



Proposed Itinerary Crafted Especially For The
Festival Internazionale Di Arte Per Giovani Musicisti
 Presented by Fondazione/Amici & The Continuo Arts Foundation

*Selected Performing Ensembles * By Audition Only*

"ITINERARY"

November 23 – December 1, 2012

Rome ∞ Vatican City ∞ Assisi ∞ Prague

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▪ ***Day 1, November 23, Friday: Depart for Rome***

Today, depart from your International Airport on your overseas performance tour, enjoying the evening sky during your overnight flight to Rome, Italy. Complimentary meals and beverages will be served aloft.

▪ ***Day 2, November 24, Saturday: Arrive/Rome***



Upon arrival at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport, proceed through Passport Control, claim your luggage, and a Peter's Way Tours tour manager will meet you upon your exit from Customs. Board your comfortable motor coach and soon you will be on your way for an orientation ride of the "Eternal City." History evolving over 2,500 years will be made visible for you by the Roman ruins, 15th century churches, 17th century palaces, and 20th century monuments. On to your hotel. Independent lunch.

Rehearsal will be scheduled this afternoon.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Rome.

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- **Day 3, November 25, Sunday: AM/Tour of Ancient Rome - PM/Mass or Vespers at St. Peter's Basilica with Pope Benedict XVI (Feast of Christ the King)**



Breakfast at your hotel. This morning, we visit the Church of St. Peter in Chains to see the original chains in which St. Peter was brought captive to Rome and the statue of Moses, one of Michelangelo's greatest masterpieces. Then, we continue to the ancient Roman Forum. See the Arch of Titus and the Arch of Constantine and proceed to the outside of the Coliseum for a fascinating explanation of its history. Continue on to the grandiose white marble monu-

ment of King Victor Emmanuel II, often called the "Wedding Cake." See the Trajan Column and the Market (the ancient Roman equivalent of a department store). End your tour in St. Peter's Square to attend the noon Papal Blessing. Independent lunch.

Rehearsal will be schedule early afternoon.

Late afternoon, transfer to St. Peter's Basilica to attend the Papal Mass or Papal Vespers with Pope Benedict XVI. (Feast of Corpus Christi).

Independent dinner. Overnight at hotel in Rome.



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- **Day 4, November 26, Monday: AM/Tour of Vatican Museums; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica - PM/Rehearsal - Sing for the Scheduled Mass at St. Peter's Basilica/ Evening/ Gala Dinner**

After breakfast, begin your morning of sightseeing with a visit to one of the great art collections in the world, the Vatican Museums. Walk in the footsteps of the Princes of the Church through the richly decorated galleries. Continue on to the Sistine Chapel, the private chapel of the Popes, where Michelangelo best expressed his genius in monumental frescoes. End your morning tour in St. Peter's Basilica. Take in the astounding architecture and the statuary adorning this largest of all Christian churches, including Michelangelo's magnificent "Pieta."



Pray at the new tomb of Blessed John Paul II, in St. Sebastian's Chapel. On your own, with time permitting, you may wish to go to the Vatican Crypt to see and pray near the tomb of St. Peter and where numerous pontiffs are buried, among incredible works of art. Independent lunch.

Afternoon, individual groups rehearsal will be scheduled. Around 4:00 pm, you will be transferred to St. Peter's Basilica for the 5:00 pm Scheduled Mass, sung by Festival Internazionale di Arte Per Giovanni Musicisti performers.

Your gala dinner, this evening, will be at Benito Restaurant in Rome. Experience an atmosphere of hospitality, friendship, and taste the Mediterranean cuisine in a typical Roman setting with wine and music. Overnight at hotel in Rome.

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- **Day 5, November 27, Tuesday: Assisi/Visit the Sites of St. Francis - Evening/ Concert at the Basilica of St. Francis**

After breakfast, leave Rome and board our comfortable motor-coach for the trip to the ancient mountaintop city of Assisi. It's a town of narrow lanes, numerous shrines of Saint Francis, and an extraordinary amount of art dedicated to its young friar – a rich young man who turned to God after an illness, and whose subsequent life has inspired millions. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis – a “double” Basilica with two extraordinary basilicas built one on top of the other. We'll tour the dramatic Romanesque lower basilica, where the body of the Saint is buried. In the soaring Gothic upper basilica we will marvel at the world-famous Giotto frescoes depicting scenes from the life of St. Francis.



Independent lunch.

Rehearsal and Festival Internazionale di Arte Per Giovani Musicisti Concert Presentation at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi.

Return to Rome for overnight.

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- **Day 6, November 28, Wednesday: AM/Festival Chorus Dress Rehearsal - PM/at Leisure - Evening/The second Internazionale di Arte per Giovani Musicisti Concert Presentation**



After breakfast, you will be transported by motor coach to the Festival Chorus and Orchestra Dress Rehearsal. Independent lunch. You will have leisure time for shopping and resting before the grand finale concert. An early dinner at your hotel will be provided and then, we depart for the second concert of the **FESTIVAL INTERNAZIONALE DI ARTE PER GIOVANI**



MUSICISTI! Following the concert,

we will walk to beautiful Trevi Fountain to toss in coin to ensure your “Arrivederci, Roma.” Overnight at hotel in Rome.

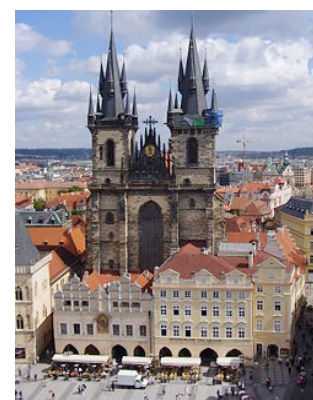
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- **Day 7, November 29, Thursday: Rome - Prague**

Early morning, you will be transferred to Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your continuing flight to Prague, the Czech Republic.

Upon your arrival at Prague International Airport, proceed through Passport Control, claim your luggage, and a Peter's Way Tours tour manager will meet you upon your exit from Customs. Board your comfortable touring bus and soon, you will be on your way to Prague, the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic. This historic city of golden stone and architectural grace offers a mix of Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo treasures. Nicknames for Prague have included “City of 100 Spires” and “The Golden City.” Since 1992, the historic center of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. Check-in at hotel.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Prague.



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- **Day 8, November 30, Friday: AM/Highlight Tour of Prague - PM/Concert Presentation in Prague**

After breakfast, we will get acquainted with the magnificent city of Prague. Prague is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The "City of 100 Spires" was spared from destruction during World War II and still contains beautiful examples of architecture.

Enjoy a guided tour, including the castle district (Hradcany). Visit St. Vitus' Cathedral (used for the inauguration of Presidents and where you can find the tomb of St. Wenceslas and former rulers of the Czech Kingdom). Pass the Basilica of St. George to visit Prague Castle. Stroll through Mala Strana with its beautiful architectural buildings. Continue to Charles bridge visit the beautiful, statue-lined Charles Bridge to the Old Town, considered one of the most preserved old cities in Europe. See over a thousand years of history as you take in the architecture and visit the old town square. See the famous astronomical clock that comes alive when the hour strikes and the twelve disciples appear to bless the crowd. You will also have the chance to visit the church of Our Lady before Tyn, and walk along the Prague alleys through the Powder Tower to St. Wenceslas Square. Independent lunch.

Afternoon, rehearsal and Festival Internazionale di Arte Per Giovani Musicisti Concert Presentation in Prague. Independent dinner. Overnight at hotel in Prague. (B)



- **Day 9, December 1, Saturday: Return from Prague**

Breakfast at your hotel. Then, you will be transferred to Prague International Airport for your return flight home. Arrive on the same day. (B)