



## INTERNATIONAL CURTAIN CALL

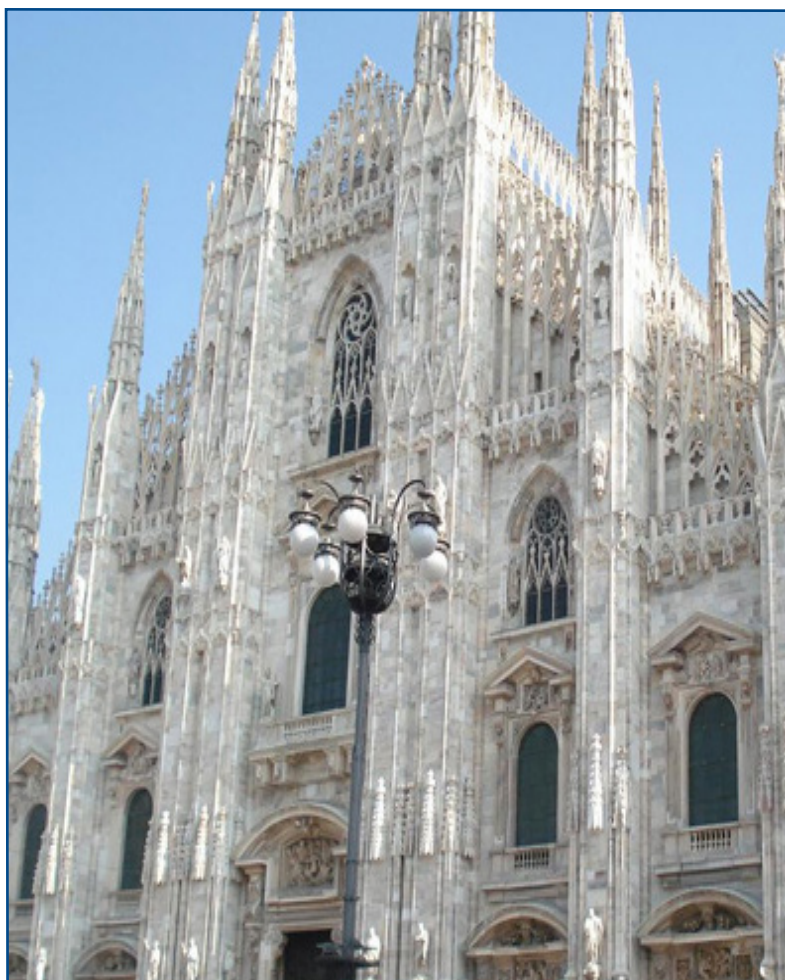
# 2023 DELUXE OPERA & MUSIC FESTIVAL TOURS

ENGLAND FESTIVALS: GLYNDEBOURNE – LONDON ROYAL OPERA – GARSINGTON FESTIVALS (June 18 - 30, 2023)

GALA ITALY TOUR: MILAN - [LA SCALA] AND VERONA – [ARENA DI VERONA] (June 29 - July 10, 2023)



LONDON - BIG BEN



MILAN - DUOMO DI MILANO

**ENGLAND FESTIVALS: GLYNDEBOURNE – LONDON ROYAL OPERA – GARSINGTON:**

Glyndebourne Festival – L'Elisir D'Amore & Don Giovanni. London Royal Opera– Werther (Kaufmann) & IL Trovatore.

Garsington Festival – Ariadne auf Naxos and Mozart's Mitridate, re di Ponto.

**GRAND ITALY FESTIVALS TOUR : MILAN LA SCALA – Macbeth (Netrebko) & Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet Ballet.**

VERONA – Arena Di Verona: Aida; Carmen; Rigoletto; & La Traviata.

# ENGLAND FESTIVALS

## Glyndebourne – London Royal Opera – Garsington

(June 18 - 30, 2023)

### GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL

#### Sunday–Monday, June 18-19: (D)

Departure from your U.S. Get-Away City on your Flight to LONDON HEATHROW.

Upon arrival at Heathrow — our *Hostess* meets us to take us to our Coach for the drive to our *Glyndebourne*- Eastbourne-Sussex 5-Star Deluxe GRAND HOTEL EASTBOURNE, by the Sea, a Victorian-Style Grand Resort Hotel.

The afternoon is free to unpack and relax before meeting for Dinner this evening.

**Evening—** This evening, we will meet in the *Grand Lobby* and stroll to its elegant, high ceiling *Garden Restaurant*— for our WELCOME DINNER with wine.

#### Tuesday, June 20: (B, D)

##### BRIGHTON ROYAL PAVILLION:

After English Breakfast at the *Grand*, we meet our Guide and board our Coach for the drive to BRIGHTON- the lovely Seaside Resort to visit the iconic *Royal Pavillion*— a distinctive Asian-style Palace built for King George IV, whose rooms and Gardens are fully restored.

We'll then have a stroll around lovely *Brighton*. After our stroll, we return to the *Grand Hotel*.

**Afternoon/Evening—**In mid-afternoon, we meet in the *Grand Lobby*, and board our Coach to drive to the *Glyndebourne Festival* with time to explore its beautiful grounds.

Then we enter the *Glyndebourne Opera Theater* to attend its Production of:

Donizetti's **L'ELISIR D'AMORE**, featuring Williams; Avetisyan, Pizzuti, Girollami/Gernon

(*Glyndebourne Opera Festival*).

During the long Interval between the Acts, we'll have our bistro-style DINNER with wine at *Glyndebourne's Mildmay Restaurant*. After "*Elisir*" our Coach returns us to the *Grand*.



GLYNDEBOURNE OPERA HOUSE



TOWER OF LONDON

#### Wednesday, June 21: (B, D)

**FREE DAY:** In Eastbourne to walk around the seashore and prepack for our next day departure to London.

**Afternoon/Evening—** This afternoon, we meet in the *Grand Lobby*, and board our Coach to drive to the *Glyndebourne Festival* to attend:

Mozart's **DON GIOVANNI**, featuring: Gimadieva, Mantashyan, Randem; Zhilikhovky, Timoshenko, Palchykov/Rogister (*Glyndebourne Opera Festival*).

During the long Interval between the Acts, our DINNER with wine will be provided, at the *Glyndebourne Gourmet Restaurant* "*Middle & Over Wallop*".

### LONDON (Royal Opera & Garsington)

#### Thursday, June 22: (B)

After English Breakfast at the *Grand*, we meet our Guide and board our Coach for the drive to LONDON, arriving at our 5-STAR HOTEL MAY FAIR, in the lovely Mayfair/Picadilly area. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Evening—** This evening, we meet in the *May Fair Lobby* and proceed to its Dining Room for our WELCOME DINNER with wine.

#### Friday, June 23: (B, D)

##### BUCKINGHAM PALACE & WESTMINSTER ABBEY:

After our English Breakfast at the *May Fair*, we meet our Guide and board our Coach to drive First to:

*Buckingham Palace*, the official residence of Britain's Sovereigns since 1837, where we'll have a Highlights tour of the Palace (if then permitted).

Then we'll exit to the courtyard to see the ceremonial CHANGING OF THE GUARDS.

Next, we drive to Historic *Westminster Abbey* to Tour the *Abbey*, an Architectural Masterpiece of the 13th-16th Centuries where we'll see the impressive Shrine of *St. Edward the Confessor*, and the traditional place of Coronations, Royal Weddings, Burials and Tombs of the English Monarchs.

We then return to the *May Fair*.

**Evening—** We meet in the *May Fair Lobby* and board our Coach to drive to the ROYAL OPERA HOUSE to attend:

Massenet's **WERTHER**, featuring: Akhmetshina, Gilford; Kaufmann, Bintner, Miles/ Pappano

(*Royal Opera House-Covent Garden*).

#### Saturday, June 24: (B, D)

**FREE MORNING:** to perhaps explore other sights on our own, such as:

SOMERSET HOUSE- the Neoclassical Palace on the south side of the Strand overlooking the *River Thames*. Originally the site of a Tudor Palace, its been extended with Victorian wings to the north and south;

OR — THE BRITISH MUSEUM- with 2000 years of artifacts from around the world including: The *Rosetta Stone*, *Egyptian Mummies*, *Hoa Hakananai'a Statue*, *Samurai armor*, and *The Royal Game of Ur*.

OR — Enjoy a stroll through the lovely Mayfair area, or one of London's Parks.

**Afternoon/Evening—** We meet in the *May Fair Lobby* and Board our Coach for the drive to the GARSINGTON OPERA FESTIVAL, at the former Getty Wormsley Estate to attend:

Strauss's **ARIADNE AUF NAXOS** (*Garsington Opera Festival*).

DINNER with wine will be served during the Interval at *The Festival Marquee Boundary Restaurant*, overlooking the cricket grounds. After "*Ariadne*", we return to the *May Fair*.

#### Sunday, June 25: (B)

##### ST. PAUL AND TOWER OF LONDON:

After English breakfast at the *May Fair*, we meet our *London Guide* and drive to: the *Tower Of London*, built by *William the Conqueror*, to see the Prisons which housed famous Patriots and Royal Monarchs.

Then, we'll enter the *Royal Treasury* to see the magnificent *Crown Jewels*.

Next, we visit *St. Paul's Cathedral*, one of the most famous sights of London. With its awe-inspiring interior and great Dome, it is definitely one of London's most renowned architectural masterpieces.

**Evening— FREE EVENING** to explore the lovely Mayfair area or Picadilly; and try another London restaurant on our own.



LONDON — ROYAL OPERA HOUSE





GARSINGTON OPERA HOUSE

### Monday, June 26: (B)

**FREE DAY:** To explore the city or shop.

**Evening—** This evening, we meet in the *May Fair Lobby* and board our Coach for the drive to Holland Park Festival to attend an

**OPERA [TBA]**

(Opera Holland Park).

After the Opera, our Coach returns us to the *May Fair*.

### Tuesday, June 27: (B, D)

**FREE MORNING:** At Leisure.

**Afternoon/Evening—** This Afternoon, we meet in the *May Fair Lobby* and board our Coach for the drive to the *Garsington Opera Festival*, to attend:

Mozart's **MITRIDATE, RE DI PONTO** (*Garsington Opera Festival*).

During the interval between the Acts, we'll enjoy a Picnic Dinner with wine, in our Private Tent overlooking the lovely Cricket Grounds or Deer Park.

After "*Mitridate*", our Coach returns us to the *May Fair*.

### Wednesday, June 28: (B, Opt. L)

**FREE DAY; OR OPTIONAL**

**TATE MUSEUMS & OLD GLOBE TOUR:**

For those choosing this option—

After Breakfast, we meet our Guide and board our Coach to: *Tate Museum* to see its Permanent British Art Collection from 1500 A.D. to now— works of *Hogarth, Reynolds, Gainsborough, Constable and Turner*.

We then board the *Tate Boat* for a short Cruise on the *Thames* to *Tate Modern Museum* to see its Modern Art Collection, including works by *Picasso, Rothko, Matisse, Beuys, and Surrealism Artists*.

We then drive to Swan Restaurant at the *Old Globe* for Lunch with wine, followed by our Private Tour of the *Old Globe Theater*.

**Evening— FREE EVENING** to explore London at night, Or— you can choose to attend a **WEST END MUSICAL**.



LONDON – BIG BEN & PARLIAMENT

### Thursday, June 29: (B, D)

**FREE DAY:**

After Breakfast, free day to explore the city, shop and pre-pack for our journey home.

**Afternoon/Evening—** In the late afternoon, we'll meet in the *May Fair Lobby*, and board our coach for the drive to *Sarasstro's Restaurant* with its opera-singing Waiters, at Covent Garden near the Royal Opera, to enjoy our **PRE-OPERA FAREWELL DINNER** with wine.

We then stroll to the Royal Opera to attend:

Verdi's **IL TROVATORE** featuring: Willis-Sørensen, Kupsyte; Kunde, Tézier, Barton, Tagliavini, Gibson/Pappano

(*Royal Opera House-Covent Garden*).

After "*Trovatore*", our Coach will return us to the *May Fair*.

### Friday, June 30: (B)

After English Breakfast at the *May Fair*, we transfer Independently to LONDON'S **HEATHROW AIRPORT**, for our return flights home.

[\*Note— Transfers can be provided by ICC at cost to Heathrow Airport, upon request].

Land Price: \$9,550  
Single Supplement: \$2,045

\* Airfare arranged by Participants and not included in Tour Price.

## ITALY SUMMER FESTIVALS

### Milan (La Scala) & Verona (Arena Di Verona Opera Festival)

(June 29 - July 10, 2023)

#### MILAN (*La Scala*)

#### Thursday–Friday, June 29-30: (D)

Departure from your U.S. Get-Away City on your Flight to MILAN. On arrival—you'll arrange your transfer to our 5-Star **GRAND HOTEL ET DE MILAN**, near the Center, close to *La Scala*, the *Duomo* and *Galleria*.

**Evening—** On this, our first evening, we meet in the *Grand Lobby*; and proceed to its historic & elegant *Don Carlos Ristorante* for our **WELCOME DINNER** with wine.

#### Saturday, July 1: (B)

**FINE ARTS MUSEUMS TOUR:**

After Buffet Breakfast in the *Grand*, we meet our *Milan Guide* and Coach to drive: First to— **PINACOTECA DI BRERA**, seeing its remarkable Collection of Italian Medieval & Renaissance paintings— Works of *Raphael* and *Francesco's Altar-Duke of Urbino*.

Then to— **MUSEO POLDI PEZZOLI**, set in a beautiful house to view its 19th Century "*Masters*"—*Bellini* & *Botticelli*, and its interesting Decorative Arts Collection of Jewelry, Ceramics & Clocks.

The afternoon is at leisure, perhaps to explore Milan's famous *Fashion District*.



MILAN – PINACOTECA DI BRERA

**Evening—** Free evening to explore Milan on our own, or try a Restaurant in the Center; or perhaps attend a Music Concert.

#### Sunday July 2: (B, L)

**STRESA–LAKE MAGGIORE DAY:**

After Breakfast in the *Grand*, we meet our Guide and board our Coach to drive to *Stresa* at lovely *Lago Maggiore*.

On arrival at *Stresa*, we stroll past its Villas, and board our Boat at *Stresa's* dock for our Cruise on scenic *Lake Maggiore* past the lovely *Borromean Isles* to beautiful *Isola Bella*.

On arrival, we walk to *Palace Borromeo*.

We'll then tour the elegant **PALACE BORROMEES** with the *Palace Guide*.

Following our Palace Tour, we have time to stroll through its exquisite *Italian Gardens*.

We then return by Boat to *Stresa*, and stroll to the Gourmet 5-Star *Hotel Iles Borromees Ristorante*, for our **LUNCHEON** with wine.

After Lunch, our Coach returns us to Milan.

**Evening—** This evening is free to rest or explore Milan at night.



LAKE MAGGIORE– ISOLA BELLA





DUOMO DI MILANO

### Monday, July 3: (B, L)

#### LAST SUPPER—DUOMO—LA SCALA:

After Buffet Breakfast at the *Grand*, we meet our *Milanese Guide* and Coach to drive—First to *Santa Maria Della Grazia*—to view *Leonardo Da Vinci's "Last Supper"* Masterpiece.

Next, we tour Milan's Gothic *Cathedral*, one of the finest Gothic Architectures in Italy; and the adjoining *Galleria*.

We then enter *La Scala Opera House*, for our VIP Private Backstage Tour—seeing the Stage, sets, and machinery to move the sets; followed by our Tour of *Scala Museum*—seeing its collections, costumes and interesting memorabilia of *Scala* productions & Artists.

We'll then drive to the popular *Ristorante Don Lisander* for our LUNCHEON with wine.



LA SCALA OPERA HOUSE

**Evening—** This evening, we meet in the *Grand Lobby* and take a short stroll to LA SCALA OPERA HOUSE to attend:

Prokofiev' **ROMEO & JULIET BALLET**, Choreography by MacMillan/Zangiev (*Teatro Alla Scala*).

After the *Ballet*, we return to the *Grand*.

### Sunday, July 4: (B)

**FREE DAY:** to explore Milan, shop and pre-pack for our departure to Verona the next day.

**Evening—** Tonight, we meet in the *Grand Lobby* and stroll to LA SCALA to attend:

Verdi's **MACBETH**, featuring: Netrebko, Pellegrini; Enkhbat, Park, Berrugi, Xiahou, Avaldo/Bisanti (*Teatro Alla Scala*).

After "*Macbeth*", we return to the *Grand*.

## VERONA (*Arena Di Verona*)

### Wednesday, July 5: (B, D)

After Breakfast, we depart Milan by Private Coach to the lovely historic town of VERONA, on the banks of the *Adige River*.

We arrive at our 5-Star DELUXE HOTEL DUE TORRI, formerly a *Palace of the Scala Family*, located near the *Verona Center* in easy walking distance of the shopping street—*Via Mazzini* and the *Arena Di Verona*.

**Evening—** This evening, we meet in the *Due Torri Lobby* and proceed to its elegant *Impero Private Dining Room*—for our VERONA WELCOME DINNER with wine.

### Thursday, July 6: (B)

#### GUIDED VERONA TOUR:

After our Buffet Breakfast at the *Due Torri*, we meet our *Veronese Guide* who leads us on our tour of this Ancient and quaint town.

We begin our Walking Tour of the *Old Town* 1st visiting *Piazza Erbe* (Old Fruit Market), and *Piazza Dante, Romeo and Juliet Houses & Balcony, Scaliger Tombs* showing the power of the ancient rulers; and *Piazza Bra* surrounding the impressive *Arena Di Verona*.

We'll then meet our Coach for the drive to the Church on the hills above *Verona* to see its beautiful Panorama sights.

We next drive to the *Basilica San Zeno*, to view its wonderful *12th Century Bronze-engraved doors*, with stories of the *Old and New Testaments* and the interior *Frescoes*.

Then to fortress *Castelvecchio* for a lovely view of *Verona*; and *Teatro Romano* (still used for Shakespeare performances).

Our Coach then returns us to the Center. This afternoon is at leisure to enjoy Verona.

**Evening—** We meet in the *Due Torri Lobby*, and stroll to the *Arena Di Verona* to attend:

Bizet's **CARMEN**

(*Arena Di Verona*— Cast TBA ).

After "*Carmen*", we return to the *Due Torri*, perhaps stopping for a sweet *Gelato*.

### Friday, July 7: (B, L)

#### LAKE GARDA/SIRMIONE EXCURSION:

After Breakfast, we drive to *SIRMIONE*, the fortress-town on *Lake Garda* for a Boat-Cruise on this beautiful *Lake* around the Peninsula, where we see the *Catullus Caves (Roman Villas)* and the house owned by *Maria Callas*.

We'll then visit *Sirmione*—and walk through this quaint walled-town and its varied shops.

We next drive to *Vallegio* for our Grand FIESTA LUNCHEON with Wine at *Antico Locanda Mincio*, on the *River Mincio Banks*, featured in *Gourmet Magazine* for its tasty Home-Made Tortellini.

**Evening—** We meet in the *Due Torri Lobby*, and stroll to the *Arena Di Verona* to attend:

Verdi's **RIGOLETTO**

(*Arena Di Verona*— Cast TBA]

After "*Rigoletto*", we return to the *Due Torri*.



VERONA – ARENA DI VERONA

### Saturday, July 8: (B, Opt. L)

#### FREE DAY in Verona; OR OPTIONAL MANTUA EXCURSION:

For those who choose this Option—

After Breakfast, we drive to MANTUA, for our Guided tour of the the *Palazzo Ducale*, site of Verdi's "*Rigoletto*", to see its Grand Rooms and *Montegna* works. THEN—to

*Palazzo del Te*, renowned for its *Frescoes*.

We'll enjoy our Mantua LUNCHEON with wine at the popular *Cigno del Martini Ristorante*.

**Evening—** We meet in the *Due Torri Lobby*, and stroll to the *Arena Di Verona* to attend:

Verdi's **LA TRAVIATA**

(*Arena Di Verona*— Cast TBA)

### Sunday, July 9: (B, D)

**FREE DAY:** to explore other Verona sites and prepack for our journey home.

**Evening—** On this, our last evening, we'll meet in the *Due Torri Lobby*, and proceed to its Private *Impero Dining Room* for our FAREWELL DINNER with wine.

After Dinner, we stroll to the *Verona Arena* to attend the Festival's 100th year Anniversary New Production of—

Verdi's **AIDA**

(*Arena Di Verona*— Cast TBA).

### Monday, July 10: (B)

After Breakfast, we transfer Independently to VERONA AIRPORT, for our return flights home.

[\*Note— Transfers can be provided by ICC at cost from and to the designated Arrival and Departure Airports, upon request].



LAKE GARDA – SIRMIONE – CASTLE

\*Land Price: \$7,465

Single Supplement: \$2,155

\*Airfare arranged by Participants and not included in Tour Price.