

SANTA MONICA CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA

Concert Tour of Italy 2005

Day 1 Wed July 13th

Los Angeles & New York

- 07.00 am California contingent departs from Los Angeles International Airport for New York JFK International Airport on United Airlines # UA 004
- 15.04 pm California contingent arrives at New York's JFK International Airport on United Airlines # UA 004 where they meet the New York contingent.
- 18.40 pm Santa Monica Chamber Philharmonia departs from New York JFK International Airport on Austrian Airlines # OS 088 to Vienna.
Dinner and breakfast (shortly before arrival) served on board

Day 2 Thu July 14th

Venice

- 09.10 am Santa Monica Chamber Philharmonia arrives at the Vienna International Airport on flight # OS 088
- 09.40 am New York contingent departs Vienna on Austrian Airlines # OS 521 for Venice
- 11.00 am New York contingent arrives Venice Marco Polo International Airport
- 13.15 pm California contingent departs Vienna on Austrian Airlines # OS 523 for Venice
- 14.40 pm California contingent arrives Venice Marco Polo International Airport

Upon each arrival at Venice Airport you will be met by your tour-guide Fritz Doppelhofer (cell phone:+43 664 6381721), who will travel with you during the whole concert tour and our local assistant from Venice Mrs. Raffaella.

Transfer by private boat to your hotel.

Check in to Hotel AMADEUS and begin your Venice Residence.

The 4-star hotel is situated **near the Grand Canal** and very close to the most important museums in Venice, and just a few minutes from the Jewish Ghetto, the Venice Casino, the Rialto Bridge and St. Mark's Square.

Time to relax.

- 18.30 pm Welcome dinner provided at restaurant IL Principe at the hotel
- 20.00 pm start **REHEARSAL No. 1** at hotel "Sala Mozart"
- 22.00 pm end of rehearsal
Overnight Venice (1)

Day 3 Fri July 15th

Venice

- 08.00 am Breakfast
- 09.00 am start **REHEARSAL No. 2** at hotel "Sala Mozart"
- 11.00 am end of rehearsal
- 12.30 pm Lunch provided at local restaurant A'll Angelo in San Marco (2)
- 14.00 pm Meet your local guides Mrs. Arianna and Mr. Stefano at the restaurant and enjoy your half-day guided walking tour of Venice including **Piazza San**

Marco, the 450-foot high **Campanile**, the **Bridge of Sighs** and the **Doges Palace**.
 16.00 pm end of city tour
 Evening at leisure and dinner on own arrangements.
 Overnight Venice (2)

Day 4	Sat July 16th	Venice
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07.30 am Breakfast
 08.45 am Optional Islands Excursion – Please sign in with Fritz on arrival day (cost €36)
 This morning's sightseeing - with your private boat and private local guide Mrs. Raffaella and tour guide Fritz - will feature a boat ride from Venice to the islands of **Murano** and **Burano** in the Venetian lagoon. Murano is famous for its glass; Burano for its lace and beautifully painted homes.
 13.00 pm end of excursion and return to Venice
 13.30 pm Lunch⁽³⁾ provided at restaurant Ai Scalzi
 afternoon at leisure - dinner on own arrangements
 20.00 pm start **REHEARSAL No. 3** at hotel "Sala Mozart"
 22.00 pm end of rehearsal
 Overnight Venice (3)

Day 5	Sun July 17th	Venice
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08.00 am Breakfast
 09.00 am start **REHEARSAL No. 4** at hotel "Sala Mozart"
 11.00 am end of rehearsal
 Lunch on own arrangements
 Explore more of Venice with Fritz and see **S. Maria Gloriosa dei Frari Church** with Titian's "Assumption", the **Accademia Museum** and the **Scuola Grande San Rocco** with 56 large murals by Tintoretto, the **Peggy Guggenheim Museum** (an extraordinary modern collection), the **Venetian Jewish Quarter** and finally the famous **Rialto Bridge**. *(entrances not included)*
 Dinner on own arrangements
 Overnight Venice (4)

Day 6	Mon July 18th	Venice
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08.00 am Breakfast
 Lunch on own arrangements
 Time for visit a museum or exhibition on your own, or to take a stroll to soak up the incredible atmosphere of this unique city.
 17.00 pm transfer by boat to concert venue
 18.00 pm **DRESS REHEARSAL**
 19.00 pm Dinner provided at Taverna San Trovaso (4)
 21.00 pm **CONCERT #1 WITH THE SANTA MONICA CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA CONDUCTED BY ALLEN GROSS AT THE CHIESA SANTA MARIA DELLA VISITATIONE IN VENICE**
 22.30 pm end of concert
 22.45 pm return transfer by boat after the concert
 Overnight Venice (5)

Day 7	Tue July 19th	Venice → Riva del Garda
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07.30 am Breakfast
 08.30 am Depart Venice for **Riva Del Garda**

Stop en route in **Padua**

See the **Basilica of Saint Anthony**, the **Scrovegni Chapel** (*entrance not included*), with exquisite frescoes by Giotto and the **University of Padua**, one of the oldest in Europe. Galileo Galilei, taught here to such acclaim that no classroom could accommodate all his students and he would frequently lecture out of doors to the attendant crowds.

See the **city hall** (16th century), the **Palazzo della Ragione** (13th century), the **Piazza della Erbe** and the **Piazza delle Fruta** as well as the Neo-Classicalist café Pedrocchi (19th century).

Passing Verona we travel from through the Valpolicella wine country to Lake Garda, largest of the Italian lakes. The lake shores are dotted with cypresses, olive groves, vineyards and flowering shrubs.

Lunch on your own

Arrive **Riva** in the afternoon.

Check- in Hotel AL MASO in Riva

At leisure

17.30 pm Transfer to concert venue

18.00 pm Sound check

18.45 pm return to hotel

19.00 pm Dinner provided at hotel (5)

20.45 pm Transfer to concert venue

21.30 pm **CONCERT #2 WITH THE SANTA MONICA CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA
CONDUCTED BY ALLEN GROSS AT „CORTILE DELLA ROCCA” IN
RIVA DEL GARDA - THE XXII MusicaRivafestival**

Overnight Riva Del Garda (6)

Day 8 Wed July 20th

Riva del Garda

08.00 am Breakfast

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the delights of Lake Garda.

Visit **Sirmione**, a famous holiday and spa resort on a slender promontory on the southern shore of Lake Garda. The town runs the length of the 3.5 kilometers- (2 miles-) long peninsula and has been a popular holiday spot since Roman times.

Lunch on your own

19.00 pm Dinner provided at hotel (6)

Overnight Riva del Garda (7)

Day 9 Thu July 21st

Riva del Garda → Verona

07.30 am Breakfast

08.30 am Depart Riva del Garda

Arrive **Verona** the setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet

Lunch on own arrangements

check in Hotel HOLIDAY INN VERONA

15.00 pm Meet your local guides Mrs. Marina and Mrs. Romana at Via Pallone and start your guided city tour with a drive around the old city walls where you will see the four splendid city gates. See **San Zeno Church**, perhaps the finest Romanesque building in Italy and **Castel Vecchio**, an impressive 14th-century fortress with majestic ramparts and towers and the Roman Theater. Walk across the **Ponte di Pietra**, a stone bridge built by the Romans and still used by the Veronese today. Explore the medieval district and see its picturesque

houses, winding alleys, enchanting courtyards, renaissance palaces, and - perhaps the most famous of Verona's sights - the houses of Romeo and Juliet. Standing below **Juliet's balcony**, you can almost picture her appearing from her room and calling out to Romeo.

17.00 pm end of city tour
Dinner on own arrangements
Overnight Verona (8)

Day 10	Fri July 22nd	Verona
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08.00 am Breakfast
Free time - enjoy one of Italy's most appealing towns. Spend some time shopping along **Via Mazzini** and the **Piazza Bra**
Lunch on own arrangements
17.45 pm Dinner at local restaurant Scaligero (7)
21.15 pm attend **NABUCCO** at the **ARENA DI VERONA** (cost \$45)
Overnight Verona (9)

Day 11	Sat July 23rd	Verona
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08.00 am Breakfast
Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the delights and surrounding area of Verona
Lunch on your own
20.00 pm Sound Check
21.00 pm **CONCERT #3 WITH THE SANTA MONICA CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA CONDUCTED BY ALLEN GROSS AT THE BASILICA DI SANTA ANASTASIA IN VERONA**

Dinner on your own.
Overnight Verona (10)

Day 12	Sun July 24th	Verona→ Cremona
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07.30 am Breakfast
08.30 am Depart Verona
Arrive **Cremona**
check in Hotel CONTINENTAL CREMONA
13.00 am Lunch provided at the hotel (8)

Explore Cremona, a lovely city with beautiful churches and impressive palaces richly adorned with terra cotta tiles. Cremona is best known for its legendary violin makers, Amati, Stradivarius and Guarneri, and it is where the craft of violin making continues today.
See the authentic Stradivarius violins at the **Stradivarian Museum** (*entrance not included*)
Visit the **Torrazzo** in the Old Town and the glorious 12-century cathedral, featuring a 301-foot bell tower.
Dinner on own arrangements
Overnight Cremona (11)

Day 13	Mon July 25th	Cremona→ Bergamo
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7.30 am Breakfast

8.30 am Depart Cremona
Arrive in **Bergamo**
check in Hotel MERCURE BERGAMO PALAZZO DOLCI
Lunch on own arrangements.

15.30 pm Meet your local guides at the hotel and during your guided tour you will see that Bergamo is one of the most characteristic Lombard hill towns. Many of the town's stone fortifications were built on Roman foundations by the medieval Venetians.

18.00 pm end of city tour

19.00 pm Dinner provided at local restaurant La Ciotola (9)
Overnight Bergamo (12)

Day 14	Tue July 26th	Bergamo
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08.00 am Breakfast
At leisure in Bergamo and Lunch on own arrangements.

18.00 pm Farewell dinner provided at restaurant La Ciotola (10)

20.00 pm Sound check

21.00 pm **CONCERT #4 WITH THE SANTA MONICA CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA
CONDUCTED BY ALLEN GROSS AT THE BASILICA SANTA MARIA
MAGGIORE IN BERGAMO**

22.45 pm end of concert
Overnight Bergamo (13)

Day 15	Wed July 27th	Milano→USA
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04.30 am Early Breakfast provided

05.00 am Santa Monica Chamber Philharmonia boards buses and departs hotel for Milano Malpensa International Airport

07.55 am Santa Monica Chamber Philharmonia departs from Milan to Vienna on Austrian Airlines # OS 518

09.30 am Santa Monica Chamber Philharmonia arrives Vienna International Airport on Austrian Airlines # OS 518

11.30 am Santa Monica Chamber Philharmonia departs from Vienna International Airport on Austrian Airlines # OS 087 to New York JFK International Airport

14.40 pm Santa Monica Chamber Philharmonia arrives JFK International Airport on Austrian Airlines # OS 087

18.10 pm California contingent departs from New York JFK International Airport to Los Angeles International Airport on United Airlines # UA 839

21.26 pm California contingent arrives Los Angeles International Airport.
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