



**Verdi Requiem Performance Tour**  
**July 5 – July 18, 2024**  
**Rome, Florence, Vicenza, Venice, Asiago, ITALY**  
Conductor: Maestro Gregory Buchalter

**Day 1: Friday, July 5 – Departure for Rome**

Departure from the USA to Rome, Italy

**Day 2: Saturday, July 6 - Arrival in Rome**

Late afternoon / evening: Group to land at Rome Fiumicino Airport.

**Bus transfer from Fiumicino Airport to Grand Hotel Fleming, Rome (address: Piazza Monteleone di Spoleto, 20 - 00191 Roma).** The airport transfer is only for participants who have made their group flight arrangements through Varna International and participants who arrive at the same time.

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

8:00 pm - Welcome Dinner (included).

Overnight in 4-star Hotel in Rome at [Grand Hotel Fleming\\*\\*\\*\\*](#)

**Day 3: Sunday, July 7 – Rome**

Breakfast at the hotel

**10:00 am – Bus transfer from Grand Hotel Fleming to Rome city center for a guided tour**

10:30 am – 12:30 pm – Guided tour of Rome, including the Spanish Steps, Piazza del Popolo, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, and Trevi Fountain.

12:30 – 1:30 pm - Lunch in Rome (not included).

1:30 – 3:00 pm – Free time in Rome!

**3:00 pm – Bus transfer from Rome City Center to Grand Hotel Fleming**

***3:00 – 4:30 pm – Rehearsal for soloists with the Maestro (piano) at Hotel Palace 2000 (only Maestro and soloists). Choristers and instrumentalists are not called for this rehearsal!***

6:00 pm: Dinner at Hotel Fleming

**7:00 - 9:30 pm - Orchestra rehearsal with the Maestro at Hotel Fleming conference room.**

**7:10 pm - Bus transfer for the choir from Grand Hotel Fleming to Hotel Palace 2000**

**8:00 - 10:00 pm - Evening choral rehearsal with the Choir Master (piano) at Hotel Palace 2000**

**10:00 pm - Bus transfer for choir from Hotel Palace 2000 to Grand Hotel Fleming**

Overnight in 4-star Hotel Grand Hotel Fleming\*\*\*\*

**Day 4: Monday, July 8 – Rome**

Breakfast at the hotel.

**9:00 am – Bus transfer from Grand Hotel Fleming to Rome city center for a guided tour**

9:30 am – 12:30 pm - Guided tour of the Coliseum, Forum Romanum, and free time to explore the area as suggested by our professional tour guide.

12:30 pm - Lunch in Rome (not included)

**2:00 pm – Bus transfer from Rome city center to Grand Hotel Fleming**

**3:00 pm - Bus transfer for the choir from Grand Hotel Fleming to Hotel Palace 2000**

**4:00 - 6:30 pm – Orchestra rehearsal with the Maestro at Fleming hotel conference room.**

**4:00 - 6:30 pm – Choral rehearsal with the Choir Master (piano) at Hotel Palace 2000**

6:30 pm – Dinner for choir, orchestra, and traveling audience (included). The choir will have dinner at Hotel Palace 2000. The orchestra and traveling audience will have dinner at Hotel Fleming.

**8:00 - 10:00 pm - Evening choral rehearsal with the Maestro - soloists to join (piano) at Hotel Palace 2000**

**10:00 pm - Bus transfer for the choir from Hotel Palace 2000 to Grand Hotel Fleming**

Overnight in 4-star Hotel Grand Hotel Fleming\*\*\*\*

**Day 5: Tuesday, July 9 – Rome**

Breakfast at the hotel

**10:30 am - Bus transfer from Grand Hotel Fleming to Teatro San Raffaele, Rome**

**11:00 am - 1:30 pm - Choral-orchestral rehearsal with the Maestro at Teatro San Raffaele, Rome.**

Lunch (not included)

**3:00 - 5:00 pm - Choral-orchestral rehearsal with the Maestro at Teatro San Raffaele, Rome.**

**5:00 pm - Bus transfer from Teatro San Raffaele to Grand Hotel Fleming**

6:00 pm - Dinner at Hotel Fleming (included)

Overnight in 4-star Hotel Grand Hotel Fleming\*\*\*\*

**Day 6: Wednesday, July 10 – Rome**

Breakfast at the hotel

**10:30 am - Bus transfer from Grand Hotel Fleming to Teatro San Raffaele, Rome.**

**11:00 am - 1:30 pm - Choral-orchestral rehearsal with the Maestro at Teatro San Raffaele, Rome.**

Lunch (not included)

**3:00 - 5:00 pm – Dress rehearsal at Teatro San Raffaele, Rome.**

**5:00 pm - Bus transfer from Teatro San Raffaele to Grand Hotel Fleming, Rome.**

6:00 pm – Dinner at Hotel Fleming (included)

Overnight in 4-star Hotel Grand Hotel Fleming\*\*\*\*

**Day 7: Thursday, July 11 – Rome**

Breakfast at the hotel followed by free time to enjoy the area and rest prior to our evening performance of Verdi Requiem.

Lunch (not included)

6:00 pm - Dinner at Hotel Fleming (included). *Please plan to purchase a snack that you could have in your room after the concert, as eateries may not be open later.*

**7:30 pm - Transfer from Grand Hotel Fleming to the concert venue: Teatro San Raffaele.** *Please plan to come dressed in your concert attire.*

**9:00 pm - Performance of Verdi Requiem at Teatro San Raffaele in Rome**

**10:30 pm - Bus transfer from Teatro San Raffaele to Grand Hotel Fleming**

Overnight in 4-star Hotel Grand Hotel Fleming\*\*\*\*

**Day 8: Friday, July 12 – 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, followed by 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.

4:00 – 6:00 pm – Free time in Florence.

**6:00 pm - Bus transfer from Florence to the hotel in Montecatini Terme - Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale\*\*\*\* (approximately 90 minutes ride).**

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

8:00 pm - Dinner in Montecatini Terme (included)

Overnight in 4-star hotel [Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale\\*\\*\\*\\*](#) (address: Viale IV Novembre 77, 51016 Montecatini Terme)

### **Day 9: Saturday, July 13 – Montecatini Terme**

Breakfast at the hotel

9:30 – 11:00 am – Guided tour of Montecatini Terme.

Free time to explore the charming city of Montecatini Terme on our own, under the guidance and suggestions of the tour manager.

Lunch in the city (not included)

Free time in Montecatini Terme and to enjoy the hotel amenities and hot spas, which this city is well known for.

Dinner in Montecatini Terme (included)

Overnight at 4-star hotel - Grand Hotel Francia & Quirinale\*\*\*\*

### **Day 10: Sunday, July 14 – San Gimignano and Vicenza**

Breakfast at the hotel.

**9:30 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.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm - Guided tour of San Gimignano

12:30 – 3:00 pm - Lunch (not included), followed by free time in this charming town.

**3:00 pm – Bus transfer from San Gimignano to Best Western Aries Hotel, Vicenza (approximately 4 hours ride).**

Check-in to Best Western Aries Hotel, Vicenza.

8:30 pm - Dinner (included)

Overnight at 4-star [Best Western Aries Hotel\\*\\*\\*\\*](#) (address: Viale Leonardo da Vinci, 28 Vicenza)

### **Day 11: Monday, July 15 – Asiago**

Breakfast at the hotel.

**10:30 am - Transfer from Best Western Aries Hotel to Asiago (approximately 1.5 hours).** *Please plan to bring your concert attire with you.*

12:00 pm - Walking guided tour to explore the city of Asiago.

1:30 pm - Lunch in Asiago (not included)

Free time in Asiago prior to this evening's concert

6:00 pm – Dinner (included). *Suggestion: Please plan to purchase a snack that you could have in your room after the concert, as eateries may not be open later.*

**7:30 pm - Sound check and change to concert attire.**

**8:30 pm - Verdi Requiem Performance in La chiesa di San Matteo in the Duomo of Asiago.**

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

Overnight at 4-star Best Western Aries Hotel\*\*\*\*

### **Day 12: Tuesday, July 16 – Venice**

Breakfast at the hotel.

**9:00 am – Transfer with the tour manager from Vicenza to Santa Lucia train station in Venice (approximately 1 hour ride).**

10:30 am– 1:00 pm - Guided tour of Venice. During the tour, we will visit the ACCADEMIA, and the San Marco Square.

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.



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

**6:00 pm – Transfer back from Venice to our hotel in Vicenza.**

8:30 pm - Dinner (included)

Overnight at 4-star Best Western Aries Hotel\*\*\*\*

### **Day 13: Wednesday, July 17 – Verona and Vicenza**

Breakfast at the hotel.

**9:30 am - Bus transfer to Verona city center (approximately 1 hour ride)**

10:30 – 12:30 pm - Guided tour of Verona with our tour guide.

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

**3:30 p.m. – Bus transfer from Verona city center to the hotel (approximately 1 hour ride)**

6:00 pm - Farewell Dinner (included). *Suggestion: Please plan to purchase a snack that you could have in your room after the concert, as eateries may not be open later.*

**7:30 pm – Transfer from the hotel to the concert venue: Duomo di Vicenza.** *Please plan to come dressed in your concert attire.*

**8:00 pm Sound check**

**9:00 pm Verdi Requiem Performance in the Cattedrale di Santa Maria Annunziata, Duomo di Vicenza.**

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

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

### **Day 14: Thursday, July 18 – Departure**

Breakfast and check out of the hotel.

**Morning transfer to the Venice Marco Polo International Airport** for our return flight back home (only for group flight departures, which are arranged through Varna International).

Group flight departs from the Venice Marco Polo International Airport to the USA.