

Heritage Choir Newsletter #19 – Rome, Italy

It's Saturday, October 12th, during your 2019 Rome, Italy Performance Tour. Orvieto Continued – While we are in Orvieto we will have a Guided Tour.....



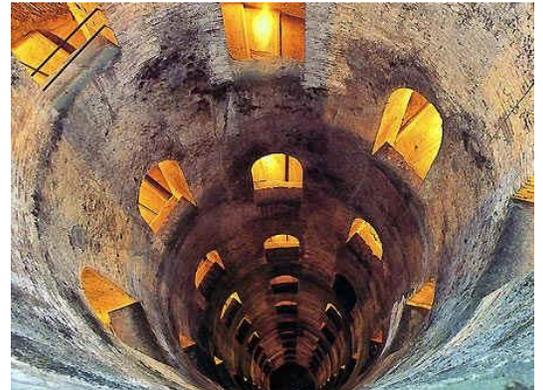
While in Orvieto you may enjoy some of the following sites during your guided tour.....

Torre del Moro – In the center of Orvieto, at the top of Corso Cavour (the main street), you will find Torre del Moro (Clock Tower). It stands 47 meters high and, is the tallest building in the city of Orvieto. Today you can visit inside the tower and climb to the top to enjoy an extraordinary 360-degree panoramic view of the city.

Rocca-Fortezza Alborno – Located next to Piazza Cahen, this ancient fortress now houses a public park. It is a beautiful spot to enjoy amazing views of the Umbrian landscape that surrounds Orvieto.

Belvedere and Pozzo di San Patrizio – Near the entrance of Orvieto, you can see the remains of the Etruscan temple Belvedere and the magical well called Pozzo di San Patrizio (St. Patrick's Well).

Pozzo di San Patrizio is one of the most architecturally unique in the world! 175 feet deep, 45 feet wide, and 496 steps down — impresses modern engineers to this day.



It has two elliptical staircases that never meet throughout the well shaft. The design is the great engineering work of Antonio da Sangallo, who was commissioned by Pope Clement VII, in the first half of the 16th Century. The double-helix design was crucial for allowing efficient traffic flow (imagine if donkeys and people, balancing jugs of water, had to go up and down the same stairway). Digging this was a huge project. Even today, when faced with a difficult task, Italians say, "It's like digging St. Patrick's Well."

Piazza and Palazzo del Popolo – Located behind Torre del Moro this Piazza is home to the magnificent Palazzo del Capitano del Popolo. It was originally the residence of the Capitano del Popolo who was a major Medieval figure, a spokesman, and a supporter for the people of Orvieto. Today Palazzo del Capitano del Popolo houses a fully equipped convention center.

Next, we will depart Orvieto and travel on to Assisi.....**to be continued in next week's Newsletter.**

Rome "Fun Fact" #19 - The colors of the Italian flag—green, white, and red—have special meaning. Green represents hope, white represents faith, and red signals charity.