



Mozart Requiem Performance Tour June 29 – July 10, 2024

Rome, Florence, Montecatini Terme, San Gimignano, Vicenza, Verona, Venice ITALY

Conductor: Dr. Kent Hatteberg Tour Manager: Alberto Bella Assistant Tour Manager: Giorgia Chimento

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 flight lands at the Rome Fiumicino Airport. Flight number: UA970.

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

8:30 am - Bus transfer from the Fiumicino Airport to Rome city center for guided tour.

*Tour participants who are not part of the "Group Air" are invited to travel to the Rome city center independently and meet up with the group for the guided tour of Rome. The meeting point is soon to be announced.

10:00 – Guided tour of Rome City Center, 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).



*Tour participants who stay at Mercure Roma West Hotel will transfer with the Tour Manager, Alberto Bella. Tour participants who stay at Grand Hotel Fleming will transfer with the Assistant Tour Manager, Giorgia Chimento to their hotel. Please see the attached rooming list to find your lodging.

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

6:00 pm - Welcome dinner (included) offered at Mercure Roma West hotel and Grand Hotel Fleming. The menu offered at Mercure Roma West will be:

- First course: Pasta "carbonara"
- Second course: Meatballs in tomato sauce served alongside mashed potatoes and a side vegetable
- Third course: Dessert
- Served with jugs of water with ice

The menu offered this evening at Grand Hotel Fleming:

- First course: Turkey slices, rocket salad, cheese and balsamic vinegar glaze
- Second course: Pork loin with herbs, served alongside green beans and roasted potatoes
- Third course: Chocolate pudding
- Served with jugs of water with ice

7:00 – 9:00 pm - Evening choral rehearsal at Hotel Mercure Roma West conference room, conducted by Dr. Hatteberg. Choristers only!

Overnight in 4-star Hotels in Rome

Choristers & Traveling Audience: Mercure Roma West**** (address: Viale Eroi di Cefalonia 301, 00128

Rome; phone: +39 06 5083 4111)

Instrumentalists & Traveling Audience: Grand Hotel Fleming**** (address: Piazza Monteleone di

Spoleto, 20 - 00191 Rome; phone: +39 06 333 7264)
Tour Manager in Mercure Roma West: Alberto Bella
Tour Manager in Grand Hotel Fleming: Giorgia Chimento

*Please find the rooming list of each hotel in the separately attached document or google sheet. There

will be a tour manager in each hotel with each group.

Day 3: Monday, July 1 - Rome

Breakfast at the hotels

8:45 – 10:45 am - Choral rehearsal with Dr. Hatteberg at the Mercure Roma West conference room. Christers only!

10:45 am – 11:30 am - Dr. Hatteberg to rehearse soloists with pianist at the Mercure Roma West conference room.

11:30 am - Bus transfers from Mercure Roma West Hotel and Hotel Fleming to the Colosseum (bus 1 leaves from Mercure, bus 2 leaves from Fleming). Instrumentalists must bring music, music stands and instruments.

^{*} Vegetarian options available at both hotels, upon request.



12:30 - 1:30 pm - Lunch in the city center (not included)

1:40 pm - Meet the tour guide at the Colosseum. Our tour guide's name is Sabina Sansoni.

2:00 – 4:00 pm - Guided tour of the Colosseum and Forum Romanum. Entrance tickets included in the tour cost.

4:00 pm – Traveling audience staying in Mercure Roma West, ALL choristers and ALL instrumentalists walk back to the bus parking area for transfer with Tour Manager: Alberto Bella. All traveling audience staying in Hotel Fleming remain in Rome City Center for free time to explore the city to return to the hotel for dinner with the Assistant Tour Manager: Giorgia Chimento.

4:30 pm – Bus transfer for choristers and instrumentalists returning to Mercure Roma West hotel for the evening rehearsal.

5:30 – 7:30 pm - Orchestra rehearsal with Dr. Hatteberg at Mercure West Roma Hotel conference room. Instrumentalists only!

7:30 pm – Dinner at Mercure Roma West Hotel and Hotel Fleming (Included). Instrumentalists to dine at Mercure Roma West Hotel. The menu offered at Mercure Roma West will be:

- First course: Rigatoni "amatriciana"
- Second course: Chicken served alongside baked potatoes and a side vegetable
- Third course: Dessert
- Served with jugs of water with ice

The menu offered this evening at Grand Hotel Fleming will be:

- First course: Ham, Spianata Romana (typical Roman salami), Finocchiona (typical Tuscan salami) and cherries of mozzarella cheese
- Second course: Roasted chicken served alongside Potatoes and Broccoli
- Third course: Tiramisù
- Served with jugs of water with ice

8:30 – 10:30 pm – Tutti rehearsal: Soloists, chorus, orchestra with Dr. Hatteberg at the hotel conference room

10:30 pm – Bus to take the instrumentalists from Mercure Hotel back to Hotel Fleming.

Overnight in 4-star Hotels at Mercure Roma West**** & Grand Hotel Fleming****

^{*} Vegetarian options available at both hotels, upon request.



Day 4: Tuesday, July 2 - Rome

Breakfast at the hotels

8:45 am – Bus transfer for participants pre-registered for Ostia Antica tour leave from Grand Hotel Fleming

9:15 am – Bus transfer stops at Mercure Roma West to pick up additional participants pre-registered for Ostia Antica tour

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.

Participants not joining the optional tour – free time to explore the city on your own (by sharing a taxi ride from the hotel) or enjoy the hotel amenities.

12:00 pm – Bus transfer from Ostia Antica to Mercure Roma West Hotel to drop off participants who stay there and then continuing to Hotel Fleming for final drop off.

1:30 pm - Lunch in Mercure Roma West hotel and Grand Hotel Fleming (included). The menu offered at Mercure Roma West will be:

- First course: Pasta with cheese and pepper
- Second course: Saltimbocca "alla Romana" (pork) served alongside baked potatoes and a side vegetable
- Third course: Dessert
- Served with jugs of water with ice

The menu offered for lunch at Grand Hotel Fleming will be:

- First course: Mixed salad with boiled eggs and cheese
- Second course: Beef meatballs with tomato sauce served alongside Potatoes and Peas
- Third course: Panna cotta
- Served with jugs of water with ice

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

3:00 pm - Transfers from Mercure Roma West Hotel and Hotel Fleming to the concert venue: Basilica San Vitale. Address: Via Nazionale 194b, Rome.

4:00 - 5:30 pm - Dress rehearsal

 $5:30-6:45 \; \text{pm}$ - Free time for dinner in the vicinity of the venue (not included). The group managers will be available to make suggestions of nearby restaurants. After dinner, return to the concert venue.

7:15 pm - Call time!

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7:30 pm - Performance of Mozart Requiem at Basilica San Vitale in Rome. Conductor: Dr. Kent Hatteberg. The basilica of the Saints Martyrs Vitale, Valeria, Gervasio and Protasio known more commonly as the basilica of San Vitale and Compagni Martiri in Fovea.

9:00 pm - Bus transfer from Basilica San Vitale to Mercure Roma West Hotel and Hotel Fleming.

Overnight in 4-star Hotels at Mercure Roma West**** & Grand Hotel Fleming****

Day 5: Wednesday, July 3 - Rome

Breakfast at the hotel restaurants

11:00 am – Bus transfer from the hotels to Rome City Center for our visit to the Vatican and Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica with La Pieta.

Lunch (not included) in Rome City Center

2:00 pm – Tour of St. Peter's Basilica and La Pieta. Tickets are included and will be provided by our Tour Managers.

4:30 pm - Tour of the Vatican and Sistine Chapel. Audio guides will be provided at the entrance for the best experience of these beautiful, historic sites.

7:00 – Bus transfers from the Vatican to Mercure Roma West and Hotel Fleming.

8:30 pm – Dinner at Mercure Roma West hotel and Hotel Fleming (included). The menu offered at Mercure Roma West will be:

- First course: Insalata Mista
- Second course: Turkey served alongside vegetables
- Third course: Dessert
- Served with jugs of water with ice

The menu offered this evening at Grand Hotel Fleming will be:

- First course: Caprese salad
- Second course: Chicken with lemon served alongside Green beans and Potatoes
- Third course: Pear and chocolate cake
- Served with jugs of water with ice

Overnight in 4-star Hotels at Mercure Roma West**** & Grand Hotel Fleming****

^{*} Vegetarian options available at both hotels, upon request.



Day 6: Thursday, July 4 - Florence

Early breakfast and check out of the hotels.

8:30 am - Bus transfer from the hotels in Rome to the Florence city center (approximately 4 hours ride).

12:30 pm - Arrive in Florence city center, lunch on our own (not included).

Close to the central station Santa Maria Novella, in a beautiful old building, you can find the Central Market (https://www.mercatocentrale.it/firenze/) with a variety of small restaurants, pizzerias, sandwich places, etc.

2:00 - 4:00 pm — Walking guided tour of Florence with our local tour guides. The names of our guides are Andrea Bregovic and Yulia.

NB! We will <u>not</u> visit the Uffizi Gallery, as originally planned, as the Gallery now accepts only small groups, and it will take our group several hours to enter. Those interested in visiting the gallery can do so in their free time tomorrow with the help of the tour manager.

4:00 - 5:30 pm – Free time in Florence.

5:30 pm - Bus transfer from Florence to the hotel in Montecatini Terme - Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale**** (approximately 90 minutes ride).

7:00 pm – Check in to the hotel and settle in our rooms before dinner.

8:00 pm - Dinner at Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale (included). The menu offered at the hotel this evening will be:

- First course: (Pasta) Rigatoni alla matriciana
- Second course: Turkey rump with light vegetable sauce, served alongside Caponata di verdure
- Third course: Florentine Delight
- Served with water in jugs with ice

Overnight in <u>Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale****</u> (address: Viale IV Novembre 77, 51016 Montecatini Terme; phone: +39 0572 70271) and <u>Ercolini E Savi****</u> (address: Via San Martino, 18 - 51016 Montecatini Terme; phone: +39.0572.70331)

^{*} Vegetarian options available at both hotels, upon request.



Day 7: Friday, July 5 - Montecatini Terme

Breakfast at the hotel restaurant.

10:00 - 11:30 am – Guided tour to explore the charming city of Montecatini Terme under the guidance and suggestions of our tour guides: Andrea Bregovic and Stella Fabiano. The guides will give us a brief overview and introductory tour of the city and take us to the beautiful historic Spa, Terme Tettuccio, the symbol of Montecatini Terme.

The guided tour will be followed by free time to explore the city on our own. After the guided tour the group can consider the visit on their own to Montecatini Alto, the medieval village on the hill, using the historical funicolar (cable car). It is also recommended to take time independently to sit in the quaint coffee shops and taste some gelato.

Lunch in Montecatini Terme (not included)

After lunch, there will be free time to rest or further explore this charming town prior to the evening performance.

4:15 pm - Walk from the hotels to Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta (the church is within walking distance)

5:00 - 5:40 pm - Sound check at the Basilica

5:45 pm – Walk back to the hotels

6:30-8:00 pm – Dinner served at Francia & Quirinale hotel. The menu offered at the hotel on this evening will be:

- First course: Rich salad
- Second course: Chicken with balsamic vinegar, served alongside potatoes and peas
- Third course: Tiramisu
- Served with water in jugs with ice

8:30 pm - Walk from the hotels to Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta

9:00 pm - Performance of Mozart Requiem at Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta. Conductor: Dr. Kent Hatteberg.

10:30 pm – Walk back to the hotels

Overnight at Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale**** & Ercolini E Savi****

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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. The names of our guides are Andrea Bregovic and Yulia.

12:00 – 3:00 pm - Lunch in San Gimignano (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, for the participants who signed up for this tour preliminary.

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! For participants who signed up for this tour preliminary.

5:30 pm – Transfer back to the hotel.

7:30 pm - Dinner at the hotel restaurant (included). The menu for this evening is soon to be announced.

Overnight at Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale**** & Ercolini E Savi****

Day 9: Sunday, July 7 – Vicenza

Breakfast and check out of the hotel.

9:00 am - Transfer from Montecatini Terme to Vicenza (approximately 4.5 hours ride).

Lunch en-route (not included)

3:00 – 5:00 pm – Guided tour of Vicenza. Our tour guides will be Clara da Schio and Michela Vignato. We will meet our tour guides in Viale Roma, in piazza Esedra (at the beginning of Viale Dalmazia - the avenue running through Campo Marzio) for a tour of the city of Vicenza. The guided tour will last two hours and will be followed by free time to explore the city independently.



5:00 pm - After the guided tour, transfer to the hotels.

5:30 pm - Check into the hotels and take time to settle in our rooms.

7:50 pm – Bus transfer from tour participants staying in Best Western Aries Hotel to the restaurant (across the highway). Tour participants staying in Hotel Victoria will find the restaurant next door.

8:00 pm - Dinner at Al Company Ristorante (included). The menu offered on this evening will be:

- First course: Italian salad
- Second course: Grilled veal served alongside mushrooms, Avant potatoes and string beans in a cream sauce
- Third course: Tiramisu
- Served with jugs of water with ice

Overnight at <u>Best Western Aries Hotel****</u> (address: Viale Leonardo da Vinci, 28 Vicenza; phone: +39 0444 239239) and <u>Hotel Victoria****</u> (address: Strada Padana towards Padua, 52, 1 KM exit Vicenza Est toll booth, 36100 Vicenza; phone: +39 0444 912299)

Tour Manager at Best Western Aries Hotel: Alberto Bella

Tour Manager at Hotel Victoria: Giorgia Chimento

Day 10: Monday, July 8 - Verona

Breakfast at the hotels

8:30 am - Bus transfer from the hotels to Verona City Center (approximately one hour drive).

10:00 am— 11:30 am - Guided tour of Verona. The names of our guides are Graziano Magnabosco and Denise Rossi. We will meet at "Piazza Bra" (arena square) at Vittorio Emanuele statue at 10:00 am.

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

2:30 pm - Bus transfers back to the hotels in Vicenza (approximately one hour transfer)

4:45 pm – Transfer from the hotels to Asiago, bring your concert attire. Instrumentalists, bring your music, music stands and instruments.

6:00 pm – Dinner at Restaurant Wunderbar in Asiago (included). The menu for this meal is soon to be announced.

7:30 pm - After dinner, transfer to the concert venue: Duomo di San Matteo, Apostolo, Asiago.

7:45 pm - Sound check

9:00 pm - Performance of Mozart Requiem at Duomo di San Matteo Apostolo, Asiago. Conductor: Dr. Kent Hatteberg.

^{*} Vegetarian options available, upon request.



10:30 pm - Bus transfers from Duomo back to Best Western Aries Hotel and Hotel Victoria

Overnight at Best Western Aries Hotel**** and Hotel Victoria****

Day 11: Tuesday, July 9 - Venice

Breakfast at the hotel

8:45 am – Transfer by bus from the hotels to Venice Tronchetto

10:00-10:45 am – Transfer by private boat from Venice Tronchetto to the port and walk to the Accademia (25 minutes on the boat + 10 minutes on foot). Tickets to the boat included.

11:15 am — Visit the Accademia with our tour guide: Michela Barbisan. 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 the Accademia, we will visit the Piazza San Marco with our tour guide.

After our visit to Piazza San Marco, enjoy lunch in Venice on your own (not included).

After lunch, you will have free time to explore the city on your own. Suggestion: Visit the Church of San Sebastian or La Pieta. Entrance is free!

6:00 pm – Walk with the tour managers to meet the boat that leaves from Cornoldi which will take us back to Venice Tronchetto (25 minutes on the boat + 10 minutes on foot)

7:00 pm - Transfer by bus from Venice Tronchetto to the restaurant in Vicenza

8:00 pm – Farewell dinner at Al Company Ristorante (included). The menu offered on this evening will be:

- First course: Norwegian salad
- Second course: Grilled fish served alongside garlic sauteed potatoes with dill & steamed veggies and string beans in a cream sauce
- Third course: Cheesecake
- Served with jugs of water with ice

Overnight at Best Western Aries Hotel**** and Hotel Victoria****

^{*} Vegetarian options available, upon request.



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. Flight number: UA169.

Welcome Home!