



ADRIATIC TREASURES: *A performance tour for Instrumental Ensembles featuring Italy, Slovenia and Croatia*



(photo is of Krizanke Open Air Theatre, Ljubljana)

OVERNIGHTS: Venice 2, Ljubljana 2, Split 2, Ancona 1, Rome 2

HIGHLIGHTS: St. Mark's Square, Doge's Palace, Postojnska jama, Palace of Diocletian, Colosseum, Vatican Museums, Palestrina

PERFORMANCE DETAILS: Three performances: Venice, Ljubljana, Rome. Final venue confirmation depends on each instrumental ensemble's size, repertoire, and time of travel.

DAY 1: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT Depart from the USA.

DAY 2: VENICE Arrive in Venice, an archipelago carved by nearly 150 canals into 118 different islands, and transfer by private motor launch to your hotel. Spend the afternoon getting acquainted with this Queen of the Adriatic.

DAY 3: VENICE Morning sightseeing shows you incredible **St. Mark's Square** and the **Rialto Bridge** as you navigate through the maze of canals. Included is a visit to the gothic **Doge's Palace**. This afternoon why not try a serenaded gondola ride? Diner at a local restaurant is followed by your first **concert performance**. (*Options for instrumental ensembles include Chiesa di San Giovanni e Paolo, Scuola Grande of San Giovanni Evangelista, or Teatro Parco Magnolie in Terme Abano*)

DAY 4: LJUBLJANA Leave Italy behind as you cross the border and journey toward the capital of Slovenia. Along the way, stop at **Postojnska jama**, a 20-km cave system formed by water and home to a unique species of fish known as the "human fish." Travel with a local guide by cave-train and discover the awe-inspiring cave chambers that were formed over millions of years. Continue on to Ljubljana for dinner.

DAY 5: LJUBLJANA Free day. You may wish to visit the House of Experiments. Alternatively, you could take an excursion to see one of the world's most beautiful underground canyons, the Škocjan Caves (Škocjanske jame). These huge caves are traversed by a torrential underground river, which makes its way through huge underground caverns and a wonderful world of limestone formations. In 1987, the

Škocjan Caves were added to the UNESCO list of the world's national and cultural heritage sites. Dinner is followed by your performance this evening at the Krizanke open air theatre.

Day 6: SPLIT Continue to Split.

Day 7: SPLIT This morning discover the city of Split on a guided sightseeing tour. Highlights include the **Palace of Diocletian**, built before the city itself was founded. Free time for lunch and relaxation before dinner, followed by your **concert performance** this evening.

Day 8: ANCONA After breakfast, check out and cross via ferry to Italy. Enjoy dinner and overnight in Ancona.

Day 9: ROME This morning enjoy an excursion to the beach. Afterwards, continue to Rome. Upon arrival, enjoy a walking tour of ancient Rome with your Tour Manager. Dinner at local restaurant.

Day 10: ROME This morning's tour of the Vatican Museums features the Sistine Chapel. Free time for shopping and independent exploration. Later this afternoon, drive outside the city to Palestrina for dinner, followed by your **final concert performance**. Return to Rome for the overnight.

Day 11: DEPARTURE Depart for the USA.