

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE MASTER CHORALE  
COMPANION GROUP ITINERARY  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE - ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL**



**Sunday, March 15, 2009**

- 7:45 AM Arrive at Houston George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and check in  
Michael Madrid, your professional Tour Director, will meet you at the counter and assist with check in
- 10:45 AM 50 passengers depart Houston George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) on Continental Airlines flight 40
- 3:02 PM Arrive at Newark International Airport (EWR)
- 6:40 PM 50 passengers depart Newark International Airport (EWR) on Alitalia Airlines flight 643

**Monday, March 16, 2009**

- 8:00 AM Arrive at Rome Fiumicino Airport (FCO)
- 9:00 AM Depart via motorcoach for the Vatican
- 10:30 AM Guided Tour of the Vatican Museums  
The guided tour will include highlights of Michelangelo's frescoes found in the Sistine Chapel, the treasure-filled Basilica of St. Peter, and the Chair of St. Peter.
- 1:00 PM Lunch on your own
- 2:30 PM Depart via motorcoach for the hotel
- 3:00 PM Arrive and check-in at Hotel Jolly Carpegna  
Room keys will not be available before this time.
- 4:00 PM Depart via motorcoach for St. Peter's Basilica
- 4:30 PM Arrive at St. Peter's Basilica
- 5:00 PM Master Chorale performance at High Mass at St. Peter's Basilica
- 6:15 PM Depart for Dinner
- 6:30 PM Dinner at a local restaurant
- 8:00 PM Depart for the hotel
- 8:15 PM Arrive at the hotel

**Tuesday, March 17, 2009**

- 8:00 AM Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 AM Guided Tour of Ancient Rome  
Tour will feature Roman Forum, the Coliseum, and the Circus Maximus
- 12:00 PM Lunch on your own with afternoon free for shopping and sightseeing
- 5:45 PM Depart for dinner
- 6:00 PM Dinner at a local restaurant and small group sightseeing
- 8:30 PM Depart for Sant'Andrea della Valle Church
- 9:00 PM Master Chorale Performance at the Sant'Andrea della Valle Church
- 10:00 PM Depart for the hotel
- 10:30 PM Arrive at the hotel

**Wednesday, March 18, 2009**

- 7:00 AM Breakfast at hotel
- 8:00 AM Check out of the hotel and depart via motorcoach Assisi
- 11:00 AM Arrive and tour Assisi  
Assisi is best known as the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi - patron saint of Italy, founder of the Franciscan order, and one of the most popular Catholic Saints. The Basilica di San Francesco contains the sacred relics of Francis and beautiful frescoes of his life. The town is made up of roman ruins, winding medieval streets, and sacred shrines.
- 12:00 PM Lunch on your own
- 4:00 PM Depart via motorcoach for Montecatini

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7:00 PM Arrive in Montecatini and check-in at Hotel Nizza et Suisse  
8:00 PM Dinner at the hotel

**Thursday, March 19, 2009**

7:00 AM Breakfast at hotel  
8:00 AM Depart via motorcoach for Florence  
10:00 AM Guided tour of Florence, Lunch on your own  
Tour highlights include the Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore (Duomo) and its crypt, the adjacent Baptistery with the mosaics illustrating the Last Judgement, and the Accademia Museum, to view "David"  
3:00 PM Depart via motorcoach for Montecatini  
4:30 PM Arrive in Montecatini  
6:30 PM Depart via motorcoach for Lucca  
7:00 PM Dinner at a local restaurant in Lucca  
9:00 PM Il Baluardo and Master Chorale Performance at Auditorium San Romano  
10:00 PM Depart for the hotel  
10:20 PM Arrive at the hotel

**Friday, March 20, 2009**

8:00 AM Breakfast at hotel  
9:00 AM Check out of the hotel and depart via motorcoach for Orvieto  
12:00 PM Arrive in Orvieto, lunch on your own  
12:45 PM Guided tour of Orvieto  
Tour highlights will include the famous Duomo, the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, and the Museo Emilio Greco  
4:00 PM Depart via motorcoach for Rome  
6:00 PM Arrive and check-in at Hotel Jolly Carpegna  
7:30 PM Depart via motorcoach for Farewell Dinner  
8:00 PM Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant with Master Chorale  
9:30 PM Return to hotel

**Saturday, March 21, 2009**

8:00 AM Breakfast at hotel  
9:00 AM Morning free for sightseeing and shopping  
12:00 PM Lunch on your own, Afternoon free for sightseeing and shopping  
6:45 PM Depart for dinner  
7:00 PM Dinner at a local Restaurant  
8:00 PM Depart for the hotel  
8:15 PM Arrive at the hotel

**Sunday, March 22, 2009**

7:30 AM Breakfast at hotel  
8:30 AM Check out of hotel and depart via motorcoach for the airport  
9:00 AM Depart arrive at the airport and check in  
10:15 AM 50 passengers depart Rome Fiumicino Airport on Alitalia Airlines flight 642  
5:00 PM Arrive at Newark International Airport (EWR)  
7:00 PM 50 passengers depart Newark International Airport (EWR) on Continental Airlines flight 88  
10:08 PM Arrive at Houston George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)