



Alabama Winds Virginia Wind Symphony & Friends

10 Days / 8 Nights Musically Italy
Performance Tour
June 29 - July 8, 2025



Tour Overview:

- For this performance tour, we've crafted a core package that includes essential components such as hotel accommodations, meals as needed, group transportation between airports and hotels, as well as arrangements for rehearsals and concerts. Additionally, we offer separate add-on tours featuring major attractions, tailored to accommodate both first-time visitors and those returning for a second time who may want to explore new sites.
- The performance tour will require two separate airfare purchases: a local flight from Rome to Catania, and international airfare from the USA to Italy.
- Detailed pricing for the tour is provided following the itinerary.

Performance Details:

- Tivoli: Located on the outskirts of Rome, Tivoli offers an opportunity to collaborate and perform with a vibrant community wind ensemble. We will have the chance to rehearse and share a concert with them.
- Frosinone: Situated southeast of Rome, Frosinone presents a unique experience to engage with a local village community's wind ensemble and participate in a joint performance.
- Catania, Sicily: David and Randall's long-time friends in Catania have been dedicated to making music for their communities for years. They eagerly anticipate our joint concert on the island.



Day 1 Sunday, June 29, 2025 - Depart for Italy

Depart Birmingham / Atlanta (depending on group pricing) for overnight flight to Italy.

Day 2 Monday, June 30, 2025 - Arrive Italy (D)

Depending on pricing the destination for the flight will be Florence or Rome. Upon arrival transfer to Florence hotel for dinner and a good night sleep.

Hotel (or similar): CAMPLUS GUEST Florence (Holiday House Residence), a unique campus setting.

Day 3 Tuesday, July 1, 2025 - Florence (B)

Optional Tour package for a private guided experience with a local English-speaking guide, including individual headset to the [Accademia Gallery](#), 3 hours.



The Accademia Gallery in Florence, Italy, is best known as the home of Michelangelo's iconic statue of David, one of the most famous sculptures in the world. Founded in 1784, the museum was originally intended to house art students' works but has since become a major destination for Renaissance art enthusiasts. In addition to David, the Accademia also displays other works by Michelangelo, such as the unfinished "Prisoners" (or "Slaves") and "St. Matthew." The museum's collection includes a range of Italian paintings from the 13th to 16th centuries, offering a rich overview of Florence's artistic legacy.

Hotel (or similar): CAMPLUS GUEST Florence (Holiday House Residence), a unique campus setting.

Day 4 Wednesday, July 2, 2025 - Florence Touring and transfer to Rome (B)

Optional Tour package for a private guided experience with local English speaking guide, including individual headset to the [Uffizi Gallery](#), 3 hours.

The Uffizi Gallery, located in Florence, Italy, is one of the most renowned art museums in the world. Housed in a historic 16th-century building, the museum is famous for its vast collection of Renaissance art. It features masterpieces by iconic artists such as Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Botticelli, and Raphael. The Uffizi's extensive collection includes paintings, sculptures, and ancient artifacts, offering visitors a deep dive into the artistic heritage of Italy.

Among its most celebrated works are Botticelli's "The Birth of Venus" and "Primavera."

In the afternoon our private coach will take our performing group south of Rome.

Hotel (or similar): [HOTEL SAINT JOHN](#) **** 4-stars

Day 5 Thursday, July 3, 2025 - Rome Touring & Rehearsal (B)

Optional Morning Tour package for a private guided walking tour. 3 hours

This private English-speaking guided walking tour in Rome offers a captivating 3-hour journey through some of the city's most iconic sites. Starting at the lively Piazza Navona, known for its stunning Baroque fountains and vibrant atmosphere, you'll explore the square's rich history before heading to the Pantheon, one of Rome's best-preserved ancient temples, where you'll marvel at its impressive dome and architectural genius (entrance permitted as available). From there, you'll stroll through Rome's charming ancient streets, soaking in the city's historic ambiance as you make your way to the legendary Trevi Fountain. Here, you'll have the chance to toss a coin and make a wish, following a time-honored tradition. The tour concludes at the elegant Spanish Steps, where you'll learn about their cultural significance while enjoying views of Rome's bustling streets below.



Optional Afternoon Tour package for a visit to the Vatican Museum. 3 hours

This private, English-speaking guided tour offers an in-depth exploration of the Vatican's most treasured sites. Beginning with the Vatican Museums, you'll be led through an extraordinary collection of art and historical artifacts, including masterpieces from the Renaissance and ancient Roman sculptures. The tour then takes you to the Sistine Chapel, where you'll stand in awe of

Michelangelo's stunning frescoes, including the iconic "Creation of Adam." Finally, you'll visit St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest and most magnificent churches in the world, where you can admire its grand architecture, intricate mosaics, and Michelangelo's famous sculpture, "La Pietà." This tour provides a comprehensive experience of the Vatican's artistic and spiritual heritage.



Rehearsal (evening) - we will transport the entire group to a rehearsal in Tivoli. This will be a full evening experience, about 4 hours.

Hotel (or similar): [HOTEL SAINT JOHN](#) **** 4-stars

Day 6 Friday, July 4, 2025 - Rome Touring & Concert in Tivoli (B)

Optional Morning Tour package for a visit to the Colosseum and Imperial Rome excavation. 3 hours

This private, English-speaking guided tour offers a fascinating journey through the heart of ancient Rome. The experience begins at the iconic Colosseum, where you'll explore the legendary amphitheater that once hosted gladiatorial combats and public spectacles. Your guide will share the history, architecture, and stories of this ancient marvel. From there, the tour continues through the ruins of Imperial Rome, where you'll visit the Roman Forum, once the center of Roman public life, and see the remains of temples, basilicas, and triumphal arches. The tour also includes a visit to Palatine Hill, the legendary birthplace of Rome, offering panoramic views of the ancient city. This tour immerses you in the grandeur and history of Rome's most significant ancient sites.



Concert (evening) - we will transport the entire group to a concert in Tivoli. This will be a full evening experience, about 6 hours. The local group usually ends the evening with local foods - music, fellowship and food equals Italy fun!

Hotel (or similar): [HOTEL SAINT JOHN](#) **** 4-stars

DAY 7 Saturday, July 5, 2025 - Rome & Concert in Sacrofano (B)

A free day in Rome offers the perfect opportunity to explore the city's charm at your own pace. You might start with a leisurely coffee at a local café, savoring the rich flavors of Italian espresso while watching the city come to life. Stroll through Rome's historic streets, perhaps visiting a local market or boutique shops. You could wander through the peaceful gardens of Villa Borghese, enjoy the art and architecture in one of the many churches, or simply take in the sights and sounds of the city. It's a chance to immerse yourself in Rome's vibrant culture, discover hidden gems, or revisit your favorite spots.

Concert (evening) - we will transport the entire group to a concert in Sacrofano. This will be full evening experience, about 6 hours. The local group usually ends the evening with local foods - music, fellowship and food equals Italy fun! Late night return to our hotel in Rome.

Hotel (or similar): HOTEL SAINT JOHN **** 4-stars

DAY 8 Sunday, July 6, 2025 - Rome to Catania Sicily (B)

After a full evening, the morning will be reserved for a late rise. The early afternoon flight from Rome to Catania will see a transfer and check-in at the hotel. The hotel is location in Aci Casatello along the Cyclops Coast about 10 Km from Catania town. We will go to Taormina for a pizza dinner.

Hotel (or similar): [FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON CATANIA HOTEL](#) **** 4-stars

DAY 9, Monday, July 7, 2025 - Catania & Concert (B)

Optional Morning Tour package for a visit to Etna and area. 3 hours.

This English-speaking, professionally guided tour of Sicily's Etna area offers a captivating 3-hour exploration of Europe's highest and most active volcano. Your journey begins with a scenic drive up the slopes of Mount Etna, where your guide will share insights into the volcano's geology, history, and its impact on the surrounding landscape. You'll visit ancient lava fields, craters, and unique volcanic formations, learning about the powerful forces that have shaped the region. The tour may also include a walk along some of Etna's safe trails, offering breathtaking views of the Sicilian countryside and the Ionian Sea. This experience provides a unique glimpse into the natural wonders and volcanic activity of this iconic Sicilian landmark.



Rehearsal & Concert (evening) - we will transport the entire group for a full evening concert experience about 6 hours. The local group usually ends the evening with local foods.

Hotel (or similar): [FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON CATANIA HOTEL](#) **** 4-stars



DAY 10 Tuesday, July 8, 2025 - Departure to Rome and to the US (B)

The group will return to the Catania airport to begin the journey home.

Alabama Winds and Virginia Wind Symphony & Friends 2025 Italy Package Tour Details

On-Line Booking Link - this needs built

Group Air Travel - has been requested, price is pending but estimated at:

- Rome to Catania \$107 per person
- Atlanta/Birmingham \$1705

Land Package - \$2589 per person (Twin Sharing) - add \$969 for Single occupancy (requires a minimum group size of 40, maximum of 48)

- 8 nights First Class accommodations (Twin Sharing) hotels named or similar
 - 2 nights Florence
 - 3 nights Rome
 - 1 night Anagni
 - 2 nights Aci Castello
- Italian city hotel taxes
- All transfers outlined above
- 9 meals: 8 breakfasts, 1 dinner w/ wine (30 June) at hotel
 - Evening local food is usually provided by the ensembles before or after concerts
 - 4 July Concert in Tivoli
 - 5 July Concert in Frosinone
 - 7 July Concert in Catania



We are offering 6 English-speaking Private Guided Tours - priced per tour, per person (each tour requires a group size of 20).

- Accademia Gallery - Florence - July 1 - \$70.90
- Uffizi Gallery - Florence - July 2 - \$106.52
- Walking Tour of Monuments - Rome - July 3 morning - \$91.55
- Vatican Museum - Rome - July 3 afternoon - \$109.68
- Colosseum - Rome - July 4 - \$97.59
- Etna Area - Catania, Sicily - July 7 - \$70.45

Passports & Visas:

Passengers are required to hold a passport valid for six months beyond travel dates, and are responsible to obtain visa(s) as needed.

Entry Requirements: US citizens require a passport **valid for six months beyond travel dates, January 15, 2026 for tour dates.**

Booking & Payments

With a Jubilee year in 2025 in Italy the hotels are requiring an immediate non-refundable deposit. The current hotel blocks are requesting the deposit by 23 August 2024. We hope that the group can formed quickly so that we can secure the offered hotels.

Payment Details	Payment Date	Payment Amount per person	Terms
Deposit	August 31, 2024	\$100	Non-refundable once operating minimum is reached.
Payment	September 30, 2024	\$250	Non-refundable once operating minimum is reached.
Air Deposit, if applicable		\$200	Non-refundable
Payment	December 5, 2024	\$600	Non-refundable
Payment	February 5, 2025	\$600	Non-refundable
Air Final, if applicable		Balance	Non-refundable
Land Final payment	April 30, 2025	Balance	Non-refundable
	Additional Payments may be made at any time. All prices reflect a discount for cash/check. AX, DS, MC, Vi are accepted for all payment subject to bank service charge.		

Have your Own Airfare?

For those with frequent flyer miles or wanting to use another air carrier you do not need to purchase the group airfare option.