

HEART OF ITALY TOUR

CELEBRATING THE 800th ANNIVERSARY
OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

11 days, 10 nights

June 22, 2026—July 2, 2026



ASSISI—ROME—FLORENCE
ORVIETO—SIENA—TODI

Musical
Collaborations



St. Peter's Basilica



Santa Maria degli Angeli



Ponte Vecchio—Florence

ITINERARY

Monday, June 22—Day 1 North American Departure

Depart this day from your North American departure point on your overnight flight to Europe. Night in flight.

Tuesday, June 23—Day 2 Orvieto, Assisi

Benvenuti in Italia—Welcome to Italy!

This morning you will arrive into Rome Fiumicino Airport. After retrieving your luggage and moving through customs, you will be met by your English-speaking guide who will be with you throughout your time in Italy. This morning you will travel by private motorcoach to Assisi, with a brief afternoon stop in the famous city of Orvieto, a hilltop gem rich in history and charm. Stave off Day 2 jetlag by a relaxed exploration of the stunning Duomo, famous for its architecture, frescos, and Eucharistic miracle. The group will then continue to Assisi, dining together after settling into the hotel. Night in Assisi (1).

Wednesday, June 24—Day 3 Assisi, Perugia

This morning you will take a familiarization tour in and around the medieval town of Assisi to visit the peaceful mountain Hermitage built by St. Francis, San Damiano, the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli—home of the Porziuncola, and the Cathedral of San Rufino. Next, you will travel to nearby Perugia for lunch and free time on your own to explore. This day trip will conclude with dinner together in Assisi. Night in Assisi (2).

Thursday, June 25—Day 4
Assisi, Florence

Today you will travel to beautiful Firenze (Florence) for a morning guided tour and lunch on your own.

Musician Track: Musicians will have rehearsal in the afternoon prior to an afternoon concert in Florence.

Traveler Track: Those not performing will have free time on their own to explore Florence before attending the afternoon concert.

The group will have dinner together in Florence before a late evening return to Assisi. Night in Assisi (3).

Friday, June 26—Day 5
Assisi

Today will begin with a tour of the Basilica of St. Francis including the upper church, lower church, and crypt. Your day continues with a cooking class in Assisi which includes lunch.

Musician Track: Afternoon concert rehearsal

Traveler Track: Free time in Assisi for non performers
Dinner together in Assisi followed by a concert in Assisi. Night in Assisi (4).

Saturday, June 27—Day 6
Siena, Assisi

This morning will begin with a drive to Siena, a morning guided tour followed by lunch on your own and free time in the afternoon. Dinner together in Assisi. Night in Assisi (5).

Sunday, June 28—Day 7
Assisi

Today you will begin with Sunday Mass in Assisi. Singers in our group will sing for Mass. In the afternoon, you will make your way to the Rocca Maggiore overlooking the city for an Olive Oil tasting. Dinner in Assisi followed by an evening concert. Night in Assisi (6).



Basilica of St. Francis



Piazza Navona



Siena



Colosseum



St. Paul Outside the Walls



Santa Maria degli Angeli



Santa Chiara
San Rufino



Trevi Fountain

Monday, June 29—Day 8 Assisi, Todi, Rome

This morning, the group departs Assisi for Rome. Along the way the group will visit nearby Todi for exploration and a midday concert. Lunch on your own along the route before arriving in Rome and settling into the hotel. Group dinner together in Rome. Night in Rome (1).

Tuesday, June 30—Day 9 Rome

Today you will begin with a guided tour of Rome with stops at the Colosseum, Basilica of San Clemente, and St. Peter in Chains where you will see Michelangelo's Moses. After lunch on your own, the afternoon is yours to explore Rome or take an optional group walk to famous Roman sights such as the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Spanish Steps, and Piazza Navona.

Musician Track: Musicians will have rehearsal in the afternoon.

Traveler Track: Those not performing will have free time on their own to explore Rome.

In the evening the group will dine together before an evening concert. Night in Rome (2).

Wednesday, July 1—Day 10 Rome

Today you will have the opportunity to visit all four Papal Basilicas in Rome. The morning begins with a tour of the Vatican including St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, highlights of the Vatican Museums, and an optional climb to the top of the dome of St. Peter's Basilica. This afternoon you will have the opportunity to visit the basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, Santa Maria Maggiore, and St. John Lateran. Special Farewell Italia group dinner in Rome. Night in Rome (3).

Thursday, July 2—Day 11

Rome, North America

Though too soon, your Italian adventure has come to an end. Private motorcoach will be provided to Roma Fiumicino Airport for your flight home.

Every effort will be made to adhere exactly to this itinerary. From time to time last minute changes must be made to accommodate unforeseen circumstances such as rain, extreme heat, brief local work stoppage/strikes, or other short term occurrences. In these instances, it is usually possible to swap one event with another or simply change the order of the day's events. In all cases, we will have a daily check-in at dinner to outline the itinerary for the following day.

CONCERTS

Vocal, Choral, and Organ Concerts throughout our journey

Thursday, June 25—Concert in Florence

Friday, June 26—Concert in Assisi

Sunday, June 28—Sing for Mass in Assisi

Sunday, June 28—Concert in Assisi

Monday, June 29—Concert in Todi

Tuesday, June 30—Concert in Rome

NON PERFORMER TRACK

There are a few concert rehearsals scheduled throughout our journey. During these times, non-performers have free time to explore various cities on their own. These are prime opportunities for exploring new places, new foods, or a little shopping. We are always happy to suggest hidden gems in each city that are off the usual tourist path.

Heart of Italy Tour 2026

AT A GLANCE

- ◇ Two Hotels: Rome (3 nights) and Assisi (6 nights)
- ◇ 6 Concerts
- ◇ Live like a local in the heart of Assisi
- ◇ Day trips to Florence and Siena
- ◇ Visits to Perugia, Orvieto, and Todi

Amazing Artwork

- ◇ Sculpture (Michelangelo in Rome)
- ◇ Frescos (Giotto in Assisi)
- ◇ Mosaics (Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome)

Architecture

- ◇ Basilica of St. Peter, Rome
- ◇ Basilica of St. Francis, Assisi
- ◇ Duomo, Florence
- ◇ Basilica of St. Clare, Assisi
- ◇ Duomo, Orvieto
- ◇ Cathedral of San Rufino, Assisi
- ◇ Pantheon, Rome
- ◇ Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, Rome

Food

- ◇ Cooking Class in Assisi
- ◇ Umbrian Delights— Pasta alla Norcina
- ◇ Roman Delicacies—Spaghetti alla carbonara, Cacio e Pepe
- ◇ Tuscan Traditions—Bistecca alla Fiorentina
- ◇ Olive oil tasting in Assisi
- ◇ Italian Wine Tastings available

Vistas

- ◇ Gianicolo Hill, Rome with sweeping vistas of the city
- ◇ Umbrian Countryside from the height of Monte Subasio above Assisi
- ◇ Todi hilltop view of the Tiber Valley
- ◇ Tuscan Hills from the vantage point of Siena's most famous sites

Terms and Conditions

Registration:

To complete your registration for Musical Collaborations LLC's Heart of Italy 2026 Tour, please visit www.musicalcollaborations.org/italy2026 to submit registration materials electronically. Please include a copy of your passport with registration.

Fee Schedule:

- ◇ Tour Cost: \$5900.00 per person with double occupancy. Single room supplement: \$750.00
- ◇ A \$1500 deposit per person is due at the time of reservation. 50% of the balance is due by January 15, 2026. The remaining balance is due by May 15, 2026. Checks drawn on a bank of the United States in US dollars may be made payable to Musical Collaborations LLC. Electronic payment options are available.

Waiting List:

A waiting list will be created if the maximum number of 40 participants has been reached.

Included:

Round-trip economy airfare to and from New York and Rome. ~ Private motorcoach from Morris County, NJ to and from the airport. ~ All transportation by private motorcoach. ~ Hotel accommodations for 9 nights in 3- and 4- star hotels. ~ Breakfast is provided daily during the tour. ~ Dinners for 9 evenings are provided during the tour. One dinner is included mid-flight. ~ Lunches are on your own, except for one lunch included mid-flight. ~ Local guides as listed; Entrance fees as listed.

Not Included:

Gratuities, passport/visa fees, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airline allowance, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

Proof of Citizenship:

A valid U.S. passport is required for all U.S. citizens. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the end of the intended trip. Citizens of other countries can find entry requirements here: <https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it>. As of October 2025, the new Entry/Exit System for European Union began to be operational. Information is available here: <https://travel-europe.europa.eu/en/ees>.

Language:

The working languages of the tour are English and Italian. Additional accommodation for language will be made depending upon the make-up of the group.

Cancellation:

In the event that the tour is cancelled, all participants will receive full refunds. Tour must have 18 participants by January 15, 2026. If the participant cancels his or her own reservation, refunds will be given according to the following schedule:

- ◇ Participant cancellation on or before February 1, 2026, the participant will receive a refund minus \$700 deposit.
- ◇ Participant cancellation after February 1, 2026 but on or before April 30, 2026, the participant will receive a refund minus \$2000.
- ◇ After May 15, 2026, no refunds can be given.
- ◇ Once airline tickets are issued, 100% of airfare is non-refundable. There are no refunds for unused portions of the tour.

Services:

Musical Collaborations LLC is responsible for providing the tour outlined herein and assumes no responsibility for actions beyond its control in connection with travel services. In case of need Musical Collaborations LLC will provide alternate accommodations and/or services comparable to those originally published. Musical Collaborations LLC is not responsible or liable for any claims, losses, damages, costs or expenses arising out of personal injury or death, loss of enjoyment, upset, disappointment, distress or frustration, loss of or damage to property, accident, delay, non performance, irregularity, or any consequence from them, which may be occasioned through the neglect or default or any act or omission of any travel services provider or any governmental authority or which may be occasioned through weather, equipment failure, labor disputes, sickness, theft or any other reason not within the direct control of Musical Collaborations LLC. Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

CONTACT US

To learn more about this trip or any of our upcoming travel opportunities, please contact us below. We look forward to speaking with you soon.



Argentina

**BUENOS AIRES—MONTEVIDEO
IGUAZÚ FALLS—LUJAN—MERCEDES**

Poland

**WARSAW—KRAKOW—WADOWICE
CZĘSTOCHOWA—ZAKOPANE**



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Tour Cost

\$5900

Double occupancy

\$750

Single supplement

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