Luther College Nordic Choir
Performance Tour of Italy
May 25 – June 5, 2015

The following itinerary provides an overview of your tour events and timings.
**It is important to understand that times and activities are subject to change before or during the tour.**

**Working Itinerary**
May 1, 2015

**Monday, May 25, 2015**

**Departure**
Depart from Chicago today for your performance tour of Italy. We recommend that you arrive at the airport at least 3 hours prior to departure. Transportation to the airport is not provided by Gateway. Passports are required of all passengers. Dinner will be served en route from Chicago to Amsterdam.

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Tuesday, May 26, 2015

11:55 am  Arrive in Rome, Italy, claim your luggage and clear customs. Meet your Gateway Tour Manager, Jake Watson, and your English-speaking European tour leaders, Sabrina Sukiassian and Giovanni Castilletti, who will be with you for your entire tour to handle travel and performance arrangements.

Lunch  Lunch is on your own.

Rome  Rome, the capital city of Italy, is home to more than 2.7 million residents. Today it is one of the most important tourist destinations in the world – its incalculable number of archaeological and artistic treasures, charming traditions, beautiful geography, and magnificent villas attract between 7 and 10 million tourists every year. Rome had a major impact in music history and continues to be an important musical center to this day.

Hotel  Check into your hotel. Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with check-in.

Ergife Palace Hotel
Via Aurelia
619 – 00165 Rome, Italy
Phone: +39 – 066 – 6441
Fax: +39 – 066 – 632 – 689
Website: www.ergifepalacehotel.com/eng

Panoramic and Ancient Rome Tour  Take a brief orientation tour of Rome as you enter the city this afternoon. Later, Roman city guides will bring you to the famed Colosseum and through the ancient Roman Forum (entrances included). With the capacity to seat 50,000 spectators, the Colosseum was used for gladiator contests and public spectacles. It is considered one of the greatest examples of Roman architecture and engineering. The nearby Roman Forum contains the ruins of what was once the political, social and economic center of the Roman Empire. Continue past Capitoline Hill to the Pantheon where you may have a chance to sing one song inside (subject to permission that day).

8:00 pm  Dinner is included at your hotel.
Wednesday, May 27, 2015

**Breakfast**  
A continental breakfast is included at your hotel.

**9:00 am**  
Depart your hotel.

**Free Time**  
Enjoy time at your leisure this morning.

**Lunch**  
Lunch is on your own.

**12:00 pm**  
Nestled within the city of Rome, the Vatican is the smallest country in the world. Your guided tour includes visits to St. Peter’s Basilica, the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, with ceilings adorned by Michelangelo’s restored masterpieces. Please wear or bring clothing to cover your shoulders for your visit to St. Peter’s Basilica.

♫ **5:00 pm**  
Perform during Mass at the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican.

**7:00 pm**  
Dinner is included at a local restaurant.

Thursday, May 28, 2015

**Breakfast**  
A continental breakfast is included at your hotel.

**10:00 am**  
Depart your hotel.

**Free Day**  
The day is at your leisure for shopping and sightseeing around Rome.

**Lunch**  
Lunch is on your own.

**4:30 pm**  
Transfer to your hotel.

**6:00 pm**  
Depart your hotel.

**6:30 pm**  
Dinner is included at a local restaurant.

**8:00 pm**  
Rehearse.

♫ **9:00 pm**  
Perform a promoted concert this evening at San Lorenzo in Lucina church in Rome.
Friday, May 29, 2015

Rome – Assisi

**Breakfast**
A continental breakfast is included at your hotel.

*9:00 am*
Depart your hotel.

*12:00 pm*
Make a stop at the Basilica di Maria degli Angeli just outside of Assisi.

*1:00 pm*
Continue on to Assisi.

*1:15 pm*
Arrive in Assisi, a small city perched on a hilltop in the region of Umbria, surrounded by ramparts, with few changes since the Middle Ages. This town overlooks a great valley and was home to the deeply mystical St. Francis and St. Clare.

**Hotel**
Check into your hotel. Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with check-in.

**Hotel Fontebella**
25 – 06081 Assisi, Italy
Phone: +39 – 075 – 812 – 883
Fax: +39 – 075 – 819 – 8440
Website: [www.fontebella.com](http://www.fontebella.com)

**Free time**
You will have some free time to explore Assisi today prior to the performance this evening. You might consider climbing the hill to Rocca Maggiore for a fantastic view of the Italian countryside.

♫ *6:00 pm*
Participate in a Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

*8:00 pm*
Dinner is included at your hotel.
Saturday, May 30, 2015  Assisi – Florence – Montecatini Terme

Breakfast  A continental breakfast is included at your hotel.

9:00 am  Depart your hotel.

1:00 pm  Arrive in Florence.

Lunch  Lunch is on your own.

2:00 pm  Your guided walking tour of Florence brings you past the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral with its immense dome, Giotto’s Belltower and the Baptistery’s “Gates of Paradise” by Ghiberti.

4:00 pm  You will have leisure time for individual shopping, exploring, and dining. Florence is known for its leather goods and fine jewelry, and its outdoor markets offer plenty of chances to hone your bargaining skills.

6:00 pm  Dinner is included at a local restaurant.

7:30 pm  Rehearse.

♫ 9:00 pm  Perform a promoted concert at Santa Trinita church in Florence.

10:30 pm  Depart Florence for Montecatini Terme.

11:30 pm  Check into your hotel. Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with check-in.

Grand Hotel Panoramic
Viale Mario Bustichini 65
51016 Montecatini Terme, Italy
Phone: +39 – 057 – 278 – 381
Fax: +39 – 057 – 278 – 598
Website: www.grandhotelpanoramic.it
Montecatini – Siena – Montecatini

Sunday, May 31, 2015

Breakfast
A continental breakfast is included at your hotel.

9:00 am
Depart your hotel.

Siena
Travel outside of Montecatini to Siena this morning. Surrounded by olive groves and vineyards, Siena is one of the most beautiful cities of Tuscany. Set on three hills, the city is drawn together by winding alleyways and steep steps. At its heart is the Piazza del Campo – an enormous, shell-shaped piazza famous for its annual horse race called the Palio.

♫ 12:15 pm
Perform during Mass at the Siena Cathedral in Siena. Admire its elaborate interior of black and white marble, the symbolic colors of Siena. The round window in the choir dates back to 1288 and is one of the earliest remaining examples of Italian stained glass. This is just one example of many works you will see by Italy’s leading artists such as Donatello and Michelangelo.

1:00 pm
Lunch is on your own.

2:00 pm
Guides will meet the group for a walking tour through one of the most beautiful Italian cities.

6:00 pm
Depart Siena and return to Montecatini.

8:00 pm
Dinner is included at your hotel.
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<td>Visit Pisa’s Campo dei Miracoli (Field of Miracles), where the Cathedral, Baptistry, Camposanto and iconic Leaning Tower form one of Italy’s most outstanding architectural complexes. When the Leaning Tower was completed in 1350, its foundations were already sinking. Enjoy time for a photo opportunity by the Leaning Tower.</td>
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<td>Visit the town of Lucca, one of Italy’s finest medieval treasures, with local city guides. Charming pedestrian streets are lined with palaces, towers and churches. Walk along the impressive medieval city walls surrounding the town, or just sit and relax at a small café off of the main square.</td>
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<td>Enjoy a leisurely evening of beautiful scenery and a tasting of the Tuscan region’s most important products; genuine olive oil and wine. Your tour will include an informative olive oil tasting to learn how to recognize quality oils from the many inferior products. Tuscany is also known for its fabulous wines, some of which you will have the opportunity to taste as well.</td>
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Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Montecatini – Venice

Breakfast
A continental breakfast is included at your hotel.

9:00 am
Depart your hotel for Mestre.

Lunch
Lunch is on your own.

1:00 pm
Check into your hotel. Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with check-in.

Antony Hotel
Via Orlanda (SS 14), 182
30173 Mestre, Venice, Italy
Phone: +39 – 041 – 542 – 0022
Fax: +39 – 041 – 901 – 677
Website: www.antonyhotel.it

2:00 pm
Depart your hotel.

Venice
Transfer by private boat to the island of Venice. Famous for its system of waterways, Venice is truly a unique city.

3:00 pm
Your guided walking tour of Venice includes the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark’s Square and St. Mark’s Basilica. The basilica’s unusual layout, with two choir lofts facing each other, led to the development of the Venetian choral style of multiple choirs and instrumental ensembles. Please wear clothing that will cover your shoulders and knees for your visit to St. Mark’s Basilica.

7:00 pm
A farewell dinner is included at a local restaurant.

9:30 pm
Depart Venice for Mestre.
Thursday, June 4, 2015

Venice

Breakfast
A continental breakfast is included at your hotel.

9:00 am
Depart your hotel.

Venice
Transfer by private boat to the island of Venice.

10:30 am
Rehearse.

Free Time
Enjoy free time in Venice.

Lunch
Lunch is on your own.

5:00 pm
Dinner is included this evening.

♫ 6:45 pm
Participate in a Mass at St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice.

♫ 8:00 pm
Perform a promoted concert at San Salvador church in Venice.

9:30 pm
Depart Venice for Mestre.

Friday, June 5, 2015

Depart Venice – Arrive Chicago

Breakfast
A light breakfast box is included at your hotel.

3:45 am
Check out of your hotel and depart for the airport.

4:00 am
Arrive at the airport.

6:30 am
Depart for Amsterdam. A meal will be served on your transatlantic flight.

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