

Paris Choral Festival

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

Festival Tour (6 nights / 8 days)

Day 1 Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Depart via scheduled air service to Paris, France

Day 2 Wednesday, July 3 Caen (D)

Arrive in Paris

Meet Tour Manager who will assist in transfer to Caen region via Rouen
Stop in Rouen to see the Cathedral. In the Place de la Cathédrale stands the Gothic Cathedral of Notre-Dame, one of the largest and most magnificent in France. The most striking feature is the elaborately articulated west front which was painted several times by Claude Monet. Also see the site of Joan of Arc execution

Lunch, on own

Check-in to hotel, followed by Welcome Dinner, and overnight

As the capital of Lower Normandy, Caen is a thriving university city with exceptional historical heritage. William the Conqueror lent the town his favor in the 11th century and commissioned many of the city's most famous sites including the Abbey aux Hommes and the Abbey aux Dames, where his wife Mathilde is buried. Caen was the center of some of the fiercest fighting in the Liberation of 1944. The peace memorial is unquestionably the greatest museum of World War II and a "must-see" for anyone who visits the city

Day 3 Thursday, July 4 Caen (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning excursion to Coleville

Participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the American Cemetery, site of the June 6th Normandy Invasion

Lunch, on own

Also enjoy a visit to Point du Hoc where you can see the World War II Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument. It was erected by the French to honor elements of the American Second Ranger Battalion under the command of Lieutenant Colonel James E. Rudder. During the American assault of Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, these elements scaled the 100-foot cliff and seized the German artillery pieces that could have fired on the American landing troops at Omaha Beach. At a high cost of life, they successfully defended against determined German counterattacks

Dinner at the hotel and overnight



Day 4 Friday, July 5 Caen / Paris (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by checkout
Morning transfer to Paris
Lunch, on own

Half-day guided tour of *Paris historique*, including Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysees, Place de la Concorde, Luxembourg Palace and Gardens, Latin Quarter, Place de la Bastille, etc.
Dinner at the hotel and overnight

With its grand boulevards, Streetside cafés, magnificent architecture, and river vistas, it takes little to understand why Paris is known as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. There is nothing more inspiring than walking the streets of Paris taking in the dynamic atmosphere. Paris is a place that breathes history and legend, a perfect combination of the modern and the ancient

Day 5 Saturday, July 6 Paris (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning Rehearsal

Lunch, on own

Tour of *Paris artistique*, including entrance to the Louvre, the world's largest and greatest art museum

Dinner at local restaurant

Evening Rehearsal

Return to hotel for overnight

Day 6 Sunday, July 7 Paris (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Afternoon Rehearsal

Lunch, on own

Afternoon Rehearsal

Dinner on own, and overnight

Day 7 Monday, July 8 Paris (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning Dress Rehearsal

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure

Farewell Dinner

Evening Paris Choral Festival Performance

Return to hotel for overnight

Day 8 Tuesday, July 9 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Paris Airport for return flight

****Subject to confirmation***

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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