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Opera & Music HOLIDAYS 1998



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As we are constantly receiving new programmes from opera and music festivals throughout the world, it is impossible to present the full range of tours in each newsletter.

Should you wish to receive regular mailings of new and exciting holidays, please register with us now for updates.

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A warm welcome to SUSAN SHARPE of BBC Radio 3

Listeners to Radio 3 will know the distinctive voice of Susan Sharpe who has been a presenter here for over fourteen years. Her programme is amongst the most popular and reveals her love of chamber music and appreciation of the voice, be it in lieder or opera. Now you have the opportunity of meeting her as we are delighted to welcome Susan as a new tour leader on our opera and music tours. Please ask our Reservations staff if you are particularly interested in joining one of the tours Susan will be leading.

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Macerata Opera Festival

5 nights - escorted



The splendid Arena Sferisterio at Macerata

The Macerata Opera Festival is one of Italy's major summer festivals. Musical standards are very high, with first class casting and programming. Two operas are performed in the impressive open-air Arena Sferisterio and one in the beautifully restored Teatro Lauro Rossi. Our visit to the Le Marche area provides the perfect opportunity to explore this little known region of Italy.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

We stay for two nights half board and three nights bed and breakfast at the 3-star Hotel La Ginesta, located in the heart of Recanati's historic quarter.

TOUR ITINERARY AND PERFORMANCE DETAILS

Day 1 We fly to Bologna and transfer to Recanati, birthplace of Benjamin Gigli and Italy's greatest poet, Leopardi.

Day 2 Today we visit Urbino, the seat of Federico Montefeltro, Duke of Urbino, and one of the finest Renaissance hill towns in Italy. Here we visit the Palazzo Ducale, the birthplace of Raphael and now a major art gallery.

Day 3 This morning we explore Recanati before continuing to Loreto, a great pilgrimage centre with an important cathedral and a fine art gallery which includes works by Lorenzo Lotto. In the late afternoon we drive to Macerata where we enjoy a walking tour of

the town and stay on for the evening opera. Evening Performance: *Falstaff* by Verdi.

Day 4 Today we visit Ascoli Piceno, another fine Renaissance town with an important cathedral and a remarkable town square. Driving through the unspoilt and undulating countryside of the Marche we stop at Amandola and enjoy spectacular views of the Apennines.

Evening Performance: *Turandot* by Puccini.

Day 5 Our tour of the lovely hill towns of the Marche includes visits to Tolentino, Camerino and Cingoli.

Evening performance: *Carmen* by Bizet.

Day 6 We return to Bologna for our homeward flight.

Performance of Rossini's *Seville*

ITEMS INCLUDED

- Scheduled flights from Heathrow
- Transfers between airport & hotel
- 5 nights' accommodation - 3 bed and breakfast; 2 half board
- Walking tours of Recanati and Macerata; excursions to Urbino and Ascoli Piceno; visit to Amandola; tour of the Marche region
- All entrance fees and gratuities
- Tickets to all performances as detailed
- Holiday Delay Insurance
- Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- Services of an experienced tour leader



Giuseppe Verdi, engraving by Godfrey Paris

HOLIDAY DETAILS

Holiday Number	2030
DEPARTS TUESDAY	PRICE PER PERSON
4 August	£895

Price is based on the shared occupancy of twin or double bedded rooms with private bath or shower and wc.

Supplements Per Person:
Single rooms £20 per night
Holiday Insurance - please see page 21

Your Journey
Scheduled flights by British Airways, Boeing 757, between London Heathrow and Bologna, departing at 1020h and arriving back at 1540h at the end of your holiday.

Please see pages 22 & 23 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy.

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Stockholm

4 or 5 nights - independent
5 nights - escorted



Stockholm, European Cultural Capital in 1998

Stockholm will be the European Cultural Capital in 1998 - a fitting accolade to this delightful city whose charm is being discovered by more and more people.

Our independent and escorted tours include performances at the Royal Swedish Opera which was founded by King Gustaf III in 1773. The current theatre dates from 1898 and so the opera house celebrates its centenary year in 1998. Both the Royal Opera and the Royal Opera Ballet perform here giving some 250 performances each season.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Both the independent and escorted tours stay at the very comfortable 4-star Hotel Sergel Plaza on a bed and breakfast basis with two dinners included. Centrally located, the hotel is less than a ten minute walk from the Opera House.

Independent tours

DEPARTURE DATES AND PERFORMANCE DETAILS

24 March (5 nts):

Werther by Massenet (25/3); Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni and I Pagliacci by Leoncavallo (27/3).

25 April (5 nts):

Werther by Massenet (27/4); Das Rheingold by Wagner (28/4); Otello by Verdi (29/4).

1 May (4 nts):

Das Rheingold by Wagner (1/5); Otello by Verdi (4/5).

5 May (5 nts):

Tosca by Puccini (5/5); Tannhauser by Wagner (6/5) with guest performances by the Deutsche Oper, Berlin; Otello by Wagner (8/5).

26 May (5 nts):

Norma by Bellini (26/5); Das Rheingold by

Wagner (28/5); Otello by Verdi (29/5).

26 August (5 nts):

Madama Butterfly by Puccini (26/8); Otello by Verdi (27/8); Norma by Bellini (28/8).

21 October (4 nts):

Norma by Bellini (23/10); Otello by Verdi (24/10).



Wotan Richter at Dress Rehearsal of Rheingold by W.G. Williamson
Mavis Henderson Gallery

Escorted Tour - 15 May

Our five night escorted tour includes a full day sightseeing tour of Stockholm with visits to the magnificent VASA Museum and the National Gallery, excursions to the Royal Palaces at Drottningholm and Ulriksdal and a trip to the 16th century Gripsholm Castle.

PERFORMANCE DETAILS

Otello by Verdi (18/5); Norma by Bellini (19/5).



Uggveo Leoncavallo, composer of I Pagliacci
Royal College of Music

ITEMS INCLUDED

- Scheduled flights from Gatwick
- Transfers between airport & hotel
- 4 or 5 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation plus 2 dinners
- Sightseeing tour of Stockholm; excursions to Drottningholm and Ulriksdal Palaces and Gripsholm Castle (escorted tour)
- All entrance fees and gratuities (escorted tour)
- Tickets to all performances as detailed
- Holiday Delay Insurance
- Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- Services of an experienced tour leader (escorted tour)

HOLIDAY DETAILS

Holiday Number	Independent		Escorted
	2152	2162	
No. of nights	4	5	5
DEPARTURE DATES	PRICES PER PERSON		
24 March	-	£695	-
25 April	-	£740	-
1 May	£660	-	-
5 May	-	£755	-
15 May	-	-	£885
26 May	-	£755	-
26 August	-	£740	-
21 October	£660	-	-

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double bedded rooms with private bath or shower and wc.

Supplements Per Person

Single rooms £34 per night
Holiday Insurance - please see page 21

Your Journey

Scheduled flights by British Airways, Boeing 737, between London Gatwick and Stockholm; departing at 0945h and arriving back at 1940h at the end of your holiday.

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