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University of Alabama

Million Dollar Band and Wind Ensemble

Concert Tour to Italy
May, 2012

Itinerary



Tuesday, May 8th, 2012 - ATLANTA

Departure from Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport

15:40 Delta # 240

17:55 Air France # 681

23:30 Air France # 683

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Nota Bene:

- Each coach will have its own guide throughout.
- In the Itinerary, some mention is made of additional or local guides. When visiting attractions, we often will have additional services of 'local guides' or 'site guides' to further enhance our visits.

Wednesday, May 9th ROME

Arrival at Rome International Airport and meeting with your designated escorts. Transfer to hotel (luggage and instruments to be transferred separately by truck).

07:30 DL 240, direct from Atlanta

11:50 AF 1504, from Paris

17:30 AF 2104, from Paris

19:00 Dinner and orientation meeting at hotel

Menu: *Pasta alla boscaiola // Saltimbocca alla Romana con bieta all'agro // Frutta. Acqua sui tavoli*

HOTEL PARCO TIRRENO, Via Aurelia, 480 - ROMA

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Thursday, May 10th ROME

07:15 Wake up call

08:00 Breakfast

08:45 Departure for half-day sightseeing tour of Rome

09:30 Meeting with guides at Colosseo (4 guides)

09:30 Entrance to Colosseo

Free time for lunch (on own)

17:30 Faculty Brass Quintet to meet at hotel for transfer to Centro Studi Americano.

18:00 Faculty Brass Quintet to participate to Jazz Symposium

TBA Dinner on own

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Friday, May 11th ROME

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- 07:45 Wake up call
08:30 Breakfast at hotel
10:00 Departure for Vatican Museums
10:30 Meeting with guides for visit to Museum
13:00 Free time for lunch (on own)
13:45 Departure for Rieti
15:00 Arrival in Rieti and meeting at theatre
15:15 Short introduction of theatre
16:00 Wind Ensemble to rehearse, rest of group to visit Rieti with guides
17:30 End of rehearsal
18:00 Wind Ensemble to have dinner
19:00 Wind Ensemble to change for concert attire
19:30 Wind ensemble to have rehearsal with Sabina Wind Orchestra
19:30 Rest of group to have dinner (same menu as Ensemble):
Pasta al pomodoro pachino // fettina al limone o pizzaiola con insalata e patate // dessert. Acqua in tavola
21:00 Concert
23:00 Reception to follow
24:00 Return to Rome

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Saturday, May 12th ROME - FLORENCE

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- 08:45 Wake up call
08:00 Breakfast
09:30 Luggage and instruments loading
10:00 Departure for Florence
14:00 Free time in Florence (on own)
18:00 Departure for Montecatini
19:00 Arrival in Montecatini - check-in
20:00 Dinner at respective hotels
Menu: Lasagne // Carrè di Norcia in Bellavista // Patate arrosto // Torta della Nonna. Acqua in tavola

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Sunday, May 13th FLORENCE

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- 07:00 Wake up call
- 07:30 Breakfast
- 08:15 Departure for Florence
- 09:00 Meeting with local guides for guided tour of Florence
- 09:15 Entrance to Accademia
- 12:00 Free time for lunch (on own)
Afternoon free in Florence - early dinner (on own!!)
- 17:00 Meeting at Duomo
- 17:15 MDB to change into uniforms (Opera del Duomo!)
- 18:00 Parade from Piazza Duomo to Piazza Repubblica // Piazza Signoria
- 19:30 End of concert performance - MDB to leave instruments on truck
- 20:00 Transfer to Artemio Franchi
- 20:45 Band to attend Fiorentina - Cagliari (Soccer Match)
- 22:30 Transfer to Montecatini
- 23:30 Arrival in Montecatini

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Monday, May 14th VENICE AND PADOVA

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- 07:30 Wake up call
- 08:15 Breakfast
- 09:00 Luggage and instruments loading
- 09:15 Departure for Venice
Free time for lunch (on the road)
- 13:00 Arrival at Tronchetto and transfer to San Marco (by private boat)
- 14:00 Informal orientation walk and free time in Venice
- TBA Dinner on own in Venice today
- 19:00 Meeting with boats and transfer to Tronchetto
- 20:30 Arrival in Padova - room assignment

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Tuesday, May 15th PADOVA

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- 07:30 Wake up call
08:15 Breakfast
09:00 Instruments loading (band in uniforms)!
09:15 Transfer to Prato della Valle
10:00 MDB Parade from Prato della Valle to at Palazzo Moroni.
10:20 Musical encounter with the sbandieratori
"Sbandieratori" are the colorfully costumed medieval drummers
See here: <http://www.sbandieratori.it>
11:30 End of parade.
11:45 MDB and Wind Ensemble to walk to Pollini to change (MDB) and
leave instruments (ensemble)
TBA Free time to follow
16:00 Wind Ensemble to meet at Pollini for rehearsal
18:30 Dinner at local pizzeria
Menu: *Pizza a volontà con insalata. Bevande incluse (drinks inclusive)*
19:45 Wind Ensemble to change into concert attire
20:30 Wind Ensemble ready
21:00 Concert
23:00 End of concert. Taximerci to collect instruments and transfer them to
Sheraton
23:45 Return to hotel

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Wednesday, May 16th PADOVA - TORINO

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- 08:00 Wake up call
08:45 Breakfast
09:30 Luggage and instruments loading
09:45 Departure for Verona
11:00 Meeting with local guides for short tour of the city
Entrance fee to Arena to be included
12:30 Free time for lunch (on own)
13:30 Continuation for Torino
Arrival in Torino and check in (2 hotels)
19:00 Transfer to city center (Piazza Carlo Felice) for dinner
19:30 Dinner at Brek Restaurant
Menu: *self service*
Check here for their nifty website: www.brek.com

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Thursday, May 17th TORINO

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- 07:30 Wake up call
- 08:15 Breakfast at hotel
- 09:00 Departure for Biella
- 10:30 Arrival at Santuario d'Oropa and visit of site with local guides
Check here: <http://www.santuariodioropa.it>
- 12:30 Walk to cable car
- 12:35 Cablecar to Oropa Lago for picnic (32 PAX/ride; 10min/ride)
Check here: <http://www.funivieoropa.it>
- 13:50 Free time to explore, relax, recover...
- 15:00 Return to Oropa
- 16:15 Return to Torino
- 18:30 Free time for dinner (on own) in city center
- 20:00 Transfer to Orchestra a Fiati "Antica Musica" rehearsal hall for first meeting and to rehearse encores
- 22:30 Transfer back to respective hotels

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Friday, May 18th TORINO

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- 07:30 Wake up call
- 08:15 Breakfast
- 09:00 Instruments loading and departure for city center
- 09:30 Free time at center (inspection of parade grounds?)
- 12:00 Transfer to Lingotto Shopping Mall
- 12:15 Cash allowance for lunch today
- 13:00 Stage setup (Wind Ensemble & Pompieri)
- 14:30 MDB to meet at Lingotto to familiarize with logistics
- 14:30 MDB to change
- 15:00 Departure for Piazza San Carlo
- 15:45 MDB to do a 30 minutes performance at Piazza San Carlo
- 16:30 MDB to be joined by local bands
- 17:00 Bands to start parade to Palazzo Reale.
- 17:00 Wind Ensemble to get transferred to Lingotto. MDB remains at San Carlo and gets some food
- 17:30 Sound check (45 minutes per band).
- 19:30 MDB to get transferred to Lingotto
- 20:00 Wind Ensemble to change
- 21:00 Concert (Antica Musica to start)

22:00 Intermission – Ensemble on stage
23:00 Encores
23:15 Reception – stage clearing
24:00 Transfer to hotels

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Saturday, May 19th FLIGHT

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03:00 Wake up call
03:30 Breakfast boxes and luggage loading
04:00 Departure for Milano Malpensa / Linate
08:00 AF 2213 departs from Milano Linate (Terminal 2F)
09:35 DL 161 departs from Milano Malpensa (Terminal 1)
11:00 AF 2413 departs from Milano Linate (Terminal 2F)