiesa di San Lorenzo, Vicenza.**

**7:30 pm - Sound check**

**9:00 pm - Performance of Mozart Requiem at Chiesa di San Lorenzo, in Vicenza**

**10:30 pm – Transfer back to Best Western Aries Hotel**

Overnight at Best Western Aries Hotel\*\*\*\*



## Day 12: Wednesday, July 10 – Departure

Breakfast and check out of the hotel.

**7:00 am - Transfer to Venice International Airport** for our return flight back home (only for group flight departures, which are arranged through Varna International).

11:05 am – Group flight departs from the Venice International Airport to the USA.

### LAND TOUR COST:

Choristers & travelling audience: \$3290 per person

Instrumentalists: \$2590 per person

Participants may pay with checks or by credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Discover). Credit card payments are subject to a 3% processing fee.

### TOUR INCLUSIONS:

1. Three performances of Mozart Requiem in Italy
2. Ten nights lodging in 4-star hotels in Rome, Tuscany, and the Veneto areas (double occupancy)
3. Half-board: Breakfasts and dinners daily, based on the tour itinerary.
4. Ground transportation throughout the tour (A/C coach and driver) and Mestre – Venice train tickets.
5. Procurement of concert venues (theaters, churches, or cathedrals)
6. Engagement of soloists and orchestra for all scheduled rehearsals and concerts
7. Professional concert publicity & concert management
8. Licensed English-speaking Tour manager.
9. Guided tours per the tour itinerary with local English-speaking licensed tour guides
10. Entrance fees to sights, based on the tour itinerary.

### TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

1. Roundtrip airfare: Varna International will provide a group airfare quote (for 10 people or more), or individual airfare quotes, upon request (not included in the tour cost). Tour participants who purchase their own flights are responsible to secure and pay for their own airport transfers.
2. Single occupancy: \$100 per night, per person (total: \$1000)
3. Travel insurance: Participants obtain their own travel insurance.
4. Tips and gratuities on provided services / personnel (tour guides, tour managers, bus drivers, hotel and restaurants personnel): \$15 per person, per day.  
*\*The tips and gratuities will be collected with the final tour payment.*
5. Optional Tours:
  - i. Ostia Antica optional tour \$90.
  - ii. Chianti area wine, cheese, and delicacies tasting tour: \$120 per person