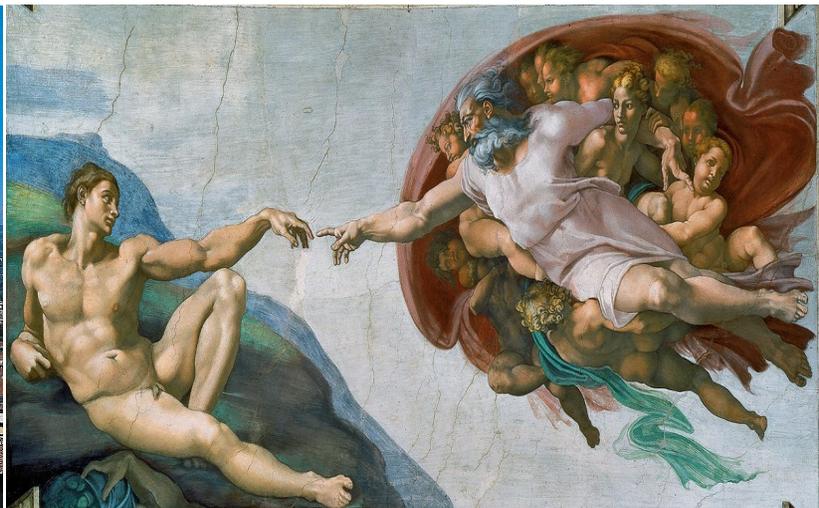




What's Included

- 7 night accommodation in 3 star hotels
- 4 pax complimentary in twin rooms (2 teachers / 2 administrators)
- 4 dinners (set menu) including water and Daily continental breakfast buffet
- 2 bilingual WENS Tour Managers/Escorts throughout (one per coach)
- 2 Private Deluxe Motor Coaches (50 seaters) for transfers according to the itinerary, all drivers' costs
- 1 Truck with driver for instruments
- Guided tours with local guides and whisper sets : Milan, Cremona, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Ancient Rome, Vatican Museums
- Entrance fees for: Milan Cathedral, Teatro La Scala, Violin museum Cremona, Accademia, Basilica Santa Croce, Cathedral Siena, Colosseum, Vatican Museums (Sistine chapel)
- 1 Master class
- Organization and promotion of 2 performances
- Tips for dinners, local guides, tour managers and drivers



GPSHS Band and Orchestra Italy Tour - March 30 - April 7, 2019

DAY 1: DEPART DETROIT - Begin our journey to Italy, with meals and beverages served on board our flight.

DAY 2: ARRIVE MILAN - Tour of Milan with local guide (bus + walking). You will see highlights such as the world famous Opera, the Sforza Castle and the elegant Victor Emmanuel II Gallery. Visit of Duomo di Milano / Milan Cathedral + Duomo Museum. Group dinner and overnight in Milan. **D**

DAY 3: MILAN / CREMONA - Visit of the famous opera house Teatro alla Scala with local guide (only possible if no rehearsals/performances are in progress – not known until 2019). Transfer with your private coach to Cremona (approx 2 hours). visit Museo del Violino / Violin Museum in Cremona. Tour of Cremona with local guide (walking). You will see highlight such as the Piazza del Comune, Torrazzo tower and Cremona Cathedral. Dinner on own. Overnight in Cremona. **B**

DAY 4: CREMONA / FLORENCE - Transfer with your private coach to Florence (approx 4 hours including one break). Visit the world famous Galleria dell' Accademia to see Michelangelo's David, the Renaissance's most iconic masterpiece and the world's most famous statue. Other highlight include the four unfinished marbles by Michelangelo called the 4 Prigioni. Possible evening performance at Santo Stefano al Ponte Concert Church in Florence (available dates in March/April 2019 to be confirmed). Dinner on own. Overnight in Florence. **B**

DAY 5: FLORENCE - Tour of Florence with local guide (walking). You will see the city highlights such as Florence Cathedral, Piazza della Signoria, Uffizi Palace and the Ponte Vecchio bridge. End your tour with visit Basilica di Santa Croce with the highlights being the tombs of Michelangelo and Galileo, but above all the frescoes by Giotto. Time at leisure in Florence. Group dinner and overnight in Florence. **B | D**

DAY 6: FLORENCE / SIENA- Transfer with your private coach to Siena (approx 2 hours). Master class in Siena. Tour of Siena with local guide (walking) to see the city highlights. Siena is a giant, open-air museum celebrating the Gothic, Siena has spiritual and secular monuments that have retained both their medieval forms and their extraordinary art collections. The city's historic contrade (districts) are marvelous too, being as close-knit and colorful today as they were in the 17th century, when their world-famous horse race, the Palio, was inaugurated. And within each contrada lie vibrant streets populated with artisanal boutiques, sweet-smelling pasticcerie (pastry shops). Group dinner and overnight in Siena. **B | D**

DAY 7: SIENA / ASSISI / ROME - Transfer with your private coach to Siena (approx 2 hours). Tour of Assisi with local guide (walking) to see the city highlights. Assisi, a medieval city built on a hill, is the birthplace of Saint Francis, closely associated with the work of the Franciscan Order. Its medieval art masterpieces, such as the Basilica of San Francesco and paintings by Cimabue, Pietro Lorenzetti, Simone Martini and Giotto, have made Assisi a fundamental reference point for the development of Italian and European art and architecture. Transfer with your private coach to Rome (approx. 3 hours). Rehearsal and possible evening performance in Oratorio del Caravita in downtown Rome. Dinner on own. Overnight in Rome. **B**

DAY 8: ROME - Tour of Ancient Rome with local guide (walking) including visit of the Colosseum and Roman Forum. The Colosseum was inaugurated by Emperor Vespasian in AD 80 and was site of gladiator fights and where early Christians were thrown to the lions. It is of an impressive size and was built to hold 50,000 spectators. Tour of the Vatican Museums (incl. Sistine Chapel) and St. Peter's Basilica with local guides. Farewell dinner and overnight in Rome. **B | D**

DAY 9: DEPART ROME - Today you say farewell to Italy. After breakfast, and with a tear in your eye, you'll sing "Arrivederci Rome" and depart for the airport. **B**