

Group Operating Itinerary

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)

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

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](#)