



Shepherd University Choir & Wind Ensemble

Tour of “France”

May 5 – 13, 2013

Itinerary as of 4/4/13

DAY 1 Sunday, May 5

Travel Day

7:00 pm Plan to arrive at the airport at least three hours prior to your International flight. Have your passport readily available and your luggage unlocked or secured with a TSA-approved lock for security purposes.

10:00 pm Lufthansa flight #415 departs Washington Dulles for Munich

DAY 2 Monday, May 6

Nice & Saint-Paul-de-Vence (D)

12:25 pm Arrive Munich. Proceed directly to your connecting flight gate

3:05 pm Lufthansa flight #2274 departs Munich for Nice

4:30 pm Arrive Nice

Upon arrival at Nice airport you will be welcomed by your European tour Escort, Isabelle, who will remain with you throughout the tour. Board your private coach and continue to the oldest medieval hill-top town of the French Riviera, Saint-Paul-de-Vence for a relaxing start of the tour. Enjoy a short time to enjoy the views and to walk through the old streets.

Continue to Nice, the capital of the Côte d'Azur / French Riviera and check-in at your hotel to refresh and relax:

Hotel Albert 1er

4, Avenue des Phocéens 06300 Nice

Tel: +33 4 93 85 74 01

Enjoy a welcome dinner in your hotel

Overnight Nice

DAY 3 Tuesday, May 7**Monaco (B)**

After breakfast meet your guides in the hotel lobby and depart on a scenic drive to the Principality of Monaco, the smallest country in Europe after Vatican City.

Upon arrival enjoy a Tour of Monaco with a local guide and see the Rock, the Port, the Casino and the elegant streets.

Enjoy lunch on your own in Monaco

2:30 pm Return to Nice and spend the afternoon exploring the old town Vieux Nice and stroll along the Promenade des Anglais overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Find a nice place to enjoy an early dinner on your own.

6:45 pm Board the bus and depart for your concert venue:
Basilique Notre-Dame de Nice

8:30 pm Concert begins for choir and wind ensemble

9:30 pm Concert ends. Transfer back to the hotel

Overnight Nice

DAY 4 Wednesday, May 8**Cannes & Avignon (B)**

AM After breakfast this morning, check-out of the hotel and prepare to depart for the day.

9:00 am Board the coach and transfer to Avignon, with a short stop at Cannes, known for the International Film Festival and the wealthy and famous people who live in this picturesque former fisher town.

10:30 am Continue on to Avignon (approximately 3 hours)

Lunch on your own en route or in Avignon.

1:30 pm Upon arrival, enjoy some free time before meeting your local guides for a walking tour, including a visit to the Papal Palace, which dates back to the Great Schism.

5:00 pm End of walking tour. Board your coach and transfer to your hotel:

Ibis Styles Avignon Sud

2968 Rue de Marseille – 84000 Avignon

Tel: +33 4 90 87 62

Enjoy dinner on your own. Overnight Avignon

DAY 5 Thursday, May 9**Nimes (B)**

- 8:15 am Following breakfast, meet your local guide in the hotel lobby and prepare to depart for a transfer to Nimes, with a stop along the way to visit Le Pont du Gard (approximately 40 minutes). This 160 feet high Roman aqueduct was built in 40 AD and is nicknamed the wonder of Antiquity.
- 10:00 am Continue on to Nimes. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided city tour, including a visit to the Roman Arena and lunch on your own.
- 1:00 pm Transfer to the Abbey for your concert (approximately one hour)
- 2:30 pm Arrive, set up and rehearsal time
Saint Michel de Frigolet
- 4:00 pm Concert performance for the choir and wind ensemble
- 5:00 pm End of concert
- Board coach and return to the hotel
- Dinner on your own and overnight Avignon

DAY 6 Friday, May 10**Burgundy & Paris (B)**

- AM Following an early breakfast, check-out of the hotel and prepare to depart for Paris
- 7:00 am Board your coach and depart for Paris, with a stop in Beaune, the capital of the Burgundy wine region (approximately six hours)
- 1:00 pm Approximate arrival in Beaune. Visit the Hotel-Dieu de Beaune with its beautifully tiled roof and enjoy lunch on your own
- 3:00 pm Visit a wine farm in the surroundings of Beaune and enjoy a wine tasting
- 4:30 pm Board your coach and transfer to Paris (approximately 3 hours)
- Upon arrival in Paris, check-in to your hotel:
- Ibis Paris Berthier Porte de Clichy**
163 Bis Avenue de Clichy 75017 Paris
Tel: +33 1 40 25 20 20
- Dinner on your own
- Overnight Paris.

DAY 7 Saturday, May 11 Pentecost**Paris (B)**

- AM Breakfast at the hotel this morning
- 9:00 am Meet your local guide for a city tour of Paris with a local guide to see the highlights of the city.
- 12:00 pm Enjoy lunch on your own
- 1:00 pm Transfer to the Louvre for a visit
- 4:00 pm Board your coach and transfer to the hotel
- Enjoy dinner on your own this evening
- 6:30 pm Board your coach and transfer to your concert venue
The American Cathedral
- 8:30 pm Concert for the choir and wind ensemble begins
- 9:30 pm Concert ends
- Board your coach and transfer to the hotel.
- Overnight Paris

DAY 8 Sunday, May 12 Pentecost**Paris (B,D)**

- AM Breakfast at the hotel this morning
- 9:30 am Board your coach and transfer to the choir performance venue
Notre Dame de Paris
- 10:00 am Meet the concert contact
- 11:30 am Sing during Sunday Mass
- Following Mass, enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many lovely spots in the area.
- 3:00 pm Board your coach and transfer to Montmartre to enjoy the remainder of your afternoon at leisure. Have fun observing the street artists in the square and browsing in the many unique shops
- 7:00 pm Enjoy a group farewell dinner at a local restaurant
La Bonne Franquette – 2 Rue des Saules
- Board your coach and transfer to your hotel
- Overnight Paris

DAY 9 Monday, May 13**Travel Day (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel this morning

7:30 am Depart the hotel in time to arrive at the airport at least three hours prior to your International flight. Have your passport readily available and your luggage unlocked or secured with a TSA-approved lock for security purposes.

10:50 am Lufthansa flight #1029 departs Paris – Charles DeGaulle for Frankfurt

12:10 pm Arrive Frankfurt. Proceed directly to your connecting flight gate

1:10 pm Lufthansa flight #418 departs Frankfurt for Washington – Dulles

3:45 pm Arrive Washington.

Welcome Home!