



**16. Concorso Corale International
International Choir Festival and Competition
Riva Del Garda & Arco
Sunday 05 April to Thursday 09 April 2020**



In April 2020, Riva Del Garda and Arco will play host to the 2020 International Choir Festival and Competition. This event in Italy attracts choirs from all corners of the globe. The festival is set in the picturesque Riva Del Garda area. The festivities begin on the Friday as choirs begin to arrive and continue throughout the weekend. During your stay, choirs have the option of visiting two very different but very classic cities - Verona and Venice.

For centuries, Italy has drawn visitors in search of culture and romance, with few countries comparing with its enormous classical origins, its art, architecture, music, design, scenery, food and wine. Italy's contribution to European painting and sculpture surpasses that of any other nation. Blend this with the magnificent scenery of its lakes, one of the world's great cuisines and the Italian attitude of living life to the absolute maximum, and you have a superb destination for a choral tour.



The festival begins with an afternoon parade and reception for the Jury and Choir conductors. In the evening, the festival opening ceremony takes place. Choir need to arrive early on 05 April or consider adding an extra night to their stay. Arriving late on 05 April means that the choir will not be able to participate in the opening events.

Festival Participation - Non-competitive participation

Choirs that choose to participate to the event without competing may take part to the following activities:

- EP - Evaluation Performance
- IC - Individual Coaching
- AS - Acoustic Stage Rehearsal
- FC - meeting in music Friendship Concerts

Participation in these activities is also open to choirs who are taking part in the competition.

Competitive Participation

Choirs may compete in the following categories:

A – with requirements (A1 – Mixed Choirs; A2 – Male Choirs; A3 – Female Choirs)

B – without requirements (B1 – Mixed Choirs; B2 – Male Choirs; B3 – Female Choirs; B4 – Senior Choirs)

G – Children and Youth Choirs (G1 – Children Choirs; G2 – Youth Choirs of equal voices; G3 – Youth Choirs of mixed voices)

S – Musica Sacra

*meeting in music Performance is included.!

Festival Participation / The Activities

EP - F Evaluation Performance | for Festival Choirs (non-competing choirs)

Programme

- three (3) pieces of the choir's own choice
- perform before a panel of qualified international jurors who provide prompt positive artistic and pedagogical feedback
- certificates of participation are awarded, as well as evaluation ratings and recommendation letters upon request
- Number of singers unlimited
- Singing time maximum 15 minutes
- Accompaniment allowed

EP - C Evaluation Performance | for Competing Choirs

Programme

- present your competition programme before the competition
- perform before a panel of qualified international jurors who
- provide prompt positive artistic and pedagogical feedback
- evaluation will not influence competition results

Number of singers according to category rules

Singing time according to category rules

Accompaniment according to category rules

IC Individual Coaching | for all choirs

Programme

Rehearse with an internationally acclaimed choral expert for stimulating artistic and interpretive guidance. For an effective rehearsal, choirs are asked to prepare one piece in advance. Number of singers unlimited approx. 45 minutes

AS Acoustic Stage Rehearsal | for Competing Choirs

Programme

- acoustic stage rehearsal before the competition performance
- benefit of the support by an international acclaimed choral expert during the rehearsal, receive tips for acoustic of the room, setting etc.

Number of singers according to category rules Singing time 20 minutes (instead of 10 minutes in a regular stage rehearsal) Accompaniment according to category rules

FC Friendship concerts for all choirs

Number of singers unlimited Singing time maximum 20 minutes Accompaniment allowed (piano or e-piano can be provided upon request)

Sample Itinerary

Day 1: Sunday 05 April 2020

- Meet local guide on arrival at airport and transfer to hotel
- Afternoon parade
- Reception for Jury and conductor
- Opening concert in the evening

Day 2: Monday 06 April 2020

- Stage rehearsals and Competition Performances

Friendship concerts, individual coaching and evaluation performances coaching take place throughout the event on various days.

Day 3: Tuesday 07 April 2020

- Stage rehearsals and Competition Performances

Friendship concerts, individual coaching and evaluation performances coaching take place throughout the event on various days.

Day 4: Wednesday 08 April 2020

- Rehearsals and Competition Performances
- Final Conductors and Jury Meeting
- Grand Prize Competition
- Awards ceremony

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Day 5: Thursday 09 April 2020

Check-out and depart for home or extension of you stay

Please note that itineraries and optional excursions are tailored to choirs' individual requirements. The festival schedule and the number of festival concerts will depend on the number and kind of participating choirs and orchestras. There will be time between rehearsals and concerts for tourist leisure activities and meeting with other festival participants.

Your festival ground arrangements include the following:

- 4 nights in choice of hotel with breakfast included
- Dinner in hotel on four evenings
- Return airport transfer with pick-up at airport meeting point with sign
- Participation in your chosen competition categories and activities
- Scheduled stage rehearsal(s) for your choir
- Complimentary copy of jurors evaluation documents, 1 per choir
- Complimentary copies of the official programme book
- Preparation of your choir's specific itinerary
- Participation in one meeting in music concert with other choirs (Friendship concert)
- Participation in the Opening, Award and Closing Ceremonies
- Competent assistance and support on-site from our international & local team
- Conductors & Jury Meeting:
 - Reception for two choir representatives with a small buffet
 - One to one discussion with the jury members - this is a valuable opportunity to have your programme reviewed and discussed!
- Free place on the ground for choir director (for choirs of over 35 persons)

Registration Fee per choir

Early Bird Discounts

Participation including Friendship concert €100 per choir (instead of €200)

Individual coaching €0 per choir (instead of €200)

Early bird discount also includes free place for choir directors of more than 35 people

Costs per person based on 45 travelling and 44 paying

Based on transfers from Milan, flights into Milan Linate and out of Milan Malpensa with Aer Lingus

Comfort Hotel - €363 per person sharing, Single supplement €106

Superior Hotel - €399 per person sharing, Single supplement €126

Examples of hotels include

Comfort: Bristol, Brione, Campagnola

Superior: Hotel Astoria und Hotel Antico Borgo

Extra night costs

Comfort Hotels: €59 per person sharing, €87 per person in a single room

Superior Hotels: €71 per person sharing, €106 per person in a single room

Please note that the local hotel may have a city tax which must be paid locally on departure. This is normally from €1.50-€5 per person per night and will be advised at the time of booking.

Please note that a single rooms are limited to 5 per choir at the above rate. If the choir require further single rooms, then a higher single rate will apply.

Transfers while in resort

Choirs can reach the concert venues on foot or via public transportation from the hotel or we can offer optional coach transfers. The group could consider a one-way transfer to the venues and then allow choir members to make their own way back to the hotel at a later stage.

If the festival or competition takes part in Riva (Musica Sacra Category in the Competitive Participation), and the choir is staying in Riva, then the choir could possibly walk or use local public transport, depending on mobility. If one of your performances takes place in Arco (this is an approximate 12-15 minute drive from Riva del Garda) and coach transfers will be required.

One way transfer to venue is approximately €309 per transfer or €7 per person based on a group of 45 travelling. Return transfer to the venue is €14 per person. The choir can decide on required transfers once performance details are advised.

Optional Tours and Extra's

We offer a range of optional extra tours and excursions which can be added to the group booking.

Please advise if your choir wishes to add any optional excursions to their stay

Flight Information:

We would be delighted to quote you best available fare based on the number of people travelling at the time of booking. All fares are subject to availability and confirmation at the time of booking. Please note that airlines reserve the right to change the price at any time until booked and confirmed. The flight price can vary depending on when you book. We would recommend collecting slightly above the group fare in case of a price increase. If the price remains the same, we would credit the extra towards the ground cost.

Procedures for group bookings:

We would be delighted to quote you best available fare based on the number of people travelling at

Sunday 05 April 2020 EI 432 Dublin to Milan Linate 07:00 10:40

Thursday 09 April 2020 EI437 Milan Malpensa to Dublin 21:55 23:20

Fare today, Wednesday 21 August 2019, €219 per person including airline taxes and charges and CCI service fee. All fares are subject to availability and confirmation at the time of booking. Please note that Aer Lingus reserve the right to change the price at any time until booked and confirmed.

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Procedures for group bookings with Aer Lingus: Seats are sold by the Aer Lingus Groups Department on an instant purchase basis. Full payment will be required at time of booking. All names (which must include full title) will be required by email 4 weeks prior to departure. No Refunds are permitted. Limited Name changes are permitted after ticket issue and prior to departure for a fee which is currently €100.00 per name change. Prices are subject to change. Please note that no free place is offered by Aer Lingus on group bookings. Checked in baggage is not included in the cost above. Aer Lingus currently charge €50-€70 euro.

This quotation is subject to availability and confirmation at the time of booking.

Deposit and Balance can be paid via debit or credit card or via bank transfer, details below:

Travel Direction Ltd

AIB, 40-41 Westmoreland Street, Dublin 2

Source Code: 93 33 84

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Insurance:

Please note that CCI require all travellers to book travel insurance. We advise group leaders to advise travellers to book travel insurance at the time of booking confirmation. CCI can provide choir members with travel insurance should they require it.

Requirements for Registration:

- Full cost of the flight plus 15% of ground arrangements are charged on booking
- Audio recording – with at least 3 pieces (preferably a cappella) not older than two years. Need to include titles, composers and date of recording
- Date for rooming list to be advised
- Date for song selection to be advised
- Choir photo x 3, not older than two years
- Choir biograph
- Music scores of competition repertoire

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