



XXXIX INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
OF PUERI CANTORES
PARIS, FRANCE
JULY 9-13, 2014

JOIN CHOIRS OF YOUNG SINGERS FROM AROUND THE
WORLD AT THIS EXTRAORDINARY GATHERING!

This is a golden opportunity to visit Paris, the glorious “City of Lights” and to participate in life-changing liturgical, musical and cultural experiences. For Americans, the year 2014 in France is very significant. It is the **70th Anniversary of the D-Day Liberation of France and Europe** by American, British and other free world forces. You may want to include a short visit to Normandy in your itinerary, experience a wreath-laying ceremony at the American Cemetery and sing a short, solemn musical tribute to America’s thousands of fallen who rest in this hallowed ground.

Your choir will join with Catholic youth singers from around the world in this spectacular, once-in-a-lifetime festival culminating in an extraordinary **MASS AT NOTRE DAME DE PARIS**, with his Eminence **CARDINAL VINGT-TROIS** in attendance. We are pleased that the

American Federation Pueri Cantores (AFPC) has again chosen Music Celebrations to be the official travel provider for this momentous event.

If you wish, Music Celebrations may also assist you on a complete tour itinerary to include other exciting European destinations following the Congress. Your choir could easily continue your tour following the Congress to other destinations in France or surrounding countries. France offers spectacular add-on options to the Congress such as Normandy (see above), Mont St. Michel, castles in the Loire Valley, Chartres Cathedral and many more. And, you could add additional performances for your choir in some of Europe’s most prestigious venues – from famous cathedrals to local churches and concert halls.

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Day 1 Tuesday, July 8, 2014

- Depart from the USA via scheduled air service to Paris, France

Day 2 Wednesday, July 9

- Arrive in Paris
- Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel via panoramic tour of Paris's highlights including stops at Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysees, Eiffel Tower, Trocadero, etc.
- Lunch on own
- Early-afternoon hotel check-in
- *Opening Ceremony*
- Evening Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant
- Return to the hotel for overnight

5:30pm

Day 3 Thursday, July 10

- Breakfast at the hotel
- *Mass of the Nations*
- *Hotel de Ville Square – Opening concert/rehearsal*
- *Reception in the City Hall lounge*
- Lunch on own
- ***“All Paris is Singing” in public squares***
- Dinner in a local restaurant
- ***Sacred music concerts in local churches***
- Return to the hotel for overnight

10:00am

11:45am

12:15pm

3-7:00pm

8:30pm

Day 4 Friday, July 11

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning Prayer for Peace
- Box lunch included
- *Rehearsal at the Zenith*
- ***Evening Gala Concert***
- Dinner in a local restaurant
- Return to the hotel for overnight

3:00pm

8:30pm

Day 5 Saturday, July 12

10:00am

12:00pm

5:00pm

- Breakfast at the hotel
- *Rehearsal at Notre Dame de Paris*
- *Reception by Cardinal Vingt-Trois (leaders only)*
- Lunch on own
- Afternoon guided tour to Versailles Palace. This palace is the creation of the French monarchy at the moment of its greatest splendor. Consisting of the great palace, the gardens and the Trianons, it is a wonderfully harmonious composition of building and landscape, the definitive monument of French classicism
- *Solemn Mass of Congress in Notre Dame de Paris*
- Dinner in a local restaurant
- Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 6 Sunday, July 13

11:00am

- Breakfast at the hotel
- *Gathering for Peace at Trocadero*
- Lunch on own
- Enjoy an afternoon tour of Paris artistique, including entrance to the Louvre, the largest and greatest art museum in the world
- Evening Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant
- Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 7 Monday, July 14

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to one of Paris's International Airports for return flight



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