



# GTM Festival

## Florence, Italy



### Program

(Note that this is just an outline, as it's quite early still, and changes may be made and more details will be added):

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st**

You will arrive in beautiful Italy, at the Florence Airport (FLR).

Participants can arrive at any time, but we recommend planning to arrive early enough to be part of our welcome program starting at 7:30 PM (19:30). Our GTM Festival team will meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel. Larger groups will be transported by bus, while smaller groups and individuals will be picked up by car. You will then check in at your hotel and meet your group leader.

At 7:30 PM (19:30) we meet for a Welcome Dinner Banquet; where we get to enjoy a delicious Italian meal and connect with our fellow international participants! We will start singing right away, so after the dinner, we will join our amazing choir directors for a quick, fun rehearsal.

\*(Note: Italians often stay up late, as they enjoy afternoon siestas, so be ready for later evenings and relaxed mornings.)\*

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2nd**

After breakfast at the hotels, we will get to enjoy a guided walking tour of Florence city center in smaller groups.

Following this will be a little free time, where we recommend you grab some lunch before all the singing!

From 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (13:00 – 16:00) we will have Choir Rehearsal. Join us for an uplifting session of singing with our talented choir directors.

When the rehearsal time has ended, we will do something special together and have what we call an "outreach concert". One of GTM' cherished traditions is to uplift those in need through music. More details will follow about this special concert.

Additionally, you will have more leisure time to rest and enjoy dinner at your desired restaurant, before we continue with a shorter, engaging rehearsal and fellowship as more choir members arrive from across Italy.

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd**

Enjoy the morning with another delicious breakfast at the hotel, followed by the opportunity and freedom to explore museums, sightseeing, shopping, or savoring a delightful cup of espresso with your newfound friends.

The first choir rehearsal of the day starts at 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (11:30 – 13:30). We will begin with a fun body percussion warm-up followed by an energizing rehearsal.

Participants can then take time for lunch on their own; as there are numerous dining options near the rehearsal space.

We continue the choir rehearsal from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM (15:00 – 18:00), before you get to enjoy dinner at your leisure, with many options available nearby.

At 9:00 PM (21:00), we invite those who are interested to join us for a GTM Night of Fellowship. This will be a special evening of testimonies, worship, and prayer, focusing on God, our mission and each other.

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th**

Today is another relaxing morning, that starts with breakfast at the hotel, and opportunities to explore the beautiful surroundings of Florence at your own pace if you should like. Sleeping in is another prerogative you have:)

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (11:30 – 13:30) Choir Rehearsal: Another engaging rehearsal awaits. Enjoy lunch on your own; many dining options are available nearby. The choir rehearsal continues from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM (15:00 – 18:00), as we prepare for our big INOW tomorrow!

Dinner is on your own; and you get to explore even more local cuisine in the area. And again at 9:00 PM (21:00), we invite you to join the music missionaries for another GTM Night of Fellowship. Come together for a time of worship, inspiration, sharing testimonies, prayer, and strengthening our fellowship!

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th**

Today is the big day, and we look forward to the International Night Of Worship in the evening! The morning starts with a breakfast at the hotel, before starting our choir rehearsal at 10:30am. We will work through the final details in the songs, so we are ready for a fantastic concert in the evening!

After a couple of hours of rehearsal, you can go a grab something quick for lunch, before we continue refining our music and harmonies in preparation for the evening's performance for a couple more hours.

Following rehearsal, there will be time for sound checks. Participants can also grab a quick dinner before the evening event. Detailed arrangements will be shared closer to the time.

At 9:00 PM (21:00) we are ready to celebrate INOW (International Night Of Worship). The grand finale; which will take place in the magnificent cathedral; "Basilica Santa Maria Novella".

We will sing songs we've practiced, enjoy amazing solos, and sing beloved songs together with the audience. We look forward to a special and joyful time, lifting our voices in praise to our Creator and Savior, together with singers that unite across nations, cultures and languages!

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6th

Sadly this is departure day. After breakfast and checking out of the hotel, the participants will be taken to the airport to journey home. (We will coordinate with your specific time of departure)

We say our goodbyes and "see you agains", and hope you fly back home renewed, refreshed, and full of life changing memories and new friends from all around the world!

BUT, it actually doesn't have to be the end. If you would like to extend your trip with 5 more days, you can instead of going to the airport, enjoy a scenic bus ride to your beautiful resort destination for the "Tuscany Vacation Package."



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