

Rotary International District 2041 - Italy Youth Exchange Program





Summer Camp 2023 | June 30th - July 8th "Aria of Beauty"

Camp objective is to offer young people a unique cultural experience aired at discovering the beauty of music and theaters through the cities that were their cradle and source of inspiration. Italy is the country where Opera was invented, in the 16th century, the homeland of immortal composers such as Vivaldi, Rossini, Donizetti, Bellini, Verdi, Puccini and Mascagni.

This is demonstrated by the presence of spectacular theaters, known throughout the world, from La Scala in Milan, one of the most famous theaters in the world, to the Arena in Verona and La Fenice in Venice.

The camp will allow you to discover an important performing art, Opera, learning anecdotes, secret stories and manias. All of us are fascinated by the Opera, as evidenced by the fact that many opera arias are also used in movies or commercials.

Through the opera the participants will be led to know some of the most beautiful corners of our country, to discover the places that were the background to the tragedies and stories of the most famous operas in the world. You will have the opportunity to discover Italian Opera on and off stage. In addition, of course, you will have the opportunity to attend prestigious Operas and discover the theaters behind the scenes.

At the same time, an opportunity to explore the rich cultural and musical heritage of cities like **Milan**, **Verona**, **Venice and Bergamo**, to be immersed in the Italian tradition and culture in opera performing, and closely observe famous artists and attend performances.

An intense journey into the soul of the most exciting and famous Opera but also a journey into the excellence of Italian gastronomy of the different beautiful Italian cities. Come and discover the magic of Opera through some of the most beautiful Italian cities that were its cradle!



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Camp Information

Host District	D2041 - Milan (Italy)
Organizer	Rotary Youth Exchange Committee D2041
Participants	max. 15 youths aged 18 - 30 years old, one boy or one girl from each country on the basis of first come first served. Participants will receive acceptance confirmation as soon as possible. (The camp will be cancelled if we fail to recruit more than 10 youths before March 30th, 2023).
Age	18 - 30 years old
Camp Language	English (with some Italian).
Cost	800 Euros camp fee (the cost includes food, accommodation and transportation during the camp). Travel and personal expenses not included.
Accomodation	Hotels and host families.
Clothing	Casual wear for sightseeing, swimming and sports, plus smart casual to attend performances.
Insurance	All participants must be insured against illness, accident and third party damages according to R.I. recommendation. Email insurance copy for our approval before camp time.
Arrival	June 30th arrival to Milan Airport (MXP or Linate).
Departure	July 8th departure from Milan Airport (MXP or Linate).
Applications	Send application in PDF format (with color photo and sponsor club/district signatures) to: campoperad2041@gmail.com
Deadline	15th April 2023



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Camp Program

June 30th Friday

- · Arrival in Milan within 2 pm Italian time
- Meeting at District 2041 at 5 pm
- District presentation
- Camp program presentation
- Dinner in Milan
- Accommodation in host families

July 1st Saturday

- Departure to Bergamo
 - Tour to discover Bergamo
 - Visit to Donizetti Theatre dedicated to the Bergamo-born composer
 - Opportunity to attend a concert
 - Dinner in Milan
 - Accommodation in host families

July 2nd

- Tour of Milan city center with Rotaract
- Sunday Dinner
 - Accommodation in host families

July 3rd

- Visit to Verdi House and concert
- Monday Dinner in Milan
 - Accommodation in host families

July 4th Tuesday

- Visit to La Scala Theatre and Museum
- La Scala performance: Macbeth (Verdi)
- Dinner in Milan
- Accommodation in host families



- Departure to Venice
- Tour to discover Venice
- Visit to the Theatre La Fenice: opportunity to attend a concert
- Departure to Verona
- Dinner in Verona
- Accommodation in hotel in Verona

July 6th Thursday

- Tour to discover Verona
- Performance at Arena di Verona (Carmen Bizet)
- Dinner in Verona
- Accommodation in hotel in Verona

July 7th Friday

- Departure to Milan
- Firewall party with Rotaract
- Accommodation in hotel in Milan



- End of Camp
- Return to own countries



