ITALY TOUR

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

November 12-22, 2019

RAVENNA—ASSISI—SIENA—ROME
SAN MARINO—BOLOGNA—ORVIETO

Musical Collaborations
Italy is one of the top destinations for travelers, for its unparalleled food, rich history, architecture, art, and culture. Whether you are traveling to Italy for the first time or have been there many times, there is no shortage of places to see, churches to visit, or new friends to make.

We hope that you will join us in November, as we walk “In the Footsteps of the Saints.”

**ITINERARY**

**Tuesday, November 12**  
Depart New York John F. Kennedy International Airport on our overnight Alitalia flight to Italy. Dinner and breakfast served in flight.

**Wednesday, November 13**  
Benvenuti in Italia—Welcome to Italy!  
This morning we will arrive in Bologna (via Rome). After retrieving our luggage and moving through customs, we will travel by private motorcoach to our hotel in Bologna. Lunch on your own at a local restaurant followed by an afternoon city tour. Dinner and Night in Bologna (1).

**Thursday, November 14**  
After breakfast, we will depart Bologna for the beautiful city of Ravenna, known for its colorful mosaics and the Basilica of San Vitale. Lunch on your own and tour in Ravenna. We will then return to Bologna in the early evening. Dinner and Night in Bologna (2).

**Friday, November 15**  
Modena  
After breakfast, we will depart Bologna to visit the famous Ferrari Museum in Modena. Lunch on your own. We will then return to Bologna, where we can spend a free afternoon exploring the city. Dinner on your own. Night in Bologna (3).

**Saturday, November 16**  
San Marino, Assisi  
After breakfast, we depart Bologna for the Republic of San Marino with time for lunch and time to explore this historic country completely surrounded by Italy. We will then continue our drive to Assisi. Dinner and Night in Assisi (1).

Daily reflections on the lives of the saints.
Sunday, November 17 Assisi
Today, we will explore the spiritual city of Assisi with Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis, and visits to San Damiano, the peaceful mountain Carceri Hermitage retreat built by St. Francis, and Rocca Maggiore. Lunch today is an interactive cooking demonstration featuring Umbrian specialties, followed by free time. Night in Assisi (2).

Monday, November 18 Siena
After breakfast, we will take a day trip to Siena. There will be a morning city tour, visiting sites of St. Catherine and the Piazza del Campo. Lunch on your own in Siena and a late afternoon return to Assisi, followed by dinner. Night in Assisi (3).

Tuesday, November 19 Orvieto, Rome
Today our first stop is Santa Maria degli Angeli to visit the Porziuncola (or small chapel) within the church, on our way to Orvieto. Lunch on your own in Orvieto followed by free time to explore the city. Our journey continues on the way to Rome, where we will have dinner together after checking into our hotel. Night in Rome (1).

Wednesday, November 20 Rome
Our morning begins with the weekly Wednesday Papal Audience in St. Peter’s Square and a visit inside the beautiful and famous Basilica. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon, we visit the other 3 major basilicas in Rome—St. Paul Outside the Walls, Santa Maria Maggiore, and St. John Lateran. Our evening rounds out with stops at the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, and the Pantheon, followed by dinner on your own. Night in Rome (2).

Thursday, November 21 Rome
Our last full day in Italy includes a tour of the Colosseum, St. Peter in Chains, Michelangelo’s Moses, and a lovely view of the Eternal City from Gianicolo Hill. Enjoy lunch on your own before an afternoon tour to see the famous historical catacombs. Special Final Dinner in Trastevere. Night in Rome (3).

Friday, November 22 Rome/New York
Enjoy a free morning in Rome, before heading to Roma Fiumicino Airport for our afternoon flight to New York John F. Kennedy International Airport. This allows extra time in Italy, and a post-rush hour arrival back home. Arrivederci!

As we will learn about in our travels, many of the saints led ordinary lives, and we can relate to their struggles, triumphs, and prayer life. While our focus is “in the footsteps of the saints,” let us also reflect on their humanity and how their unique traits ultimately brought them closer to God.
“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.” - St. Augustine

ABOUT US

Paul Carroll has been traveling internationally since 2001 when he went on tour with choirs through Italy and first worked with Assisi Performing Arts. In the years since he has performed over 100 concerts throughout the Italy in sacred music, opera, and musical theater. As a musician and an avid traveler he has traveled to and performed in more than two dozen countries.

Alexandra Carroll traveled to Italy for the first time in 2011 for Assisi Performing Arts where she and Paul first met. Returning to Assisi for the annual music festival, Alexandra now works with the planning and daily operations of the festival.

We believe that the experience is the most important part of the trip—beautifully illustrated on this tour by the wonderful, famous, and history-filled destinations in store for you. It is the people, culture, and different way of life that will captivate you each day of the tour in addition to the inevitable surprises and unexpected memorable moments along the way.

Musical Collaborations was created in 2013 to support educational travel opportunities for musicians and non-musicians alike. For the first two years, the tours concentrated on Italy including dedicated time in the Lake Como region, Umbria, and Rome. Later tours developed with concentrations in Florence and Assisi. These small group, dedicated access tours were such a success that additional tours were developed for non musicians for Italy, expanding to Argentina in 2017 and continuing to Poland in 2018. For 2019, we are excited to offer this return tour to Italy where it all began.

The Musical Collaborations team is creating and running this tour—Italy Tour November 2019—at no cost. Any and all proceeds from this tour will be given to support the new pipe organ project at St. Pius X Church, Montville, NJ.
“To Travel is to Live” – Hans Christian Andersen

**Tentative Flight Information***

**November 12, 2019**
Alitalia Flight #609
Depart New York JFK at 1645

**November 13, 2019**
Arrive Roma Fiumicino FCO at 0700

Alitalia Flight #1311
Depart Roma Fiumicino FCO at 0945
Arrive Bologna Airport BLQ at 1045

**November 22, 2019**
Alitalia Flight #610
Depart Roma Fiumicino FCO at 1445
Arrive New York JFK at 1845

**Tentative Hotel Information**

**Bologna—3 nights**
Check-in—Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Check-out—Saturday, November 16, 2019
**AC Hotel by Marriott, Bologna**
Via Sebastiano Serlio, 28, 40128 Bologna BO, Italy

**Assisi—3 nights**
Check-in—Saturday, November 16, 2019
Check-out—Tuesday, November 19, 2019
**Hotel Sole Assisi**
Corso Giuseppe Mazzini, 35, 06081 Assisi PG, Italy

**Rome—3 nights**
Check-in—Tuesday, November 19, 2019
Check-out—Friday, November 22, 2019
Hotel To Be Announced

*Flight Information is subject to change and is not confirmed until ticketed.

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General Information and Conditions

Tour Cost: $3595.00 per person / double occupancy
Discounted Rate (payment by check): $3495.00 per person / double occupancy
Land Only Rate: $2995.00 per person / double occupancy
Single supplement: $650.00

Included in the tour cost:
◊ All transportation by private motorcoach
◊ Tours with local guides as listed in itinerary
◊ Hotel accommodations for 9 nights
◊ Breakfast is provided daily during the tour.
◊ Six dinners and one lunch are provided during the tour. Two dinners on your own and one dinner is included mid-flight.

Not Included: in the tour cost:
Lunches (except special interactive cooking demonstration in Assisi), 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.

Reservation Process:
To confirm your reservation, please submit the reservation form, $750 deposit, and copy of your passport to:
Musical Collaborations, P.O. Box 268, Denville, NJ 07834 or visit www.musicalcollaborations.org/italy2019.

Fee Schedule:
A $750 deposit per person is due at the time of reservation. 50% of the balance is due by September 1, 2019. The remaining balance is due by October 1, 2019. Checks drawn on a bank of the United States in US dollars may be made payable to Musical Collaborations. Electronic payment options are available via www.musicalcollaborations.org.

Waiting List:
A waiting list will be created if the maximum number of 24 participants has been reached.

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 may find entry requirements here: http://www.esteri.it/visti/

Cancellation:
In the event that the tour is cancelled, all participants will receive full refunds. If the participant cancels his or her own reservation, refunds will be given according to the following schedule:
◊ Participant cancellation on or before August 31, 2019, the participant will receive a refund minus the $750 deposit.
◊ Participant cancellation after September 1, 2019 but on or before September 30, 2019, the participant will receive a refund minus $2000.
◊ After October 1, 2019, 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.

Responsibility Clause
Musical Collaborations and/or their cooperating agents and/or their suppliers of services offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public, and are not responsible therefore, either directly or indirectly, for any loss accident, or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. The transportation companies concerned take no responsibility for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries. Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.
Italy Tour 2019
In the Footsteps of the Saints
Reservation Form

Traveler #1
Name (as printed on your passport) ____________________________________________
Street Address ________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________________________________________ Zip Code________
State ____________________________________________________________
Phone ______________________________________________________________________
Email ______________________________________________________________________
Country of Citizenship ____________________________

Rooming Information
___ Double Occupancy  ___ Single Occupancy
Sharing a room with (if known) _________________________________________________

Flight Information (please choose one)
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◊ I am registering for the land-only portion of the tour.
◊ I would like to fly with the group, but I have a different city of origin.

Emergency Contact Information
Emergency Contact Name _______________________________________________________
Emergency Contact Phone ____________________________________________________
Relationship to Participant ____________________________________________________

Dietary restrictions, allergies, or medical conditions? _____________________________
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◊ I agree with the Terms and Conditions for Italy Tour 2019.
◊ I give permission for my picture (or my child’s picture for those participants under 18 years of age) to appear on Musical Collaborations publications including website and social media accounts.

Signature ____________________________

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Assisi
Trevi Fountain
Rome
Reservation Form

Traveler #2
Name (as printed on your passport)
______________________________________________________________

Street Address ________________________________________________
City __________________________________________________________
State__________________________________________________________Zip Code_____
Phone _________________________________________________________
Email __________________________________________________________
Country of Citizenship __________________________________________

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