



Shawnee Mission East Band  
Italy Trip Information Packet  
December 28, 2018 – January 4, 2019

Parents & Students.

The information in this packet outlines the details of the SME Band's upcoming trip to Italy. While we have not solidified the itinerary in detail, below you will find information on the many musical, cultural and educational experiences available in this trip.

After reading through all of the information in this document and the trip contract, please do not hesitate to contact us with questions.

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### **PERFORMANCE INCLUSIONS**

The City of Rome New Year's Day Parade on January 1st 2019. The official Rome New Year's Day Parade is presented by the Mayor of Rome and the City's Special Events Directorate. The Parade begins and ends in the focal point of all Roman celebrations, the Piazza del Popolo. The route includes via del Corso, Via Condotti, and the famous Spanish Steps. All transportation from the hotel to and from the performance venue is included.

The band will also have the opportunity to perform in a variety of prestigious venues throughout Rome or in the delightful hilltop town of Frascati as a marching band. Alternatively or additionally performance can be offered in one of the Festival Concert Series presentations performed in venues such as Santa Maria di Miracoli and Basilica San Giovanni di Battisti di Fiorentini in Rome as well as the Duomo San Pietro in Frascati. All necessary transportation to additional performances is included. If Frascati is selected as a performance venue then the Mayor of Frascati offers a light lunch to all performers with the compliments of the town.

### **TRAVEL AND HOSPITALITY PROGRAMME INCLUSIONS**

- Round trip economy class air travel on a scheduled airline from the US to Rome, Italy. One main meal and one snack meal will be served along with complimentary soft drinks. Movies and audio entertainment on all long-haul transatlantic sectors. Flights may be multi-sectored. Some carriers require payment for headsets to hear audio channels.
- An allowance by weight and volume dependent on numbers of passengers in the group for heavier and large sized musical instruments and other equipment to be presented to our freight forwarding company for despatch to and return from Rome.
- 6 (six) nights accommodation in the first class Barcelo Villa Mantegna and Marriott Courtyard hotels in Rome or similar, based on students and adults being accommodated in twin or double-bedded rooms. Some triples may be available on request. Single supplement applies. All rooms have en-suite facilities including bath and/or shower. Hotel can only be confirmed once booking



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has been made.

- Full Italian buffet breakfast with a wide range of hot and cold items served each day - 6 breakfasts.
- A minimum three course dinner (antipasti or primi, secondi, & dolci), including soft drinks/sodas to be served either in your hotel or in restaurants near your hotel or convenient to your itinerary on five occasions. – 5 dinners. Any coach transfers required for these dinners are included.

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- One special New Year's Eve Buffet dinner in your hotel followed by a private and exclusive disco party at the hotel for all Rome New Year's Day Parade and Festival participants. – 1 special dinner. Soft drink/sodas included with dinner and throughout the evening party.
- One two course luncheon served in Pompeii or Ostia in a typical restaurant– 1 lunch
- One 'sack' lunch including an Italian sandwich, cake or chocolate, piece of fruit and bottle of water, for all performers on Rome Parade Day – January 1st.
- Round trip transfers from Rome airport to your hotel by luxury coach, including specialist 'meet and greet' service on arrival, and check-in assistance service on departure.
- Half-day educational coach and walking tour of Rome with professional English speaking guide
- Half-day educational tour to The Colosseum and the Roman Forum on private chartered coach, with personal MP4 guided audio tour of the Colosseum and Roman Forum. Unique to Youth Music. Transportation by coach from hotel to and from the sites
- Half-day educational tour to Vatican City on private chartered coach, including entrances to The Vatican Museum, The Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica, with English speaking guide.
- Either:  
Full day educational tour to Pompeii on private chartered coach. Local professional English speaking guide. Entrances as appropriate in Pompeii included.  
Or:  
A Half Day educational tour to one of the Catacombs on the outskirts of Rome. Tour by private chartered coach, including entrances to Catacomb burial chambers, with English speaking guide.  
+  
A Half Day educational tour to Ostia Antica. Tour by private chartered coach, including entrances to the sites in Ostia Antica English speaking guide
- A personal (to keep) MP4 player for each member of the group loaded with our unique Rome audio guided walking tours, including:-
  - o 'When in Rome' taking you to all the must see sights in Rome including the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps and the Pantheon.



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o **'Rome Revealed'** taking you to The Mouth of Truth, Rome's oldest church, Santa Maria in Trastevere, Tiber Island and into bohemian Trastevere.

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o **Fun, fact filled five minute bonus tracks** about Castel Sant Angel – Hadrian's Mausoleum, The Circus Maximus – where chariot races were held, The Palatine Hill – where Romulus and Remus were found and the Victor Emanuele Monument – otherwise known as the Wedding Cake! Plus a special series of bonus tracks on Frascati and Castel Gandolfo.

- Services of a full time Bilingual (English and Italian) resident Tour Manager throughout your stay. This in addition to local Italian qualified English speaking guide lecturers.
- A specially written and published guide book for all programme participants in the Youth Music performance tour to Rome's New Year's Day parade and Festival. The book contains your individual printed land itinerary, useful maps and other information
- A digital copy of the group photograph that is taken on January 1st 2019. The photo will be taken before Rome's New Year's Day Parade 2019 and specially photo-shopped to be a unique memento of the group's participation in the parade.
- A special 'Participants only' souvenir T shirt of Rome's New Year's Day Parade 2019 for each performing member in the group.
- For all non performing group members a complimentary ticket to all concerts that the group might play in Rome or Frascati.
- A specially struck 2019 Rome New Year's Day Parade and Festival Medal for all members of the performing group.
- Membership for one year of the Youth Music International Performance Club including the YMOTW/Performance Travel Limited specially written comprehensive Travel Insurance Policy.
- The City of Rome tourist tax payable by all visitors to Rome on a nightly basis. Current rate €6.00 per person per night
- All tips and taxes to all service providers. ***It is considered appropriate for a gratuity to be presented to the residential Tour Assistant at the end of the performance programme. Tips will be collected before we leave SME.***