

MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO

Price from £1895 pp

5 – 9 May Tour code: FLO1

Florence, the capital of Renaissance art and architecture, is always a wonderful city to visit. Our tour includes two performances by the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, Verdi's *Don Carlo* in the new Opera House, inaugurated in 2011, and Mozart's *Idomeneo* in the city of Pistoia, Italy's 2017 Capital of Culture. There is also the opportunity to visit some of the most renowned art treasures of the Renaissance.



FLORENCE SKYLINE

FRI 5 MAY Midday arrival at Pisa airport and transfer to Florence (approx. 1 hour) where we check in at the 4-star Boscolo Astoria Hotel, situated in the heart of the city within two former palazzi which once belonged to noble Florentine families. Welcome dinner in a local restaurant.

SAT 6 MAY Morning walking tour of Florence and its Renaissance treasures. We visit the impressive Piazza Signoria, the Duomo which is one of the world's greatest ecclesiastical buildings crowned by a magnificent dome by Brunelleschi, and the neighbouring Baptistery. We continue to the Galleria dell'Accademia which houses many works by great

Italian artists, including Michelangelo's *David*. After some free time for lunch we transfer to Pistoia (approx. 1 hour by coach) for the performance in the Teatro Manzoni. A simple buffet supper will be served during the interval at the theatre. Return to Florence after the performance.

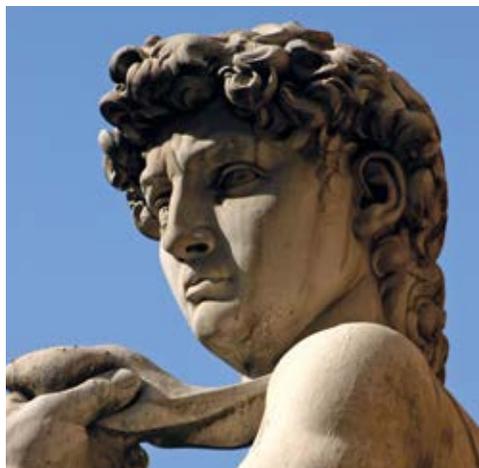
SUN 7 MAY Today we make our way out of Florence to visit the medieval hill-town of San Gimignano, where we take a tour of its historic treasures, including the Collegiata Church. We continue to Chianti for lunch in a castle with wine-tasting included. Return to Florence after lunch for the rest of the day at leisure.

MON 8 MAY Join your guide this morning to visit the Church of Santa Croce, the Ponte Vecchio and the Oltrarno quarter of the city, south of the Arno river. Afternoon at leisure before the evening performance in Florence's new Opera House.

TUE 9 MAY Transfer to Pisa airport for your homeward journey.

"Florence is the most beautiful city."

Mr and Mrs P, Herefordshire



PROGRAMME

6 May 20.00	IDOMENEO Mozart D: Gianluca Capuano C: Damiano Michieletto Cast: Michael Schade, Rachel Kelly, Ekaterina Sadovnikova, Carmela Remigio, Leonardo Cortellazzi, Mirko Guadagnini Venue: Teatro Manzoni di Pistoia	Inc
8 May 20.00	DON CARLO Verdi D: Giancarlo Del Monaco C: Zubin Mehta Cast: Fabio Sartori, Julianna Di Giacomo, Dmitry Beloselskiy, Massimo Cavalletti, Ekaterina Gubanova, Eric Halfvarson, Oleg Tsybulko, Laura Giordano, Simona Di Capua, Enrico Cossutta, Saverio Fiore Venue: Teatro dell'Opera di Firenze	Inc

FLIGHTS

British Airways		
5 May	London Heathrow - Pisa	dep: 08.25 arr: 11.35
9 May	Pisa - London Heathrow	dep: 12.35 arr: 14.00

Flight schedules are subject to alteration.
Flights from other UK airports can be arranged on request.

PRICE (PER PERSON)

Tour price	£1895
Single room supplement	£340
Club Europe flight upgrade from	£300
Land-only tour price	£1825
Deposit required	£300

Tour price includes: Flights and airport taxes, group transfers from and to airport and for included activities where applicable, accommodation, breakfast daily, one lunch, one dinner, one buffet supper, sightseeing tours as described including guides and entrance fees, first category ticket for each included performance, opera synopses, restaurant guide and city notes, the services of our local representative or tour manager.