



Music Celebrations International Presents the

D-DAY 75 NORMANDY **PARADE** JUNE 5-11, 2019



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Concert Tours With Integrity

The D-Day 75 Normandy Parade will be a highlight of the musical events commemorating the 75th Anniversary of D-Day June 6, 2019. Marching bands from across the United States are invited to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime experience to march along the beaches of Normandy for enthusiastic crowds. The parade route will be on the boulevard along the beach separating the towns of Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer and Vierville-sur-Mer, where the United States Army's 29th Infantry Division landed on June 6, 1944.

In addition to your experience in Normandy, your ensemble will also have the opportunity to explore and perform in Paris. 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. Your concert tour is truly enriched with your surroundings of art history, architecture, and beauty that is best experienced "first hand."



The dawn of June 6, 1944 (D-Day) saw one of the largest, most dramatic, invasions in world history. Over 160,000 forces, including 70,000 Americans, landed on 50 miles of Normandy coast. 195,700 Allied naval and merchant navy personnel in over 5,000 ships were also involved. Over 2,000 Americans lost their lives storming the beach head to secure the high ground. More than 8,000 others would be lost in the days and weeks following as the Allied forces secured the surrounding countryside to establish a foot hold on Continental Europe.

No words can describe the overwhelming feelings of joy, the flowing tears of hope and happiness, and the expressions of gratitude, that the French exuded upon their liberation from the Nazi occupation. This momentous and daring event marked the beginning of the end of Adolf Hitler's reign, and a new day for humankind.

75 years later, we remember and honor all the men and women memorialized at the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer in Normandy, France. 9,387 graves are located on these hallowed grounds, along with the etched names of 1,557 American soldiers whose bodies were never found. It is to these men and women that we salute, revere, and honor their sacrifice.



SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1: Tuesday, June 4, 2019

- Depart via scheduled air service to Paris, France

DAY 2: Wednesday, June 5

- Arrive in Paris
- Transfer to Caen region
- Lunch, on own
- Evening welcome dinner and overnight

DAY 3: Thursday, June 6

- Breakfast at the hotel
- *March in the D-Day 75 Normandy Parade*
- Lunch provided
- Afternoon at leisure
- Evening dinner and overnight

DAY 4: Friday, June 7

- Breakfast at the hotel followed by checkout
- Morning excursion to Coleville and participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the American Cemetery, site of the June 6th Normandy Invasion
- Lunch, on own
- Afternoon transfer to Paris
- Evening dinner and overnight

DAY 5: Saturday, June 8

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 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.
- Lunch, on own
- *Afternoon Performance*
- Evening dinner at local restaurant, and overnight

DAY 6: Sunday, June 9

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning 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
- Lunch, on own
- Afternoon at leisure
- Evening dinner at local restaurant

DAY 7: Monday, June 10

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Tour of *Paris artistique*, including entrance to the Louvre, the world's largest and greatest art museum
- Lunch, on own
- Afternoon at leisure
- Evening farewell dinner at local restaurant
- Enjoy a nighttime cruise along the Seine river with Bateaux Mouche

DAY 8: Tuesday, June 11

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Paris Airport for return flight



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YOU ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK UPON THE GREAT CRUSADE TOWARD WHICH WE HAVE STRIVEN THESE MANY MONTHS. THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE UPON YOU...I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN YOUR COURAGE, DEVOTION TO DUTY AND SKILL IN BATTLE. WE WILL ACCEPT NOTHING LESS THAN FULL VICTORY!

GOOD LUCK! AND LET US ALL BESEECH THE BLESSINGS OF ALMIGHTY GOD UPON THIS GREAT AND NOBLE UNDERTAKING.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower



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