

## Ravenna Under the Stars

15 - 18 June 2018



*Baptistry of the Arians' ceiling, Mosaic of "The Baptism of Christ"*

Ravenna is one of the most beautiful cities in Italy. It was the capital of the Roman Empire of the West from 402AD until the collapse of the Empire in 476AD

It served as the capital of the Roman Empire of the west (Byzantine) until the invasion of the Lombards in 751AD, when it became the seat of the kingdom of the Lombards.

During the Ravenna Festival the city bursts into light with the stars above and the Byzantine cathedrals and churches hosting a series of concerts. Their glorious mosaics are illuminated

and create a magical light ranging from gold through the colours of the rainbow and provide an unforgettable background to the music.

### ITINERARY:

#### Recommended flights:

Easyjet: London Gatwick to Bologna:

OUT: Fri. 15 June - LGW 7.10 arrives in Bologna 10.20;  
returning Mon. 18 June Bologna 15.00 arrives in LGW 16.10;

OR

British Airways: London Heathrow to Bologna:

OUT: Fri. 15 June - LHR 8.00 arrives in Bologna 11.10;  
returning Mon. 18 June Bologna 18.50 arrives in LHR 20.10

### Friday 15 June

Transfer from Bologna airport to Ravenna where our hotel is "Ostello Galletti Abbiosi", once an 18 C. Palazzo now a 4 star hotel of considerable character and charm.

1.30 We meet in the hotel and go for a light lunch nearby  
This will provide an opportunity to meet your fellow guests. From there we will visit St. Apollinare Nuovo which is just opposite our hotel. Built between 483AD and 526AD by Theodoric king of the Lombards, probably as a Palatine church, it is one of the most beautiful cathedrals of Ravenna.

7pm We meet for dinner (by invitation) in one of Ravenna's gourmet restaurants (the city is notorious for the excellence of its food) followed by a concert at 9.30pm in the Chiostro della Biblioteca Classense "The Splendour of Aleppo" with love songs and hymns of the Syrian-Christian, Muslim and Jewish communities.

### Saturday 16 June

10am Our guide meets us to visit the main monuments of the town. The Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, the Basilica of San Vitale and the Baptistery of the Orthodox.

- 1pm Break for lunch after which everyone is free for shopping, walking or resting.
- 6.30pm Leave the hotel for a dinner (not included) and concert at 9pm in Palazzo Mauro de Andre "In the Veins of America" a tribute to Leonard Bernstein

### Sunday 17 June

- 10am Our guide meets us to visit the Archiepiscopal museum and the Loggeta Lombardesca, the art museum of the town where cartoons supplied by great painters in the 1950's were created by the top mosaicists of Ravenna. Among the many cartoons are some by Chagall.
- 10.30am For those who prefer music there is a concert in the Basilica San Vitale "Graindelavoix"
- 1pm Lunch and afternoon free.
- 4pm Leave the hotel to visit the Mausoleum of Teodorico and the Basilica of Sant' Apollinare in Classe, the former port of Ravenna.  
Visit to the ancient Roman port of Ravenna followed by a dinner (not included)

### Monday 18 June

- 10am Free, or for those interested a visit to the Mosaic Art School.  
Lunch together (not included)  
Return to Bologna airport for flight home.

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<b>COST</b>	Members and Friends: £575	Single supplement: £100
	Others: £675	Single supplement: £100
Payments from overseas should be in Euros:		
	Members and Friends: €650	Single supplement: €110
	Others: €750	Single supplement: €110

#### FLIGHTS NOT INCLUDED

(Cost included: 3 nights B&B; 1 dinner; all concerts, visits and entrance fees; transport throughout including airport transfers)

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**Deposit** of £190 is required to confirm the booking and the balance is due 60 days before the start of the tour.

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