

oakland symphony *Chorus*

Italian Tour 2018

Rome | Venice | Florence | Pisa



Your opportunity to
experience singing as
part of the **Oakland
Symphony Chorus** in
some of the finest cities
and concert venues in
historic Italy

June 21, 2018 - July 1, 2018

Dear Fellow Singer,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join us for a “trip to remember” to the historic cities of Rome, Venice, Florence, and Pisa. Along the way, we will visit the streets and venues frequented by the likes Monteverdi, Palestrina, and Vivaldi. You will be surrounded by the culture and cities that inspired Rossini, Puccini, and many other great composers.

Oakland Symphony Chorus, a cornerstone of the East Bay’s musical landscape for more than 55 years, will be taking its second tour abroad – representing northern California through three performances, all in historic venues where staples of the repertory were given their original premiers.



The tour package includes guided tours from local experts, which will serve to deepen your understanding of the masterworks you have come to love through your singing career. Each day includes limited scheduled activity, but plenty of free time to explore the city and discover the culture for yourself.

I encourage you to consider joining the Chorus for the 2017/18 season. The repertoire we take on tour will be featured in our own performances throughout the season. However, if you are unable to make the weekly rehearsal commitment all year long, we will still accept singers joining the Chorus rehearsals in January, late May and early June next year, so you are fully prepared to join this trip. Family members and friends who wish to join the tour and experience these great cities are also welcome.

Please reach out to me or the fabulous staff at the Oakland Symphony for further information.

Safe travels!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Lynne Morrow".

Lynne Morrow

Oakland Symphony Chorus Director

**OAKLAND SYMPHONY CHORUS
CONCERT TOUR OF ITALY, 2018**

**Itinerary
September 11, 2017**

Thu Jun 21

IN FLIGHT

4:30 pm Check in at San Francisco airport
7:30 pm Depart on British Airways flight BA 286 to London

Fri Jun 22

ROME

1:55 pm Arrive at London (Heathrow) A. Roma Lifestyle Hotel
3:45 pm Depart on British Airways flight BA 554 to Rome
7:20 pm Arrive at Rome airport
Clear Immigration and customs and meet your couriers
Transfer by coach to the hotel and check in
Dinner in a restaurant

Sat Jun 23

ROME

morning Breakfast in the hotel
Guided sightseeing tour of Ancient Rome, including entrance to the Roman Forum and Coliseum
Lunch independent
afternoon Entrance to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
evening Dinner independent

Sun Jun 24

ROME

morning Breakfast in the hotel
At leisure
Lunch independent
afternoon Rehearsal
evening Concert (in the Chiesa San Marcello al Corso?)
Dinner independent

Mon Jun 25

FLORENCE

morning Breakfast in the hotel Hotel Londra
Depart by coach for Florence (c. 3.5 hrs)
Lunch independent en route
afternoon Arrive in Florence and check in to the hotel
evening Dinner in a restaurant

Tue Jun 26 **FLORENCE**

morning Breakfast in the hotel
Guided sightseeing tour, which will include such famous sights as the Palazzo Vecchio, the Duomo, the Medici Chapels and the Ponte Vecchio
Lunch independent

afternoon Entrance included to the Accademia, to see Michelangelo's statue of David

evening Dinner independent

Wed Jun 27 **FLORENCE**

morning Breakfast in the hotel
At leisure
Lunch independent

afternoon Transfer by coach to Pisa?
Rehearsal

evening Concert (in the Chiesa Santa Catherina as part of the UNESCO Festival?)
Dinner independent
Return by coach to Florence

Thu Jun 28 **VENICE-MESTRE**

morning Breakfast in the hotel Novotel Castellana
Depart by coach for Venice-Mestre (c. 3.5 hrs), stopping en route in Bologna for independent sightseeing
Lunch independent

afternoon Arrive in Venice-Mestre and check in to the hotel

evening Dinner in a restaurant

Fri Jun 29 **VENICE-MESTRE**

morning Breakfast in the hotel
Transfer by coach and vaporetto to Venice Island
Walking tour of the city, during which you will see the Piazza and Basilica San Marco, the "Bridge of Sighs", the Rialto Bridge and the Grand Canal
Lunch independent

afternoon Entrance to the Doge's Palace

evening Dinner independent
Return by vaporetto and coach to the hotel

Sat Jun 30 **VENICE-MESTRE**

morning Breakfast in the hotel
Transfer by coach and vaporetto to Venice Island
Lunch independent

afternoon At leisure

6:45 pm **Mass participation in Basilica San Marco**

evening Farewell dinner in a restaurant
Return by vaporetto and coach to the hotel

Sun Jul 1**HOME**

Breakfast in the hotel
Transfer by coach to the airport and check in
7:45 am Depart on British Airways flight BA 599 to London
9:10 am Arrive at London (Heathrow) airport
11:25 am Depart on British Airways flight BA 285 to San Francisco
2:20 pm Arrive at San Francisco airport

*NB: driving times are estimates, based on normal road conditions,
and do not include allowances for meal or rest stops*

ACCOMMODATION**Jun 22, 23, 24****ROME**

A. Roma Lifestyle Hotel
Via Giorgio Zoega, 59
00164 Rome
Italy
Tel: +39 06 8780 0168

Jun 25, 26, 27**FLORENCE**

Hotel Londra
Via Jacopo da Diacceto 16/20
50123 Florence
Italy
Tel: +39 055 27390

Jun 28, 29, 30**VENICE-MESTRE**

Novotel Venezia Mestre Castellana
Via Ceccherini 21
30174 Venice Mestre
Italy
Tel: +39 041 5066511

**OAKLAND SYMPHONY CHORUS
CONCERT TOUR OF ITALY, 2018**

**Quotation
January 9, 2017**

Based on current exchange rates (\$1 = €0.9459) and prices, and assuming the following numbers of paying participants plus complimentary places (land and air), the price per person for this itinerary is:

Number paying: _____ 70 + 3 staff

TOTAL.....\$ 4,500

Single supplement: €648

This price includes the following:

- Coordination of 3 performances; concerts to be promoted by means of the production of posters and fliers, announcements in the free press, releases to the media, and the notification of local groups and music organizations
- 9 nights of accommodation in superior tourist class hotels, sharing twin rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast daily plus 4 dinners
- Guided sightseeing tours of Ancient Rome, Florence and Venice
- Paid entrances to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, the Roman Forum and Coliseum, Accademia and Doge's Palace
- Vaporetto transfers to and from Venice Island
- Transportation by luxury air-conditioned motorcoaches throughout the land portion of the tour
- The services of one ACFEA courier per motorcoach throughout the land portion of the tour
- Air transportation by scheduled carrier from San Francisco to Rome, returning from Venice to San Francisco, based on a high-season, midweek departure and return
- Pre-departure briefing and assistance at airport check-in for the group by ACFEA staff
- Password admittance to *Tour Central*, ACFEA's customized tour management web site
- All taxes, tips and service charges normally payable for services included above, except discretionary tips to drivers, guides and couriers

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Not Included:

- Passport and visa fees, if applicable
- Beverages other than coffee and tea with breakfast, and water with dinner
- Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, which is highly recommended; brochures will be made available
- Checked baggage fees, if applicable
- Performing rights fees, if applicable
- Instrument rental, excess baggage or air cargo fees

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Italy Tour 2018

Payment Plan and Contract

Participation on this trip is open to all Chorus members, their guests, and guest singers.

Tour Price: \$4,500* (based on 70 participants and subject to currency exchange rate)

Single Supplement (Optional): \$700

Payment Plan and Contract

Payment Plan for those that will be going on the tour:

Deposit	At Signing	\$600
1	07/15/2017	\$400
2.	08/15/2017	\$400
3.	09/15/2017	\$400
4.	10/15/2017	\$400
5.	11/15/2017	\$400
6.	12/15/2017	\$400
7.	01/15/2018	\$400
8.	02/15/2018	\$400
9.	03/15/2018	\$400
Final Payment	04/15/2018	\$300 Approx Balance*

Refund Policy

If a singer leaves the Chorus before the end of the season and wishes to request a refund, you must provide notice of the request in writing to the Symphony office. Oral

requests for a refund will not be accepted.

If a singer is dismissed from the Chorus for a violation of conduct and expectation policies as outlined in the Chorus Handbook, all moneys received to date are non-refundable.

The eligible refund will be calculated based on the following:

1. The initial tour deposit of \$600 is non-refundable. The only exception is if the tour is canceled by management.
2. The amount of a refund will be based on when the written withdrawal request is received. If the withdrawal is received:
 - a. on or after October 15, 2017, an additional \$250 will be assessed (\$850 total) and payment above that amount will be refunded.
 - b. on or after January 15, 2018, an additional \$550 will be assessed (\$1,100 total) and payment above that amount will be refunded.
 - c. on or after April 15, 2018 and no portion of the tour will be refunded.

All terms, policies, and fees provided by ACFEA in the proposal dated January 9, 2017 remain effective. This includes items such as the single room supplement fee, additional baggage fees, or an additional fee assessed for those requesting land-only passage or using their own frequent flyer miles.

* Please note, given the volatility in fuel and airline prices, ACFEA reserves the right to assess a surcharge should the airfares be significantly different to those used in the original quote. Any additional charge received by the Chorus from ACFEA will be passed along to each traveler. ACFEA and the Chorus also have no control over flight delays and cancellations. We encourage you to purchase travel insurance to cover such circumstance. In addition, this quote is based upon a total of 73 passengers. Should the Chorus travel with fewer passengers, the fee from ACFEA will be adjusted as needed. Any additional cost incurred by the Chorus will be passed along to each traveler.

Furthermore, I agree to commit to a performance of the concert at the Oakland Symphony's Independence Eve celebration on July 3, 2018.

I have reviewed the terms and conditions stated above and agree to them.

Agreed and accepted by: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

___ Initial here if Statement A is relevant:

*STATEMENT A: I wish to purchase "land only" participation in the Chorus Tour. Total payment due is \$2,825 for Chorus. *Subject to change due to currency conversion* Participants selecting this option are responsible for making all travel arrangements to the hotel on night one and departure from the hotel after the final night.*

___ Initial here if Statement B is relevant:

STATEMENT B: I intend to ask ACFEA to adjust my travel arrangements. This includes any adjustments from the group booking including seat upgrades, alternative flights, or using personnel frequent flyer miles. I understand that ACFEA will assess me an additional fee of \$75 until February 15th, 2018 or \$150 thereafter, plus any increased airfare fees from the group booking. Such requests will be made by completing the ACFEA Individual Travel Request form, available from August 2017.