

EDMONTON ACCORDION SOCIETY

~AN ITALIAN ACCORDION TOUR

OCT. 22 - NOV. 1 '24



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Tour: Edmonton Accordion Society

Destination: Italy

Dates of Travel: October 22 - November 1, 2024



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Trip Highlights

Venice & the Canals
Doges Palace & Bridge of Sighs
Ravenna & Byzantine Mosaics
UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Culinary class
Salt Beds
Cesenatico
Accordion Presentation

Castelfidardo & everything Accordion
Accordion Museums and Factories
Beltuna, Victoria & Serenelli
Rome - Sistine Chapel & Baroque Roma

At a Glance

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Day 11 International flight to Canada\



What's Included

- * International Airfare (*with estimated air taxes*)
- * Airport transfers
- * All accommodations
- * All breakfasts and 1 dinner
- * All transfers by private coach
- * English speaking professional and licensed city guides, including Venice, Ravenna, La Saline, Loreto, Assisi, Rome and Vatican, possibly Ostia Antica



What's not Included

- * All meals and beverages not mentioned in your day-to-day itinerary
- * Gratuities
- * Travel Visas (*if applicable*)

Travel Facts

Countries visiting: Italy

Visas: Not needed for Canadian passport holders

Vaccinations: *Recommended that all immunizations should be up to date

Luggage allowance: One check in per person

Climate for Spring

Venice: Lows of 10°C / Highs of 18°C - Expect Rain

Rome: Lows of 12°C / Highs of 22°C - Expect Showers



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In Italy the Accordion, which Italians call fisarmonica, shows up in many Italian traditional and popular orchestras and dances. There are two cities in Italy where the manufacturing of accordions is well established. The most famous is Castelfidardo.

Day 1 - Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Overnight: Onboard flight

Meet Travel and World at the EIA for 3:30 am for your 6:00 am flight to Venice

International Flight to Venice

Meals: TBA

Day 2 - Wednesday, October 23

Overnight: Meals: [Hotel Tintoretto](#) or similar

10:00 am Welcome to Venice!

Transfer by coach to Venice bus terminal and then by private motor launch to your Hotel on Venice Island. The rest of the day is yours to get lost among the many canals, relax, eat pasta and enjoy the many little bridges and shops.

Accordion Connections: The Carnival of Venice and the la Fenice Teatro.

Did you know: *Eugenia Marini* is one of the most esteemed classical accordion performers on the international scene, having also a degree in violoncello. After a remarkable artistic experience as a violoncellist with the Chamber Orchestra "Angelicum of Milan", she has dedicated herself to the development and enhancement of the **classic accordion**, the instrument with which she began her musical studies. She was a student of M^o Vittorio Melocchi of Milan and under his guidance she achieved many prestigious awards at international competitions. As a concert soloist she has performed mainly music from the baroque period to the 19th century, always obtaining a positive consensus from both critics and public. She has played as the soloist with many prestigious chamber and Italian symphonic orchestras as well as recording several CD's for important labels such as EMI CLASSICS

Michele Bianco ~ Michele Bianco graduated in accordion at the top of his class, with a score of 110/110 with honors and special mention, at the Music Conservatory "T. Schipa" of Lecce, in the class of Maestro Germano Scurti.accordion

Michele Bianco has secured multiple first prizes and podium placements in esteemed national and international music competitions. Among these achievements are the First Prize at the "Accordion Star International Competition" in 2021

Carnival of Venice ~ Pietro Frosini's most famous work as he would have liked us to play it. I know I'll never be able to play it this good...especially the staccato bellows shake at the end. **This piece of "accordion history"** is from an album labeled "Pietro Frosini Original Recordings" which were recorded between 1920-1935 This historic recording vividly shows his amazing virtuosity & playful style. Pietro Frosini was born in Catania, Sicily where he began the study of chromatic accordion at age six. However, since the accordion was at that time not accepted as a major instrument, he undertook the study of piano, cornet, & other band instruments. At age 14, his remarkable talent on the cornet was recognized, & he was accepted as first chair cornetist in the British Naval Band at Malta. But his first love always remained the accordion.

Day 3 - Thursday, October 24

Overnight: [Hotel Tintoretto](#) or similar

After breakfast you will meet your guide for a half day Venice walking visit including Doge Palace. The rest of the day is to enjoy Venice, or maybe take a water taxi to the Island of Burano.

Accordion Connections: The patent for the accordion was filed in Vienna in 1829 by Cyrill Demian, but it was fundamentally **redesigned in Italy** in the second half of the nineteenth century.

Castelfidardo was the scene of a crucial moment in the unification of Italy, when the papal army was defeated by the Piedmontese troops, with the subsequent annexation of the territories of Marche and Umbria to the Kingdom of Italy. This area was the cradle in which the first "organetti" or "fisarmoniche" were developed.

Day 4 - Friday, October 25

Overnight: [Hotel Mare Home](#) or similar

After breakfast transfer by private motor launch to Venice bus terminal. Continue by coach, to Ravenna for a half day guided tour of the enchanting Byzantine monuments and mosaics, including the Tomb of the Great Dante poet, best known for The Divine Comedy.

Ravenna ~ With its UNESCO World Heritage Sites, annual music festival, and delicious local cuisine, Ravenna offers a delightful blend of ancient charm and modern vibrancy, making it a captivating and unforgettable destination for travelers of all ages.

End this day in Cesenatico at Hotel Mare Home, your seaside hotel.

Venice

Meals Included: B

Cesenatico

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Accordion Connections: Teatro Municipale "Alighieri" in Ravenna , where Eugenia Marini also performed concerts

Victoria Accordion Workshops: Victoria Workshopsconcerts, museum tours and visits to the factories of the world's best accordions. This can include Accordion tuning, repair workshops, polishing

Accordian Craft Academy: *Accordion Craft Academy* has created a learning route for Accordion Repairers that will make it possible for every pupil to know what to do and to personally take care of their instrument.

Course of Advanced Tuning for Accordions:

Learning routes to teach how to build an accordion from scratch, so that pupils can learn the fascinating art of putting together such a magnificent instrument with their own hands.

First aid and basic maintenance

1. Accordion check (beginner)
2. Cleaning your accordion
3. The function of registers
4. Disassembling the keyboard\mechanics (no cassotto and converter)
5. Keyboard check and felts replacement
6. Bellow tape check and replacement
7. Reeds and reed blocks check
8. Reeds and ventils replacement
9. Bellow holder and left hand belt check and replacement (beginner)
10. Tweaking celluloid parts
11. Bellow rubber replacement (beginner)
12. First level tuning

Replacements, repair and maintenance techniques

1. Accordion check (intermediate)
2. De-assembling keyboard / mechanism (also with cassotto / converter / chin registers)
3. Replacing left and right hand registers
4. Keyboard check and springs replacement
5. Mechanism check and springs replacement and cleaning
6. De-assembling register mechanism
7. Replacing valves
8. Bellow check, replacing bellow-tape
9. Reeds and reedblocks – general check and replacing reeds
10. Repairing celluloid parts
11. Second level tuning
12. Tuning small instruments

Did you know...

Victoria was founded in 1919 by Dario Dari and Adriano Picchietti.

The factory later changed its name to Victoria. The production concentrated from the beginning on high quality accordions.

Victoria was one of the first factories that started to produce converted accordions hence the name "Victoria converter"

Day 5 - Saturday, October 26

Overnight: [Hotel Mare Home](#) or similar

Cesenatico

Meals Included: BD

This morning on your way to Cesenatico, you will stop for a visit at le Salina. The Cervia Salt Pan is the smallest in Italy covering 827 hectares in a natural park, and now a natural breeding and nesting reserve for many animal and plant species, including the pink flamingos. Here you can enjoy a historical walking tour dedicated to the history of the Salina di Cervia ~ of the ancient "Camillone" artisan-run salt works, instruments and ancient methods of salt collection. After lunch, return to the hotel for your Piadina Experience - where you will learn the art of preparing the signature dish of Romagna, *LA PIADINA!*

To top off this day, you will be entertained by local accordionists to cheer the evening on.

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Did you know... Cesenatico is the headquarters of the famous (in Italy) Orchestra family ~ Raoul Casadei

https://www.casadei.it/area-musicisti-casadei/?swoof=1&pa_strumento=fisarmonica

One of the most important parts of the orchestra is the accordion ~ especially in this region.

At the moment there are no scheduled concerts - but the schedule is always being updated.

Accordion Connections:

Accordion Craft Academy offers what has never been offered before: a training route of courses specifically designed to give the experience of accordion at its maximum, beyond music and into the instrument, a deep know-how and the expertise of the great representatives of the art accordion.

Day 6 - Sunday, October 27

Overnight: Castelfidardo or area - TBA

Castelfidardo

Meals Included: B

After breakfast, continue to Castelfidardo, with a stop along the way in San Marino on the way, a mountainous microstate of the Medieval age, a small gem within the territory of Italy. After lunch continue to Castelfidardo for your guided tour of the [Museum della Fisarmonica](#). End our day in Castelfidardo

Accordion Connections:

Castelfidardo is the international capital of accordion builders. A variety of other musical instruments besides the accordion have been produced in the town since the 19th century, such as the armonica.

The Accordions of Castelfidardo - "Globally, Castelfidardo represents the pinnacle of the instrument's development, allowing top musicians to embrace well crafted and reliable accordions.

International Accordion Museum: On **9 May 1981** the city of Castelfidardo inaugurated the **International Accordion Museum**. Castelfidardo is known throughout the world for the production of this instrument, thanks to the ingenuity of Paolo Soprani who created the first Italian accordion industry in 1863.

Day 7 - Monday, October 28

Overnight: Castelfidardo or area - TBA

Castelfidardo

Meals Included: B

This morning's experience will take place in both the Beltuna and Victoria accordion factories.

~ [Beltuna](#) ~ Your guided tour will illustrate all the various stages of accordion making, then to their showroom where an artist's concert will be given by one of their accordionists.

~ [Victoria Accordionist](#): On this visit you will have the opportunity to admire the many wonderful hand-built instruments. See how the reeds and bellows are made, with a brief informational time on how to make small repairs. In the factory showrooms, you will attend musical demonstrations, with the opportunity to play a few of their high-quality accordions.

The rest of the day is yours to explore Castelfidardo, searching through accordion shops.

Accordion Connections:

Fisitalia - Fisitalia means competence, pride and satisfaction in building an instrument to the highest standards.

It is a brand that has evolved over time, launched on the market in 1995 by Giuseppe Chiaraluce, tuner and Piero Montecchiani, mechanical and keyboard specialist.

Day 8 - Tuesday, October 29

Overnight: Roma - TBA

Castelfidardo to Rome

Meals Included: B

Today you will visit the Serenellini Accordions (<https://serenellini.com/?lang=en> in Loretto, only a minute drive away, before we depart the Ancona Region for Rome. Before entering Rome, you will take a lovely stop in Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis, patron saint of Italy, founder of the Franciscan order, and one of the most popular saints in history.

Accordion Connections:

Since 1978 Serenellini manufactures a wide range of excellent handcrafted accordions, able to satisfy the needs of the student as well as of the most demanding professional accordionist.

The artisan style of Serenellini's accordion perfectly suits the quality of the product; using only the best Italian raw materials, employing highly experienced craftsmen and adhering to a severe policy of accurate on-line testing up to the final product give rise to the top reliability guarantee of the instrument.

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Day 9 - Wednesday, October 30

Overnight: Rome - TBA

Roma, the "Eternal City" of Italy, where you begin your next adventure with your grand tour of the Vatican City. St. Peter's Basilica is without a doubt the grandest of churches. You will discover the beauty of the Pieta, the breathtaking interior work of Bernini and then the incredibly restored Sistine Chapel. After lunch, explore Baroque Rome began with the Pantheon, Rome's oldest intact building and one of the best preserved ancient buildings in the world. Visit the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain and end this day in the Piazza Navona including the two famous Baroque fountains designed by Bernini.

Rome

Meals Included: B

Day 10 - Thursday, October 31

Overnight: Rome - TBA

For today - We are still planning on visiting Frosinone to meet the Maestro in accordions.

Accordion Connections:

Frosinone - Home of the **Licinio Refice Conservatory of Music**

Rome

Meals Included: B

The Licinio Refice Conservatory of Music, founded in 1972, is one of the main Italian conservatories with its 130 teachers and 1200 students.

It offers courses relating to all orchestral instruments, organ, piano, harpsichord, accordion, singing, composition, conducting, band instrumentation, as well as music teaching, jazz music and electronic music. It is also possible to choose training courses ranging from "Ancient Music" to "Modern Music and for Entertainment", to Music in relation to New Technologies.

Among the teachers are prestigious personalities in the field of performance and research, with experience from classical to jazz and everyday music.

The production activities have made the Frosinone Conservatory one of the main cultural centers in the area; carries out an intense artistic and cultural activity not only aimed at improving the educational offer for its students but also open to the outside to qualify the cultural offer of the entire territory. It is divided into concert seasons, concert lessons, conferences with the participation of teachers and students, but also former students and established musicians.

The Conservatory has its own Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Orchestra. The recording studio was inaugurated in 2009.

Intermediate projects have also recently seen the light of day, with the fusion of music, poetry and visual arts and with the use of new technologies.

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Day 11 - Friday, November 1

Overnight: Onboard flight

Arrive in Edmonton at 11:37 pm

Rome

Meals Included: B/TBA

Package Pricing

\$6650.00

per person, based on double occupancy

Based on a minimum of 20 - 24 passengers in twin occupancy

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