

Sacramento Choral Society

American Celebration of Music in Italy

Donald Kendrick, Director
June 18-28, 2024

Flight Information

37 SEATS (+1 Deviator)

| <u>Depart</u> | <u>Return</u> |
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| Tuesday, June 18, 2024 <i>Lufthansa Flight #455</i> Depart: San Francisco (SFO) 2:40pm | Friday, June 28, 2024 <i>Lufthansa Flight #279</i> Depart: Milan (LIN)..... 7:00am Arrive: Frankfurt (FRA)..... 8:20am |
| Wednesday, June 19, 2024 Arrive: Frankfurt (FRA)..... 10:25am <i>Lufthansa Flight #252</i> Depart: Frankfurt (FRA) 12:40pm Arrive: Milan (MXP) 1:55pm | <i>Lufthansa Flight #454</i> Depart: Frankfurt (FRA) 10:25am Arrive: San Francisco (SFO)..... 12:40pm |

Baggage Fee Information

Please note that baggage fees are **not** included in your tour cost and are subject to change.

Lufthansa

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*(2nd bag is limited to instrument or musical equipment only to properly accommodate luggage for both air **and** onboard the motorcoach)*

Hotel Information

Milan

Check-in: *June 19* Check-out: *June 20*

UNAHOTELS Century Milano

Ingresso Auto, Via Pirelli, 20, Via Fabio Filzi, 25
20124 Milan

Phone: 011 39 02 675041

Website: [Click Here](#)

Stresa

Check-in: *June 20* Check-out: *June 23*

Grand Hotel Bristol

Corso Umberto I, 73
28838 Stresa VB

Phone: 011 39 0323 32601

Website: [Click Here](#)

Cremona

Check-in: *June 23* Check-out: *June 26*

Cremona Palace Hotel

Via Castelleone, 62
26022 Costa Sant'Abramo CR

Phone: 011 39 0372 471374

Website: [Click Here](#)

Santa Margherita

Check-in: *June 26* Check-out: *June 28*

Starhotels President

Corte dei Lambruschini, 4
16129 Genova

Phone: 011 39 010 5727

Website: [Click Here](#)

Group Operating Itinerary

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| Day 1 | Tuesday, June 18 | | |
| 2:40pm | Depart San Francisco via Lufthansa Flight #455 | | |
| Day 2 | Wednesday, June 19 | Milan | (D) |
| 10:25am | Arrive in Frankfurt | | |
| 12:40pm | Depart Frankfurt via Lufthansa Flight #252 | | |
| 1:55pm | Arrive in Milan | | |
| | Meet your MCI Tour Managers, Isabella Lozano & Massimo Bannetta, who will assist the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoaches | | |
| | Panoramic tour of Milan while transferring to your hotel | | |
| | Late afternoon check-in to the Hotel UNA Century Milano | | |
| 6:30pm | Group 1 - Welcome Dinner at the hotel restaurant | | |
| 8:00pm | Group 2 - Welcome Dinner at the hotel restaurant | | |
| | Overnight at your hotel | | |
| Day 3 | Thursday, June 20 | Lake Maggiore / Stresa | (B,D) |
| | American buffet breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out | | |
| 9:00am | Morning guided tour of Milan includes entrances to the Duomo, the largest Gothic cathedral in Italy. Also see the Gallerie Viktor Emmanuelle – Milan’s most elegant shopping area that links the Piazza del Duomo with Piazza della Scala, site of the famous opera house. Visit and spent time in the Brera District, the artistic heart of the city and home to small artisan’s workshops, quaint stores, the impressive Accademia di Belle Arti, where visitors can admire Milan’s famous painting collection at the Pinacoteca (the Brera Picture Gallery), the historic Biblioteca Nazionale Braidense (Braidense National Library) , the Museo Astronomico (The Astronomical Museum), the oldest scientific research institute in all of Italy and the Giardino Botanico (Botanical Gardens) | | |
| | Lunch, on own | | |
| | Afternoon Transfer to Stresa via Lake Maggiore | | |
| | Continue to Stresa | | |
| | Late afternoon check-in to Hotel Bristol | | |
| 7:00pm | Dinner at the hotel restaurant and overnight | | |
| Day 4 | Friday, June 21 | Borromee Islands / Stresa | (B,D) |
| | American buffet breakfast at the hotel | | |
| | Morning boat excursion to Isola Bella and Isola dei Pescatori | | |
| | Lunch, on own | | |
| | Return to Stresa | | |
| | Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping, or other activities | | |
| 6:30pm | Dinner at Restaurant Milan Au Lac at Hotel Milan Speranza | | |
| | Return to your hotel for overnight | | |
| Day 5 | Saturday, June 22 | Como / Stresa | (B,D) |
| | American buffet breakfast at the hotel | | |
| | Depart for an excursion to Como | | |
| 10:30am | Half-day guided sightseeing tour. See the Duomo, San Fedele Basilica, the Basilica of St. Abbondio, and the ancient quarters of the walled town | | |
| | Lunch, on own | | |
| | Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping, or other activities | | |
| | Dinner at a local restaurant | | |

- 7:00pm Arrive at the Basilica di San Fedele for set-up
- 7:30pm Rehearsal (1 hour)
- 8:30pm Change into concert clothes and allow audience to enter
- 9:00pm** *Performance at the Basilica di San Fedele in Como as part of the American Celebration of Music in Italy (1 hour)*
- 10:00pm Clear space and depart
Return to the hotel in Stresa for overnight

Day 6 Sunday, June 23 Busseto / Cremona (B,D)

- American buffet breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
- 7:30am Take an excursion to Busseto, which has ancient roots that date back to the 10th century. Visits include the Teatro Verdi Opera House, Verdi's birthplace, and Casa Barezzi (former home of Antonio Barezzi)
Lunch, on own, during the above sightseeing
Transfer to Cremona
- 4:00pm Enjoy a visit to the Stradivarius Museum – Museo del Violino. There are galleries devoted to the origins of the violin, violin construction, and Stradivari's workshop tools, molds and drawings
Evening check-in to the Hotel Cremona Palace
Dinner at the hotel restaurant
Overnight at your hotel

Day 7 Monday, June 24 Cremona (B,D)

- 7:00am American buffet breakfast at the hotel
Enjoy an orientation tour of the city. See the Duomo (Cathedral), Town Hall, and other historic sights all while learning about the historic significance of this gorgeous city
Lunch, on own
Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping, or other activities
- 5:45pm Arrive at the Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta (Duomo) for set-up
- 6:00pm Rehearsal (1 hour)
Walk to dinner (next door, about 140 feet)
Dinner at Restaurant Pizzeria Duomo
- 8:30pm Arrive back at venue and change into concert clothes
- 9:00pm** *Performance at the Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta (Duomo) in Cremona as part of the "C" American Celebration of Music in Italy (1 hour)*
- 10:00pm Clear space and depart
Return to your hotel for overnight

Day 8 Tuesday, June 25 Mantua / Cremona (B,D)

- American buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30am Excursion to Mantua – rich in priceless treasures and famous for its excellent cuisine. Mantua is located on the river Mincio, and surrounded by three artificial lakes
- 10:00am Enjoy a half-day guided sightseeing tour including the Palazzo Ducale, Palazzo Te, the San Giorgio Castle, and St. Andrea's Basilica
Lunch, on own
Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping, or other activities
Return to Cremona
- 6:30am Dinner at Osteria Palio dell'Oca
Return to your hotel for overnight

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| Day 9 | Wednesday, June 26 | Portofino / S. Margherita Ligure / Genoa | (B,D) |
| | American buffet breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out | | |
| 9:00am | Transfer along the gorgeous Italian Riviera and visit the charming villages of Portofino and S. Margherita Ligure | | |
| | Lunch, on own | | |
| | Continue to Santa Margherita Ligure and explore the village | | |
| | Short time at leisure | | |
| | Continue to Genoa | | |
| | Late afternoon check-in to the Hotel Starhotels President | | |
| 7:30pm | Dinner at the hotel restaurant and overnight | | |
| Day 10 | Thursday, June 27 | Cinque Terre / S. Margherita Ligure / Genoa | (B,D) |
| | American buffet breakfast at the hotel | | |
| 8:00am | Enjoy an excursion to Cinque Terre. The next stop is Manarola, a picturesque village sitting on a rock with a small harbor | | |
| | Lunch, on own | | |
| | Also visit Vernazza, considered to be one of the most beautiful fishing villages in all of Italy, which is very characteristic for Cinque Terre | | |
| | Mid-Afternoon transfer to Santa Margherita Ligure | | |
| | Farewell Dinner at Restaurant Antico Cedro | | |
| 7:00pm | Arrive at the Basilica di Santa Margherita di Antiochia for set-up | | |
| 7:30pm | Rehearsal (1 hour) | | |
| 8:30pm | Change into concert clothes and allow audience to enter | | |
| 9:00pm | <i>Performance at the Basilica di Santa Margherita as part of the American Celebration of "C" Music in Italy (1 hour)</i> | | |
| 10:00pm | Clear space and depart | | |
| | Return to your hotel in Genoa for overnight | | |
| Day 11 | Friday, June 28 | Depart for home | (B) |
| 2:15am | Box breakfast from the hotel, followed by check-out | | |
| 2:30am | Transfer to the Milan Airport for return flight home | | |
| 7:00am | Depart Milan via Lufthansa Flight #279 | | |
| 8:20am | Arrive in Frankfurt | | |
| 10:25am | Depart Frankfurt via Lufthansa Flight #454 | | |
| 12:40pm | Arrive in San Francisco | | |

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities. © [Music Celebrations International](#)