

American Celebration of Music in

# France

*An exclusive concert series for performance ensembles*



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# An Exclusive Concert Series

The American Celebration of Music is a special annual performance-tour program, co-sponsored by local governments, music associations, community organizations, and tourist boards around the globe. In many countries this has developed into a prestigious, recognized, year-long concert-series festival. Recognition of this festival facilitates greater access to performance venues, official publicity, generally very successful concert arrangements, and the ability to touch local cultures in a way that may not be done through other affiliations. This equates to more meaningful musical and emotional experiences for participating performance ensembles.

The American Celebration of Music in France includes destinations and musical experiences that remind participants of Franco-American ties and long friendships that date back to the American Revolution in 1776. Normandy (Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery) and Eastern France provide opportunities to pay musical tribute to thousands of Americans who never returned to America, having given their all for the present freedom of Europe and our country.

In Paris on any given day, there are possible as many as 300 difference concerts. The French love and support both traditional and contemporary musical performances. Paris was “second Vienna” for French musicians and composers including Berlioz, Auger, Gounod, Saint-Saens, Franck, Faure, Ravel, Debussy, and many others. France boasts many music festivals throughout the country, particularly in the summer months. The potential availability of prestigious and gorgeous venues in Paris alone is staggering. Imagine a performance by your musicians in Notre-Dame

Cathedral, Les Invalides, La Madeleine, La Trinite, Jardins du Luxembourg, St. Roch, the American Cathedral, St. Severin, or a French château! Your concert tour is truly enriched with your surroundings of art history, architecture, and beauty that is best experienced “first hand.”





# Suggested Itinerary

ROUEN / CAEN / PARIS

## DAY ONE: ARRIVE

Departure via scheduled airline service to Paris, France

## DAY TWO: PARIS / ROUEN / CAEN

Arrive in Paris

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for transfer to Caen

Time permitting, stop enroute 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 by Claude Monet several times

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

## DAY THREE: CAEN

Morning excursion to Coleville to *perform a short memorial recital*, and participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the American Cemetery, site of the June 6th Normandy Invasion. Return to Caen for sightseeing including a visit to the Peace Memorial. The Memorial, to the northwest of the town center, is a modern Peace Museum, built of light-colored sandstone in the form of a square block (architect Jacques Millet). Its themes are the two world wars and the means of ensuring and preserving peace. Also, pass the Abbaye-aux-Hommes, built by William the Conqueror

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## DAY FOUR: CAEN / PARIS

Transfer to Paris

Enjoy an orientation tour of Paris including stops at the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concorde, Latin Quarter, etc.

## DAY FIVE: PARIS

Half-day guided tour of *Paris historique*, including Notre-Dame Cathedral, Champs Elysees, Luxembourg Palace and Gardens, Place de la Bastille, and other highlights

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## DAY SIX: PARIS

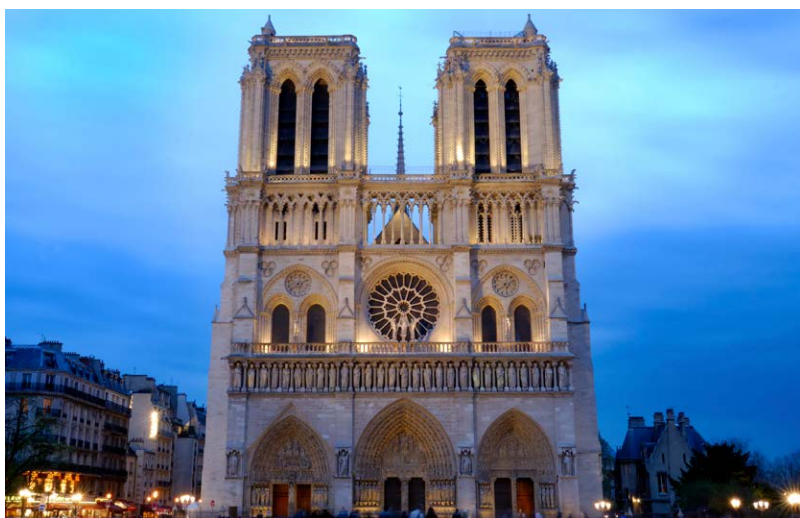
*For choirs: Late morning performance in Notre Dame Cathedral*

Enjoy an afternoon tour of *Paris artistique*, including entrance to the Louvre, the largest and greatest art museum in the world

Evening Farewell Dinner

## DAY SEVEN: PARIS

Transfer to one of Paris's airports for return flight







## Potential Performance Venues

### PARIS

La Madeleine  
La Trinite  
Luxembourg Gardens  
American Church  
Disneyland Paris  
Various Salles des Fetes

### LOIRE VALLEY AREA

Tours Town Hall  
Church of Notre Dame la Riche  
Chateau Chambord  
City Hall, Joue le Tours

### NORMANDY AREA

Church of St. Aubin sur Mer  
American Cemetery (Omaha Beach)  
City Hall (Honfleur)  
Arromanches Museum  
Place de Port, Grandcamp-Maisy

### SOUTHERN FRANCE

Eglise Anglicane (Nice)  
Le Forum, Les Angeles (Avignon)  
Cathedral of St. Sauveur (Aix en Provence)  
Salles des Fetes (Pujaut)  
Place de la Ville (Fontvieille)

## Suggested Performance Tours in France

**Tour 1**                      **5 Nights / 7 Days**  
2 nights in Caen and 3 nights in Paris

**Tour 2**                      **6 Nights / 8 Days**  
2 nights in Caen and 4 nights in Paris

**Tour 3**                      **7 Nights / 9 Days**  
2 nights in Tours, 1 night in Mont St. Michel, 1 night in Caen,  
3 nights in Paris

**Tour 4**                      **8 Nights / 10 Days**  
3 nights in Paris, 2 nights in Brussels, and 3 nights in Amsterdam

**Tour 5**                      **8 Nights / 10 Days**  
5 nights in Arles, 3 nights in Aix-en-Provenceberg

*These and all other Suggested Tours may be viewed on our website at [www.musiccelebrations.com](http://www.musiccelebrations.com).  
Fully-customized tours may also be created to meet your specific needs and interests.*



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