



Delightful Umbria: Featuring the 62nd Festival of Two Worlds

June 26–July 3, 2019



Dear Friends,

Every year a few of us return to Spoleto, Italy to remember why the beauty of this extraordinary Umbrian hill town inspired Spoleto Festival USA.

My first experience with the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy was in 1969, when I was a volunteer after my freshman year in college. I have vivid memories of walking around the castle built for Lucrezia Borgia at the top of the town, smelling the intoxicating scent of the linden trees. Performances followed performances (as they do at Spoleto Festival USA); in between were glorious lunches and wonderful dinners, which often began with Strangozzi al Tartufo, the local special pasta covered with black truffles from nearby Norcia.

This year, Spoleto Festival USA is organizing a trip to Italy for the opening of the Festival of Two Worlds. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Spoleto, Umbria, the extraordinary cuisine, the wonderful Festival performances, and the beauty of so many historic places in this region. I look forward to being with the group through June 30, and I encourage you to look over the trip and consider joining us in Spoleto.



Sincerely,

Nigel Redden
General Director
Spoleto Festival USA

HIGHLIGHTS

EXPERIENCE prime performances and meet international artists at the 62nd edition of the Festival of Two Worlds in Italy

DISCOVER the art treasures of Perugia and Assisi and travel to less-visited gems like Spello and the hills of Montefalco

JOIN private visits including a tour of an artist's workshop in Perugia

EXPLORE the tiny village of Solomeo, converted into the headquarters of the famed Italian fashion house Brunello Cucinelli

SOAK up the relaxing and peaceful atmosphere of the Umbrian hills and savor sumptuous cuisine and world-class wines

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26: DEPARTURE

Depart for Rome on an overnight flight.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27: ROME / SPOLETO

Arrive at Rome's Fiumicino airport this morning and drive to Spoleto. Stop for a hearty lunch at a farmhouse-turned-restaurant, which has enchanting views of the verdant hills of southern Umbria. In the afternoon, check in at the gracious Albornoz Palace Hotel. Take a stroll around the city, whose beauty has been praised by many poets and writers including Goethe, Hesse, and even St. Francis. We will also enjoy behind-the-scenes visits to some of the locations of the Festival of Two Worlds. A representative will join us for an informal aperitivo, followed by a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

L,R,D

FRIDAY, JUNE 28: SPOLETO

As the city prepares to host the 62nd edition of Festival of Two Worlds, spend a day discovering its treasures and hidden corners. Set out on a walking tour around Spoleto's alluring medieval alleys, and visit the Archeological Museum and the intimate Roman Theater. Continue to the beautiful Piazza Duomo to see the Romanesque Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta. After lunch visit the Rocca Albornoziana, a 14th-century fortress that dominates the city and houses the Museum of the Duchy. Following a private reception, attend the inaugural contemporary performance *Proserpina* by acclaimed Italian composer Silvia Colasanti.

B,L,R

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 : SPOLETO

This morning, tour Palazzo Collicola, a one-of-a-kind combination of Baroque interior decoration and contemporary art. We will also tour the former house of Gian Carlo Menotti, founder of the Festival of Two Worlds. Then, attend a noontime performance as part of the festival. After lunch, travel to the hills of Montefalco, where the Sagrantino, one of Umbria's most highly acclaimed red wines, is produced. Enjoy an optional visit to a local winery. Return to Spoleto for an evening performance.

B,L



SUNDAY, JUNE 30: SPOLETO / SPELLO / PERUGIA

Depart Spoleto and drive to the peaceful town of Spello. This enchanting medieval hill town boasts splendidly intact town walls and is home to one of Pinturicchio's most joyous and colorful frescoes. After lunch, continue to Perugia, the capital of Umbria. Check in at the hotel, surrounded by the beautiful green countryside, before gathering for dinner this evening.

B,L,D

MONDAY, JULY 1: PERUGIA

Once an Etruscan settlement, Perugia is a lively and cosmopolitan city. Today embark on an exciting walking tour to discover its rich heritage and experience its vibrant atmosphere. Start with the Umbrian National Gallery, a superb collection of Renaissance paintings including works by Piero della Francesca, Pinturicchio, Beato Angelico, and Benozzo Gozzoli. Continue to the Collegio del Cambio to admire the extraordinary frescoes by Pietro Vannucci, also known as Perugino. Then see the celebrated Fontana Maggiore and the little Church of San Severo. Conclude with a private visit to an artist's workshop. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

B,L

TUESDAY, JULY 2: PERUGIA / ASSISI / SOLOMEO

This morning an optional visit to Assisi, the pink-stone town famous as the home of St. Francis, is arranged. Admire the priceless frescoes by Giotto in the St. Francis Basilica and visit the Church of Santa Clara. In the afternoon, explore idyllic Solomeo. The acclaimed Umbrian designer Brunello Cucinelli has been restoring this small town, where his eponymous company is located, for the past 30 years. Accompanied by a representative from the fashion house, tour the factory and visit the School of Arts and Crafts, the Cucinelli Theater, and the vineyards. This evening enjoy a lively farewell dinner.

B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3: PERUGIA / RETURN

Bid farewell to Umbria early this morning and transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport for your flights home.

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DISCLAIMER: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Spoleto Festival USA and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

ACCOMMODATIONS

ALBORNOZ PALACE HOTEL

Boasting impressive views of the nearby old town of Spoleto, this elegant hotel is the best accommodation option for anyone visiting this artistic town. The ample and luminous guest rooms and suites are tastefully appointed and feature amenities including free Wi-Fi and satellite TV. At the on-site restaurant, visitors can taste Umbrian cuisine with a contemporary touch, and at the outdoor pool guests can enjoy a refreshing swim during the summer.

BORGO DEI CONTI RESORT

The green countryside of Umbria, the "Garden of Italy," is the perfect setting for this luxurious hotel housed in what was once a mediaeval fortress. The resort is surrounded by parkland planted with trees over 100 years old and an olive grove. Outside, the infinity pool, the flower-decked courtyards, and the shaded paths offer a cool haven of peace. Inside, the contemporary décor of the rooms and the elegance of the lounges also create a wonderfully relaxing atmosphere. The restaurant serves traditional dishes in a vaulted dining room or on a terrace overlooking the hills.



\$4,999 per person, double occupancy

\$5,599 single rate

RATE INCLUDES

- Six nights accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine and beer at dinners
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Three performance tickets for the Festival of Two Worlds
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and portage charges
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATE International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included





SPOLETO FESTIVAL USA

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To reserve a place, please call Arrangements Abroad at phone: 212-514-8921 or 800-221-1944, fax: 212-344-7493; or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to Arrangements Abroad. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone (home)

(business)

Fax

E-mail

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel room preference

One bed

Two beds

Single

I wish to share a room with _____

FORM OF PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check (payable to Arrangements Abroad)

Debit card

Credit card

Name on credit card

Credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code

Expiration date

Signature (required)

Date

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