



JOIN GTCYS' SYMPHONY ON AN EXCITING 50TH ANNIVERSARY INTERNATIONAL CONCERT TOUR TO ITALY THAT INCLUDES SORRENTO, THE AMALFI COAST, SICILY AND ROME!

BEGIN THE TOUR IN SORRENTO ON THE BAY OF NAPLES. EXPLORE THE ISLE OF CAPRI AND AMALFI COAST WITH A CONCERT IN RAVELLO.

TRAVEL TO SICILY TO VISIT THE CITIES OF CATANIA, TAORMINA, CEFALÙ AND PALERMO. PERFORM CONCERTS IN THE ANCIENT AMPHITHEATER OF TAORMINA AND IN THE UNIQUE SANTA MARIA DELLO SPASIMO.

CONCLUDE THE TOUR IN ROME. ENJOY VISITS TO THE COLOSSEUM, ROMAN FORUM, PANTHEON, SPANISH STEPS, SAINT PETER'S BASILICA AND THE ICONIC VATICAN MUSEUMS.

YOUR CONCERT TOUR WITH GTCYS' SYMPHONY TO ITALY IS SURE TO CREATE LIFELONG MEMORIES!



greater twin cities youth symphonies

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50th ANNIVERSARY ITALIAN SERENADE!

SORRENTO | AMALFI COAST | RAVELLO
CATANIA | TAORMINA | PALERMO | ROME

JUNE 14-25, 2022

Preview all tour information in detail and register at the following online registration site prepared by GrandTours.

<https://cvent.me/L4rXbG>

Password: GTCYS

Registration will close on November 15, 2021

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ITALIA

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Day 1 Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Depart on your Delta/Air France transatlantic overnight flights from Minneapolis to Paris. Meals: In-flight

Day 2 Wednesday, June 15, 2022 Naples | Pompeii | Sorrento

Arrive in Paris and make a connection to Naples, Italy. On arrival in Naples, load the waiting deluxe motor coach. Travel to Pompeii for a guided visit to this city buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79. Continue to Sorrento and check into the hotel. Take time to relax and freshen up before enjoying a group dinner. In-flight/D

Day 3 Thursday, June 16, 2022 Amalfi Coast | Sorrento

Enjoy spectacular sightseeing along the Amalfi Coast seeing the village of Positano. Cruise by boat to Amalfi where you can get lunch and explore the town. Return to Sorrento with the evening free to get dinner and explore the narrow streets of the Old Town. B

Day 4 Friday, June 17, 2022 Isle of Capri | Sorrento

Travel to the Marina Piccola and board a hydrofoil for a short crossing of the Mediterranean Sea to the Isle of Capri. Enjoy views of the Faraglioni Rocks and Marina from the sea. Ascend by minibus to Ana Capri for spectacular views all the way to Naples. Return to Sorrento with some time to rest. Travel to Ravello for a rehearsal, dinner and concert sponsored by the *Ravello Concert Society*. B/D

Day 5 Saturday, June 18, 2022 Sorrento | Catania

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and travel to Naples today where you board your flights to Catania, Sicily. On arrival, explore the historic city-center with local guides and get lunch. Check into the hotel. Enjoy a relaxed evening and dinner at the hotel. B/D

Day 6 Sunday, June 19, 2022 Taormina | Catania

Travel to Taormina. Rehearsal in the spectacular Roman Amphitheater and have time to get lunch in the city-centre. Evening concert in the *Teatro Antico di Taormina* as a featured headliner for the annual Taormina Arte Festival. B/D

Day 7 Monday, June 20, 2022 Cefalù | Palermo

Check out of the hotel and travel along the northern coast to the charming fishing village of Cefalù. Have time to explore and get lunch here. Continue to Palermo and check into the hotel. The evening is free with guides and chaperones to get dinner and explore the city-center. B

Day 8 Tuesday, June 21, 2022 Palermo

Morning rehearsal at the *Santa della Maria Spasimo* concert venue. Make an afternoon visit to nearby Monreale. See the Norman Cathedral famous for its Byzantine and Sicilian mosaics. Enjoy dinner and then perform an evening concert with the Palermo Conservatory of Music. B/D

Day 9 Wednesday, June 22, 2022 Palermo | Rome

Check out of the hotel. Morning flights to Rome. On arrival get lunch and then check into the hotel. Get settled into rooms and then take an evening walk as a group through Rome. See the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Piazza Navona. B

Day 10 Thursday, June 23, 2022 Rome

Depart from the hotel for morning sightseeing in Rome. Disembark from the busses near the Circus Maximus. Walk to the Colosseum for a guided visit. Continue to the Roman Forum and walk in the footsteps of Caesar. Next it's on to the Campo de' Fiori for lunch with time to explore in small groups. Possible evening collaboration concert with the *Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia*. B/D

Day 11 Friday, June 24, 2022

Rome

Visit the Vatican Museums for a guided tour including the beautiful Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's ceiling painting depicting scenes from the Book of Genesis. Discover St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in Christendom. Travel to the neighborhood of Trastevere where you can get lunch and explore this unique part of Rome. Return to the hotel. Have time to rehearse before performing the final concert of the tour in the *Chiesa di Sant'Ignazio di Loyola* located near the Pantheon. At the conclusion of the performance enjoy a festive farewell dinner at Ristorante Papa Rex. B/D

Day 12 Saturday, June 25, 2022* Rome | USA

Check-out of the hotel and depart from Rome to Minneapolis. Arrive home in the afternoon or early evening. Clear U.S. Immigration/Customs on arrival. Welcome home! B/In-flight

**Note: The tour may be extended by one day for some to return on Sunday, June 26, 2022 after an overnight in Amsterdam based on current group air schedules. We are hoping to avoid the stopover, but if needed there will be no additional cost if this is the case.*



Pompeii



Isle of Capri



Cefalù

INCLUDED

- Round trip airfare to Rome on Delta/KLM/Air France
- Transportation by deluxe motor coach in Italy
- Professional local tour managers on each motor coach
- 10-nights hotel in twin occupancy at 3 & 4 Star hotels
- Breakfast daily at hotels
- 7-group dinners as outlined in the itinerary
- Sightseeing program as listed in the itinerary
- Locally guided city-tours where applicable
- Admissions as required for the sightseeing program
- 4-concert performances with local promotion
- Gratuities to tour managers, drivers and local guides
- Travel Insured post departure travel protection
- Online tour registration and individual billing
- Payment by debit/credit card option (3% fee)
- Land-only package option if extending the tour
- Complete set of travel documents

NOT INCLUDED

- Passport valid through December 25, 2022
- Any required visas if traveling on a foreign passport
- 10-lunches (Budget 5-10 Euro per meal)
- 3-dinners (Budget 10-20 Euro per meal)
- Bows and rock-stops for cellists and bassists
- Music stands
- Fees for overweight or oversized personal luggage
- Bottled beverages/soft-drinks at group meals
- Pre departure travel protection with optional CFAR
- Souvenirs and other personal items

For the safety and well-being of each traveler, GrandTours is requiring all travelers to be vaccinated for all 2022 tours. Restrictions in place in Italy will not allow GrandTours to provide a quality tour experience for unvaccinated travelers.

TOUR CONTACTS

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ONLINE REGISTRATION

Tour registration is now open and will close on Monday, November 15, 2021. Click the following weblink to register for the tour: <https://cvent.me/L4rXbG>. Password to register is: GTCYS

TOUR PRICING

Air & Land Tour Package
\$4,895.00 per person (payment by check)

Land-Only Tour Package (No Group Air)
\$3,795.00 per person (payment by check)

A 3% convenience fee will be added to online debit/credit card payments when processed.

Payment Schedule*

- \$300 deposit is due by November 15, 2021
- \$1,500 payment due by January 15, 2022
- \$1,500 payment due by March 1, 2022
- Final balance due by May 1, 2022

*All deposits/payments are being made to GrandTours. A deposit made payable to GrandTours by check or by debit/credit card will confirm your participation. If you have funds held by GrandTours from the 2020 cancelled tour they will be applied to your 2022 tour account after registration.

Cancellation Policy

- 90 or more days prior to departure = Full refund
- 89 to 60 days prior = 75% of payments refunded
- 59 to 30 days prior = 50% of payments refunded
- 29 to 0 days prior = No refund (100% cancel fee)

Note: After the registration period closes and participants are confirmed in November, you may wish to consider the purchase of travel insurance that includes pre-trip cancellation coverage. Our recommended supplier is Travel Insured International, but you are free to purchase it from any vendor that suits your needs.

Our included post-departure group insurance has no pre-trip cancellation or pre-existing medical conditions coverage. Travel insurance protection options, including cancel-for-any-reason (CFAR) coverage are outlined in detail on the tour registration website. Consideration of protecting your tour investment with travel insurance protection is strongly recommended.



Catania