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Itinerary

DAY 1: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 • DEPART USA

Depart the USA on trans-Atlantic flights to Rome. Tour prices are quoted Land Only, but Corporate Travel will arrange group flights and provide appropriate pricing for each choir's departure city approximately 11 months prior to departure.

DAY 2: MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021 • ARRIVAL IN ROME | PANORAMIC TOUR

Upon arrival at the Rome airport, choirs will be met by a professional Italian tour manager and transferred to the city by motor coach. After lunch (on your own), have an orientation tour of the "Eternal City." Time permitting, highlights include the Tiber River, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, and lively Piazza Navona. Please note that those not traveling on group air will miss the tour.

This evening enjoy a Welcome Dinner featuring traditional Italian cuisine.

DAY 3: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021 • VATICAN MUSEUMS AND SISTINE CHAPEL | OPENING CEREMONY

The splendor of Rome opens before you with a guided tour of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel where you will view some of the most inspiring works of art. Next, tour St. Peter's Basilica, featuring Michelangelo's moving Pietà. Later, enjoy the Opening Ceremony of the 44th International Congress of Pueri Cantores at the Sala Nervi, during which choirs will sing. Group dinner in Rome.

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021 • MASS OF NATIONS

Join other American and English-speaking choirs for the Mass of Nations at a special Roman church. After Mass, the remainder of the day is free to explore the city. Group dinner in Rome.

DAY 5: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021 • ANCIENT ROME

Today, the history of Ancient Rome comes alive with a guided tour of ancient ruins! Tour the inside of the Coliseum and hear a fascinating description of its history. See the Trajan Column and Roman Market. Group dinner in Rome.

DAY 6: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021 • CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: CAROLS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

This morning gather in Sala Nervi for New Year's Mass rehearsal with choirs from around the world and sing traditional carols from your home country. The Holy Father has traditionally greeted Pueri Cantores choirs during this rehearsal. Finally, celebrate New Year's Eve and prepare for the "main event" tomorrow.

DAY 7: SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022 • WORLD PEACE DAY PAPAL MASS AT ST. PETER'S BASILICA

Pueri Cantores will sing in a combined choir of several thousand voices in the New Year's Day Papal Mass celebrated by The Holy Father. Following the Mass, the 44th International Congress of Pueri Cantores will come to a close. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Join your group this evening for a Saturday Vigil Mass and dinner.

DAY 8: SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 • FREE DAY IN ROME

This day will be at your leisure. A perfect time for last minute gift shopping, visit special churches or museums, or just linger at an Italian café enjoying an espresso or gelato. Lunch will be on your own. Group dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 9: MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 • DAY TRIP TO ASSISI

Depart on a day trip to Assisi. Take a guided tour, including the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi and its many significant frescoes. Visit the church of St. Clare to see the cross that spoke to St. Francis and led him to a life of piety. Group lunch and time at leisure to shop and explore.

Return to Rome for dinner and overnight.

DAY 10: TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022 • RETURN TO USA

Choirs will be transferred to the airport via motorcoach for return flights from Rome.

 = CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST |  = LUNCH |  = DINNER

*Itinerary is tentative and subject to change by the Vatican and International Federation of Pueri Cantores; specified Masses and performances pending confirmation.

