

Foothill Christian Legacy Youth Orchestra American Celebration of Music in France

June 17-23, 2024 (5 nights/7 days)

Day 1 Monday, June 17, 2024

Depart via scheduled air service from LAX to Paris, France

Day 2 Tuesday, June 18 Paris / Rouen / Caen (D)

Arrive in Paris

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach

Transfer to Caen via Rouen

Excursion to 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. Also see the sight of Joan of Arc's execution

Continue to Caen for late afternoon hotel check-in

Welcome Dinner included, and overnight

As the capital of Lower Normandy, Caen is a thriving university city with exceptional historical heritage. William the Conqueror lent the town his favor in the 11th century and commissioned many of the city's most famous sites including the Abbey aux Hommes and the Abbey aux Dames, where his wife Mathilde is buried. Caen was the center of some of the fiercest fighting in the Liberation of 1944. The peace memorial is unquestionably the greatest museum of World War II and a "must-see" for anyone who visits the city

Day 3 Wednesday, June 19 Normandy / Caen (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning visit and tour to the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial and the D-Day beaches – sites of the June 6th, 1944 Normandy Invasion. White marble crosses and Stars of David stretch off in seemingly endless rows at the Normandy American Cemetery, situated on a now-serene bluff overlooking the bitterly contested sands of Omaha Beach. Also visit and explore the visitor's center

10:30am ***Wreath Laying Ceremony and recital at the Normandy American Cemetery****

Lunch, on own

Performance at D-Day Museum Plaza in Normandy as part of the American Celebration of Music in France*

Afternoon visit to the Musée du Débarquement D-Day Memorial Museum in Caen. Explore and learn the historic facts and planning that went into the largest amphibious invasion in history

Dinner on own, and overnight

Day 4 Thursday, June 20 Paris (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning transfer to Paris



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Lunch, on own

Afternoon guided tour of *Paris historique*. See the most historic parts of the city including seeing the Notre-Dame Cathedral during the restoration process after the devastating fire in 2019, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysees, Place de la Concorde, Luxembourg Palace and Gardens, Latin Quarter, Place de la Bastille, Invalides Hospital, and other Parisian highlights

Dinner included

Evening bateau mouche ride on the River Seine. Observe the gorgeous views of Paris from the River while learning about the history of the area and the famous sites

Return to the hotel for overnight

With its grand boulevards, Streetside cafés, magnificent architecture, and river vistas, it takes little to understand why Paris is known as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. There is nothing more inspiring than walking the streets of Paris taking in the dynamic atmosphere. Paris is a place that breathes history and legend, a perfect combination of the modern and the ancient

Day 5 Friday, June 21 Paris (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning time at leisure in Paris for shopping and sightseeing

Lunch, on own

Afternoon visit to Montmartre, a large hill in Paris's 18th arrondissement, and home to the white-domed Basilica of the Sacré-Cœur on its summit. Enjoy time for souvenir shopping and visit one of the local restaurants that offers a variety of delicious desserts

*Performance at La Madeleine in Paris as part of the American Celebration of Music in France**

Dinner included, and overnight

Day 6 Saturday, June 22 Paris - Disneyland (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Day at Disneyland Paris

Lunch, on own

*Performance at Disneyland in Paris as part of the American Celebration of Music in France**

Dinner on own at the park, and overnight

Day 7 Sunday, June 23 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Paris Airport for return flight home

**Subject to confirmation*

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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