



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHOIR



40th International Congress of PUERI CANTORES

Your Choir Is Cordially Invited To Join Choirs of Young Singers From
Around the World to Sing the Peace of God at this Extraordinary Event

Rome & Vatican City

December 26, 2015 – January 2, 2016



Sistine Chapel
Private Tour

Opportunity limited
to initial registrants

Deposit early to guarantee
your space!



Classic Performances
BY CORPORATE TRAVEL

40TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PUERI CANTORES

ITINERARY**

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

Depart USA via trans-Atlantic flights on scheduled airline to Rome Italy (tour prices quoted are land only). Corporate Travel will arrange group flights and provide appropriate pricing for each choir's customized itinerary and departure city approximately 11 months prior to departure. (See "Airfare" topic on page 4)

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 motorcoach. After lunch (on your own), depart the hotel via motorcoach 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. D*

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 Judgement." 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 St. 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. CB | D*

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

Join with other American and English speaking choirs for the "Mass of Nations" at **St. John Lateran Basilica** which is the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. 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. This evening, enjoy an after hours guided tour of the **Sistine Chapel**.¹ CB | D*



Wednesday, December 30, 2015 ☼ **Day Trip to Assisi**

Depart for Assisi for a full day tour. Upon arrival take a guided tour to see San Ruffino Church where St. Francis and St. Clare were both baptized. Also visit St. Clare Church to see the cross that spoke to St. Francis and led him to a life of piety. Tour the upper and lower Basilica of St. Francis. Then, free time to explore Assisi with its quaint shops. Return to Rome this evening for dinner and overnight. CB | D*

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. CB | D*

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. CB | D*

Saturday, January 2, 2016 ☼ Return flights to USA

Return flight departures from Rome. Choirs will be transferred to the airport via motorcoach.

*CB=Continental Breakfast, D=Dinner

**Itinerary is tentative and subject to final approvals and availability. An official Congress schedule will be announced by the International Federation of Pueri Cantores in Fall 2014 and an adjusted itinerary will be published at that time. Your final itinerary will be published 10-14 days prior to departure.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PRICING TERMS: These are outlined adjacent to the estimated selling price listed in this brochure.

PAYMENT TERMS: In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, CTS asks for prompt payment on the requested dates. Please see the reservation form for the payment schedule. CTS also accepts Visa and MasterCard for payment. Traveler agrees not to dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received in writing. Forfeit \$500 for cancellations between time of deposit and 7/29/15. Forfeit \$1,750 for cancellations between 7/29/15 and 9/27/15. After 9/27/15, there will be no refund. Penalties will be according to the fax or postmark date. **Absolutely no exception can be granted to these terms since this is a special event.**

CANCELLATION INSURANCE: CTS and the American Federation of Pueri Cantores highly recommends the purchase of travel insurance. In order to receive the optimum insurance coverage, purchase travel insurance within 10 days of trip confirmation. Call CTS at 313-565-8888, ext. 151, or your insurance agent.

PASSPORT: A valid U.S. Passport is required of all passengers. Please apply for your passport immediately as passports may take a long time to process. Make sure to have it in your possession at all times while on tour. **It must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding or entry into the destination may be denied. Please provide CTS with a copy of the inside page of your passport (showing your name and photo) at the time of reservation.**

GROUP AIR: This trip is offered land only. Group air will be made available in February of 2015 for choir groups of 15 or more, which is when group air goes on the market. A realistic air cost estimate will be provided upon request. Corporate Travel's retail agency will be happy to assist in arranging flights for individuals not utilizing group air. Please call 313-565-8888, ext. 151, after February 2015. **It is important to schedule your flight to arrive at airport in Rome by 11:00 a.m. on December 27th.**

Note: Airlines will begin selling seats in February 2015. Holiday travel is always busy, so it is important for those traveling with independent air to buy tickets early in order to get the best possible fare.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS IN ROME: Group transfers will be provided in Rome for those choirs who purchase group air. Transfers not included for passengers traveling with independent air. Simply hire a taxi upon arrival and return. Approximate one way cost 60 Euros (approximately \$85).

REGISTRATION WITH OFFICIAL TOUR OPERATOR: Participation in the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores requires registration with the official tour operator of the American Federation, "Classic Performances by Corporate Travel Service" using the registration form on page 3 of this brochure. Those not registered with Classic Performances will not be allowed to participate. Note: the package must be purchased in its entirety as presented; no partial packages will be sold.

PERFORMANCE ONLY: There is no opportunity to plan your own trip and participate in the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores. You must purchase the full package, as presented herein, to be able to perform. There can be no exceptions.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Unless otherwise notified, CTS will mail you your travel information approximately 10-14 days before departure.

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GRATUITIES: Gratuities for your escort, driver and guides are not included. In Europe it is customary to tip the escort four (4) Euros and the driver three (3) Euros per person per day. The tip for the local guides is usually about one (1) Euro for half-day tours and two (2) Euros for full day tours.

ROOMMATES FOR STUDENTS: Roommates will be assigned by trip leaders. Rooming will be double. Adults have the opportunity to stay in a single room for additional cost.

LUGGAGE: Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

Checked Baggage: Fees are not included in this tour package price. Most airlines charge fees ranging from free to \$75 per bag one way. If traveling with group air, the air carrier for your flight will be announced in your final travel documents and an online link provided to learn the exact charges of your carrier. (Note: The website iflybags.com may be helpful and gives sample fees for all carriers.) Checked baggage is limited to **one** bag per person. There can be no exceptions. For most airlines, the one checked bag is limited to **50 pounds and 62 inches** (length + width + height). If these specifications are exceeded, excess charges may be collected by the airline at the airport. Do not lock baggage you intend to check in at the airport. Please confirm these specifications when you receive your final travel documents, as they can and do change.

Carry On Luggage: You may also bring a small carry-on bag that will fit under an airline seat and on the small parcel racks of the motor coach, which average about 8 inches high by 18 inches deep. It is best if your carry-on bag is soft sided, as the parcel racks on the motor coaches are small. Currently, travelers are allowed to transport only small amounts of liquids, gels, lotions, aerosols or similar items on their person or in their carry-on luggage. Details will be in your final travel documents.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Travelers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions. The tour is not wheelchair accessible. Any special medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation. Should any special assistance be required, traveler agrees to bring a companion capable and willing to assist traveler.

CHILDREN UNDER 18: For a minor under the age of 18 to travel out of the United States without both parents or legal guardians, a notarized affidavit from the non-travelling parent(s) or guardian(s) must be obtained and presented upon departure and return to the United States. You may request a form from our office.

STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER AGENCIES: From time to time the State Department (www.state.gov) and the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) and other government agencies and departments issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations that you may be visiting on tour. We encourage you to contact these agencies directly to obtain the most current information. CTS cannot change the cancellation terms or conditions based on the issuance of any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terror, health or other incident in one or more of the places this tour is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties remain in full force and effect.

PHOTOGRAPHY: CTS may take photographs or film of its trips and trip participants, and participant grants CTS express permission to do so and for CTS to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any fee or royalties.

UNUSED SERVICES: There is no right to a refund for any unused services including airline tickets.

CHANGES: Changes in any of the terms and conditions can be made only in writing signed by an officer of CTS.

PARTICIPATION: CTS reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any participant on any of its tours if, in its sole discretion, it deems accepting or retaining any such participant as being detrimental to the tour. In the event any participant is removed from a trip, CTS's only obligation is to refund to that person that portion of the payment allocable to unused services.

BINDING ARBITRATION: Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existent. Substantive (but not procedural) Michigan law shall apply in any such arbitration. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract. Including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

