



40th International Congress of PUERI CANTORES

Your Choir Is Cordially Invited To Join Choirs of Young Singers From
Around the World to Sing the Peace of God at this Extraordinary Event

Rome & Vatican City

December 26, 2015 – January 2, 2016



Classic Performances
BY CORPORATE TRAVEL

Participation requires registration with the official tour operator
of the American Federation, *Classic Performances*
by Corporate Travel Service.

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ITINERARY**

Saturday, December 26, 2015 ☞ Depart U.S.A.

Depart USA via trans-Atlantic flights on scheduled airline to Rome Italy (tour prices quoted are land only). Corporate Travel will arrange group flights and provide appropriate pricing for each choir's customized itinerary and departure city approximately 11 months prior to departure. (See "Airfare" topic on page 4)

Sunday, December 27, 2015 ☞ Arrive Rome | **Orientation & City Tour**



Arrive at Rome Airport where choirs will be met by your Italian tour escort and transferred to the city by motorcoach. After lunch (on your own), depart the hotel via motorcoach for an orientation tour of the "Eternal City." Highlights include, the **Tiber River**, **Pantheon**, **Spanish Steps**, **Trevi Fountain** (made famous by the movie "Three Coins in a Fountain") and lively **Piazza Navona**. This evening, enjoy a **Welcome Dinner** featuring famous Italian cuisine. *D

Monday, December 28, 2015 ☞ **Vatican Museums | 40th International Congress Opening Ceremony**

The splendor of Rome opens before you with a guided tour (headsets provided) in the **Vatican Museums** and **Sistine Chapel**. View some of the most inspiring works of art, including Michelangelo's "Last Judgement." Next, tour **St. Peter's Basilica**, featuring Michelangelo's moving **Pietà**. In St. Peter's you will have the opportunity to visit and venerate the **tomb of Blessed Pope John Paul II**. Later, enjoy the **Opening Ceremony of the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores** at the Sala Nervi (Paul VI Hall), during which choirs will sing. Group dinner in Rome. *CB | D

Tuesday, December 29, 2015 ☞ **Mass of Nations | Star Concert**

Join with other American and English speaking choirs for the "Mass of Nations" at the historic church of **St. Paul Outside the Walls** (or other major church in Rome). After Mass, the remainder of the day is free to explore the city. A few choirs will be selected to participate in the **Star Concerts** at local parish churches and will *rehearse during the afternoon*. Choirs will be paired with qualified international choirs. *CB | D

Wednesday, December 30, 2015 ☞ **Gala Concert**

Transfer to the Vatican for *rehearsal* in Sala Nervi, the 9,000 seat Vatican Auditorium adjacent to St. Peter's Basilica. Choirs will prepare music for "Christmas Around the World" to be held the following day. The Holy Father has traditionally greeted Pueri Cantores choirs during this rehearsal. Walk next door to St. Peter's Basilica for the **Prayer of Peace**. Next, *rehearsal* for those choirs selected to perform in the Gala Concert. After a break for dinner, selected choirs from various Federations sing at the **Gala Concert** in one of Rome's major Basilicas. *CB | D



Thursday, December 31, 2015 ☞ **Christmas Celebration: Carols from Around the World!**



Choirs sing carols representing the music of their countries. Then, the history of Ancient Rome comes alive with a guided tour of ancient ruins! Tour the inside of the **Coliseum** and hear a fascinating description of its history; see the **Trajan Column** and **Roman Market**. Finally, celebrate at an unforgettable **New Year's Eve Party** arranged especially for your own choir. *CB | D

Friday, January 1, 2016 ☞ **World Peace Day Papal Mass at St. Peter's Basilica**

Pueri Cantores will sing in a combined choir of several thousand voices in the **New Year's Day Papal Mass** celebrated by Pope Francis. Following the Mass, the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores will come to a close. **Optional extension tours will be available; details to be announced.** *CB | D

Saturday, January 2, 2016 ☞ Return flights to USA

Return flight departures from Rome for choirs not extending their travel. Choirs will be transferred to the airport via motorcoach.

**Itinerary is tentative and subject to final approvals and availability. An official Congress schedule will be announced by the International Federation of Pueri Cantores in Fall 2014 and an adjusted itinerary will be published at that time. Your final itinerary will be published 10-14 days prior to departure.

*CB=Continental Breakfast, D=Dinner

Registration with Official Tour Operator

Participation in the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores requires registration with the official tour operator of the American Federation, "Classic Performances by Corporate Travel Service," using the registration form on page 3 of this brochure. Note: the package must be purchased in it's entirety as presented; no partial packages will be sold.

***PRICING TERMS:** Price stated is as of 10/10/13 and could change prior to Final Invoicing due to new airline fuel surcharges, U.S. and International Government imposed taxes or fees and fluctuation in currency exchange rates. Final price may be higher or lower and will be reflected on your Final Invoice issued by email 90 days prior to departure. Except for subsequently imposed increased governmental taxes or fees, your price cannot increase once you pay that Final Invoice (early final payment cannot be made.) Payment of the initial deposit for this trip indicates you have accepted these pricing terms and all terms specified in the Terms and Conditions.

\$1,899*

For deposits received by May 15, 2014

**Package is sold LAND ONLY
(airfare sold separately)**

*See adjacent box for Pricing Terms

*Based on 50/60 passengers on a bus; for quote on fewer passengers per coach, please contact Corporate Travel

*Payments by cash or check

INCLUSIONS:

- Six (6) nights' accommodations in Religious House or Dormitory (upgrade to Host hotel for \$165 per person)
- Two meals daily: Continental breakfast and dinner. No breakfast day of arrival in Rome and no dinner on day of return to USA
- Sightseeing tours with entrance fees per the itinerary on page #2
- Motorcoach transportation in Rome
- Pueri Cantores Congress Registration
- Tour Escort on each motorcoach in Rome
- Taxes on these services

THE TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Airfare - please see topic on page 4 "Group Air"
- Airport transfers for passengers not on group flights
- Meals not specifically identified
- Gratuities payable to escort, guides and drivers
- Other personal expenses
- Items not specifically mentioned above

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1.) INDIVIDUAL RESERVATION FORM (one form per person, photo copies of form are permitted):

Choir Name _____ **Choir City** _____ **State** _____

Clergy Mr. Mrs. Miss Birth date ____/____/____

Name _____

(As it appears on your passport) If Under 18: Age _____ (see back)

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code: _____ Home Phone(____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____ Email address* _____

*** EMAIL COMMUNICATION – It is important for travelers to supply their email address and to notify Corporate Travel Service of any address changes. Updates about your trip will be sent by email, so it is important that settings in your email system allow communication from addresses originating at ctscentral.net.**

Roommate (Adults only - Students see back page "Roommates") _____

Performers voice: Alto Soprano Tenor Bass Performer's Height: _____ feet _____ inches
 Non-performer

I would like a roommate; please put me in touch with other passengers looking for a roommate. I understand that I must pay the single supplement if no roommate is found.

I prefer a single room and will pay an additional cost, which is due with my balance. (Adults only)

Preferred Name for Name Badge _____

2.) PASSPORT (required to travel)

Copy of passport inside page showing name and photo is enclosed.

I am applying for a passport and understand that I must supply a copy to Corporate Travel Service by 7/29/15. Corporate Travel Service is not responsible for passports that are not valid 6 months following the return date of the trip. (See back page of Terms and Conditions-Passports)

3.) PAYMENT TERMS & SCHEDULE

\$500 nonrefundable deposit to register. \$1250 additional due on or before 7/29/15. A final invoice, reflecting the final price, will be issued 90 days (9/27/15) prior to departure. Final Payment must be made between 90 and 75 days (10/12/15) prior to departure **(early final payments can not be made.)**

Make checks payable to: Corporate Travel Service

4.) TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

I have received, read and agree to the TERMS & CONDITIONS AND BINDING ARBITRATION CLAUSE on this and the backside of this form and to the Pricing Terms and Payment Terms outlined on this side of the form. I understand that Corporate Travel Service highly recommends the purchase of travel insurance (see terms and conditions for details) and that the cancellation terms and penalties cannot be waived for any reason. If I decline to purchase travel insurance, I understand I could lose substantial prepaid monies, and that there may not be full monetary recourse for any flight cancellations or delays by the airlines. I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties.

Signature _____ (Required to confirm reservation)

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Under 18 _____

Release: Corporate Travel Service, Inc., its employees, shareholders, officers and directors (collectively "CTS") does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground operators, including, without limitation, various entities which may utilize the CTS name, guides, sightseeing companies, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, CTS is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity. In addition, CTS is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any other person or entity it does not own or control. Without limitations CTS is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond its control, including, without limitation any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract or violation of local law or regulation of any third party such as a cruise line, airline, train, hotel, bus, taxi, van, local ground handler or guide, whether or not it uses the CTS name, financial default or insolvency of any supplier which is to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip. Similarly, CTS is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodation, default of any third party, attacks or bites by animals, insects or pests, injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or by other third parties, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or government, acts of terrorism, or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics, or the threat thereof, criminal activity, or any other cause beyond its control. Should your choir director be unable to participate in this event, reasonable commercial efforts will be made to secure a substitute. Regardless of the participation of your choir director the tour will proceed as scheduled on the dates listed. By signing this form to participate on this trip you agree that the terms of the cancellation penalty will be binding upon you regardless of whether your choir director is able to participate. CTS is not responsible for any loss incurred by traveller, including lost days of the scheduled cruise/tour, due to a cancelled flight or other means and modes of transportation.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE
IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

For optimum insurance coverage, purchase travel insurance within 10 days of trip confirmation. Call Corporate Travel Service at 313-565-8888 ext 113 or 151

Please mail payments to:
Corporate Travel Service, Inc.,
23420 Ford Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
Phone: 313-565-8888 x 121 Fax: 313-565-3621
Website: www.ctscentral.net

Hours of Reservations Department:
Monday – Friday:
9:00am – 5:00pm EST

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PRICING TERMS: These are outlined adjacent to the estimated selling price listed in this brochure.

PAYMENT TERMS: In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, CTS asks for prompt payment on the requested dates. Please see the reservation form for the payment schedule. Prices are for check or cash payment.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received in writing. Forfeit \$500 for cancellations between time of deposit and 7/29/15. Forfeit \$1,750 for cancellations between 7/29/15 and 9/27/15. After 9/27/15, there will be no refund. Penalties will be according to the fax or postmark date. **Absolutely no exception can be granted to these terms since this is a special event.**

CANCELLATION INSURANCE: CTS and the American Federation of Pueri Cantores highly recommends the purchase of travel insurance. In order to receive the optimum insurance coverage, purchase travel insurance within 10 days of trip confirmation. Call CTS at 313-565-8888, ext. 113 or 151, or your insurance agent.

PASSPORT: A valid U.S. Passport is required of all passengers. Please apply for your passport immediately as passports may take a long time to process. Make sure to have it in your possession at all times while on tour. **It must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding or entry into the destination may be denied. Please provide CTS with a copy of the inside page of your passport (showing your name and photo) at the time of reservation.**

GROUP AIR: This trip is offered land only. Group air will be made available in February of 2015 for choir groups of 15 or more, which is when group air goes on the market. A realistic air cost estimate will be provided upon request. Corporate Travel's retail agency will be happy to assist in arranging flights for individuals not utilizing group air. Please call 313-565-8888, ext. 113 Heather or 151 Angela, after February 2015. **It is important to schedule your flight to arrive at airport in Rome by 11:00 a.m. on December 27th.**

Note: Airlines will begin selling seats eleven months to departure. Holiday travel is always busy, so it is important to buy tickets early in order to get the best possible fare.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS IN ROME: Group transfers will be provided in Rome for those choirs who purchase group air. Transfers not included for passengers traveling with independent air. Simply hire a taxi upon arrival and return. Approximate one way cost 60 Euros (approximately \$85).

REGISTRATION WITH OFFICIAL TOUR OPERATOR: Participation in the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores requires registration with the official tour operator of the American Federation, "Classic Performances by Corporate Travel Service" using the registration form on page 3 of this brochure. Those not registered with Classic Performances will not be allowed to participate. Note: the package must be purchased in it's entirety as presented; no partial packages will be sold.

PERFORMANCE ONLY: There is no opportunity to plan your own trip and participate in the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores. You must purchase the full package, as presented herein, to be able to perform. There can be no exceptions.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Unless otherwise notified, CTS will mail you your travel information approximately 10-14 days before departure.

ITINERARY: Itinerary is tentative and subject to final approvals and availability. An official Congress schedule will be announced by the International Federation of Pueri Cantores in Fall 2014 and an adjusted itinerary will be published at that time. Your final itinerary will be published 10-14 days prior to departure. Because of changes in local schedules, we may need to alter specified events, dates and/or venues to better fit the overall plan. The right is reserved to alter or cancel the itinerary, at CTS's sole discretion, as it may deem necessary or advisable.

GRATUITIES: Gratuities for your escort, driver and guides are not included. In Europe it is customary to tip the escort four (4) Euros and the driver three (3) Euros per person per day. The tip for the local guides is usually about one (1) Euro for half-day tours and two (2) Euros for full day tours.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Pricing is based on religious house or dormitory accommodations. The four star "Host hotel" is available for a \$165 additional charge per person.

ROOMMATES FOR STUDENTS: Roommates will be assigned by trip leaders. Rooming will be double, triple or quad. Adults have the opportunity to stay in a single room for additional cost.

LUGGAGE: Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

Checked Baggage: Fees are not included in this tour package price. Most airlines charge fees ranging from free to \$75 per bag one way. If traveling with group air, the air carrier for your flight will be announced in your final travel documents and an online link provided to learn the exact charges of your carrier. (Note: The website flybags.com may be helpful and gives sample fees for all carriers.) Checked baggage is limited to one bag per person. There can be no exceptions. For most airlines, the one checked bag is limited to **50 pounds and 62 inches** (length + width + height). If these specifications are exceeded, excess charges may be collected by the airline at the airport. Do not lock baggage you intend to check in at the airport. Please confirm these specifications when you receive your final travel documents, as they can and do change.

Carry On Luggage: You may also bring a small carry-on bag that will fit under an airline seat and on the small parcel racks of the motor coach, which average about 8 inches high by 18 inches deep. It is best if your carry-on bag is soft sided, as the parcel racks on the motor coaches are small. Currently, travelers are allowed to transport only small amounts of liquids, gels, lotions, aerosols or similar items on their person or in their carry-on luggage. Details will be in your final travel documents.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Travelers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions. The tour is not wheelchair accessible. Any special medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation. Should any special assistance be required, traveler agrees to bring a companion capable and willing to assist traveler.

CHILDREN UNDER 18: For a minor under the age of 18 to travel out of the United States without both parents or legal guardians, a notarized affidavit from the non-travelling parent(s) or guardian(s) must be obtained and presented upon departure and return to the United States. You may request a form from our office.

STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER AGENCIES: From time to time the State Department (www.state.gov) and the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) and other government agencies and departments issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations that you may be visiting on tour. We encourage you to contact these agencies directly to obtain the most current information. CTS cannot change the cancellation terms or conditions based on the issuance of any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terror, health or other incident in one or more of the places this tour is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties remain in full force and effect.

PHOTOGRAPHY: CTS may take photographs or film of its trips and trip participants, and participant grants CTS express permission to do so and for CTS to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any fee or royalties.

UNUSED SERVICES: There is no right to a refund for any unused services including airline tickets.

CHANGES: Changes in any of the terms and conditions can be made only in writing signed by an officer of CTS.

PARTICIPATION: CTS reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any participant on any of its tours if, in its sole discretion, it deems accepting or retaining any such participant as being detrimental to the tour. In the event any participant is removed from a trip, CTS's only obligation is to refund to that person that portion of the payment allocable to unused services.

BINDING ARBITRATION: Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existent. Substantive (but not procedural) Michigan law shall apply in any such arbitration. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract. Including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

