

Spain, France, Monaco, & Italy

JANUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 3, 2023

THE GUSTAVUS CHOIR ALUMNI COMPANION TOUR

INCLUSIONS

TRANSPORTATION & MEALS

- Round-trip airfare from Minneapolis to Barcelona, Spain with a return from Venice, Italy
- Transportation via deluxe motorcoach for all transfers and touring in Europe
- Continental breakfasts - 14
- Dinners - 8

ACCOMMODATIONS

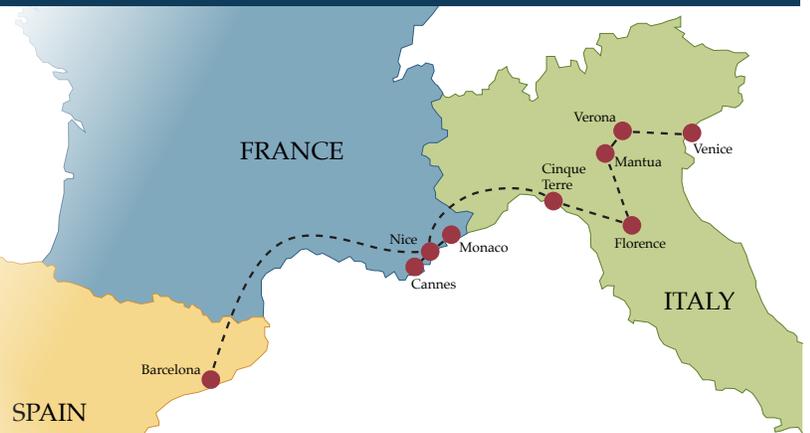
- Accommodations in superior three and four-star hotels - 12 nights
Barcelona - 3, Nice - 4, Florence - 2, Mantua - 1, Mestre/Venice - 2
- Accommodations in a guest house in the Cinque Terre - 2 nights

PERFORMANCES

- Promoted concerts - 8
Barcelona - 2, Nice - 2, Cinque Terre - 1, Florence - 1, Mantua - 1, Venice - 1
- Church services - 2
Monaco - 1, Venice - 1
- Impromptu performances (subject to permission on the day) - 3
La Sagrada Familia, Monaco Cathedral, Santa Maria del Fiore

SIGHTSEEING & ACTIVITIES

- All sightseeing as shown in itinerary
- City tours with local guides in Barcelona, Nice, Monaco, Cinque Terre, Florence, Venice
- Boat tour of Cinque Terre
- Attractions: Olympic Port and Stadium, Parc Guell, La Sagrada Familia, Monaco Cathedral, Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica



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ITINERARY

DAY 1

DEPART USA

Depart from Minneapolis today for your performance tour of Spain, France, Monaco, and Italy.

DAY 2

ARRIVE BARCELONA

Take a panoramic tour of Barcelona, a vibrant city known for its stunning architecture, sandy beaches, and world-class cuisine. Ride the coach along the Olympic Port and Montjuic where the Olympic Stadium is located. You will see the Barri Gòtic or "Gothic Quarter," the old town district known for its treasure house of Gothic monuments. See the elegant Paseo de Gracia Avenue and buildings designed by Gaudi, including Batló House, resembling a dragon, Guell Palace and stylish Parc Guell.

DAY 3

BARCELONA

Enjoy a guided tour this morning through magical Parc Guell. Built in the early 1900's, the Park was originally intended as a private residence for Barcelona's elite and later became a 10-mile public park still enjoyed by adults and children today. The main gate, a giant salamander known as "the dragon" greets visitors as they wind through a network of elaborate mosaics and manicured gardens. The main terrace of the park offers sweeping views of the city and some of the architects' other famous creations. Continue your tour to Spain's most popular attraction, La Sagrada Familia, the Catholic basilica begun by Gaudi in the late 1800's. Still under construction today, it is estimated to be completed around 2026.

🎵 Impromptu Performance (La Sagrada Familia)

🎵 Promoted Concert (Barcelona)

DAY 4

BARCELONA

Enjoy free time today for individual shopping, exploring, and dining. Take a stroll down Barcelona's most famous street, La Rambla, a one-mile pedestrian boulevard through the heart of the city, lined with shops, street artists, mosaics, and statues. For an authentic taste of Barcelona, stop at La Boqueria, the city's oldest market, where more than 200 stands welcome guests to taste their offerings. Enjoy the manicured beauty of Laberint d'Horta Park, but try not to get lost in its elaborate, mythology-inspired hedge maze, or step out of the city hustle with a trip to the breathtaking Palace of Catalan Music.

🎵 Promoted Concert (Barcelona)

DAY 5

BARCELONA - NICE

Board your coach and depart for Nice, France. The area of Nice today is believed to be among the oldest settlements in Europe - in fact, one archaeological site shows evidence of early fire use. Its enviable location on the French Riviera in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur means it is blessed with a sunny, temperate climate. Among its many attractions are its beautiful beaches, lovely seaside promenades, interesting museums, and famous landmarks.

DAY 6

NICE

This morning, enjoy a city tour of Nice with local guides. Long known as the "playground for the rich," Nice is a modern city that has retained its old-world flavor with plentiful town squares and over 150 fountains. Walk along the Promenade des Anglais, a wide boulevard set against the backdrop of the Mediterranean Sea, and through the medieval part of town with its narrow streets and baroque churches.

🎵 Promoted Concert (Nice)



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DAY 7 NICE - MONACO - NICE

Board your coach this morning and travel along the Mediterranean coast to Monaco where you will spend most of today. You will be guided through the city's highlights including a visit to Old Town, the Monaco Cathedral which houses the tombs of all the former Princes of Monaco and Monaco's much-loved Princess Grace, and if you are near the Prince's Palace at noon you may see the changing of guards. This afternoon is at your leisure to continue exploring. Squeezing in under a mile, Monaco may be the second-smallest country in the world, but it has no shortage of attractions. Beautiful museums, lush gardens, and pedestrian-friendly streets welcome visitors to explore all this glamorous city has to offer.

- ♪ Impromptu Performance (Monaco)
- ♪ Church Service (Monaco)

DAY 8 NICE - CANNES - NICE

Take a day trip to Cannes today, a coastal city made famous by its annual international film festival and luxurious lifestyle. A walk down the palm-lined La Croisette offers side-by-side views of the city's beautiful sand beaches and ornate architecture. For many, celebrity-spotting is the main attraction in Cannes where the city lives up to its motto, "Life is a festival." Return to Nice and perform a promoted concert.

- ♪ Promoted Concert (Nice)

DAY 9 NICE - CINQUE TERRE

Begin your journey to Cinque Terre for the Italian portion of your tour. The Cinque Terre, or "Five Lands," lies along the coastline of Northwest Italy. The five villages of Manarola, Riomaggiore, Corniglia, Vernazza, and Monterosso al Mare, and their surrounding coastlines and hillsides make up the Cinque Terre National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 10 CINQUE TERRE

Enjoy a different view of the incredible Italian coast and take in the beautiful landscape from a boat. The boat tour will end in the beautiful village of Portovenere, tucked within the Gulf of Poets, where you will have time for lunch before boarding a boat to your performance in Monterosso.

- ♪ Promoted Concert (Monterosso)

DAY 11 CINQUE TERRE - FLORENCE

You will depart for Florence this morning. Once in Florence you can enjoy some free time before a promoted concert. Florence is known for its leather goods and fine jewelry, and its outdoor markets offer plenty of chances to hone your bargaining skills. If you wish to visit another museum, please note that we recommend advance reservations for Florence's most popular museums.

- ♪ Promoted Concert (Florence)

DAY 12 FLORENCE

You'll take a guided walking tour of Florence this morning. Pass the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral with its immense dome, Giotto's Belltower, and the Baptistery's "Gates of Paradise" by Ghiberti. Enjoy free time in Florence for individual shopping, exploring, and dining.

- ♪ Impromptu Performance (Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral)



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DAY 13 FLORENCE - MANTUA

This morning you will board a coach and travel to Mantua, one of the greatest Italian cities of art, architecture and music. Today is yours to explore this Renaissance city. Consider a visit to the "Room of the Mirrors" concert hall at the Ducal Palace where Monteverdi composed the first important Italian musical melodrama and other works expressly for the Duke of Mantua. Stroll past Piermarini's Accademia Virgiliana, where Mozart played on his first Italian tour, or if you're not sure where to start, get your bearings with a walk across the San Giogio bridge for a view of all the city offers.

♪ Promoted Concert (Mantua)

DAY 14 MANTUA - VERONA - MESTRE/VENICE

Begin the journey to Venice this morning, making a stop in Verona, the second-largest city in the Veneto region. Verona is home to a magnificent preserved Roman amphitheater and is the setting for Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. You will have an opportunity to view the Arena, Juliet's house, and several of the beautiful squares in the city. After exploring Verona, board the motorcoach and continue on to Mestre, the most populated area of mainland Venice.

DAY 15 MESTRE/VENICE

Transfer by *vaporetto* ("water taxi") to the island of Venice. Famous for its system of waterways, Venice is truly a unique city. Take a guided walking tour of Venice and visit the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square and St. Mark's Basilica. The basilica's unusual layout, with two choir lofts facing each other, led to the development of the Venetian choral style of multiple choirs and instrumental ensembles. Please wear clothing that will cover your shoulders and knees for your visit to St. Mark's Basilica. The afternoon is free for you to explore Venice. You may choose to visit the ornate Doge's Palace, view Venetian paintings on display at the Gallerie dell'Accademia (entrances not included), or simply enjoy an espresso at a canal-side café.

♪ Church Service (St. Mark's Basilica)

♪ Promoted Concert (Venice)

DAY 16 DEPART MESTRE/VENICE - ARRIVE USA

Transfer to the airport for your return journey. You will arrive in the United States later this afternoon.

PRICE PER PASSENGER 16 DAY TOUR

35 Companion Passengers

Land Only:	\$4,067.00
Airfare:	\$1,083.00
Total Tour Price:	\$5,150.00

Single Supplement: \$970.00

* Air taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change until tickets are issued, approximately 60 days prior to departure.

* The price is subject to the guidelines in the "Terms and Conditions." The land prices are based on vendor rates available on 5/26/21 and are subject to increases imposed by vendors. The price is subject to change according to the number of passengers.

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