

## 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 write 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**

Thursday: Arrival & Festival Opening

Upon arrival at Lake Garda (southern part), check-in to your booked accommodation.

Meet your local festival assistant for a brief welcome meeting followed by group dinner at the hotel.

Opening concert in Verona.

Friday: Choir Competition

Breakfast at accommodation.

**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!