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**Sing Live Visit Venice  
And  
Sing at St Mark's Basilica on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

We are delighted to bring you details of our exciting trip to Venice and our opportunity to sing in the magnificent St Mark's Basilica in St Mark's Square.

We will be singing in the Mass at St Mark's Basilica on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 6.45 pm.

We are offering different travel alternatives to enable as many people as possible to participate in this wonderful opportunity. As always this trip is open to our existing singers, their families and friends. New singers are also welcome.

Exact timings and procedures for the day will be available nearer to our travel date. All other time in Venice will be free for you to spend as you wish.

We are offering two, three, four and five night options (six nights available on request) with three different accommodation choices with or without flights!

Steve will be the Musical Director and the rehearsals will be taken by him as follows:-

Sunday 28 Feb 2010, St. Margarets Church Hall, Horsforth, Leeds 11 am – 5pm  
Sunday 14 March 2010, St. Margarets Church Hall, Horsforth, Leeds 11 am – 5pm  
3 April 2010, Easter Saturday, tbc, 11am – 5 pm

The rehearsal and performance fee will be £90 including VAT. Application forms will be sent to all singers in December.

We will be travelling in Sing Live red tour gear to make the group as visible as possible and promote the group, and to help our crew and the ground agents to recognise us. Those who have been on international trips before can use existing tour gear. For all others we will let you have a merchandise form once you have booked.

At the Basilica we will be wearing our black and gold performance attire.

### **Flights**

As there are so many different flights from so many different airports it is impossible for us to co-ordinate all of them, (we managed 14 flights for Rome, but there are even more options here!) So rather than restrict the number of places we can fly from, on this occasion it makes sense for those who wish to make their own way there to do so and meet us at the hotels. If you choose to do this your contract for the flight will be directly with the airline. Please be aware you will still be liable for payment on our accommodation package if the airline does not provide the service due to cancellation or financial failure. Please note that since we "went to press" on this trip easyJet have announced that they will be pulling out of East Midlands airport at the end of the year, so please bear this in mind when making your booking. It is also very important that you follow our instructions carefully if you choose the 'own flight' option. **If you book your own flight you must have a reference number from us first to ensure you have a place to sing before you book your flight.** Please ring the office on 01609 780315 and speak to one of us to obtain this number during working hours 8.30 am to



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4.30 pm, Monday to Friday, do not leave a message. All accommodation must be booked through us. Once you have received a booking reference from us if you are booking your own flight you must return your application form to us within three days.

We are of course doing full packages including flights and transfers in Venice for those who want the fun of travelling together as a group and have the 'thinking' done for them. Please read the booking form carefully regarding the flights. It is possible that the flight prices will increase on a daily basis. We have given you a base price, which we hope will be the final amount, but we cannot guarantee this, so we have given you the option to select how much extra you are prepared to pay if necessary. Once we get the forms back and know what you want we will be given confirmed flight prices and we will have to book the seats there and then without further reference to you. The flights will be booked in blocks, so prices will vary depending on how early your form is returned. You do not need a reference number from us if you take the flight inclusive package, just return your form as quickly as possible!

### **Accommodation**

We have chosen three levels of accommodation to provide as much flexibility as possible. Following the extensive research by Steve and Linda during their recent visit we know that the Hilton Hotel offers excellent quality as well as good value for money. A four star property with 5 star service. However, we have included some central accommodation options for those who would prefer it, but note the location and size of the hotels is reflected in the prices. The three choices are:-

**Four star accommodation** on a bed and breakfast basis, at the fabulous Venice Hilton Hotel. It is situated on Giudecca Island and known as the Hilton Molino Stucky. It is a stunning property overlooking the Giudecca Canal with breathtaking views across the city. It has a myriad of bars, lounges and restaurants and a panoramic outdoor rooftop pool. Cocktails in the Skyline Rooftop Bar overlooking the magical city at night are a must! It has its own complimentary guest shuttle boat which makes two stops one at Zattere across the water and one at San Marco (although it won't cater for 300 all at once!) It is also a two minute walk to Palanca where the city boat service operates from.

**Three star accommodation** on a bed and breakfast basis, at the Best Western Hotel San Marco and Hotel Ambassador Tre Rose. Centrally located hotels close to Piazza San Marco. Small privately owned establishments in the heart of all that is going on.

**Three star Apartment and suite accommodation** including breakfast, at San Marco Palace Suites and Torre Dell'Orologio Suites. Also centrally located close to Piazza San Marco, some of the suites feature a balcony or terrace and view of St Mark's Bell Tower. The Rialto Bridge is less than a ten minute walk.



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## **Options**

We have the following options:-

Flight, transfers and accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis at a four star hotel  
Flight, transfers and accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis at a three star hotel  
Flight, transfers and accommodation in a three star apartment including breakfast

Accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis at a four star hotel  
Accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis at a three star hotel  
Accommodation in a three star apartment including breakfast

## **Transfers**

The three star hotel and the apartments are within walking distance to St Marks Basilica therefore no transfers will be provided on the day we sing there. You will need to make your own way there for the scheduled time.

There will be return transfers included from the four star hotel to St Marks Basilica on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April when we sing.

If you book your own flights you must make your own way to the hotels and back.

If you book your flights through us return transport from the airport in Venice to the hotel is included. It is based on a minimum of 4 people to a water taxi. (Any less than four and a surcharge would be applied). The transfer includes one piece of luggage per person. However please note no allowance has been made for delayed flights or delayed luggage. These surcharges would be applied afterwards.

## **Optional Excursions and Party**

We will be offering a number of optional excursions and a party after our performance in St Marks Basilica. Full details of these will be sent to you once we have confirmed numbers for the trip. It is likely that the party will be held in the Hilton Hotel on Giudecca Island, so we will arrange transport for anyone staying in the City Hotel or Apartments, but cannot give you any costings at this stage until we know the numbers. It is also possible that a rehearsal will take place in the Hilton Hotel, and again the same thing will apply.

## **Booking Form**

The booking form gives you all the options and all the details. Please read it carefully and make sure you complete the correct section based on your requirements together with the sections which apply to everyone. We have a very tight deadline for the hotels as well as the flights so we need to turn this around as quickly as possible. We managed it for Rome; let's hope we can do it again!

Please note the prices quoted are based on the current exchange rate. Any extra costs due to fluctuations in currency will be passed on to you and a supplement will be charged.



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Please supply us with an up to date e-mail address so that we can correspond as much as possible through e-mail for this trip.

Please note that all monies are strictly non-refundable and the full balance is due whether you or your party travels or not, therefore, please ensure that you have adequate insurance.

Please help us by returning your application forms straight away to enable us to confirm numbers to the hotels and book the flights and keep the costs down. We are also limited by the number of singers we can fit into the Basilica, so it will be on a first come first served basis for this.

We look forward to another great Sing Live adventure in another exciting City.

Linda, Steve, Melanie and the Sing Live Team