



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



Classic Performances
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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 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. *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 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. *CB | D

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. *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. Optional extension tours will be available; details to be announced. *CB | D

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 motorcoach.

**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.

*CB=Continental Breakfast, D=Dinner

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. Note: the package must be purchased in its entirety as presented; no partial packages will be sold.