

Naples, Rome, Florence and visit Pompeii– Italy 2024

Naples, Rome, Florence visit Pompeii – 12 days

Departure: April 11, 2024

Return: April 22, 2024

A symphony of operas in Naples, Rome, and Florence's captivating charms!

Embark on an enchanting voyage with us as we welcome you to discover the cultural gems of Naples, Rome, and Florence, through the fascinating world of opera.

Naples

*Discover the magic of Naples, a city nestled by the sea. On **April 13**, experience the rarely performed opera "**La Gioconda**" by **Amilcare Ponchielli**, featuring the remarkable artistry of **Jonas Kaufmann** as Enzo Grimaldo.*

***Jonas Kaufmann** stands as a highly acclaimed and universally cherished artist. His portrayal of Enzo Grimaldo adds a new dimension to this production, weaving his unparalleled vocal prowess into the very fabric of the character.*

***Anna Netrebko** as La Gioconda, whose portrayal of La Gioconda captures hearts and minds alike. Her artistry, combined with Kaufmann's, creates an opera experience that transcends time, leaving an indelible mark on the soul of the performance. The renowned conductor **Pinchas Steinberg** will guide this magnificent performance.*

Rome

*Immerse yourself in the spellbinding opera world on **April 16** in Rome. Enjoy Bellini's "**La Sonnambula**" directed by **Francisco Lanzillotta**, starring **Ruth Iniesta** as Amina, **Marco Capon** as Elvino, and **Manuel Fuentes** as Count Rodolfo.*

Florence

*Experience the cultural charm of Florence this April with a series of captivating musical performances. On April 19th, **Francesco Libetta's** concert, "**On the Wings of Song**," will take you on a mesmerizing journey through a variety of musical landscapes. Then, on **April 21st**, prepare to be captivated by Puccini's "**Turandot**," conducted by the renowned **Maestro Zubin Mehta**, featuring an exceptional cast: **Olga Maslova** as Turandot, **Carlo Bosi** as Altoum, **Simon Lim** as Timur, **Angelos Samartzis** as Calaf, and **Valeria Sepe** as Liù.*

Luxurious Accommodations

*Experience a luxurious and cultural journey through Naples, Rome, and Florence. Experience the elegance and luxury of the **Hotel Romeo** in Naples, indulge in unparalleled luxury at the **Bernini Bristol** in Rome, and bask in the genuinely luxurious atmosphere of **Hotel L'Orelogio** in Florence. Your trip will take you beyond the opera world, immersing you in a cultural adventure.*



Cultural Exploration

Although opera is undoubtedly alluring, our journey delves deeper into each city's unique culture. In Naples, the cobblestone streets and bustling markets entice you, providing a glimpse into the historical charm that characterizes the city. Rome's striking contrast between ancient wonders and modern life creates a captivating mix, drawing you into its dynamic essence. Meanwhile, in Florence, you'll discover a treasure trove of Renaissance art and architectural marvels. It is an invitation to explore the masterpieces that shaped a magnificent era., Weaving the fabric of each destination's cultural heritage into your own story, your journey becomes a mosaic of experiences.

Opera Performances

In Naples:

April 13 – **La Gioconda** by **Amilcare Ponchielli**, conducted by **Pinchas Steinberg** with
Jonas Kaufmann and **Anna Netrebko**

In Rome:

April 16 – **La Sonnambula** by **Bellini**

In Florence:

April 19 – **Concert** by **Francesco Libetta's**

April 21 – **Turandot** by **Puccini** , conducted by **Zubin Mehta**

Thursday, April 11. (D)*. DEPART FOR NAPLES

Depart this evening, aboard any airline of your choice to Naples, Italy. Dinner and light breakfast served on the plane.

Friday, April 12. (B.D). NAPLES

Independent arrival at Naples International Airport. Take a taxi to the deluxe **HOTEL ROMEO** where we stay for three nights. This evening we will have our Briefing with cocktails, followed by the Gala Welcome dinner at the hotel's gourmet restaurant.

Saturday, April 13. (B). NAPLES

This morning sightseeing tour of this exciting city to include the Piazza del Plebiscite, the Royal Palace, with a visit to the Baroque Capella San Severo, and the church of Saint Francesco di



Paola. Afternoon at leisure. This evening we will see the opera **La Gioconda** by **Amilcare Ponchielli** at **Teatro di San Carlo**.

Cast:

Conductor - Pinchas Steinberg
Enzo Grimaldo - Jonas Kaufmann
La Gioconda – Anna Netrebko

Naples - Italy's Enchanting Jewel, Where History and Beauty Converge!

Experience the timeless allure of Naples, a city celebrated by poets and writers for its unparalleled charm. Nestled beneath the watchful gaze of the historic Vesuvius, Naples is a captivating blend of rich history and breathtaking beauty. Its vibrant streets are alive with the hurried pace of life, a bustling energy that dances amidst the narrow alleys and lively conversations. With its stunning backdrop of Vesuvius, this vibrant city seems to breathe life into every moment, making it a truly enchanting destination.

Sunday, April 14. (B). NAPLES - POMPEII

This morning we take an excursion to visit Pompeii to see the Forum, the Basilica and the Temple of Apollo. In the afternoon we return to Naples driving along the stunning Amalfi Coast. This evening is at your leisure.

***Pompeii**, frozen in time by the cataclysmic eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD, offers an extraordinary glimpse into ancient Roman life. Its remarkably preserved ruins unveil a city once vibrant with bustling streets, intricate mosaics, and grand villas. As you walk amidst the eerie remnants, you'll be retracing the steps of those who came before, forging a deep and chilling connection with history.*

Monday, April 15. (B). NAPLES - ROME

Today we drive northwest to arrive in Rome to stay three nights at the deluxe **HOTEL BERNINI BRISTOL**. This evening is at your leisure.

Tuesday, April 16. (B). ROME

Morning orientation tour of the city includes seeing the Campidoglio Hill that symbolized the power of ancient Rome, the Fountain of Trevi and the Spanish Steps. This evening we will see the opera **La Sonnambula** by **Bellini** at Teatro dell'Opera di Roma.



ROME, the “eternal City” has an unmatched wealth of Classical antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. From its legendary origins of the twins Romulus and Remus, it has undergone millenniums of conflict and power struggles until Giuseppe Garibaldi led the revolt that unified the country in 1871 and Rome again became the capital of new Italy.

Cast:

Director - Francesco Lanzillotta

Amina - Ruth Iniesta

Elvino – Marco Ciaponi

Count Rodolfo - Manuel Fuentes

Wednesday, April 17. (B.D). ROME

Today we visit the Vatican City to see the most renowned Basilica of Saint Peter, and Michelangelo’s powerful masterpieces, the PIETA and the Sistine Chapel among other monuments inside the world-famous edifice. Afternoon free to visit any of the many fine museums. Dinner at the hotel’s rooftop restaurant with a beautiful view of Rome.

Thursday, April 18. (B). ROME – FLORENCE

Today we drive north to stop first in the walled city of ASSISI closely associated with St. Francis. We will visit the Basilica di San Francesco and see the spectacular view of the valley below from Rocca Maggiore. We will arrive this afternoon in Florence, where we stay four nights at the centrally located deluxe **HOTEL L’ORELOGIO**.

FLORENCE is one of the world's greatest artistic capitals and a testament to the Italian capacity for genius. The city was the cradle of civilization which nurtured the humanistic movement and the Renaissance in the first half of the 15 C. In March of 1436, the architect-engineer genius Filippo Brunelleschi completed building the stupendous dome of the cathedral out of a double layer of brickwork. Today the multi-colored Cathedral is breathtaking, next to the marble-clad Baptistery with its famous gilded bronze doors.

Friday, April 19. (B). FLORENCE

Morning sightseeing of this city dense with art and culture will include the Piazza del Duomo, the bronze doors of the Battistero and the Uffizi Gallery. Afternoon free to visit Museo dell' Opera del Duomo, to see Michelangelo's second statue PIETA. This evening we attend a concert by **Francesco Libetta** performing on the wings of song at Teatro Maggio Musicale Fiorentino.



Saturday, April 20. (B.D). FLORENCE

Today, we will be exploring the Galleria dell' Accademia and encountering the awe-inspiring statue of David. Allow yourself to be captivated by the timeless beauty of Michelangelo's masterpiece. David is not just a breathtaking sculpture, but also a symbol of artistic brilliance and intellectual pursuit. As you gaze upon this iconic masterpiece, let Florence's rich history and cultural significance inspire your senses. This evening we will have our gala farewell dinner at a gourmet restaurant.

Sunday, April 21. (B). FLORENCE

This morning we see the Palazzo Pitti and Galleria Palatina with its marvelous collection of paintings. Afternoon free to take in any of the fine churches exhibiting works by famous artists. This evening we will see the opera **Turandot** by **Puccini** at **Teatro Maggio Musicale Fiorentino**.

Cast:

Conductor - Zubin Mehta

Turandot - Olga Maslova

Altoum - Carlo Bosi

Timur - Simon Lim

Calaf - Angelos Samartzis

Liù - Valeria Sepe

Monday, April 22. (B). FLORENCE

Depart from the hotel to the Florence Airport for departure aboard your airline back home arriving the same afternoon. See you on another H.A.T. Tour.

* B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner (including wine)



LAND COST

DOUBLE: \$11,990 PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,550 PER PERSON

DEPOSIT: \$2,500 PER PERSON

BALANCE DUE: JANUARY 11, 2024

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- Deluxe transport in-between the cities
- Three operas and one concert
- Deluxe centrally located hotels
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