



„Festival di Verona“ Verona/Italy

International Choir Festival & Competition



The annual Choir Festival & Competition is one of the **cultural highlights of the Associazione Gruppi Corali Veronesi and the entire province of Verona**. Highlights of the festival are **the opening concert, competition performances, an exchange concert with a local Italian choir and the closing ceremony & performance at the famous Roman Amphitheatre, the Arena di Verona**.

Discover the **historic Old Town of Verona** with its romantic lanes and balconies that once **inspired Shakespeare to the classic love story, Romeo & Juliet**. Experience the unique festival atmosphere and sing and exchange with fellow choirs from all over the world!



Festival program

Wednesday: Arrival & Festival Opening

Upon arrival at Lake Garda (southern part), **check-into your booked accommodation.**
Meet your local festival assistant for a brief welcome meeting followed by **group dinner** at the hotel.
Opening concert in Verona.

Thursday: Choir Competition Day 1 / Optional Day Excursion

Breakfast at accommodation.

Group 1: Choir Competition & sightseeing program in Verona.
Group dinner at hotel.

Group 2: Free day at Lake Garda (without guide assistance).
Opportunity for an **optional day excursion** to Venice, Parma, Bergamo or Trento.
Individual dinner.

Friday: Choir Competition Day 2 / Optional Day Excursion

Breakfast at accommodation.

Group 1: Free day at Lake Garda (without guide assistance).
Opportunity for an **optional day excursion** to Venice, Parma, Bergamo or Trento.
Individual dinner.

Group 2: Choir Competition & sightseeing program in Verona.
Group dinner at hotel.



Saturday: Reception & Closing Ceremony

Breakfast at accommodation.

Morning: Reception for all choir directors in Verona hosted by the mayor and officials of the city.

Afternoon: Closing ceremony & awards ceremony.

All choirs are invited to attend a **get-together event with canapés and wine.**

The Festival ceremony ends with a **grand procession through the city of Verona to the Arena di Verona**, where all choirs will sing **“Va pensiero” by G. Verdi, “Ode to Joy” by L. van Beethoven and “Amazing Grace” by J. Newton.**

Evening: Group dinner at hotel followed by an exchange concert with an Italian choir.

Sunday: Departure

After breakfast individual departure.

Pre- and post-tour program on request.

The program is subject to change!