

Serenades CHORAL TRAVEL

Connecting Lives Through Music & Cultural Experiences



16TH SEASON

PUGLIA

Conversano, Monopoli, Polignano a Mare, Locorotondo, Turi,
Fasano, Sammichele, Alberobello & Matera (Basilicata)

Authentic Italy!

2023 PRICING

ARRIVE BARI, ITALY: FRI. JUNE 16

DEPART USA BY: THU. JUNE 15

DEPART BARI, ITALY: TUE. JUNE 27

12 DAYS & 11 NIGHTS

Monopoli



Polignano a Mare



A CHORAL PROGRAM & AN ESCORTED TOUR IN THE OFF-THE-BEATEN-PATH REGION OF PUGLIA, ITALY

There are summer choral workshops and there are escorted travel groups. Our **SERENADES Choral Travel** choral and cultural program is ambitious as we provide both an ideal performing opportunity abroad focused on **choral excellence** as well as **authentic cultural experiences**. **We believe these in-depth experiences to be transformative as it provides a safe space where friendships and human connection occur while respecting and enriching the lives of locals.** We are also very proud to have an extraordinary team of experienced and passionate professionals on both sides of the Atlantic, who provide artistic, logistic, administrative, cultural and organizational structures, before and during our entire stay in **Puglia**. Our unique program provides:

- ❖ **Founder, Program & Artistic Director**, who oversees the entire program both musically and administratively, who is a voice teacher, member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS), a choral conductor with experience as a choral manager working in a major Italian festival, as well as time spent in the travel industry, organizing and designing high-end cultural group tours to Italy. To learn more about **Paulo Faustini** visit: <https://www.serenadeschoral.com/faustini>

TASTINGS & SPECIAL MEALS IN HANDPICKED LOCATIONS



Alberobello

- ❖ A gifted **Guest Conductor**, with national and international recognition, who conducts choruses and orchestras and teaches at major American musical institutions and choral organizations, who possesses the rare combination of outstanding musical talent, artistic integrity, and who is personable, approachable, and inspirational. To learn more about **David Hayes** visit <https://www.serenadeschoral.com/hayes>
- ❖ **A local Apulian Tour Operator, brother and sister owned**, that specializes in designing custom tours born out of their love for **Puglia**, a land rich in a unique culture, tradition, history, food, and wine. Their goal is to put their passion and experience at the service of their clients, offering an unforgettable stay in **Puglia**, while experiencing the **authentic** Italian Mediterranean lifestyle. They know that the art, natural beauty, music, fashion, food, wine and the proverbial hospitality of the Apulian people will capture your heart, leaving you with life-lasting memories and the desire to return. To learn more about **Antonella** and **Sandro** visit: <https://www.arrivedercipuglia.com/puglia-tours/en/about-us>
- ❖ **All communications and detailed program set up and organization with vendors** for the program's itinerary*, including tourist and cultural offices, venues, hotels, transportation companies, restaurants, guides, etc. *Please visit our website for the detailed itinerary at <https://www.serenadeschoral.com/2023itinerary>



CHORAL PERFORMING IN UNIQUE VENUES

- ❖ Daily 3 hour choral rehearsals and 3 performances in 4 different locations in CONVERSANO (air-conditioned rehearsal space at hotel) and concert venue, ALBEROBELLO, and MONOPOLI (church venues subject to change and to be confirmed at this time)
- ❖ Local advertising including online, graphic design and printing of program posters and flyers
- ❖ European 4-star hotel accommodations in a shared standard air-conditioned double room for 11 (eleven) nights. For more details about our hotel visit <https://www.serenadeschoral.com/hotel>
- ❖ As participants will be landing and departing at various times the 35 minute transfer between the BARI International Airport-Karol Wojtyla Airport (BRI) and CONVERSANO hotel at both the beginning and end of the program is not included in the program price. The staff will gladly coordinate and make any arrangements for private transfers, however, and combine participants to share transfer costs. Taxis are also available at the airport.

IMMERSING IN THE HEART OF THE ITRIA VALLEY



❖ 9 (nine) Special Meals (with wine) as follows:

- **Welcome Dinner** at hotel in CONVERSANO
- **Dinner** in POLIGNANO A MARE
- **Dinner** in ALBEROBELLO
- **Lunch** in FASANO
- **Barbecue Dinner** in SAMMICHELE DI BARI
- **Lunch** in TURI
- **Post-concert I Dinner** in CONVERSANO at local restaurant (to be confirmed)
- **Post-concert II Dinner** in ALBEROBELLO at local restaurant (to be confirmed)
- **Post-concert III Dinner** in MONOPOLI at local restaurant (to be confirmed)

❖ 4 (four) Special Tastings:

- **Artisan Gelato** in POLIGNANO A MARE
- **Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil** in FASANO "Masseria"
- **Apulian Wines** in GIOIA DEL COLLE winery
- **Mozzarella and Burrata Cheese** in TURI Countryside

❖ 7 (seven) Walking Tours with licensed local guide in CONVERSANO, MONOPOLI, LOCOROTONDO, ALBEROBELLO Unesco site, POLIGNANO A MARE, TURI, and MATERA Unesco site in nearby Basilicata region

CONNECTING WITH NEW CHORAL SINGING & TRAVEL FRIENDS



- ❖ **11 Breakfasts:** European style breakfast buffet: freshly baked pastries, cakes, cookies, cereals, breads, jams, fresh fruits, proteins: eggs, cheeses, cold cuts, etc., coffees, teas, juices, etc.
- ❖ **Ground transportation in air-conditioned motor coach** with **commercially licensed driver** for **all daily trips** from our hotel in **CONVERSANO**, and between our hotel and the historic center of **CONVERSANO**, for those who do not wish to walk 15 minutes.



SAVORING TASTY LOCAL FOOD SUCH AS THE AUTHENTIC FOCACCIA BARESE



DISCOVERING MANY FASCINATING ANCIENT CULTURES

Matera

- ❖ All gratuities for ground transportation, restaurant staffs, local guides, and entrance fees to museums and sites are included in the program fee.

Gratuities for hotel staff are **not included**, but, are left to your discretion, usually 2 Euros per day. **Hotel extras** such as drinks, extra meals not on the itinerary, laundry, phone calls, etc., are also **not included** in the program fee.



EXPERIENCING AN ORGANIC OLIVE OIL TASTING & LUNCH AT A “MASSERIA”

Fasano

SHARING OUR JOY OF CHORAL MUSIC PERFORMING WITH THE LOCALS



- ❖ **Local hotel taxes are not included in the program fee.** It is a local law requirement that each individual must pay directly his/her/their a daily hotel city tax, about @ Euros 2 per night for the entirety of the program.
- ❖ **Scores for singers** are not provided by the program unless a pdf version free to the public is available. The program will provide information on where and how to purchase repertoire scores. More about this on the Ensemble of Participants page on our website at this link: <https://www.serenadeschoral.com/ensemble>

CONNECTING WITH OUR AUDIENCE THROUGH OUR JOY OF MUSIC



2023 PAYMENT OPTIONS



Locorotondo

- ❖ US residents may make payments by check or money order made out to “**Umbrian Serenades, LLC**” and mailed **with the signed program documents** to:

**Umbrian Serenades, LLC.
% Paulo Faustini
214 Rochambeau Avenue
Providence, RI. 02906**

If you would like to review the program documents before applying let us know at **serenadeschoraltravel@gmail.com** and we will gladly email them to you. Signed documents may also be digitally signed, scanned and emailed to the same address.

- ❖ All participants, including those outside the US may **pay by credit or debit card via PayPal with an added 4% convenience fee charge**. Let us know of this payment preference and an invoice will be emailed to you. Please **mail or email** serenadeschoraltravel@gmail.com **your signed program documents** to the above address after making your online payment.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH PASSIONATE LOCALS



- ❖ Participants also have the option of making a **bank wire transfer**. Please ask for our bank information.

Program participation is not considered fully confirmed until the full participation fee payment is received with the signed documents.

The program fee is fully refundable if program is cancelled by **SERENADES** Choral Travel.



**TASTING THE FRESHEST PUGLIESE
BURRATA & MOZZARELLA CHEESES**



PROGRAM FEE, DEADLINES, DISCOUNTS & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**SINGING PARTICIPANT
\$ 4600* LAND ONLY
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

**TRAVEL COMPANION
\$ 3900 LAND ONLY
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$ 700

***PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO SINGERS BASED ON ARTISTIC MERIT, VOICE TYPE, FINANCIAL NEED, & POSITIVE PERSONALITY. PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION FORM FOR CONSIDERATION.**

***IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP SPONSOR A SINGER WITH FINANCIAL NEED, WHO NOT ONLY WOULD ENHANCE THE ENSEMBLE VOCALLY, BUT, HELP FOSTER A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR OTHERS, PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION FORM.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

PROGRAM DEPOSIT OF \$700 DUE:

PROGRAM FEE BALANCE DUE:

MON DEC 5, 2022

THU DEC 15, 2022

FRI JAN 13, 2023

Pay in full by Thursday, December, 15, 2022, and save \$100

Thank you for considering **SERENADES Choral Travel**.
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