



*2027 Summer Tour*

# **Rome Choral Festival & Vatican City**

**June 11-17, 2027**

Open to currently enrolled PCC Singers in Grades 4-12!

*Singers in Grades 4-5 may participate with an accompanying adult serving as chaperone.*



The Pensacola Children's Chorus invites singers in grades 4-12, along with recent alumni and chaperones, to embark on a once-in-a-lifetime travel experience to **Rome** as participants in the **Rome Choral Festival**. Singers will also provide music for a **Mass at St. Peter's Basilica** in Vatican City. In between, trip participants will experience the iconic sights and culinary delights of the city's 3,000 year history, including the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Sistine Chapel, Vatican Museums, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, and the Spanish Steps. The trip will conclude with an excursion to the ruins of **Pompeii**. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the culture and living history of beautiful Italy!

*This concert and tour experience is managed and operated by PCC's touring partner, Perform International.*





# ITINERARY

*Subject to change*



## **Day 1 – Friday, June 11, 2027 | USA → Italy**

The journey to Italy begins by boarding an international flight to Rome.

## **Day 2 – Saturday, June 12, 2027 | Arrival in Rome & Welcome Dinner**

Upon arrival in Rome, meet your Tour Manager and charter coach and enjoy a panoramic tour of the city. Rome is a sprawling, cosmopolitan city with nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture, and culture on display. Highlights of the city include the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, and the Spanish Steps. After enjoying a welcome dinner, you'll overnight in Rome.



## **Day 3 – Sunday, June 13, 2027 | Rehearsals & Rome Sightseeing**

In the morning, you'll join with other participating choirs under the baton of Mr. Alex Gartner for a rehearsal for tomorrow's festival concert. After lunch, you'll enjoy a tour of the Roman Forum and Colosseum, best known as the sight of violent games from AD 80 until the 6<sup>th</sup> Century. After some additional sightseeing, dinner, and an evening rehearsal, you'll overnight in Rome.



## **Day 4 – Monday, June 14, 2027 | Rome Choral Festival**

Today will be marked with a few rehearsals, as well as a dress rehearsal, before performing at the Rome Choral Festival in the historic Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels & Martyrs. In between you'll enjoy more sightseeing and tasty Italian food! After the evening concert, you'll overnight in Rome.



## **Day 5 – Tuesday, June 15, 2027 | Vatican City & Mass at St. Peter's Basilica**

In the morning you'll take a guided tour of the Vatican, including the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. The Vatican Museums feature an immense collection of some of the most renowned classical sculptures and masterpieces of Renaissance art in the world. Your tour will also include a visit to the Sistine Chapel to take in the sight of Michelangelo's ceiling masterpiece. Later that day, you'll sing at a mass in St. Peter's Basilica. Overnight in Rome.



## **Day 6 – Wednesday, June 16, 2027 | Pompeii Excursion & Farewell Dinner**

After breakfast, you'll board the coach to visit Pompeii where you'll enjoy a guided tour of this historic Roman city, petrified by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79. Pompeii is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was largely preserved under ash which gives a unique snapshot of Roman life, frozen at the moment it was buried. Later, you'll return to Rome for a farewell dinner and your final overnight in the City.

## **Day 7 – Thursday, June 17, 2027 | Italy → USA**

After breakfast, you'll transfer to the airport outside of Rome to begin your journey back to Pensacola, taking with you your memories of exploring and performing in Italy.



# PRICING INFORMATION

## Priced per participant – June 11-17, 2027

Based on 20 paying trip participants. Price will decrease with increased enrollment.

Quoted based on currently available information in June 2026. Pricing will fluctuate as travel date gets closer.

### SINGER

|                                                  |         |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Double occupancy (2/room) <u>without airfare</u> | \$3,525 |
| Group airfare (per person)                       | TBD     |

### NON-SINGER PRICING

|                                                                  |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Double occupancy (2/room, adult + adult) <u>without airfare</u>  | \$3,525   |
| Double occupancy (2/room, adult + singer) <u>without airfare</u> | \$3,525   |
| Single occupancy                                                 | add \$525 |
| Group airfare (per person)                                       | TBD       |

### STANDARD TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES...

- 5 nights in superior tourist class hotels in Rome
- Motor coach transportation as dictated by itinerary
- Full time, bilingual tour manager for the duration of the trip
- Guided sightseeing tours of Rome, Vatican City, and Pompeii
- Daily breakfasts and dinners while in country
- Formal performance opportunities at Rome Choral Festival & St. Peter's Basilica (subject to final confirmation)

### AIRFARE OPTION INCLUDES...

- Roundtrip airfare in economy class between Pensacola and Rome
- Airport taxes/surcharges up to \$500/person
- 1 checked bag in accordance with airline policy
- Roundtrip transportation to and from Rome airport

### TOUR PACKAGES DO NOT INCLUDE...

- Daily lunches and other meals not specified in final itinerary
- Registration in the European Travel Information and Authorization System (required for 18 & older)
- Beverages, other than coffee/tea/water, at included meals
- Tour-related custom apparel
- Travel insurance\*

*\*In today's changing travel environment, it's important to protect your travel investment. Perform International recommends Trawick International ([www.trawickinternational.com](http://www.trawickinternational.com)) as a trusted source of travel protection. Additional policies from other companies may be quoted online at [www.squaremouth.com](http://www.squaremouth.com).*

*Pricing may fluctuate due to unpredictable travel circumstances and total travelers. In all instances, the Pensacola Children's Chorus will not assume any financial responsibility for any increases in trip prices.*



# AIRFARE INFORMATION

One of the biggest misconceptions of travel is that booking group flights will automatically result in lower fares. **This is false.** Because not all seats on a plane are priced the same (as evidenced by fluctuating rates based on when you purchase), airlines find an average of all available fare classes, then add a group discount, and then provide you a price that is most often **higher** than what you could purchase individually.

Group airfare will be quoted for this trip, though at the time of announcement (July 2026), it is abnormally high due to the price of fuel and other circumstances. Travelers are advised to select the airfare option that best works for them upon enrollment. Once more favorable group pricing is available, travelers will be able to make a final selection, even after registering for the trip.

| <div>GO IT ALONE</div> <div>Purchase your own flight on an airline of your choice</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <div>STICK WITH THE GROUP</div> <div>Fly with the PCC group reservation (✈)</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <div>Benefits</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ability to select most cost efficient flight</li><li>Ability to fly on your choice of airline</li><li>Ability to use miles or other credits to purchase</li></ul> <div>Cons</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If air travel is disrupted, you will have to make alternative arrangements with your chosen airline on your own without PCC's assistance</li><li>If your arrival/departure do not coincide with PCC's group arrival/departure, travel to and from the airport in Rome is your own responsibility at an additional cost</li><li>If a singer wishes to register with this option, they <u>must travel with an adult</u></li></ul> | <div>Benefits</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Take the long flight alongside your friends</li><li>If air travel is disrupted, the group will stick together and PCC/Perform International will manage the arrangements</li><li>Motor coach transport to and from the airport is included in Rome (not USA)</li></ul> <div>Cons</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Can be more expensive than booking on one's own</li><li>You cannot use miles or airline credits to lower the cost</li></ul> |

As of June 2026, group airfare cannot be confidently quoted due to changing travel circumstances. Pricing will be released as soon as it is available. If, after registration and payments are made, the cost of the airfare would prevent you from continuing, you may unenroll from the trip subject to the cancelation policy found on page 5. If you select group airfare upon registration, but wish to switch to purchasing on your own, any funds paid toward airfare will be applied to the remaining cost of your trip, minus airfare. Any overpayments will result in a refund.





# PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payments will be handled directly through the Pensacola Children's Chorus. Group airfare is conservatively quoted at \$1,900 and expected to decrease. Trip pricing will reduce if cheaper airfare is secured, and any payments made toward airfare packages will be reissued as a credit and/or refund, based on total amount due at the time credits are issued.

| Twice Monthly Payment Plan |          |         |               |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|---------------|
|                            | with ✈   | w/o ✈   |               |
| Deposit                    | \$300    | \$300   | Sep. 15, 2026 |
| 2                          | \$425    | \$250   | Oct. 1, 2026  |
| 3                          | \$425    | \$250   | Oct. 15, 2026 |
| 4                          | \$425    | \$250   | Nov. 1, 2026  |
| 5                          | \$425    | \$250   | Nov. 15, 2026 |
| 6                          | \$425    | \$250   | Dec. 1, 2026  |
| 7                          | \$425    | \$250   | Dec. 15, 2026 |
| 8                          | \$425    | \$250   | Jan. 1, 2027  |
| 9                          | \$425    | \$250   | Jan. 15, 2027 |
| 10                         | \$425    | \$250   | Feb. 1, 2027  |
| 11                         | \$425    | \$250   | Feb. 15, 2027 |
| 12                         | \$425    | \$250   | Mar. 1, 2027  |
| 13                         | \$425    | \$250   | Mar. 15, 2027 |
| Final                      | Balance* |         | April 1, 2027 |
|                            |          |         |               |
| 4 Payments + Balance       |          |         |               |
|                            | with ✈   | w/o ✈   |               |
| Deposit                    | \$800    | \$800   | Sep. 15, 2026 |
| 2                          | \$1,500  | \$900   | Nov. 15, 2026 |
| 3                          | \$1,500  | \$900   | Jan. 15, 2027 |
| 4                          | \$1,500  | \$900   | Mar. 15, 2027 |
| Final                      | Balance* |         | April 1, 2027 |
|                            |          |         |               |
| 2 Payments + Balance       |          |         |               |
|                            | with ✈   | w/o ✈   |               |
| Deposit                    | \$1,800  | \$1,800 | Sep. 15, 2026 |
| 2                          | \$3,500  | \$1,700 | Dec. 15, 2026 |
| Final                      | Balance* |         | April 1, 2027 |
|                            |          |         |               |
| Pay-in-Full + Balance      |          |         |               |
|                            | with ✈   | w/o ✈   |               |
| Deposit                    | \$5,425  | \$3,525 | Oct. 15, 2026 |
| Final                      | Balance* |         | April 1, 2027 |

### BALANCE (\*)

The final trip cost simply cannot be accurately estimated in June 2026 when pricing for the trip was received. Any increases or decreases in airfare will be immediately reflected on the payment schedule once they are received. Any non-airfare related pricing fluctuations will be reflected in the final payment (balance). This may result in a price increase or decrease which will not be known until March 15, 2027, or earlier. **Participants are financially responsible for the final cost of the trip.** PCC and Perform International do not assume financial responsibility for pricing fluctuations outside of our control.

### TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION

Trips can be transferred to another passenger who is not already registered. Fees may apply.

## CANCELATION SCHEDULE

Cancellation must be received by the Pensacola Children's Chorus in writing.

**If cancellation notice is received...**

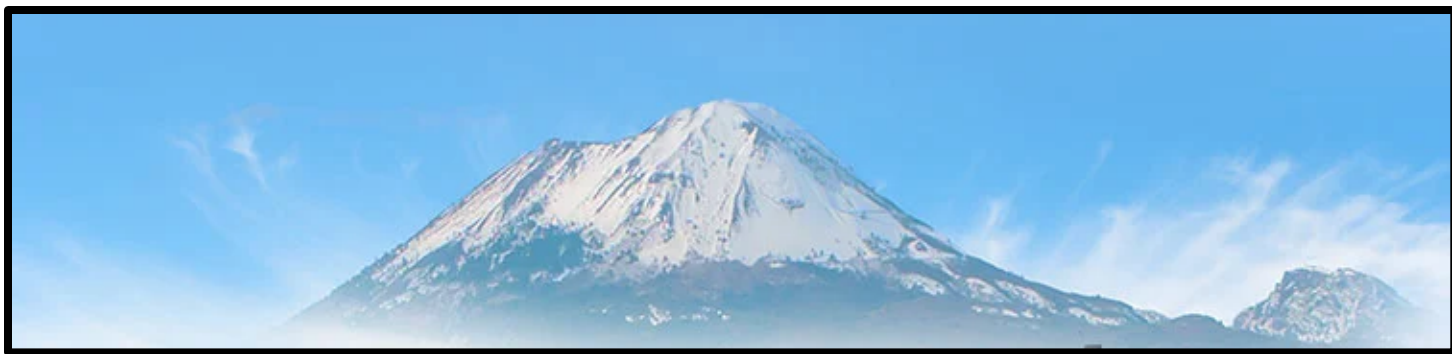
On or before February 1, 2027

On or before March 1, 2027

On or before April 1, 2027

On or before April 15, 2027

After April 15, 2027



## **PAYMENT TERMS & PROCEDURES**

Payments will be paid directly to Pensacola Children's Chorus who will in turn submit payments to Perform International. Because PCC acts as a clearinghouse for tour payments, PCC will not be liable for standard processing fees that it would otherwise cover under standard financial procedures. Full terms are outlined below.

### **AUTOMATED PAYMENTS**

Trip participants may enroll in automatic payments through PCC's payment processor. ACH bank drafts and credit cards may be utilized. ACH drafts will incur a fee of 1.49% per transaction. Credit cards will incur a fee of 3.59% per transaction. Failed drafts due to inadequate banking information or expired credit cards will incur a returned payment fee of \$30 per transaction and will be automatically switched to click-to-pay invoicing until correct information is submitted to the PCC office.

### **CLICK-TO-PAY INVOICING**

Electronic invoices with multiple click-to-pay options can be sent up to 7 days before the scheduled due date. These invoices will have a standard fee of 3.59% assessed per invoice. PCC utilizes tracking software to ensure the timely delivery and receipt of electronic invoices. PCC is not responsible for accrued late fees resulting in an unread or accidentally misfiled/filtered electronic invoice.

### **FEE-FREE PAYMENTS**

Cash and personal checks may be used to pay tour invoices. Electronic invoices that are not set for click-to-pay will be sent up to 7 days before the scheduled due date. PCC is not responsible for accrued late fees resulting in an unread or accidentally misfiled/filtered electronic invoice.

### **BUY-NOW-PAY-LATER**

New for 2026, PCC's payment processor offers a buy-now-pay-later feature through Affirm. Invoices sent with Affirm payments will be assessed a standard fee of 3.59%. Repayment terms are handled individually with representatives of Affirm. Affirm is only available to those select the "Pay-in-Full + Balance" option.

### **INTEREST FEES**

Invoices with an open balance will be assessed a 10% interest fee after 30 days past the initial due date. This fee is reassessed after every 30 days the invoice is unpaid. Because the payment schedule has been clearly posted and communicated, these fees will generally not be waived.

### **DELINQUENCY**

Accounts that have an overdue balance of greater than 25% of the total amount due-to-date per traveler on or before December 15, 2026, will be automatically dropped from the trip without a refund. Additionally, traveler who has completed registration paperwork for the trip but has not remitted the deposit on or before October 31, 2026, will be automatically dropped from the trip, and any funds already remitted will not be refunded.



# CHAPERONES & NON-PERFORMERS

Parents, guardians, and family members are invited to join our PCC singers on this trip. If you are interested in this opportunity, please review the following information regarding **CHAPERONES** as well as the additional information regarding those who wish to join the trip without chaperoning responsibilities.

## CHAPERONE

Chaperones are essential components of every tour. As an extension of staff leadership, chaperones ensure that PCC's standards of conduct are observed and demonstrated by singers at all times. Because chaperones play a crucial role in creating a positive and memorable tour experience, they are carefully vetted and may only enroll in the trip after receiving an invitation.

To be a chaperone, a separate application is required, and the following eligibility criteria must be met:

- Parent/guardian of singer enrolled on trip OR another family member who is 25+
- Prior volunteer experience with PCC (attending prior tour, tech week volunteering, etc.)
- Ability to pass a Level 2 FBI/BCI background check
- Has a demeanor aligned with PCC's values
- Track record of abiding by PCC's code of conduct
- Demonstrated ability to prioritize the needs of multiple children, not just one's own

Prior participation on a tour as a chaperone does not guarantee selection for this trip, as the number of chaperones correlates to the number of singers enrolled in the trip.

## NON-PERFORMERS

Those who wish to enroll on this trip without chaperoning responsibilities may sign up as a **TAGALONG**. These individuals will enjoy group activities provided in the itinerary and are welcome to curate their own experiences during designated times (namely rehearsals).

On international trips, the travel group mostly stays together as a singular unit, with a few opportunities for small group exploration. Therefore, it is generally expected that tagalongs stick to the tour itinerary. Tagalongs must agree not to interfere with trip activities, especially removing a singer from the itinerary, without first consulting a PCC staff member.

## GROUPIES

For those who want to plan their own Italian adventure, PCC will happily share hotel, flight, and concert information as soon as it is available. Groupies may not remove a child from the tour itinerary for any reason, nor can they be added (neither in advance or last minute) to any group meals or private experiences.

## EXTENDING YOUR STAY

A participating singer, chaperone, or tagalong may elect to extend their stay. Singers who are to arrive to Italy prior to June 11, 2027, or stay past June 17, 2027, must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or another trusted adult provided to PCC in advance in writing. Those who wish to extend their stay may not travel on PCC's group airfare reservation and must make their own arrangements. PCC assumes responsibility of all registered trip participants from the first moment they join the tour itinerary through the first moment they depart. PCC requires anyone extending their stay to communicate their plans in writing in advance of the trip.



# CHAPERONES & NON-PERFORMERS (continued)

Different policies apply to international travel. Please consult the following table as you contemplate enrolling:

|                                     | Chaperones                                                 | Tagalongs                                                                             | Groupies                                          |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Eligibility</b>                  | Direct relative of PCC singer <i>or</i> PCC board member   | Direct relative of PCC singer (those < 21 must be accompanied by an adult who is 25+) | Anyone!                                           |
| <b>Registration</b>                 | By application, then after invitation and background check | Via standard form                                                                     | n/a                                               |
| <b>Itinerary</b>                    | Adhere to PCC itinerary at all times                       | Adhere to PCC itinerary as directed                                                   | Make your own                                     |
| <b>Group Experiences</b>            | Participate with PCC                                       | Participate with PCC as directed                                                      | n/a                                               |
| <b>Responsibilities</b>             | Supervise assigned group of singers at designated times    | n/a                                                                                   | n/a                                               |
| <b>Rehearsal Access</b>             | Authorized                                                 | Unauthorized                                                                          | n/a                                               |
| <b>Dress Rehearsal</b>              | Authorized                                                 | Unauthorized                                                                          | n/a                                               |
| <b>Access to PCC touring singer</b> | Assigned in adult + singer room                            | Assigned in adult + singer room, or throughout itinerary                              | No dedicated access                               |
| <b>Rooming*</b>                     | May room with own child who is PCC singer                  | May room with own child who is PCC singer                                             | n/a                                               |
| <b>Other siblings (≤ 21)</b>        | May stay with chaperone depending on availability*         | May stay with tagalong who is 25+                                                     | n/a                                               |
| <b>Takes direction from</b>         | PCC staff                                                  | PCC staff                                                                             | PCC staff if attempting to modify group itinerary |

(\*) European hotels are generally smaller than American ones, with 2 beds meant to sleep one person each. Combined with the nature of PCC's international tours, where the travel group stays together, it may be possible to have 2 adults a PCC singer, or 1 adult and 2 children in triple occupancy. Such circumstances need to be communicated prior to registration and are subject to approval by PCC staff, along with availability communicated by Perform International.

## SINGER-FIRST POLICY

This tour is an official activity of the Pensacola Children's Chorus. Therefore, **singers must remain with the PCC group and on PCC's itinerary at all times**. As such, tagalongs and groupies *may not* interfere in the tour by removing singers from the assigned itinerary at any point. If you desire to experience this tour round-the-clock with your child, please apply to be a chaperone with the understanding that invitation is not guaranteed. If you choose to enroll as a tagalong, you do so with the understanding that your child is required to adhere to PCC's itinerary and may not be removed from their chaperone group or assigned room without express permission from trip leaders.

# TOUR FUNDRAISING

## ELIGIBILITY

Trip participants who are enrolled as a member of PCC's Resident Choir Program are eligible to participate in tour fundraising. Fundraising monies may not be applied to chaperone or tagalong accounts, nor do they carry from season-to-season.

## APPLYING RAISED FUNDS

Raised funds are issued as a credit toward the final balance of the trip, which is due on April 1, 2027. In the event a child raises funds above and beyond the final cost of the trip, or if through on-time payments and fundraising the combined total through payments/fundraising has exceeded the final cost of the trip, a refund will be issued at the earliest opportunity. Funds will not be applied to invoices dated April 1, 2027 or earlier, nor can they be applied toward any accrued late fees or any other purpose.

## TRIP UNENROLLMENT

If a singer unenrolls from the trip for any reason and has successfully raised funds through a PCC-operated fundraiser, no credit or refund will be issued. Instead, funds will be forfeited and deposited into a developing tour scholarship fund.

## FUNDRAISING SCHEDULE

The following fundraising calendar is in the planning stages, and more concrete details will be announced as they are available.

**October-November**

Holiday wreaths, ferns & citrus (great for gifts!)

**January-February**

Nothing Bundt Cakes

**March-April**

Social media (on your personal accounts with provided content)

*Additional opportunity through special performances, car washes, spirit nights and more!*

