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Choirs from around the world will gather to perform in front of enthralled audiences in the **Cantate Barcelona Choral Festival**. They will also get the opportunity to listen to, and enjoy their equals. Over a thousand international voices will be presenting their expertise and passion for choral music.

The Catalan metropolis of Barcelona has its place in the premium league of European cities and is an example of the harmonious coexistence of tradition and modernity. Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, is a cosmopolitan Mediterranean city incorporating Roman remains in its urban street pattern, medieval districts and the most stunning examples of Modernism and 20th century ultra-modern art.

Originally Roman, Barcelona's long history and economic vitality have endowed it with an impressive cultural heritage, shown in the conservation of its rich historic and artistic heritage and in the encouragement of the latest artistic trends. Its long cultural agenda will lead the visitor through museums, exhibitions, outdoor sculptures and an extensive calendar of music, theatre and dance.

The **Pueblo Español** (Spanish village) was built in Barcelona during the international world exhibition in 1929 and represents, even today, the diversity of people and cultures of Spain. It is one of the main attractions of Barcelona, visited daily by thousands of Spanish and foreign visitors alike. The main square or Plaza Mayor, is a special stage for concerts all year round. Here, choirs will be able to introduce their songs to an international audience. Alternatively, the gothic quarters of Barcelona, very close to the cathedral, with its many quaint and characteristic little plazas, is also a great place for an open air concert. In any of these venues, choirs will have the opportunity to sing their repertoire before an international audience.

Friendship Concerts during Cantate Barcelona are planned so that 2 or 3 visiting choirs gather with a local host-choir, for a congenial musical exchange and get-together. An ideal occasion in which to make friends and international contacts in a friendly atmosphere.

A Farewell Concert is planned for the last evening, when all participating choirs present a song of their choice and a final common song in a concert hall. This is followed by a farewell dinner -a great get-together – with music and song, bringing **the Cantate Barcelona** to a festive close.

Sightseeing in Barcelona and Girona are part of this varied program.



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4 Days, 3 Nights

- DAY 1** Arrival at your Hotel in Barcelona or to a town on the Costa Brava (i.e., Lloret de Mar) in the evening. A Music Contact representative will assist you and offer you a welcome drink and a final briefing on the program. Dinner at the Hotel.
- DAY 2** Breakfast at the Hotel. All-day sightseeing tour of Barcelona. Today, all choirs will have the opportunity to sing in the main square or **Plaza Mayor of the Pueblo Español** (Spanish Village) - a replica of Spain's multicultural ancestry and architectural styles combined on a single exhibition site- or in a venue in the Gothic quarters of the city, close to the cathedral. In the evening a **Friendship Concert** will be hosted by a local choir in a church or concert hall with choirs of several nationalities. This is a great opportunity for choirs to share their music and sing before knowledgeable audiences. At the end of the concerts some refreshments will be served to all participants in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.
- DAY 3** Breakfast. Visit Girona the city of the four rivers, a monumental place of a rich and legendary historical past. The city centre has preserved its medieval aspect almost untouched. Visit the Gothic Cathedral (begun ca. 1292), with one of the world's widest (74 feet [23 m]) aisle-less naves and a Romanesque cloister. The visit continues through the old town around the Cathedral. This area was an important Jewish centre, which can be best admired at "El Call" where Jewish legacy has been kept almost intact. In the afternoon/evening, **Farewell Concert** of all participating choirs in a concert hall followed by a **Farewell Dinner** with music and dance to round off the Cantate Barcelona on a festive note.
- DAY 4** Departure. (Choirs on an extended tour program will be able to do additional activities or visits of their choice).

The accommodation offered can be alternatively in Barcelona or in a resort nearby on the Costa Brava, an area selected by National Geographic Traveller and Frommer's Guide, as one of the best destinations in the world in 2012.

Transportation to Spain and the Festival Cantate Barcelona, can be arranged by flying to Barcelona or Girona and also by coach. An extra day or two before or after the Festival will give you a chance to see some more of the amazing sights the area has to offer.



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OPEN-AIR CONCERTS IN EMBLEMATIC VENUES OF BARCELONE

The " Pueblo español " of Montjuïc was built in the frame of the Universal Exhibition of Barcelona in 1929; it 's a city inside another city; a range of the different cultures and architectural Spanish styles, represented in its streets, squares and buildings. Along , the Spanish People has turned into an important point of attraction for thousands of persons of the whole world who annually visit Barcelona and the Costa Brava. The buildings shelter typical restaurants, cafeterias and shops in those who offer objects of crafts of different places of the country! Nowhere one finds such a diversity as here! In the Plaza Mayor of the "Pueblo Español", concerts are organized all the year round.

Date: Saturday June 13th / October 24th

Program: Choirs of different countries sing in this scene during the day. E- piano available.

Duration: Each choir sings maximum 15 minutes.

Repertoire: Regional or international songs.

Rehearsal: In hotel , on request. No piano available in the hotel.

Presentation: The choir presents itself.

Advertising: Posters and programs in local webs .



FRIENDSHIP CONCERTS

The Friendship Concerts, will take place with 2-3 foreign choirs with one local choir from of Barcelona or its surroundings or in different places of the Costa Brava, according to the zone where the group lodges. The concerts take place in rooms, theatres, churches or central sites of the different populations. These concerts offer the opportunity to establish interesting international contacts of easy and pleasant form in a Mediterranean frame.

Date: Saturday June 13th / October 24th – evening.

Development: 3-4 choirs from different countries offer a performance.

Duration: 20-25 minutes each choir.

Repertoire: Regional and international songs.

Rehearsal: Under request and providing that it is possible. In the majority of concerts there's no piano or available keyboard.

Advertising: Where concerts take place, by way of posters and local media.

FINAL CONCERT AND FAREWELL DINNER

In the final concert, all choirs appear in a concert hall, with a song of their choice. There's a solemn end when all the choirs interpret to the unison the compulsory pre-selected song. The festival ends later with a farewell dinner with all the participants.

Date: Sunday June 14th / October 25th – afternoon / evening.

Development: each choir presents a song of their choice.

Duration: One song. Maximum 5 minutes for choir.

Repertoire: Regional and international songs.

Rehearsal: Under previous request and providing that it is possible. Piano available in the room.

Advertising: At concert's place with posters and another media.

Presentation: Several languages.

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THE BASIC PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 3 Nights in a 3/4-star hotel in Barcelona or Costa Brava.
- Buffet-style breakfast at the hotels.
- Dinner on Friday night.
- Lunch on Saturday.
- Pueblo Espanyol of Montjuïc entrance tickets included
- Organization of a concert in an open air venue in Barcelona.
- Organization of a Friendship Concert with other international/local choirs.
- Organization of the Final concert.
- Farewell Dinner (beverage included on Sunday).
- English speaking guided tours in Barcelona and Girona.
- Assistance during your stay and at the concerts.
- One gratuity in a twin room per group of 30 people or more (except in extra services, where no gratuities are given)

DESTINATION BARCELONA

This unique Catalan city combines hectic living with a true Mediterranean life style. Barcelona, with over 2000 years of history is a prominent cultural and economic center on the Mediterranean. The Olympics Games of 1992 projected the city to an unprecedented distinct position amongst one of the world's greatest. Every style of architecture can be seen in Barcelona; from monuments dating back to Roman times to extravagant modernistic architectural styles such as Antonio Gaudi's famous Basilica of the *Holy Family*.

Theatres, museums of world renown such as the Picasso museum, the Ramblas - with hundreds of restaurants and bistros, the port area, with huge leisure facilities for everyone, put Barcelona clearly in the top league of great world cities where tradition and modernity bond pleasantly together .

DESTINATION COSTA BRAVA

The area to the north of Barcelona, the Costa Brava, is one of Spain's top tourist destinations. The attractions of this charming coast are not just the sun and sea but also the footprints left everywhere by the Greek, Roman, Arab and Jewish cultures in the relentless passage of history. In Girona, the capital city, there is an impressive cathedral built in 1038 surrounded by Roman remains and the narrow alleyways of the Jewish quarter with one of the oldest synagogues in Europe. Some of the houses perched alongside the Onyar river date back to the middle ages. Nonetheless, old traces of ancient cultures, romantic churches and gastronomic traditions can equally be found in towns such as Tossa, Lloret de Mar and Blanes on the Costa Brava



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SOME OF THE CHOIRS IN PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE FESTIVAL

SPAIN:

- ALTZAGA ABESBATZA
- ASOC. CULT. POLIF. XUNTANZA DE MEIS
- COR DE CAMBRA SOTA PALAU BLANES
- CORAL AITA DONOSTI
- CORAL AÑORANZAS
- CORAL AIRES DEL CASTRO
- CORAL CANDEA
- CORAL ENCINA DE MATA
- CORAL POLIF. DE SOUTOMAIOR
- CORAL POLIFONICA DE BARRO
- CORAL RICARDO VILLA
- CORAL SOM
- CORAL STELLA MARIS BJORK
- CORAL VILLA DE RECAS
- IRUTASUN ABESBATZA
- MENDI ONA ABESLARIAK
- SAN INAZIO ABESBATZA
- SAN PEDRO TXIKI ABESBATZA
- SOCIEDAD GAZTELUBIDE

FRANCE:

- ATELIER MUSIQUE ET VOIX
- AU FIL DE L'ARVE
- CHOEUR AMABILE
- CHOEUR DES FEMMES DE MEANNES
- CHORALE MELODIE
- CHORALES OTSAILAN
- CHORALE VOIX D'ORB
- CHORALE LA GLORINETTE
- CROC' CADENCE
- ENSEMBLE VOCAL LA LORELEI
- GRAIN D'PHONIE
- GROUPE VOCAL CANTILENE
- LA MI-BÉMOL
- L'ECHO DU LARGE
- LE BONHEUR EST DANS LE CHANT
- LE CHOEUR DES COLLINES
- LES COMELODIENS
- LES TROUBADOURS DES PONTS
- TRANS GOSPEL VOICES
- WHY NOTES
- CHORALE PRELUDE
- GROUP VOCAL VOIX-CI VOIX-LÀ

CZECH REPUBLIC:

- TACHOVSKY DETSKY SBOR
- KOMORNI PEVECKY SBOR SLEZKE UNIV
- MILEVSKY DETSKY ZBOR

ITALY:

- CANTORI DELLE PIEVI
- CAPELLA MUSICALE DI SANTA LUCIA
- CIMA VERDE
- CIMA VEZZENA
- CORAL POL. LORENZO PEROSI
- CORALE CITTA' DI CEPRANO
- CORALES POLIF. CANTORES DEI
- CORO ACCORDI E NOTE
- ORO BILACUS
- CORO G.B. MARTINI
- CORO GIA QUINTO
- CORO GIOVANILE « NUOVO CACCIUCO »
- CORO LA PRESOLANA
- CORO LA VIGOLANA
- CORO LITURGICO STA MARIA
- CORO POPOLARE LE CASTELLANE
- CORO SACRO CUORE DI GESÙ
- CORO SAN GIORGIO
- CORO SAN VITO
- CORO SANTA GIULIA
- CORO SS. COSMA E DAMIANO
- ENSEMBLE D'HARMONIES VALLE DI SUSIA
- EUROPA CANTAT DI REANO
- LO RIGOLE'
- MUSICA INSIEME
- POLIFONICA ANGELICUS
- ULTNERBÄNKEL SÄNGER – Sud Tirol

GERMANY:

- BURGERSCHAFT CHOR ESSEN
- CHOR BALLWEILER-WECKLINGEN
- CHOR PROMUSICA
- CONSONARE
- GROSS & KLEIN OLDENDORF
- SCHAPP –o –KLAX

SWITZERLAND:

- BAUMEISTERCHOERLI
- CHORALE LA CAECILIA
- LE RIONDÈNE
- TRACHTENCH DÜDINGEN
- GEMICHTER CHOR STILLI

NETHERLANDS:

- DIE HAGHE SANGHERS
- VELDHOVENS MANNENKOOR
- VOORNE'S DAMESKOOR

BRAZIL:

- ALGUEM CANTANDO & CANTO BRASIL
- CORO DO BDMG CULTURAL

DENMARK:

- OSTERBRO PIGEKOR

POLAND:

- CHOIR HEJNAL

PORTUGAL:

- CANTATE IUBILO

ROMANIA:

- CARMINA DACICA

CYPRUS:

- CHOIR OF FAMAGUTA

SWEDEN:

- BJÖRKSTAKÖREN
- VANATÖRS KAMMARKÖR

AUSTRIA:

- CHOR DER HAPTSCHL. HARBACH-LINZ
- CANTATE DOMINO
- ENSEMBLE INCREDIBILE
- GESANGVEREIN REITH
- MGV WEISSKIRCHEN

GREAT BRITAIN:

- DONAGHADEE MALE VOICE CHOIR
- MILLEGRO CHOIR

IRELAND:

- CAVAN SINGERS
- THE KILL SINGERS

NORWAY:

- BREILI INTERNATIONAL CHOIR
- CHOIR VOLVENE
- GAUSEL KIRKEKOR
- KÖR AKTIVUM
- REPPE BLANDAKOR
- TERTNESKORET
- VEGAR VOCAL
- SANGKORET DRAPEN

SLOVAKIA:

- ZILINSKY MIESANY ZBOR

UNITED STATES:

- CARROLL BUCHANAN CHORALE
- THE EPISCOPAL CHORAL SOCIETY
- VISITATION PARISH CHOIR
- ST TIMOTHY CHOIR

HONDURAS:

- CORO ENAMUSA – TEGUCUGALPA

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