

Catholic Choir Tour & Pilgrimage to France



Songs of the Saints: A Musical Pilgrimage Through France. Combine the experience of singing in some of the most beautiful churches in all of Christianity - including Notre Dame de Paris, Chartres Cathedral, Reims Cathedral, and Basilique du Sacre-Coeur, Eglise de la Madeleine, and Amiens Cathedral - with the opportunity to partake in pilgrimage to two of the most popular sites in France. The second most visited Christian pilgrimage site in Europe after Rome is the town of the Lourdes, known for the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to a shepherd girl. Your choir will also enjoy the opportunity to visit the Basilique Sainte-Thérèse de Lisieux in the region of Normandy, dedicated to Saint Thérèse of Lisieux and where Pope John Paul II visited in 1980.

In addition to the performance benefits of such a pilgrimage, consider the faith formation benefits of:

- Bringing Church teachings to life with real-world experience.
- Forming your choir members in the faith as future leaders.
- Leadership development that connects personal faith with daily living.
- Performances and pilgrimage sites that help your singers listen to God's call with vocation discernment.
- Connecting personal faith with Catholic social teaching by visiting and praying at historic sites.
- A truly "catholic" experience of multicultural faith formation in the real-world.
- Helping students understand the rich symbols and traditions of following Jesus Christ today.

Our "faith in a suitcase" approach helps you deepen musicianship and form disciples ready to make a difference in the world.

Music Celebrations International and Faith Journeys: Committed to musical excellence and serving as your partner in ministry.



Tour Itineraries

Tour #1 - (8 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS)

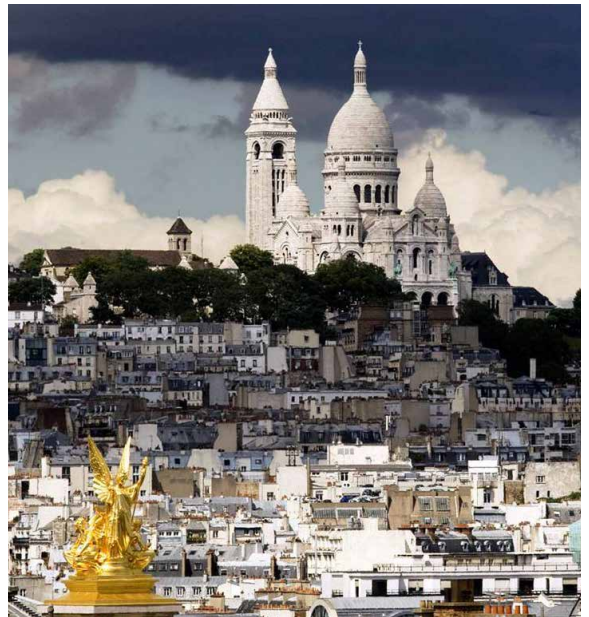
2 nights in Lourdes, 1 night in Lisieux, 1 night in Mont St. Michel,
4 nights in Paris

Tour #2 - (7 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS)

2 nights in Lourdes, 3 nights in Paris, 1 night in Paray le Monial via
Nevers, 1 night in Geneva

Music Celebrations International would be happy to create a custom
tour to meet your specific wishes and interests

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"We just returned from our tour to Switzerland and France, and I just wanted you to know that we had a wonderful experience. This is our second tour with MCI, and I am increasingly impressed with the company. The staff members at MCI are amazing. You are fortunate to have these people on staff; I'm convinced that people make the difference in the travel business! Your personnel are very strong both in the U.S. and in Europe, and a great strength of your company. We are grateful for the opportunity to sing during a Mass in Notre Dame Cathedral; it will be a precious, vivid memory for years to come. It will be hard to go back to our regular rehearsal room! So many details come together to make a tour as special as this one. I am amazed that MCI has such quality in every aspect of them. You have a good thing going!"

*Dr. Gayle Walker,
Director of Choral Activities at Otterbein College*

"The Chicago Master Singers tour to southern France is over and I think it topped the Poland tour. It was really fantastic. We had hundreds of French people at every concert!! It was amazing. We saw very little advertising but clearly Alison advertised our performances in every town since people arrived 30 min early every time to get a seat. Often it was standing room only. We were totally amazed. We have never experienced such turnouts anywhere in Europe and did not expect it in France for sure. I need at least 10 hours face-to-face to tell you what was fantastic about this tour. Maries-Agnes, Patrick and Alison all deserve the highest imaginable marks! I hope we will have an opportunity soon to share many great things."

Alan Heatherington, Artistic Director