TOUR DETAILS OCTOBER 2018

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

Arrival at the Hotel Villa Michelangelo in the afternoon

Hotel Villa Michelangelo
Via Sacco, 35
36067 Arcugnano, Vicenza
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Meeting at the Hotel Villa Michelangelo at 4:00 p.m. Welcome Drink followed by departure at 5:00 p.m. for La Rotonda (15 minutes)

Le Ville di Vicenza

6:00 p.m. Private visit to Villa La Rotonda with owner, Count Nicolò di Valmarana. This house, built for the priest Paolo Almerico in 1565, is one of Palladio's best-known legacies to the architectural world. A design based upon the Pantheon in Rome, it has been the inspiration for countless subsequent villas to the present day.

7:00 p.m. — 10:30 p.m. Visit, Concert and Dinner in Villa Valmarana ai Nani, the home of Countess Carolina Valmarana and her family. This 17th-century villa was frescoed by Giambattista and Giandomenico Tiepolo, who were commissioned by the owner, Count Giustino Valmarana, in 1757.

7:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:30 p.m. Chamber music concert by members of the Budapest Festival Orchestra, in the Hall of the Foresteria, including music by Mozart and Reethoven.

8:30 p.m. seated Gala Dinner - for 100 people - with host Countess Carolina Valmarana, Maestro Iván Fischer and members of the Circle of Friends of the Iván Fischer Opera Company.

11:00 p.m. Return to Hotel Villa Michelangelo

THE MAGIC OF PALLADIO

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

"Tutto Palladio" - his most important works in Vicenza.

9:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Leave Hotel Villa Michelangelo for Vicenza:

Palazzo Chiericati, designed by Andrea Palladio and recently restored. It is Vicenza's City Museum.

Santa Corona, Gothic-style, it contains the beautiful Valmarana Chapel (circa 1576). It is attributed to Andrea Palladio, who is himself buried in the church. It has an altarpiece by Giovanni Bellini depicting the magnificent Baptism of Christ (1500-1502).

Basilica Palladiana, a Renaissance building with an impressive loggia designed by a young Andrea Palladio. The building was originally constructed in the 15th-century and was known as the Palazzo della Ragione.

Palladio Museum (CISA) — located in Palazzo Barbaran da Porto by Andrea Palladio: Visit, welcome by CISA director/president and lunch.

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Free time in the Hotel Villa Michelangelo

6:00 p.m. Depart for Teatro Olimpico

7:00 p.m. Premiere of Verdi's Falstaff in Teatro Olimpico

After the performance, seated Dinner at Palazzo Chiericati FOR HONORARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND FOUNDING PATRONS, and return to the hotel.

THE MASTERS TOGETHER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Palladio and Veronese in Villa Barbaro.

10:00 a.m. Leave Hotel for Asolo

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Villa Barbaro a Maser (Asolo), one of the greatest masterpieces of Andrea Palladio (1508-80) and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The beauty and perfection of its design is combined with the six rooms of frescoes by Paolo Veronese, which represent his largest and most important fresco works.

12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m. Walk through Asolo to arrive in Hotel Villa Cipriani

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lunch at the Hotel Villa Cipriani; return to the hotel by 4:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Depart for Teatro Olimpico

7:30 p.m. Concert of the Budapest Festival Orchestra conducted by Iván Fischer.

Program to be announced.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

Breakfast in the hotel and departure.

TOUR FINANCIAL DETAILS

THE TOTAL PRICE PER PARTICIPANT INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Hotel accommodation for 3 nights (Classic Room Double, including breakfast)
- All visits and private visits, including museum entries, opera and concert
- English-speaking quide
- Luncheons, dinners and receptions as listed
- All transportation will be done by private bus

THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Airfare to and from Vicenza
- · Any kind of personal insurance
- · Hotel room upgrades

PRICE PER PERSON APPROXIMATELY 2,900 USD

This price includes a donation of 1,700 USD to the Friends of the Budapest Festival Orchestra, which is eligible for US tax exemption.