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TUES Jun 19

TRANSATLANTIC

Overnight flight from San Francisco to Milan.

WED Jun 20

ARRIVE MILAN (D)

Upon arrival at Milan airport, be met by your Italian tour escort who will be with you until the end of the tour, board the coach and enjoy a guided tour of Milan. You'll admire Sforzesco Castle, Vittorio Emanuele Gallery and visit the Duomo and Teatro La Scala, the world's most prestigious opera venue.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT MILAN.

THU Jun 21 MILAN / BERGAMO / VERONA / VENICE (B,D)

Depart Milan for Venice, stopping in Bergamo and Verona. Gaetano Donizetti, the celebrated composer who wrote "Lucia di Lammermoor" and "L'elisir d'Amore", was born in Bergamo in Via Borgo Canale. The house of his birth is a museum housing various mementos and records of his life. The final monument connected to the memory of Donizetti is his tomb, which can be found in the central nave of the Basilica of S. Maria Maggiore. Continue to Verona for a visit. Affectionately known as Little Rome during the time of the Roman Empire, the city bursts with Baroque architecture and ancient relics, but is perhaps most famous for its association with Shakespeare's greatest love story. Violins will perhaps play beneath "Juliet's Balcony" in flashmob fashion. In late afternoon arrive in Venice.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT VENICE

FRI Jun 22



Today a guided walking tour of Venice. Visit the Doge's Palace with its richly decorated rooms, impressive sculptures and decorative elements. Cross the famous Bridge of Sighs and visit the terrible dungeons where Casanova was imprisoned. Inside St Mark's Basilica is Italian Byzantine architecture at its finest. Music lovers connect the city of Venice

VENICE (B,D)

with Antonio Vivaldi. He was born in Venice and lived here most of his life. Visit the beautiful church of San Giovanni in Bragora, where he was baptized in 1678. A plaque dedicated to him is next to the baptismal font. Visit other sites associated with him. Afternoon PERFORMANCE (tba)

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT VENICE

SAT Jun 23

VENICE – PESARO (B,D)

After breakfast board the coach to Pesaro, hometown of 19th century composer Gioachino Rossini. A food connoisseur, a few recipes have been named after him. You can enjoy "Pizza Rossini" at lunch. Beside the Palazzo Ducale you will visit the birthplace of Rossini, its original furnishings intact. Visit Rossini Temple, the Conservatorio, and the theatre which hosts the operas and concerts of the Rossini Opera Festival, a theatre season, a concert season and National Drama Festival. DINNER AND OVERNIGHT PESARO

SUN Jun 24

PESARO / MAIOLATI SPONTINI / JESI-PESARO (B,D)

Transfer to Maiolati Spontini, famous for the great composer Gaspare Spontini. Visit the Casa Museo di Gaspare Spontini where the composer and his wife spent their last years. In Jesi, along the Via Pergolesi, you will find the Amici Palace and a stone marking the birth of Giovanni Battista Pergolesi. Pergolesi was a composer, violinist, organist and one of the first and foremost composers of opera buffas and sacred music. Born into a poor, debt-ridden family, weak and frail of health, he died alone in a convent at only 26 years of age. Yet, he made such a sensation that he is more remembered by his legend than by his history. Afternoon PERFORMANCE (tba).

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT PESARO

MON Jun 25

PESARO – LUCCA (B,D)

Depart Pesaro to Lucca the hometown of composer Giacomo Puccini. Born on December 22, 1858, he was the last in a dynasty of composers who for more than a century held a virtual monopoly of the city's musical life. The Puccini Museum includes the composer's houses, the research center, the institution and all the other places bound to him. The house on Corte San Lorenzo 9 where Puccini was born. He was trained at the Milan conservatory and achieved a true international triumph with La Bohème in 1896. He followed with other "hits" – Tosca (1900) and Madama Butterfly (1904) that made him the richest and most famous composer at the time.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT LUCCA

TUE Jun 26

FLORENCE / LUCCA (B,D)

Today a full day excursion to Florence. Travel to the neighborhood of San Lorenzo and its open-air market. Your guide will discuss the Medici family and their impact on the city's politics and art during the

Renaissance. Next, go to the Duomo, where Brunelleschi's famous Dome sits. See the Baptistery and Giotto's Bell Tower. Continue through the bustling square of Piazza della Signoria, home to Palazzo Vecchio, outdoor cafes and a collection of famous sculptures, including Giambologna's Rape of the Sabine Women. Visit the Accademia museum, the Uffizi Art Gallery and Santa Croce Church. Afternoon MUSIC PERFORMANCE . DINNER AND OVERNIGHT LUCCA



WED, Jun 27 LUCCA / VERNAZZA – GENOVA (B,D)

This morning on our way to Genova, we travel to La Spezia where we board a coastal train to stop at the charming village of Vernazza in the Cinque Terre. The Cinque Terre is an enchanting region made up of

five charming villages. Vernazza is the favorite of most who travel there. On arrival follow your tour escort into the village and revitalize with a delicious Italian lunch in an open air restaurant (own expense). Admire the picturesque harbor and the sweeping vistas of the Mediterranean Sea before contiuing via train and coach to Genova.



DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GENOVA

THU Jun 28

GENOVA (B,D)

Discover Genoa through Nicolò Paganini's places: an interesting itinerary among music and history. Afternoon PERFORMANCE (tba). DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GENOVA

FRI Jun 29

SUN Jul 1

GENOVA / PARMA (B,D)

This morning board the coach and depart for Parma. Have a guided tour outside of Parma to Roncole, visit the house where Giuseppe Verdi was born, St Michaels Church, Villa Verdi in St. Agatha, where he spent the last days of his life; the Casa Barezzi Museum where he composed his first operas and the the Teatro Verdi in Busseto . DINNER AND OVERNIGHT PARMA

SAT Jun 30 PARMA / MANTOVA / CREMONA / MILAN (B,D)

Travel to Mantova for a guided tour. It was the birthplace of latin poet Virgil and where the melodrama originated from Claudio Monteverdi. Giuseppe Verdi chose it as the setting for Rigoletto. Young Mozart performed here in 1770. Then, continue on to Cremona, the town of Antonio Stradivari. In the Violin Museum you will have an insight into the origin and history of the violin, the method of construction, the most important families of Cremonese violin makers. See the places where Stradivari lived and visit a contemporary violinmaker's workshop to discover the secrets and charm of modern lutherie. Continue to Milan.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT MILAN

Transfer to airport for departure home.

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