



## ITALY ITINERARY

### **Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

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Arrival at Malpensa Airport and transfer to hotel. Orientation meeting with designated escorts followed by dinner at hotel or local restaurant. Accommodation at Hotel Ibis, Hotel Impero and Hotel Continental in Cremona.

### **Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

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Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Padova. Stop – en route – to visit the medieval town of Cremona with its unique museum of ancient instruments. Exclusive “musical lecture” and demonstration on original Stradivari violin. Free time for lunch (on own) and continuation for Padova. Arrival in Padova in the early afternoon. Check-in followed by an informal walking tour of the city. Dinner at hotel or local restaurant. Accommodation at Hotel Sheraton Padova.

### **Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

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Breakfast at the hotel. Morning departure for Venice (by train). Morning at free disposal to discover Venice in small groups. Return to Padova in the early afternoon. Balance of day dedicated to rehearsal for today’s concert included in the official program of the International Music Meeting. Pizza dinner prior to the concert. Concert in Padova or area. Accommodation at Hotel Sheraton in Padova.

### **Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

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Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Florence. Free time for lunch (on own) in Florence followed by a half-day walking tour of the city. Free time for shopping at one of the many street markets and transfer to nearby Montecatini Terme for a 2-nights stop. Accommodation Hotel Grand Panoramic in Montecatini Terme.

### **Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

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Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Florence. Free time to discover the city on own (in small groups). Afternoon departure for Lucca for an informal visit to one of Tuscany’s most elegant medieval towns. Balance of day dedicated to rehearsal and concert activities. Light dinner before the concert in Lucca. Accommodation at Hotel Grand Panoramic in Montecatini.

### **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

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Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Rome. Free time for lunch (on own) in Rome followed by a visit to the Vatican Museum (with local guide). Dinner at local restaurant. Accommodation Hotel Summit in Rome.

### **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

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Breakfast at the hotel. Full day at disposal in Rome (additional visits, museums, shopping). Farewell dinner at local restaurant. Accommodation at Hotel Summit in Rome.

### **Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

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Breakfast at hotel (or breakfast boxes) and transfer for Fiumicino International Airport for return flight. Leave hotel by 9:00am for 12:10pm and 1:20pm flights back to US.