

D-DAY

Memorial Concert Series

Commemorating the 73rd Anniversary of the Battle of Normandy and the Liberation of France



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American Cemetery and Memorial
Normandy

When you think of France, what comes to mind? Mouth-watering bread and the world's greatest wines? The Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe? What about the beaches of Normandy, where – nearly 75 years ago – the world's greatest land invasion took place. More Americans lost their lives on this single day, June 6, 1944, than all that were killed during combat throughout the entire Iraq war.

Music Celebrations is pleased to announce our involvement in the annual D-Day Memorial Concert Series, a unique opportunity for American and Canadian choirs, wind bands, and orchestras, to visit France, perform memorial concerts for its citizens, and commemorate those men and women who fought so valiantly there during the Allied Invasion in 1944. During this special tribute tour, participating ensembles will visit many poignant locations of the 1944 Normandy Landings, including the battle sites of Caen and St. Malo, as well as the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial – the resting place for so many Americans that lost their lives during the invasion.



Sample Itinerary

PARIS / ROUEN / CAEN / VERSAILLES

DAY ONE: JUNE 4

Depart via scheduled air service to Paris, France

DAY TWO: JUNE 5

Arrive in Paris

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for transfer to Caen

Time permitting, stop en route at Rouen to see the Cathedral. In the Place de la Cathédrale stands the Gothic Cathedral of Notre-Dame, one of the largest and most magnificent in France. The most striking feature is the elaborately articulated west front which was several times painted by Claude Monet

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

DAY THREE: JUNE 6

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning excursion to Coleville to perform a short memorial recital, and participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the American Cemetery, site of the June 6th Normandy Invasion

Lunch on own

Return to Caen for sightseeing including a visit to the Peace Memorial. The Memorial, to the northwest of the town center, is a modern Peace Museum. Its themes are the two world wars and the means of ensuring and preserving peace. Also pass the Abbaye-aux-Hommes, built by William the Conqueror

Performance as part of the D-Day Memorial Concert Series

Evening dinner and overnight

DAY FOUR: JUNE 7

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Paris

Lunch on own

Half-day guided tour of Paris historique, including Notre-Dame Cathedral, Champs Elysees, Luxembourg Palace and Gardens, Place de la Bastille, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concorde, Latin Quarter, and other highlights

Evening dinner and overnight

DAY FIVE: JUNE 8

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy an afternoon tour of Paris artistique, including entrance to the Louvre, the largest and greatest art museum in the world

Lunch on own

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in France

Evening dinner and overnight

DAY SIX: 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

Return to Paris for an afternoon at leisure

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

DAY SEVEN: JUNE 10

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to one of Paris's airports for return flight





Signal Monument on Omaha Beach
Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer

Potential Performance Venues

NORMANDY AREA

Abbaye des Hommes - Caen
Eglise Saint Pierre – Caen
Auditorium Pierre Daure – University of Caen
Church of Saint Aubin sur Mer
Church of Vierville sur Mer
St. Andre Port en Bessin
Abbaye Saint Martin de Mondaye
Church of Crepon
Community Centre of Grandcamp-Maisy
Community Centre of Isigny
Museum of Arromanches

Sample Itineraries

Tour 1 5 Nights / 7 Days

2 nights in Caen and 3 nights in Paris

Tour 2 6 Nights / 8 Days

2 nights in Caen, 2 nights in Tours, 2 nights in Paris

Tour 3 7 Nights / 9 Days

2 nights in Caen, 1 night in St. Malo, 2 nights in Tours,
2 nights in Paris

Tour 4 7 Nights / 9 Days

3 nights in Paris, 1 night in Caen, 3 nights in London

Tour 5 8 Nights / 10 Days

2 nights in Caen, 1 night in St. Malo, 2 nights in Tours,
3 nights in Paris

*These and all other Standard Tours may be viewed on our website at www.ddayconcerts.org.
Fully-customized tours may also be created to meet your specific needs and interests.*



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