Spectrum Choral Academy

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Music & Cultural Tour to Sicily, Italy - Summer 2027
ADULT SINGING CHAPERONE Tour Application & Down Payment Form

☐ **Yes,** I would like to apply to be a Singing Chaperone for the Spectrum Choral Academy Music & Cultural Tour to SICILY, ITALY taking place June-July 2027!

Tentative tour dates: Thur, June 24, 2027 – Mon, July 5, 2027 *Dates will be confirmed Sep '26*

Current cost estimates:

Airfare: ~ $2100 per person (taxes & fees included)
Airfare will fluctuate until group deposit is paid.
Departing flight from Seattle (SEA) to Palermo (PMO)
Return flight from Catania (CTA) to Seattle (SEA).

Please make checks payable to:
Northwest Choir Resources.

Land Package: $3120-3760 per person (taxes & fees included)
This quote is also based on the current exchange rate and variable based on number of participants (the more singers/chaperones/staff, the lower the land package rate). The rate may fluctuate until we lock in with deposits in August/September. Single room supplement: $685

Inclusions:

- 10 nights in 3 or 4* hotel accommodations sharing twin/triple/quad rooms with private facilities.
- Meals: breakfast plus one other main meal daily.
- Land transportation by one private motorcoach throughout your stay in Italy.
- Tour manager throughout your stay.
- All arrangements for 5-6 performances.
- Guided tours of Palermo, Valley of the Temples (Agrigento), Siracusa & Island of Ortygia, Taormina.
- Entrances to Duomo di Monreale, Valley of the Temples & Greek Amphitheatre (Taormina).

I understand that:

- All chaperones must successfully pass WA State Patrol & National background checks and may be asked to provide references of your experience working with children/teens.
- While on tour, chaperones will have in their chaperone group ONLY singers who are not related to them (during free time, singers and chaperones are allowed to create new groups for explorations).
- I agree to abide by all Spectrum Choral Academy tour policies, modeling appropriate behavior at all times.
- The initial payments are a commitment to participate that enables Spectrum Choral Academy to enter into contract with Music & Travel Tour Consultants and other providers.
- To maintain our non-profit abilities to fundraise, all funds earned via Spectrum fundraisers for tours must be applied to Spectrum Choral Academy tours. If singers withdraw from choir, all funds raised in their name will be moved to the general tour fund.
- Participation in Spectrum Choral Academy's Youth Chorus, Ensemble or Accord for the 2026-27 Season is required (with the exception of select alumni living out of state who will learn repertoire independently and join for final tour rehearsals). I agree to all rehearsal/concert commitments and behavior/dress standards for the upcoming season.
- All tour singers are required to attend special tour rehearsals on Wednesdays in in May / June 2027, 6-9PM unless special arrangements are made for alumni joining us from out of town (talk with Stephanie for unique cases).
- I agree to make the following tour payments minus any fundraising earned, by the dates listed below. *I understand all tour payments are non-refundable.* If I am not selected to chaperone, my payments will be returned.

2027 TOUR PAYMENT PLAN **rates based of payments made by check or Zelle. If paying with a card, fees will be added.*
$650 non-refundable deposit (minus any fundraising earned) with this contract to hold my spot, followed by 8 monthly payments of $650 paid by the 15th of the month from September 2026 through April 2027. The final two monthly payments (March and April 2027) will adjust based on actual airfare/land rates at time of booking. We will continue to accept tour participants until Aug 15, 2026 – or when all space is full. Priority will be given to youth singers, adult singing chaperones, and then as many additional chaperones as we have room for.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions listed above.

Your Signature_____ Date _____

Your Printed Name_____

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Please answer the following questions. Make your answers brief and succinct. Giving specific examples is helpful.

1. Why do you want to be a chaperone on this tour?

2. Describe your past travel experiences.

3. Describe chaperoning or leadership experiences you may have had with Spectrum and other youth organizations. Include the ages of the children you were responsible for.

4. What is your philosophy in regard to discipline? Please give specific examples of problems and your approach to solutions.

5. What specific skills or talents would you bring to the tour? If you wish, you may list any specific job for which you believe you are equipped (organizing luggage, uniform care, financial, photography, social media posts, snacks, medical, etc).

6. Do you have any health concerns or do you regularly take any medications? If so, do you foresee any possible impact on tour, and how could you deal with that? Chaperones must be capable of walking long distances over unpredictable terrain (including bumpy cobblestone).

7. Chaperones do not have their own children under their supervision. Explain how you would detach yourself from your child on tour. Describe any problems you or your child would have with this situation. (i.e. others disciplining your child, others supervising how your child spends money, relinquishing responsibility for your child's hygiene, timeliness, packing, etc.)

8. While chaperoning a child whose parent is also on tour, how would you handle a disciplinary action when that parent is present?

9. What should you, as a chaperone, do to prepare for long flights, bus rides, and free time that are part of the travel plans?

10. Describe the strengths and weaknesses of your personality. How does your personality change while traveling or on tour?

11. Please list any additional comments:

Please provide two personal references:

Name:	Phone:	Relationship:
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