



SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVALS 27 JUNE 11 JULY 2008

Welcome to our Summer Music festivals program. The Living Italy team is looking forward to meeting you, and we are delighted that you are coming to Italy this June. This letter is to fill you in on a few details about your arrival and the tour in general, as well as some advice on what to bring with you. We also need some information about your needs so that we can do our best to make your holiday as enjoyable and informative as possible, so there is a form to fill out and to send back to us.

Arrival

We will meet you at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport at Fiumicino at around 10.30am on Friday 27 June 2008. We will be in **Terminal 'C'** on **ground level in the International Arrivals section**, immediately as you exit customs. We will be at the seats near there carrying a sign saying '**Living Italy**'. In case of any problems please call +39 335 8196 106 or 0743 25 40 63.

If you are staying overnight at the Airport Hilton the pick-up point is the hotel foyer at 10am approx. Please decide in advance and specify clearly on the attached form whether you want us to meet you here or at the airport.

From Rome Airport you will be transferred directly to Montefalco in a private air-conditioned coach. Unless there are unexpected delays you will leave by about 11am and arrive at Camiano Piccolo by 2pm, in time for a light, late lunch. The afternoon will be at leisure so that you have time to rest and settle in.

Departure

A private air-conditioned bus will depart your hotel in Ravello at 7am to take you to Rome Fiumicino airport in time for your flight/car pick up. Anticipated arrival: 10.30am

What to wear & what to bring

The temperatures should be warm: 20° to 28° during the day, cooling somewhat in the evening. You should have a light jacket or coat suitable for the evening events. It is reasonable to expect rain at any time of the year, so bring a small portable umbrella. In the event of a cold spell a number of **light layers** works better than heavy items. A scarf can make all the difference to feeling comfortable at the outdoor evening venues. A pair of **comfortable walking shoes** is essential as there's a lot to be seen and a lot of ground to cover and all **shoes should be non-slip** for the steep cobbled streets in some of the hilltowns.

There are pools at both accommodations so you may also wish to pack your **swimming costume**.

Evening wear should be casual elegant without the need for anything overly dressy. Comfortable dress shoes are recommended as there may be considerable walking to reach some of the performance. It is also acceptable to go in jeans & sneakers to performances if there isn't time to go home to change.

Dinner is often outside in the garden when it is warm enough so your preferred **insect spray** could be useful.

A small **backpack** is much more comfortable than something you have to hold on to, and it means you have your hands free to use practicing all of those wonderfully expressive Italian gestures. If you are bringing a digital camera, don't forget the **battery charger** (also that for your mobile phone) and an **adapter plug** - Australia/Italy.

In Montefalco

Your host town in Umbria is a fifteen minute stroll uphill from Camiano Piccolo along a country road with spectacular views of the valley of Umbria behind you. The town is called 'the Balcony of Umbria' because of its central position in the valley and its hilltop perspective of all that goes on around it. You enter Montefalco through "Porta Camiano" in the medieval walls which still completely encircle the town. Continuing up (they're not called hilltop towns for nothing) past the beautiful old stone houses and cobbled streets of the

residential area you soon arrive at the large main piazza where you can catch your breath over a cappuccino or something stronger!

In Ravello

The Ravello festival, in its spectacular setting on the Amalfi coast boasts an association with Richard Wagner who stayed at Villa Rufolo in 1880, and who was reportedly so taken with the beauty of the place that he is said to have proclaimed, in reference to a character in his opera Parsifal: "here is the enchanted garden of Klingsor". And although the original emphasis during the festival was on Wagner's music, the event has grown into an almost two-month event with a variety of music featuring large orchestras, chamber ensembles, jazz, performing arts and exhibitions. The main venue includes a suspended stage, built around the gardens of the villa and hanging above a cliff 350m (1,150ft) above the sea. Top artists and musicians are attracted here, where the music is rivalled in excellence only by the location – the stunning landscape of the famous Amalfi Coast. Our accommodation is in the ancient centre of the town very near Villa Rufolo.

Banks

Both towns have ATM which accept Maestro/Cirrus keycard and Visa card. Check with your bank that your PIN code will work overseas. Credit card 'cash advance' always seems to be available, but this is less than ideal as you pay interest immediately on these withdrawals. It is advisable that you have more than one way of accessing money, but you should note that travellers cheques can only be cashed in the larger towns (Perugia, 40kms away, is the nearest town to Montefalco for this purpose).

How to contact people on Living Italy programs

The time difference between Italy and Australia from March to the end of October is 8 hours. The best time for phone contact between Italy and Australia is from 3pm to 7pm Australian time, which is 7am to 11am on the same day in Italy.

If you have a digital mobile phone it is possible to request installation of 'global roaming' and to take your phone to Italy. People calling to the mobile phone will pay the normal international rate, however the receiver of the call in Italy also pays significant charges. Nevertheless, this is usually cheaper than paying hotel rates.

Camiano Piccolo has one central phone with a public pay phone in the office. You can buy telephone cards for €5 (\$8 approx). You need one of these to enable the phone to make reverse charge or telecard calls, though the Italian phone card will not be debited.

There is an internet café in Montefalco. Email messages and faxes are often the best way of keeping in touch. The Living Italy office can receive email, but you will need to use the internet café to return messages.

It is strongly suggested that you obtain a Telecard from Telstra or Optus. This will allow you to call Australia from any telephone in Italy and have the cost of the call charged to your account in Australia at Australian International rates (Italian rates are much higher).

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FINAL INFORMATION FORM TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR TO LIVING ITALY

TOUR & DATES	SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVALS 27 JUNE – 11 JULY 2008		
FULL NAME AS PER PASSPORT			
PREFERRED FIRST NAME			
ADDRESS			
	P/CODE:		
TEL/FAX	T:	F:	
MOBILE			
EMAIL			
ARRIVAL DETAILS: FOR COLLECTION FROM FIUMICINO AIRPORT / AIRPORT HILTON			
Your arrival flight no. and/or hotel contact details on the morning of the first day of the tour			
DEPARTURE DETAILS: Your travel plans on the last day of the tour: include flight no. & departure point if applicable			
ACCOMMODATION DETAILS			
your preferred room type:	Single	Twin/Double	sharing with
your preferred room location:	Upstairs/downstairs		
EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS			
ESSENTIAL MEDICATIONS: Please be sure to let us know if you have any food allergies or a pre-existing medical condition that may be relevant to us in an emergency. In such a situation it is essential that we have a record of any medication that you are required to take.			
TERMS AND CONDITIONS			
TRAVEL INSURANCE COVER is a prerequisite of participation in this tour. Please provide details			
INSURER	POLICY NO.		

TOUR CANCELLATIONS: Cancellation must be presented in writing to Living Italy or your travel agent. Deposit is non refundable unless the tour is cancelled by the operator. Cancellations made subsequent to the final tour payment having been received will incur a cancellation fee as a proportion of that amount as follows: Over 45 days prior to Day 1: 25%; 45-22 days: 55%; 21 days: 100%. Should Living Italy be forced to cancel the tour all payments will be refunded.

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Please sign below, indicating that you have read and accept the terms and conditions and return this form to your travel agent/or Living Italy

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