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## SAMPLE ITINERARY ITALY PERFORMANCE TOUR

*(itinerary subject to change)*

### **DAY ONE: VENICE ARRIVAL (D)**

Afternoon Arrive into Venice, Italy!

*Venice is truly one of the most awe-inspiring, romantic, and unique cities ever created. You won't find any cars in Venice, not even bicycles. See streets of water, miles of intimate walkways, and all of this topped off by Piazza San Marco, the "living room of Venice," with the Basilica of San Marco, the campanile (bell tower), and the Doge's Palace.*

Collect your luggage and move through customs and immigration. Meet your local European Tour Manager and load the coach.

Transfer and check-in to a local hotel most likely located in nearby Mestre (TBC).

Evening Dinner as a group in Mestre then return to the hotel.

### **DAY TWO: VENICE (B)**

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.  
Transfer to Venice's Tronchetto Station (end-of-the road for all cars, buses, and trains) and board a vaporetto (Venice "canal bus") – enjoy the sites along the Grand Canal as you make your way to Piazza St. Mark.  
This morning, enjoy a guided walking tour of Venice – see sites such as Piazza St. Mark, the Rialto Bridge and the Doge's Palace – tour to include entrance to St. Mark's Basilica.



*Begun in the 10<sup>th</sup> century and finished in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, St. Mark's Basilica is one of the finest examples of Italo-Byzantine architecture. A mixture of east and west, the basilica's exotic features exemplify Venice's important role as a bridge between Asia and Europe. Today, St. Mark's Basilica is a defining monument of Venice.*

Afternoon Lunch on your own in Venice.  
The rest of the afternoon and evening are free for independent exploration.  
Possible activities could include (all costs on own):

- \* Enjoying a romantic gondola ride
- \* Seeing the magnificent Grand Canal from the Rialto Bridge
- \* Getting "lost" exploring the walkways and alleys of Venice
- \* Visiting the Accademia, Venice's top art museum
- \* Taking in the view from the Campanile

Evening This evening, enjoy dinner on own in Venice.  
After dinner, board a vaporetto and return to Tronchetto Station – board your bus and return to the hotel in Mestre.



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**DAY THREE: VENICE / PADUA (B,D) – Performance #1**

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.  
Transfer to Venice Tronchetto and board a vaporetto (Venice “canal bus”) to Piazza St. Mark.  
This morning, enjoy a tour of the Doge’s Palace, Bridge of Sighs and Pimobi Prison.

*Originally built in 810 and greatly remolded and expanded during Venice’s Golden Era in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries, the Doge’s Palace was the home of the Venice’s “Supreme Leader (Doge)” and center government for over 1000 years. The Bridge of Sighs connects the palace to Pimobi Prison and was the last view of Venice and the outside world for many prisoners in the past.*



Afternoon Lunch on own in Venice.  
Return by vaporetto to Tronchetto Station and board the bus.  
Transfer to nearby Padua (~1 hour drive).  
Arrive into Padua and transfer to a local venue.  
Load the coach and transfer to a local venue (possibly the Basilica del Santo Antonio (TBC or similar).

Evening Dinner as a group at a nearby restaurant.  
**Performance** in Padua possibly at the Basilica del Santo Antonio (TBC or similar).  
This concert may be shared with a local ensemble.  
Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.

**DAY FOUR: VENICE → FLORENCE (B,D)**

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.  
Check out of the hotel, load the coach and depart for Florence (~3-4 hour drive).

Afternoon Arrive into Florence – check-in to a local hotel (or store luggage).

*Known as the “Cradle of the Renaissance”, Florence embraced such masters as Brunelleschi & Galileo, Dante & Petrarch, Michelangelo & Botticelli. Ruled by the all-powerful Medici family, medieval and renaissance Florence was a center of banking and commerce for centuries. Today, the historical heart of Florence has barely changed from its “golden era” – locals and tourists flock to the multitude of treasures (culinary, art, sciences) that Florence has to offer.*

Lunch on your own in Florence.  
Enjoy a Guided Walking Tour of Florence. This will include a visit to Piazza del Duomo, Piazza della Signoria, and the famous Ponte Vecchio.

Late afternoon Visit the famous Galleria dell’Accademia (home of Michelangelo’s *David*).

Evening Enjoy a traditional Tuscan dinner as a group in Florence then walk back to the hotel.





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**DAY FIVE: FLORENCE (B) – Performance #2**

**Morning** Breakfast as a group at the hotel.  
This morning, enjoy a visit to the Uffizi Gallery – one of the oldest and most famous art museums of the Western World.

**Afternoon** Lunch on your own in Florence.  
The afternoon is at leisure to explore Florence. You may like to climb the Campanile, visit the Baptistery or shop on the Ponte Vecchio. Load the coach and transfer to a local venue (possibly St. Mark’s Church or Santo Stefano al Ponte (TBC or similar)).  
Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening’s venue.

**Evening** Dinner on own nearby the venue.  
**Performance** in Florence possibly at St. Mark’s Church or Santo Stefano al Ponte (TBC or similar).  
This concert may be shared with a local ensemble.  
Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.



**DAY SIX: FLORENCE → SIENA → ROME (B,D)**

**Morning** Breakfast as a group at the hotel.  
This morning, check out of the hotel and load the coach – depart on your journey to Rome via Siena (~1 hour coach ride to Siena).  
Arrive into Siena.

*Siena, built on three hills and surrounded by well-preserved walls, is filled with fine examples of Gothic architecture and is home to one of the world’s most unique piazzas –del Campo. Located in the heart of Tuscany, Siena is renowned for its annual Festival, Il Palio and wonderful food.*

**Afternoon** Enjoy time to explore Siena – possibly see sites such as the Piazza del Campo, Duomo (cathedral), and Palazzo Pubblico (city hall).  
Lunch on own and free time to explore Siena.  
After lunch, depart for Rome.



*Legend has the founding of Rome by the brothers Romulus and Remus in 753 BC. From the rise of the Roman Republic through the glories of Imperial Rome to the dominance of the Catholic Church, Rome has continually lived up to its nickname as the Eternal City. Today, visitors and residents alike, enjoy magnificent shopping, ancient ruins, stunning historical monuments, and the “la Dolce Vita” (Sweet Life) lifestyle.*

**Evening** Upon arrival into Rome, transfer/check-in to a local hotel.  
Dinner as a group in Rome and this evening is free.



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**DAY SEVEN: ROME (B) – Performance #3**

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.  
After breakfast, depart on a half-day guided tour of Ancient Rome including the Roman Forum (center of Roman politics), the Coliseum, and Capitoline Hill - citadel of ancient Rome and the location of the Tarpeian Rock - from which traitors in ancient Rome are believed to have been thrown to their death.

Afternoon Lunch on your own in Rome.  
Load the coach and transfer to a local venue (possibly Chiesa di S. Agnese in Agone or Sala Petrassi at the Parco della Musica – TBC or similar).

Evening Dinner on own nearby the venue.  
**Performance** in Rome possibly at Chiesa di S. Agnese in Agone or Sala Petrassi at the Parco della Musica (TBC or similar).  
This concert may be shared with a local ensemble.  
Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.



**DAY EIGHT: ROME / VATICAN CITY (B,D)**

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.  
Following breakfast at the hotel, meet your local guide for a half-day tour of Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel and the Raphael Rooms.  
After the tour, explore St. Peter's Square, the largest part of Vatican City and St. Peter's Basilica, home of the Catholic Church.

Afternoon Lunch on own in the area and this afternoon is free to enjoy Rome.  
Possible activities could include (*all costs on own*):

- \* Visiting one of Rome's great museums (Villa Borghese, Museo Nazionale di Villa Giulia, etc.)
- \* Exploring the shops, cafes, plazas, and fountains of medieval Rome
- \* Taking in the view from the Vittoriano Monument
- \* Enjoying the vibrant and charming neighborhood of Trastevere
- \* Window shopping along fashionable via del Corso and via Condotti

Evening Late afternoon return to the hotel to freshen up for this evening.  
Enjoy a Farewell Dinner to celebrate your Italy Performance Tour.  
Afterwards, return to the hotel.





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**DAY NINE: ROME DEPARTURE (B)**

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Check-out of the hotel and transfer to Leonardo da Vinci International Airport. Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci International Airport and check-in for your flights.
Afternoon	Depart Rome.

**WELCOME HOME!!**



## **SAMPLE ITINERARY ITALY PERFORMANCE TOUR**

*(itinerary subject to change)*

### **INCLUSIONS:**

- ♪ Round-trip, economy class airfare including taxes/fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- ♪ Accommodation:
  - VENICE – Three (3) nights at a local area hotel
  - FLORENCE – Two (2) nights at a local hotel
  - ROME – Three (3) nights at a local hotel
- ♪ Breakfasts: Daily (eight (8) total) at the hotels
- ♪ Dinners: Five (5) as a group at local restaurants
- ♪ Full-sized deluxe touring coach as required by the itinerary
- ♪ One (1) local tour manager per coach with the group in Italy
- ♪ Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary including:
  - VENICE:
    - \* Guided Walking Tour
    - \* St. Mark's Basilica
    - \* Doge's Palace and Piombi Prison
  - FLORENCE:
    - \* Guided Walking Tour
    - \* Galleria dell'Accademia
    - \* Uffizi Gallery
  - ROME / VATICAN CITY:
    - \* Guided Sightseeing Tour of Ancient Rome including the Roman Forum, Coliseum and Capitoline Hill
    - \* Guided Tour of the Vatican Museums
- ♪ Performance and workshop setup in Italy as follows:
  - PADUA:
    - \* Performance possibly at the Basilica del Santo Antonio (TBC or similar)
  - FLORENCE:
    - \* Performance in Florence possibly at St. Mark's Church or Santo Stefano al Ponte (TBC or similar)
  - ROME:
    - \* Performance in Rome possibly at Chiesa di S. Agnese in Agone or Sala Petrassi at the Parco della Musica (TBC or similar)
- ♪ Large Percussion / piano rental as required by the ensemble
- ♪ Certificate of Liability Insurance (upon request)
- ♪ Taxes and tolls where applicable

### **EXCLUSIONS:**

- ♪ Ground Transportation from Home Airport
- ♪ Checked Baggage charges / Excess or overweight baggage charges
- ♪ Meals not listed in "Inclusions" / Drinks at included dinners
- ♪ Sightseeing entrances not indicated in the itinerary/inclusions list
- ♪ Passport processing fees
- ♪ Items of a personal nature (laundry, room service, telephone fee, internet connection, mail, etc.)
- ♪ Tips to Tour Managers or Drivers
- ♪ Trip Cancellation Insurance