

Join the **NEW ORLEANS VOLUNTEER ORCHESTRA** to experience:

JUNE 2020

Tuscany

MONTECATINI · LUCCA · FLORENCE · PIENZA
MONTALCINO · ROME · VATICAN CITY

Our Daily Itinerary (subject to change)

DAY 1: DEPART USA

Depart on our **overnight, transatlantic flight** to Italy. Meals & snacks are served on board.

DAY 2: ARRIVE ITALY - MONTECATINI

Upon arrival in Italy, we are greeted by our **WCT Professional Tour Manager Representative** who escorts us to our luxury, private motor coach for transfer to Montecatini. In this beautiful town, we enjoy a **guided orientation tour** & have the remainder of the afternoon at leisure to get properly-acclimated to the time change with a relaxing hotel check-in & free time to explore the area, shop & have lunch on our own. Later, this evening, we delight in a delicious **Welcome Dinner** together.

(D) Four (4)-Star Hotel or Better

DAY 3: MONTECATINI - LUCCA - MONTECATINI/PERFORMANCE

Following our first full Italian breakfast, we depart on a morning excursion to **Lucca**, a city whose Roman origins are still evident today through the dynamic grid pattern of its streets. Our **guided tour of the city** highlights the eleventh-century Duomo, the church of San Michele in Foro, Piazza del Mercato, & the Torre dei Guinigi. We return to Montecatini this afternoon & prepare for our **first performance** which will take place this evening in a local venue. Dinner & the remainder of the evening is free for self-arranged activities.

(B) Four (4)-Star Hotel or Better

DAY 4: MONTECATINI - FLORENCE/PERFORMANCE - MONTECATINI



After breakfast, we depart for our **full-day excursion** to the Renaissance City of Florence. Upon arrival, we enjoy a **guided walking tour** of Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery & its Gates of Paradise, & the Cathedral of St. Maria del Fiore. We end our tour with a **visit to the Academy of Fine Arts** to view Michelangelo's *David*. We have free time to shop & enjoy the treasures of this dazzling city for the rest of the afternoon. This evening, we perform an **evening concert** in a local venue before returning to Montecatini, where we have dinner & the rest of the night on our own.

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9-DAY TOUR INCLUSIONS

ROUNTRIP AIRFARE

- AIR TAXES UP TO \$650

SEVEN (7) NIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

- FOUR (4)-STAR PROPERTIES/+
- ONE (1)-BAG PORTERAGE

PROFESSIONAL TOUR MANAGER

- ADDITIONAL, LOCAL STEP-ON GUIDES

LUXURY MOTOR COACH PER ITINERARY

FOUR (4) PERFORMANCES

BREAKFAST DAILY

TWO (2) DINNERS

- WELCOME DINNER
- FAREWELL DINNER

FINE CHEESE TASTING

WINERY TOUR & TASTING

SIGHTSEEING PER ITINERARY

TIPS & GRATUITIES

RESIDENCY TAXES



\$3,449 P/P DBL. OCC.

(Plus Fuel Surcharges/Air Taxes Exceeding \$650, Pending Air Confirmation)

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DAY 5: MONTECATINI - PIENZA/CHEESE TASTING - MONTALCINO/WINE CELLAR TOUR & TASTING - MONTECATINI

This morning, we depart for **Pienza**, a Renaissance jewel specializing in Pecorino, a delicious cheese made exclusively from sheep milk. Here, we enjoy a **tasting of local cheese** before continuing to the quaint village of **Montalcino**. Upon arrival in this hill town, famous for its Brunello wine made with the Sangiovese Grosso grape, we have a **wine tasting & guided visit to a local wine cellar**. We have time to explore the city on our own before returning to Montecatini where we have dinner on our own & the evening before enjoy our now-familiar surroundings.

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DAY 6: MONTECATINI - FLORENCE/PERFORMANCE- MONTECATINI

This morning after breakfast, we return to Florence & enjoy a **full-day at leisure** for self-arranged activities. Our professional tour manager is delighted to offer suggestions or make arrangements for sightseeing, if requested. Fantastic & “non-touristy” options include exploring the Piazza della Signoria, visiting the Boboli Gardens, or simply relaxing at a sidewalk café, sampling fragrant espresso & delicious gelato. Later, we **perform our third concert** in another one of Florence’s immaculate venues before returning to Montecatini this evening. Dinner is on our own for our final night in this Tuscan village.

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DAY 7: MONTECATINI - ROME

Today, we enjoy the morning at leisure before checking-out of our hotel & transferring to Rome. Upon arrival into the “Eternal City,” we embark on a **guided panoramic tour of Ancient Rome** including Palatine Hill, Fori Imperiali, & Venice Square. During our tour, we also **visit & tour the iconic Coliseum**. We continue to our hotel for check-in this evening and have free time for dinner on our own & self-arranged activities.

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DAY 8: ROME - VATICAN CITY - ROME/PERFORMANCE

Following breakfast this morning, we depart on our private, **morning excursion** to Vatican City where we enjoy a **guided tour of the Vatican Museums, St. Peter’s Basilica & the Sistine Chapel**. This afternoon, we perform our **final concert** in a local venue in Rome & later, gather for a **Farewell Dinner** at a local restaurant to reminisce about our amazing experiences together.

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DAY 9: DEPART ROME - ARRIVE USA

After breakfast, we board our motor coach and transfer to the airport for our **return flight to the USA**. *(B)*

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITY: A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS and must be valid at least six months after your tour return date. Please note that passport cards are not considered valid for international travel. For domestic travel within the continental USA, a passport is not required for US Citizens, however an unexpired form of local or federal government-issued photo ID (passport, driver’s license, military ID) is required for all adult passengers (18 and over). Please send – with each deposit and registration form – a copy of each registrant’s passport (or government-issued photo ID for domestic tours), if applicable. Failure to submit a copy of your valid passport (if applicable) may result in penalties or additional fees charged by the airline/participating partners to make corrections to your reservation. **A TRAVEL VISA MAY BE REQUIRED FOR NON-US CITIZENS (TRAVELERS WITHOUT AN AMERICAN PASSPORT)**, who are traveling internationally. It is the responsibility of the traveler to contact the embassy of any countries that will be visited during the tour (including countries visited during flight layovers) to determine whether a travel visa is required, and for further information about the application process. Any visas must be obtained as the sole responsibility of the individual traveler. If you need a travel visa, World Cultural Tours (WCT) requires that you submit written verification that a visa has been obtained or a photocopy of your visa, no later than 15 days prior to the departure date of your tour. World Cultural Tours (WCT) and other participating affiliates act solely as agents in arranging transportation, hotel accommodations, and other services. We do not assume, and in fact, we expressly disclaim, any liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, consequences resulting from cancellations and/or delays including, but not limited to, schedule changes, strikes, war, political conflict, riots, inclement weather or acts of God. Likewise, we assume no liability for any act, negligence or default of our guides, including their agents and employees, or any company or person engaged in the transport of passengers, rendering of any service, or conducting arrangements for any tour. WCT reserves the right to cancel any tour or alter the tour price due to insufficient participation. In the event that a group must cancel in full due to lack of materialization or the inability to meet the minimum number of participants that the tour price was based on, **tour members will receive a full refund, less a \$150 administration fee and/or any non-refundable penalties** owed or paid on behalf of the tour (this includes penalties for airline deposits, hotel deposits, transportation deposits, non-refundable entrance fees or performance tickets). Furthermore, WCT reserves the right, at our sole discretion, to modify any itinerary or arrangements based on unprecedented situations that may arise. In the event modifications should become necessary, alterations may be made without penalty to the operator; additional costs, if any, shall be incurred by the traveler. All registrants are invoiced with single occupancy rates if no roommate is specified. We will adjust rooming lists & invoices accordingly upon written notification of roommate preferences. It is the responsibility of the individual traveler to find a roommate, or group organizer to match unpaired individuals.

DEVIATION: If any passenger wishes to deviate from the group by extending their tour or by making any alterations to the included group travel arrangements: please visit www.worldculturaltours.com to initiate a deviation request through our Contact Us page or by emailing CustomerService@WorldCulturalTours.com no later than **91 days prior to departure**. A Tour Consultant will contact you, therefore it is important to include accurate telephone and email information. You will be required to submit a **Deviation Request Form** along with a non-refundable deviation administration fee (\$150 P/P) in order to initiate a deviation request and before any quotation or arrangements can be made. Please note that additional fees charged by the airline or other service providers may apply. Payment may be submitted online at www.worldculturaltours.com. **LAND-ONLY ARRANGEMENTS:** If you plan on making your own air arrangements, **you must notify World Cultural Tours in writing** and submit an official **Land-Only Request Form, no later than 91 days prior to departure**. Your account will be updated with the land-only reduction or applicable adjustments only once the Land-Only Request Form has been received. All travelers are responsible for any travel arrangements not included in the tour program, as well as **round trip arrival and departure transfers** and any arrangements necessary to join the group at their first hotel accommodation.

INSURANCE: WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND TRAVEL PROTECTION. We are happy to provide information for travel protection. Please refer to www.worldculturaltours.com/insurance.html or call (877) 218-TOUR for more information & carefully review the information to understand coverage. **IMPORTANT:** The exclusion for Pre-Existing Conditions will be waived provided the premium is received no later than **fourteen (14) days after the initial deposit for your trip** and you are not disabled from travel at the time you submit your premium. Please note that travel protection cannot be purchased after final payment has been submitted and in the event of individual cancellation, **travel protection premiums are non-refundable**. For full disclosure of liability and a list of frequently asked questions, please refer to the following link: www.tripmate.com/wpf438W/tic.

TOUR PRICES: All tour prices are based on costs, charges & exchange rates known at time of booking. In case of **currency fluctuations (if applicable) of more than 3%** WCT reserves the right to adjust the tour price accordingly. Any domestic and/or international residency taxes, departure or arrival taxes, security charges, baggage fees, and other types of air or airport or port taxes or any other surcharges **not** included in the tour price will be the responsibility of each passenger. **Current fuel surcharges, carrier imposed fees, and air taxes are averaging between \$650-\$750 per person.** Our preferred method of payment is in the form of an **ACH/e-check (online)**; however, online credit card payments can also be made via Authorize.net through our website, www.worldculturaltours.com. A non-refundable convenience fee of \$30 will be assessed, per transaction, for all credit card payments. A \$50 Returned Check Fee will be assessed for each returned check. A single check or credit card payment may be made for multiple registrants. Please note that WCT reserves the right to require final payment via credit card or electronic check in the event of a past-due balance that needs to be expedited. Furthermore, WCT reserves the right to cancel all tour arrangements for traveler(s) with past-due balances; however, WCT will make every effort to contact said traveler(s) prior to taking action.

CANCELLATION POLICY: INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE NOTIFICATION IS RECEIVED IN WRITING. You may submit cancellation notices to the following email address: Accounting@WorldCulturalTours.com. Any travel protection premiums and unused tour portions are non-refundable, and any costs of services received while traveling are non-refundable. **Up to 121 days prior to departure, full refund less a \$150 administration fee will be made.** After that period, **additional cancellation fees will be assessed as follows:**

- 120-91 days prior to departure – loss of deposit
- 90-61 days prior to departure – 35% of total tour price is forfeited
- 60-46 days prior to departure – 50% of total tour price is forfeited
- 45-0 days prior to departure – 100% of total tour price is forfeited

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