

26th PARIS INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

From 12th to 15th March 2020

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Paris has been a major attraction for several decades. No other city offers such an intense contrast between beautiful old and audacious new buildings.

In Paris, entertainment is non-stop whatever time of day or year, and the list of cultural events taking place there seems to be infinite.



A choir from Paris or Ile-de-France will welcome 2 or 3 foreign choirs. Attending a friendship concert is a great opportunity for the choirs to meet and share their mutual musical interest.

These concerts take place in theatres, town halls, concert halls, conservatories or churches, in Paris or the Ile-de-France region.

Each choir will perform a few songs. The choice of the repertoire is free, traditional songs from the different countries are however very much appreciated. The concerts will be followed by a friendship drink.

Date: Friday evening

<u>Duration of the concert:</u> Decided unanimously between participating

choirs – usually 30 minutes per choir

Repertoire: Free

<u>Rehearsal</u>: At the hotel in some cases or if possible and by mutual agreement with the "host" choir before and on the site of e concert















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CONCERT AT LA MADELEINE CHURCH

La Madeleine church has given its name to the surrounding neighbourhood; it is located in the 8th *arrondissement* of Paris, nearby the Faubourg St Honoré and the Grands Boulevards, and in perspective with the Place de la Concorde and the National Assembly. The area is lively and ideal for shopping (the famous Maison Fauchon for instance can be found on the Place de la Madeleine).

The first plans of the church "St. Mary Magdalene" were designed under the reign of Louis XV. During the Revolution, only the foundations were built. Napoleon decided then to turn it into a temple paying tribute to French armies; this is the reason why the building is shaped as an ancient temple. Later Louis XVIII decided to give back its original purpose to the building and the church was consecrated in 1842.

If these 52 Corinthian columns make the church uncommon, the inside is just as unusual. At first sight, indeed, we do not find the features that other luxurious Parisian churches may have: few paintings, no chapel, no bell-tower or cross on the outside and a nave in semi-darkeness. However, visitors will notice very quickly how sumptuous the church is: its interior design and the rare aesthetic unity due to the rapid construction of the building.

According to the will of the architect, the church is a magnificent setting for large gatherings. An international spiritual centre, it also plays a very important role in the Parisian cultural life, especially in the world of music and it has been for a long time. The imposing organ contributes to the reputation of La Madeleine as a concert hall of excellence. Indeed Gabriel Fauré and Camille Saint-Saens themselves were organists of this organ, a *Cavaille-Coll*. Today, the concerts of La Madeleine are still widely known and admired; music enthusiasts come from everywhere to attend.











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The closing concert in honour of all participating choirs will take place at La Madeleine Church, which can accommodate a large audience (up to 800 seats). Each choir will perform successively. The concert's grand finale is a song performed jointly by all participating choirs. The musical score will be sent to the choir a few months before the festival.

Date: Saturday in the afternoon

<u>Duration of concert:</u> Approximately 2 hours <u>Duration of the performance:</u> 5 minutes by choir

<u>Repertoire</u>: sacred or classical only (the directory should be sent before in order to be supervised by La Madeleine church representatives)

Rehearsal: at the hotel or on board the bus depending on possibilities

but is it not possible on site!

<u>Piano:</u> a piano - type Yamaha C3 - will be at your disposal.

FAREWELL EVENING

At the end of the concert a dinner or cocktail party will be arranged. The setting of this event will depend on the number of participants.

This valuable moment will allow the participants to enjoy a little longer the feeling of sharing a good mood of the final concert and especially to make contacts with other French and foreign choirs in a friendly and festive atmosphere.















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4 Days, 3 Nights

DAY

Arrival in Paris in the afternoon or evening. Greeting by your tour-leader and check-in at the hotel. Dinner at your hotel or in a restaurant. Night at the hotel.

DAY

Breakfast. Half day guided tour of Paris. Sight-seeing cruise on the Seine (except in case of floods) In the evening: a friendship concert will be organised with other choirs. These cultural and musical exchanges will be followed by a friendship drink. Return to the hotel.

DAY

Breakfast. Free time at your own leisure in Paris in the morning.

To finish off this festival on a vibrant note, a final concert will be organised at La Madeleine church. It will take place in the afternoon or in the evening and will gather all the choirs. Each choir will perform for a few minutes. Then, all choirs will sing the final song together. After the concert, a dinner or cocktail party will bring together all participants (optional).

Return to the hotel.

Breakfast, check-out and departure.

THE BASIC PACKAGE INCLUDES

- → 3 nights with breakfast in the chosen hotel category in Paris and surroundings. Rooms with bathroom / shower, toilet, telephone.
- \mathbf{J} 1 dinner on the arrival day at the hotel if accommodation in a 3* hotel or in a restaurant if accommodation in a 4* hotel
- ↑ 1 cruise on the Seine (except in case of high-water level of the Seine)
- ☐ Closing concert at the Madeleine Church
- □ Friendship concert with other choirs
- ☐ Friendship drink after the friendship concert
- ☐ Guide assistance for the check-in at the hotel the first night, the half daysightseeing-tour in Paris, the friendship concert and the closing concert
- City Tax included
- 1 person free of charge in a double room when minimum 20 paying persons.











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3 Days, 2 Nights

DAY

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Arrival in Paris in the afternoon. Greeting by your tour-leader and check-in at the hotel. In the evening: a friendship concert will be organised with other choirs. These cultural and musical exchanges will be followed by a cocktail party.

Return to the hotel.



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Breakfast. Half-day guided tour of Paris. Sightseeing cruise on the Seine (except in case of flood). Lunch at the hotel or in a restaurant (can be replaced by a lunch on another day or a dinner, according to the program)

To finish off this festival with verve a final concert will be organised at La Madeleine church. It will take place in the afternoon or in the evening and will gather all the choirs. Each choir will perform for a few minutes. Then, all the choirs will sing the final song together. After the concert, a dinner or cocktail party will bring together all participants (optional). Return to the hotel.





DAY

Breakfast, check-out and departure.

THE BASIC PACKAGE INCLUDES

□ 2 nights with breakfast in the chosen hotel category in Paris and surroundings.
 Rooms with bathroom / shower, toilet, telephone.

- 1 cruise on the Seine (except in case of high-water level of the Seine)
- $\[\]$ 1 lunch or dinner if accommodation in a 3* hotel or in a restaurant if accommodation in a 4* hotel

(according to the program, arrival, departure and concerts place and time)

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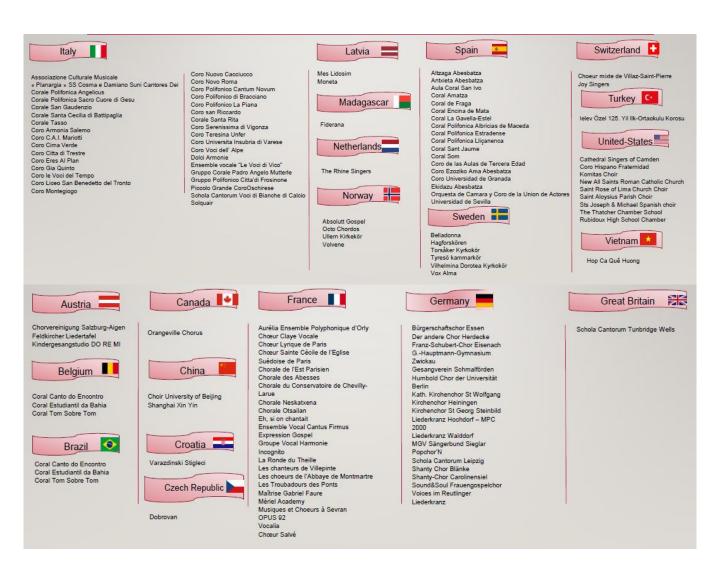




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