

Music in Italy Study Abroad FAQs

How many have signed up? I don't want to pay the \$200 non-refundable deposit until I know my friends are going.

If BJU were to cancel the trip due to lack of interest, BJU would refund your \$200 "non-refundable" fee. If we don't have room for everyone, we'll prioritize orchestra members to ensure an adequately balanced ensemble and refund the \$200 to those for whom we don't have room. So [sign up](#). :-)

Are scholarships available?

Yes, scholarships are available from the Division of Music, prioritized for members of the orchestra. We have currently raised enough to provide scholarships of up to \$2,000 each for 25 orchestra members, and we are actively working to grow that number. Membership in the orchestra is subject to audition and does not guarantee a scholarship award. A separate application process is available for requesting Division of Music scholarship assistance [here](#).

Can we do fundraisers on campus for this trip?

We may be able to do a scholarship benefit concert next year, but you should focus your own individual efforts on fundraising within your circle of close friends and family.

How do I pay?

Students will be billed through our regular school billing system. Do not give your money to Dr. Moore unless you want to help fund his next bike purchase.

Can non-students go on this trip?

Yes, faculty, staff, alumni, and spouses may go provided there is space available. Because this course is built around the orchestra's performance tour, priority will be given to ensuring the orchestra is adequately balanced.

What are the hotel arrangements?

Trip cost is based on double occupancy in 3- and 4-star city center hotels with breakfast and dinner included most days. (See attached itinerary for specifics.) A single occupancy option is available for an additional \$1040. This added fee would not be covered by a Division of Music scholarship.

Will I be required to get vaccinations to go on the trip?

By signing up for this trip, you agree to get mandated vaccines or tests before, during, or after travel if required by airlines, governments, or other parties. Failure to abide by this agreement will result in cancellation of your trip without refund.

If I cancel, will my money be refunded?

Only in certain circumstances and at certain percentages as outlined in the attached document from Music Celebrations International (page 25 and following). CFAR ("Cancel for any reason") insurance is available for an extra fee, but that would only apply to fees charged by MCI; this would not include BJU Study Abroad administrative fees included in the package cost and is subject to other limitations as outlined in the attached document. CFAR and other optional travel insurance add-ons would not be covered by a Division of Music Scholarship.

What is the \$1,500 non-refundable deposit listed on the brochure, due last September?

This is a fee that BJU paid to Music Celebrations International. You don't have to pay this fee. YAY.

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Will this be a transformational, life-enriching experience that will uniquely deepen my understanding of music, art, culture, people, and my place in the cosmos?

Absolutely.

How do I sign up?

Follow this link to complete the application: <https://forms.office.com/r/gxFZPDJk0j>

What if my question isn't answered here?

Email music@bju.edu.