Join GTCYS’ Symphony on an exciting international concert tour to Italy that includes Sorrento, Pompeii, the Amalfi Coast, Sicily and Rome.

Begin the tour in Sorrento on the Bay of Naples. While here, explore the Isle of Capri and Amalfi Coast with a concert in beautiful Ravello.

Travel to Sicily, where we visit Catania, Taormina, Cefalù and Palermo. Perform in the Roman amphitheater of Taormina and the historic Santa Maria Dello Spasimo of Palermo.

Conclude the tour in Rome—the Eternal City. While here, visit the Colosseum, Roman Forum, and Vatican Museums. Join in musical activities and perform a concert with the Santa Cecilia National Academy.

Your concert tour with GTCYS’ Symphony to Italy is sure to create lifelong memories!

GREATER TWIN CITIES YOUTH SYMPHONIES
ITALIAN SERENADE!

Mark Russell Smith, Artistic Director & Symphony Conductor
Megen Balda, Executive Director

SORRENTO | AMALFI COAST | RAVELLO
CATANIA | TAORMINA | PALERMO | ROME

JUNE 11-21, 2020

Preview all tour information in detail and register at the following online registration site prepared by GrandTours.

http://www.cvent.com/d/kyqgl3

Password: GTCYS

Registration will close on October 23, 2019
TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Day 1  Thursday, June 11, 2020  Depart the USA
Depart in the early afternoon from Minneapolis to Detroit or Amsterdam using Delta/KLM Airlines. Fly transatlantic overnight to Amsterdam or Rome.
Meals: In-flight

Day 2  Friday, June 12, 2020  Rome | Pompeii | Sorrento
Those arriving in Amsterdam will make a connection to Rome. Both flights arrive in Rome at 9:30 am. Load the waiting two deluxe motor coaches and meet your Italian tour managers. Travel through the region of Campania. Make a stop in Pompeii for lunch and have a guided tour through the excavations of this Roman town, buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79. Continue to Sorrento, check into the hotel and enjoy dinner.

Day 3  Saturday, June 13, 2020  Amalfi Coast | Sorrento
Enjoy spectacular sightseeing along the Amalfi Coast seeing the village of Positano and then continuing on by boat to Amalfi. Get lunch and explore the town. Travel to Ravello for an afternoon rehearsal. Have dinner and perform an evening concert tonight at the Ravello Art Center in collaboration with the Ravello Concert Society. Ravello is home to a prestigious annual music festival featuring professional ensembles from around the globe. https://www.ravelloarts.org/festival/index.php  B/D

Day 4  Sunday, June 14, 2020  Isle of Capri | Sorrento
Travel to the Marina Piccola and board a hydrofoil for a short crossing of the Mediterranean Sea to the Isle of Capri. Enjoy views of the Faraglioni Rocks and Marina from the sea. Ascend by minibus to Ana Capri for spectacular views all the way to Naples. Return to Sorrento in the late afternoon. Evening free to get dinner in small groups.  B

Day 5  Monday, June 15, 2020  Sorrento | Catania
Travel to the Bay of Naples and board your morning domestic flights to Catania, Sicily. On arrival, explore the historic city-center with local guides and get lunch. Check into the hotel. Enjoy a relaxed poolside evening and have dinner at the hotel after a busy day of travel.  B/D

Day 6  Tuesday, June 16, 2020  Taormina | Catania
Travel to Taormina. Explore the town with a local guide and visit the spectacular Roman Amphitheater. Have an afternoon rehearsal in preparation for tonight’s concert. GTCYS will perform as a featured headliner in the ancient Roman Amphitheater as part of the annual Taormina Arte Festival. www.taoarte.it  B/D

Day 7  Wednesday, June 17, 2020  Cefalù | Palermo
Depart from Catania and travel along the northern coast of Sicily to the charming fishing village of Cefalù. Have time to see the impressive Norman church and get lunch. Continue to Palermo and check into the hotel. Enjoy a guided tour of Palermo with a free evening to get dinner.  B

Day 8  Thursday, June 18, 2020  Palermo
Enjoy guided sightseeing this morning at nearby Monreale. See the Norman Cathedral, famous for its Byzantine and Sicilian mosaics. Return to Palermo for an afternoon rehearsal. Enjoy dinner and then perform an evening concert in collaboration with the Palermo Conservatory of Music in the Chiesa di Santa Maria Dello Spasimo.  B/D

Day 9  Friday, June 19, 2020  Palermo | Rome
Travel to the Palermo Airport for early flights to Rome. On arrival, visit the historic Colosseum and Roman Form. Have time for lunch and then continue to the Vatican. Tour the Vatican Museums and the beautiful Sistine Chapel featuring Michelangelo’s ceiling painting depicting scenes from the Book of Genesis. Discover St. Peter’s Basilica, the largest church in Christendom. Check into the hotel. Walk to dinner at a nearby traditional Italian trattoria.  B/D

Day 10  Saturday, June 20, 2020  Rome
Today is reserved for musical activities with the Santa Cecilia National Academy of Music. It is one of the oldest musical institutions in the world and features both an orchestra and a symphonic choir, among the most accredited in the international field. It also carries out musical education activities and preserves a rich historical heritage, reflecting its centuries-old history. http://www.santacecilia.it Perform a concert today with the National Academy. Return to the hotel to change and then enjoy a festive farewell dinner at Ristorante Papa Rex.  B/D

Day 11 Sunday, June 21, 2020  Rome | USA
Early group departures from Rome to Minneapolis via Amsterdam or Paris on Delta/KLM/Air France Airlines. Arrive home in the afternoon. Clear U.S. Immigration and Customs on arrival. Welcome home!  B/In-flight

Note: The tour itinerary is tentative and subject to refinement as we work to finalize the program.
INCLUDED

- Round trip airfare to Rome on Delta/KLM/Air France
- Transportation by deluxe 50-passenger motor coach
- Professional tour manager on each motor coach
- Locally guided city-tours where applicable
- 9-nights in twin occupancy at 3&4 star hotels
- Breakfast buffet daily at hotels
- 7-Group dinners as outlined in itinerary
- Sightseeing as outlined in the tour itinerary
- Admissions as required per the sightseeing program
- 4-concert performances with local promotion
- Rental of cello and double-bass instruments
- Rental/transportation of required percussion
- Rental/tuning of piano at concert venues
- Gratuities to guides | drivers | local escorts
- Travel Guard Group Protection Plan Travel Insurance
- Online tour registration and billing
- Manage My Tour web page for each traveler
- Payment by debit/credit card option (4% fee)
- Land-only package option if extending the tour
- Complete set of travel documents

NOT INCLUDED

- Passport valid 6-months beyond return date
- Any required visas if traveling on a foreign passport
- 9-Lunches (Budget 5-10 Euro per meal)
- 2-Dinners (Budget 10-20 Euro per meal)
- Bows and rock-stops for cellos and basses
- Fees for overweight or oversized personal luggage
- Bottled beverages/soft-drinks at group meals
- Souvenirs and items of a personal nature
- Trip Cancellation Insurance

TOUR CONTACTS

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ONLINE REGISTRATION

Tour registration is now open and will close on Monday October 23, 2020. Registration is through the following weblink: http://www.cvent.com/d/kyqgl3 The password to register is: GTCYS

TOUR PRICING

AIR & LAND TOUR PACKAGE
$4495 PER PERSON (PAYMENT BY CHECK)

LAND-ONLY TOUR PACKAGE (NO GROUP AIR)
$3150 PER PERSON (PAYMENT BY CHECK)

A 4% CONVENIENCE FEE WILL BE ADDED TO ONLINE DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WHEN PROCESSED.

DEPOSIT/PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

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*All deposits/payments are being made to GrandTours. A deposit made payable to GrandTours by check or by debit/credit card will confirm your participation.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancelled by October 23, 2019 Full Refund
Cancelled by November 30, 2019 $400 cancellation fee
Cancelled by February 1, 2020 $1,000 cancellation fee
Cancelled by April 13, 2020 $1,500 cancellation fee
Cancelled on or after April 14, 2020 No Refund

Note: Once registered for the tour and it is announced by GTCYS staff as viable, you may wish to consider the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. A recommended supplier is Travel Guard, but you are free to purchase it from any vendor that suits your needs. Please be advised that “cancel for any reason” policies and those for pre-existing medical conditions often need to be purchased within 14-days of depositing on the tour with most providers. Visit www.travelguard.com for information.

GROUP FLIGHTS

Flight Group I

DL1683 11 Jun Minneapolis/Detroit 1:55 pm / 4:36 pm
DL236 11 Jun Detroit/Rome 6:17 pm / 9:30 am+1
KL1598 21 Jun Rome/Amsterdam 10:20 am / 12:55 pm
DL165 21 Jun Amsterdam/Minneapolis 3:15 pm / 5:15 pm

Flight Group II

KL656 11 Jun Minneapolis/Amsterdam 3:00 pm / 5:55 am+1
KL1597 12 Jun Amsterdam/Rome 7:15 am / 9:30 am
KL1598 21 Jun Rome/Amsterdam 10:20 am / 12:55 pm
DL165 21 Jun Amsterdam/Minneapolis 3:15 pm / 5:15 pm

Flight Group III

KL656 11 Jun Minneapolis/Amsterdam 3:00 pm / 5:55 am+1
KL1597 12 Jun Amsterdam/Rome 7:15 am / 9:30 am
AF1205 21 Jun Rome/Paris 10:00 am / 12:10 pm
AF694 21 Jun Paris/Minneapolis 1:45 pm / 3:45 pm

The GTCYS staff will make flight assignments in the best interests of the orchestra.