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## Introduction

Tuscany is one of the most important regions of Italy because of its historical, artistic and economic wealth, culture and landscape.

Items in central Italy, bordered to the north-west with Liguria to the north with Emilia-Romagna, the Marches and Umbria to the east, south with Lazio. In the west, its 397 km of continental coasts are bathed by the Ligurian Sea and the Tyrrhenians Seas.

The capital of Tuscany in Florence, largest and most populous city with approximately 369 000 inhabitants and historic, artistic, economic and administrative centre.

Until 1859 Tuscany was an independent state, it was created by the Republic of Florence. She then became part of the Kingdom of Sardinia, the Kingdom of Italy and is now a part of the Italian Republic.

Tuscany is a region of excellence in food. In its lands are in fact produced renowned wines as Chianti Classico, Brunello di Montalcino and many others. No less valuable are the production of Tuscan olive oil and cured meats and cheeses. The Tuscan cuisine is distinguished by its flavors and its natural ingredients, which make even the simplest dishes of delicacies.



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## The Festival

The International Choir Festival "**Cantate Toscana**" will undoubtedly take place in the best season to take a trip to Tuscany. You can visit the most beautiful cities of Tuscany - "Florence and Siena," you will make new friends with local choirs and other foreign choirs, exchange music and learn about different cultures.

The **friendship concerts** take place on Friday afternoon or evening in a Church in the city centre of Siena or in a concert hall in Siena and surroundings hosted by a local choir. At a friendship concert choirs will come together with a local choir. After the concert the choirs will drink a glass of local wine from Tuscany together and end the evening in a pleasant and friendly atmosphere.

The festival ends on Saturday afternoon with the **final concert** in a concert hall or in a church in the city centre of Florence with all participants. Each choir presents two songs of his choice and at the end all choirs will sing a final song together.

**Music is culture!** And Tuscany is rich in these ingredients. The care of the music culture would not only contribute to the growth of our artistic heritage, but also contribute to the construction of the social fabric of connections and experiences of socialization. Tuscany is the perfect setting for an international choral festival. The singing of your songs will be the symbol of a universal language without borders!



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## Friendship Concerts

The friendship concerts will take place on Friday afternoon or evening in a church at the city centre of Siena or in a concert hall in the surroundings of Siena hosted by a local choir. During this evening you can learn about the other choirs, sing together and share music and culture in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere

**Date:** 1st may & 12th june 2020

**Duration:** each choir performs for max. 25 minutes

**Repertoire:** free choice; the choice of the concert location depends on your repertoire.

**Rehearsal:** in hotel or in performance venue after agreement

**Presentation:** in Italian by a speaker

**Piano:** e-piano at disposal

**Bus Parking:** nearby

**Note:** refreshment with wine and cake after the concert



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## Final Concert

The final concert together with all participating choirs will take place on Saturday afternoon in a concert hall or a church in the city centre of Florence.

Each choir will perform two songs of their free choice. The concert will conclude with a common final song. The score of the final piece will be sent after your inscription.

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> may & 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - 17.00h

**Duration:** each choir will present two songs of their free choice and at the end all choirs will sing a final common song together.

**Rehearsal:** at the performance venue

**Presentation:** in Italian and English by a speaker

**Bus Parking:** must be paid. The bus will drop you off as close as possible to the theatre. Then, during the concert the bus will go to park in a public car park.



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## Festival program

DAY

1

Arrival in late afternoon to the hotel in Poggibonsi. Check-in. Dinner at hotel. After diner – free time.

DAY

2

Breakfast in hotel; departure for the guided tour of Siena, ca. 2 hours without entrance fees. Lunch in a restaurant in the city centre of Siena. Afternoon or evening **friendship concert**. After the concert toast with a glass of typical Tuscan wine. After the concert back transfer to the hotel.

DAY

3

Breakfast in hotel; departure for the guided tour of Florence, ca. 2 ½ hours without entrance fees. Lunch in a restaurant in the city centre of Florence. Late in the afternoon transfer to the concert hall or the church in the city centre of Florence for the **Final Concert** where all participating choirs will meet. After the concert, refreshments and Chianti wine. Then back transfer to the hotel.

DAY

4

Breakfast in hotel and departure for home.



This program is purely indicative and will be adapted according to the group's arrival and departure time. Of course it is also possible to extend your stay or to book additional services

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## WHAT IS INCLUDED

- 3 nights in hotel in Poggibonsi. Accommodation in double, triple or single room with shower/WC.
- 3 x buffet breakfast
- 1 x dinner at hotel – 3 course menu (beverages included)
- 1 x lunch in restaurant in Florence, 3 course menu beverages included
- 1 x lunch in restaurant in Siena, 3 course menu beverages included
- Organization of 2 performances (friendship concert and final concert)
- 1 x local guide in Florence, English speaking, without entrance fees, ca. 2 ½ hours
- 1 x local guide in Siena, English speaking, without entrance fees, ca. 2 hours
- Refreshment with wine and cake after the friendship & final concert
- English speaking assistance at: friendship concert and final concert. No assistance at departure.
- Rental of room in hotel for rehearsal before every performance
- Advertisement and posters for the concerts
- Every 25th person in a double room is free of charge



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## VISIT SUGGESTIONS

### FLORENCE

Florence is a metropolitan city of 369,000 inhabitants in the north central Italy, the heart of a metropolitan area of over 1.5 million inhabitants, capital of the province and the region of Tuscany, which is the largest and most populous city, and historic, artistic and economic centre.

Capital of Italy (1865-1871) after the unification of Italy in the Middle Ages was an important cultural, commercial, economic and financial centre, covering the role of capital in the modern era of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany under the rule of the Medici and Lorena.

Important university, is considered the birthplace of the Renaissance and is universally recognized as one of the cradles of art and architecture, and renowned as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. In fact, thanks to its numerous monuments and museums – including the Duomo, Santa Croce, the Uffizi Gallery, Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria and Palazzo Pitti – is one of the most beautiful and important tourist destinations of Italy and the world.



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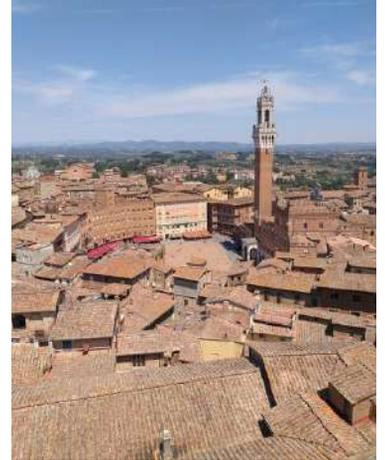
### SIENA

Siena is a town of approx. 54 000 inhabitants of central Tuscany.

The city is universally known for its artistic heritage and for the substantial stylistic unity of its medieval street furniture, as well as for its famous Palio.

Siena was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Piazza del Campo** is, historically, the main square of Siena. Unique for its original shell shape, known worldwide for its beauty and architectural integrity and for being the place where twice a year the two Palios take place.

The **Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta** is the cathedral of Siena. Built in Romanesque-Gothic style, is one of the most important churches in this style made in Italy.



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## VISIT SUGGESTIONS

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Pisa is an Italian town of approx. 87 000 inhabitants of Tuscany. According to legend was found by the legendary Trojan refugees grown on the Greek city of Pisa, post a time in the valley of the river Alpheus, in the Peloponnese.

Among the most important monuments of the city there are – the famous Piazza del Duomo, a UNESCO World Heritage – the marble Cathedral built between 1063 and 1118 in Pisan Romanesque style, with the bronze door of San Ranieri of Bonanno Pisano and the pulpit by Giovanni Pisano.

In the square stands the characteristic leaning tower, tower of the twelfth century, 56 meters high, which acquired its characteristic tilt ten years after the start of its construction, now one of the most famous Italian monuments in the world.



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## ROAD MAP

**For this festival there is the following time schedule:**

**As for now** Acceptance of registration and confirmation – **Limited space!!**

**29/02 + 10/04** Registration can be cancelled without any charge. Questionnaires for the concerts are sent out.

Application deadline and 50% deposit.

**13/03 + 24/04** All questionnaires must be completed and made available.

**27/03 + 08/05** Room lists must be made available.

**Middle of April** Detailed program for each choir will be sent out.

**End of may** Settlement of invoice amounts must be made.



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# OUR FESTIVALS

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## CHOIR FESTIVALS

CANTATE BARCELONA: 13rd – 15th June 2020 & 25th – 28th Oct. 2020

CANTATE BUDAPEST: 8th - 11th November 2019

PARIS INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL: 12th - 15th March 2020

SALZBURG ADVENT SINGING: Yearly in Nov. & Dec.

WE ARE SINGING ADRIATIC IN CROATIA: 3rd to 9th April 2020

WE ARE SINGING CRACOW: 7th - 10th May 2020

PRAGUE ADVENT SINGING: Yearly in December

CHORAL ADVENT IN VIENNA: Yearly in Nov. & Dec.

CANTATE SAN MARINO, ITALY: 21st – 24th May 2020

## BANDS & ORCHESTRAS FESTIVALS

MUSIC FESTIVAL SAN MARINO, ITALY:

12th - 15th Sept. 2019 / 10th – 13th Sept. 2020

## CONCERT TOURS IN SPAIN

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO SINGING: All year round

CHOIRS IN ANDALUSIA: All year round

CHOIRS IN COSTA BRAVA: All year round

CHOIRS IN BARCELONA: All year round

BANDS & ORCHESTRA IN COSTA BRAVA: All year round

BANDS & ORCHESTRA IN BARCELONA: All year round

## CHOIRS, BANDS & ORCHESTRAS FESTIVALS

3 COUNTRIES MUSIC FEST: LUXEMBURG, GERMANY & FRANCE:  
12th - 15th June 2020

YOUNG BOHEMIA FESTIVAL IN PRAGUE: 26th – 29th March 2020 -  
26th March 2021.

EDINGBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL: Yearly in August

## FOLKLORE FESTIVAL

FOLKLORE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL IN LLORET DE MAR, COSTA BRAVA: 24th – 26th June 2020

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