



IHM Youth Choir-Pueri Cantores Trip Daily Itinerary

Saturday, December 26, 2015 | Depart U.S.A.

- Depart USA via trans-Atlantic flights on scheduled airline to Rome Italy. Corporate Travel will arrange flights.

Sunday, December 27, 2015 | Arrive Rome | Orientation & City Tour

- Arrive at Rome Airport where choirs will be met by your Italian tour escort and transferred to the city by motor coach. After lunch (on your own), depart the hotel via motor coach for an orientation tour of the "Eternal City." Highlights include, the Tiber River, Pantheon, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain (made famous by the movie "Three Coins in a Fountain") and lively Piazza Navona. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner featuring famous Italian cuisine. *Dinner provided

Monday, December 28, 2015 | Vatican Museums | 40th International Congress Opening Ceremony

- The splendor of Rome opens before you with a guided tour (headsets provided) in the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. View some of the most inspiring works of art, including Michelangelo's "Last Judgment." Next, tour St. Peter's Basilica, featuring Michelangelo's moving Pietà. In St. Peter's you will have the opportunity to visit and venerate the tomb of Blessed Pope John Paul II. Later, enjoy the
- Opening Ceremony of the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores at the Sala Nervi (Paul VI Hall), during which choirs will sing. Group dinner in Rome. *Continental Breakfast | Dinner provided

Tuesday, December 29, 2015 | Mass of Nations | Star Concert

- Join with other American and English speaking choirs for the "Mass of Nations" at the historic church of St. Paul Outside the Walls (or other major church in Rome). After Mass, the remainder of the day is free to explore the city. A few choirs will be selected to participate in the Star Concerts at local parish churches and will rehearse during the afternoon. Choirs will be paired with qualified international choirs. *Continental Breakfast | Dinner provided

Wednesday, December 30, 2015 | Gala Concert

- Transfer to the Vatican for rehearsal in Sala Nervi, the 9,000 seat Vatican Auditorium adjacent to St. Peter's Basilica. Choirs will prepare music for "Christmas Around the World" to be held the following day. The Holy Father has traditionally greeted Pueri Cantores choirs during this rehearsal. Walk next door to St. Peter's Basilica for the Prayer of Peace. Next, rehearsal for those choirs selected to perform in the Gala Concert. After a break for dinner, selected choirs from various Federations sing at the Gala Concert in one of Rome's major Basilicas. *Continental Breakfast | Dinner provided



Thursday, December 31, 2015 | Christmas Celebration: Carols from Around the World!

- Choirs sing carols representing the music of their countries. Then, 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. Finally, celebrate at an unforgettable New Year's Eve Party arranged especially for your own choir.
*Continental Breakfast | Dinner provided

Friday, January 1, 2016 | 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 Pope Francis. Following the Mass, the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores will come to a close. Optional extension tours will be available; details to be announced. NOTE: Entrance is not guaranteed as space is limited.
*Continental Breakfast | Dinner provided

Saturday, January 2, 2016 | Return flights to USA

- Return flight departures from Rome for choirs not extending their travel. Choirs will be transferred to the airport via motor coach.

*** Itinerary is tentative. Final itinerary will be published 10–14 days prior to departure.*

GRAND PRIZE COST BREAKDOWN:

\$8,000 total value

\$2,323 per person X 2 = \$4,646 Total for Land only

\$3,354 Total Airfare for 2 travelers

No prize substitutions and/or cash value exchanges allowed.

The tour does NOT include:

- Airport transfers for passengers on group flights
- Meals not specifically identified
- Gratuities payable to escorts, guides and drivers
- Other personal expenses
- Items not specifically mentioned above

INCLUSIONS:

- Six (6) nights accommodations in a 4 star hotel selected by IHM-CTS
- Two meals daily: Continental breakfast and dinner. No breakfast on day of arrival in Rome and no dinner on day of return to USA
- Sightseeing tours with entrance fees per the above itinerary
- Motor coach transportation in Rome & Assisi
- Pueri Cantores Congress Registration
- Tour Escort on each motor coach in Rome
- Taxes on these services
- Airfare for 2 travelers not to exceed \$3,354; any amount in excess of \$3,354 will be paid for by the travelers