

Show Choir Competition Hints For New Parents

How the day will start on competition days:

- All students will be given a call time by the directors. Students will need to sign-in upon their arrival. If they forget to do so, their parent will be called looking for them before they depart! At FC, students will all eat breakfast together, provided by the choir. After breakfast, the directors will instruct the students when it is time to begin loading the buses to travel to the host school. You may want to attend and stick around to help with organizing the breakfast, helping with clean-up and to get to know other parents! At times there may be room on the buses for parents to also travel with the choirs. Contact Mr. Gardner, Mr. Knaup and or Mr. Yoder if you would like to do so.

What happens throughout the day at the host school:

- No outside food is allowed. Our kids will be there for, and need food money for, lunch, dinner and any snacks and drinks needed throughout the day. Each host school will have vendors available to purchase food. Some may not take "cards"; so best if possible to send your student with cash. \$20 for the day should be plenty. Vendors will also be there selling spirit wear, contest t-shirts and other items. Extra money will be needed to purchase these items if desired.
- The host school will charge an admittance fee (our students do not pay this). This varies if you only attend prelims, or stay for the entire comp day. The fee is typically \$15-\$20, (but will vary by school). Some schools may not take cards so please plan on bringing cash.
- Typically there will be preliminary performances and then finals performance bringing back the top scoring groups from the preliminary round later in the evening. Solo competitions and concert choir performances will also be scheduled during the day. A schedule of all schools performing at the comp will be available for purchase at the host school (FC will provide a schedule for our students' performance times).
- If you opt to stay for the entire contest, there will be down time. Feel free to watch other competing schools, visit the host school's vendors and get to know other show choir parents! Wear your spirit wear when possible and look for other FC parents! FC truly does travel well and we look like a sea of blue while there to support our students. One of the most important task you parents will have all day is cheering on and supporting our kids! Don't forget our student band, too!
- Students will have a schedule for the day given by their director(s). When not in transit for performances, performing, or assisting with stage set-up etc, students are expected to watch other schools and support their fellow classmates in their performances. In between, they will have free time to eat, visit vendors and or rest in their homeroom.
- A nurse will be traveling with us to competitions. If your student is on any medication, the directors ask that their medications be kept with this nurse, unless special arrangements have been made with the nurse and or directors.
- We are all representing FC while attending performances. Thus, it is important to demonstrate good sportsmanship and be considerate of other performers.

Homeroom Volunteers:

- When our students arrive at the host school, a student representative of that school will meet our students and direct them to their designated "homeroom" which is typically a standard academic classroom. This room is where our students will change for performances, do hair and make-up if applicable and rest between events. All host schools require that an adult be present at all times outside these rooms, (one for our boys and another(s) for our girls). Thus at every comp, we need

parents help in volunteering for home room monitoring, to make sure an adult is present at all times. If not, the doors will be locked by the host school and our students will no longer have access to the room. These doors are always locked by the host school during our performances, and unlocked after; so no need to worry you'll miss your child perform! A sign-up sheet for volunteering will be sent out through CHARMS/email prior to the competition. Our kids depend on us to make sure these times are covered so be prepared to sign up!

Award Info:

- Our choirs will be eligible for several awards at each comp. Prelims will take place in the morning or early afternoon and all performers/schools will find out which schools have made it to finals. Finals will then be held in the evening (but keep in mind each comp will be slightly different). A final award ceremony will be held at the end of finals round of competition. This is where final awards are given; Grand Champion, 1st-runner up etc. Solo comp and concert choir awards will also be given. All comps will also give out "caption" awards like "Best Choreography," "Best Vocals," "Best Performer," etc.

At the end of the day:

- After awards, the directors will instruct our students as to departure time from the host school. Students will load buses and head back to FC. Directors will notify parents via "Remind" as to tentative arrival time so that parents can make arrangements to be at the school to pick up their student upon arrival, and after all costumes have been put away at school. Remember to not park where our buses will drop off the kids! Arrival times will vary per competition but be prepared for them to arrive sometime after midnight.

Stay informed:

- We decided to create a Remind for comp days This can get a message out quickly to all, updating such things as when we perform next, what order finals will be performed in, a last minute need for a chaperone... You will find it's nice to be in the know as comps aren't always on the time schedule that is given to the students, they do run a bit behind schedule at times. You are welcome to sign up as below.
- Remind for Comp days (parents/adults only - students have one from the directors):
 - Start a text to: 81010
 - In the message put: @fcchoirp

***As always, don't hesitate to contact any Board member with any questions!
Good luck to all our students and enjoy comp season!***

TOUR CONDITIONS

Franklin Central HS Choirs

of

Indianapolis, Indiana

Italy

Rome, Florence, Venice

Vatican Mass Performance

October 6 - 14, 2019

Per Person Occupancy Tour Prices

Actual Airfare Added 12/15/2019

Passengers	70	60	80	90
Twin	\$3582	\$3580	\$3422	\$3308
Single	\$4134	\$4132	\$3974	\$3860

The above tour prices are based on the total number of travelers and may vary depending on group size when prorated costs, such as motor coach, etc., are affected. Tour prices in this proposal are based on tariffs in effect as of **May 3, 2018** and are subject to change.

IMPORTANT NOTE: These Tour Prices were developed for individuals traveling with your group, as a group, on the trip described in this proposed itinerary. In cases where individual deviations from this group trip are requested, a **\$25.00** per person administrative charge will be levied.

Inclusions

- Music Travel Consultants escort throughout
- Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation via chartered coaches
- Tolls, Taxes and Daily Maintenance Fees for Driver(s)
- (7) nights First Class Hotel Accommodations per the itinerary
- (14) Meals included; they will be a variety of buffet, fast food, plated and/or pre-selected menus per the itinerary. For variety and convenience, money will occasionally be given in lieu of a pre-determined restaurant.
- All Sightseeing & Special Events per the Itinerary
- Entrance Fees where necessary
- Taxes and Gratuities - As required for all included features
- Gratuities to Driver(s) and Local Guide(s) as necessary
- Trip Departure Briefing (if applicable)
- Customized Tour Itinerary & Baggage Tags
- All Operations & Planning Charges

Exclusions

Passport fees; baggage handling at airports & hotels; excess baggage charges; forwarding of baggage; items or services of a personal nature such as snacks, laundry, room service, telephone calls, pay TV, movies, cables, souvenirs or the like; gratuities to travel directors; any items or services not mentioned specifically in tour conditions.

Financial Considerations

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Installment	\$100.00	July 1, 2018
Installment	\$340.00	August 15, 2018
Installment	\$340.00	October 1, 2018
Installment (\$250 Non-Refundable)	\$340.00	November 15, 2018
Installment	\$340.00	January 15, 2019
Installment	\$360.00	March 1, 2019
Installment	\$360.00	April 15, 2019
Installment	\$360.00	June 1, 2019
Installment	\$360.00	July 15, 2019
Installment	\$360.00	September 1, 2019
Final Payment	Balance	September 15, 2019

Tour Planning commences upon receipt of deposit and signed Letter of Intent

Additional deposits may be required to secure specific events & items such as airline, cruise or rail travel, theatre/concert tickets, or to meet requirements set forth by specific hotel, restaurant, or attraction. Invoices for additional deposits will be issued 30 days following the receipt of the deposit and signed letter of intent.

Please Make Checks Payable To:
Music Travel Consultants

Cancellation Information

Cancellations are considered to be any change made to the passenger list. Cancellations must be made in writing. If received 61 days or more prior to departure, monies which can be retrieved from suppliers are refundable. **Cancellations received 60 days up to and including day of departure are non-refundable unless a substitution is made.** If this tour includes airfare, cancellations and/or substitutions policies vary by airline, date of ticketing and group contracts. Please contact Music Travel Consultants for additional information. Travel and Cancellation Insurance is HIGHLY Recommended. Music Travel Consultants will make available to each tour participant a summary of insurance benefits and coverages along with an application to purchase optional tour member travel insurance.

Responsibility

Music Travel Consultants, ("Agent") acts only as Agent in providing means of transportation or other services. All tickets are issued and all other services are offered or provided subject to any and all terms and conditions under which such means of transportation or other services are offered or provided. The issuance and acceptance of such services shall be deemed to be consent to the further condition that Music Travel Consultants shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way in connection with such means of transportation or in connection with other services, or for any loss, injury or damage to or in respect of any person or property howsoever caused or arising. The airlines and motor coaches and ships concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not aboard the airline or motor coach or ship. Agent reserves the right to alter the itinerary. Any extra charges arising from such change must be met by the Passenger. Agent reserves the right to cancel the tour or to remove any Passenger from the tour; its sole liability in such instance being the refund of all monies paid to it for unused services. By acceptance of tour membership, Passenger agrees to the foregoing and also agrees that Agent shall not become liable or responsible for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience to Passenger and to his/her possessions caused by or resulting from occurrences, negligent or otherwise, due to the malfunction or breakdown of machinery or equipment, strikes or labor disputes, acts of God, war or civil strife, acts of Governments or Civil Authorities, disease, delays, fire, theft, weather, itinerary changes or cancellation of services or default by suppliers.