

HONFLEUR-NORMANDY-COTE D'ALBATRE-VERSAILLES-PARIS-BARCELONA

FRANCE & SPAIN

9-DAY PERFORMANCE TOUR
May 28-June 5, 2017

FEATURING four
PERFORMANCES

2 CONCERTS

-Honfleur & Barcelona
TRIBUTE RECITAL

-Normandy
INFORMAL CONCERT
-Notre-Dame de Paris

ROUND-TRIP FLIGHTS from
Memphis

HOTELS, 3 & 4-STAR:

3 Honfleur

2 Paris

2 Barcelona

FULL-TIME TOUR MANAGER
LOCAL GUIDES in Honfleur,
Étretat, Normandy, Paris, and
Barcelona

ENTRANCES/EXCURSIONS

PRIVATE MOTOR-COACH

MEALS:

daily breakfast (7),
and dinner (7)

INCLUDED STUDENT DELUXE
PROTECTION PLAN

(details subject to change)

\$3989

Minimum of 45 participants

CoroRio

Reese Norris & Joelle Norris, Conductors

DAY 1: SUNDAY, MAY 28

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Begin your European Performance Tour with today's trans-Atlantic flight!

DAY 2: MONDAY, MAY 29

HONFLEUR (D)

Arrive in Paris, and meet your full-time tour manager at the airport. Explorations begin right away, as you transfer to Normandy, and the picturesque port town of Honfleur. Along the way, visit the ruins of **Chateau Gaillard**, the stronghold of Richard the Lionheart. Arrive at your hotel and refresh after your journey. This afternoon enjoy a guided walking tour, and time permitting, hikers may wish to reach the Mont-Joli hilltop for great views over the Seine estuary; near the top you will find Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Chapel, a pilgrimage destination with noted history. Dinner is served at a local bistro, and then a good night's sleep.



DAY 3: TUESDAY, MAY 30

HONFLEUR (B/D)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, provided each day of your trip. Today's excursion brings you to the nearby Côte d'Albâtre; the 80-mile stretch mirrors those of the English White Cliffs of Dover, and represents their shared geological history. Visit Fécamp, which captivated the Impressionists. From the plateau of the Pays de Caux, there are endless coastal vistas, and a surprise waterfall. Ten miles south, the once simple fishing village of Étretat gained renown for its oysters, which were much appreciated at the court of Versailles. A local guide will share the history of this seaside resort from the 19th century, a place of inspiration for artists, writers, and numerous opera composers and singers. Wander the old covered market displaying regional crafts and produce, and take a hike along the crests for the stunning landscapes painted by so many artists. *Return to Honfleur, and present your debut Concert in the area! A warm-up rehearsal is provided at your venue.* Enjoy an authentic French dinner, perhaps including traditional Normandy omelettes, crêpes, or galettes.

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

HONFLEUR (B/D)

Your journey through Normandy continues; home to friendly locals, and so many historical events that you may easily become a history buff along the way! CoroRio will memorialize WWII and the American troops who died in Europe, with visits to the now peaceful setting at Omaha Beach, and the **Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial Visitor Center** in Colleville-sur-Mer. *Today the ensemble will perform a Tribute Recital, as part of a memorial wreath laying ceremony.* It was here at the D-Day beaches where thousands of Allied troops arrived in order to defend the coast against Germany, on June 6, 1944. The Battle of Normandy was a significant turning point in the war, and led to the liberation of Paris and the restoration of the French Republic. Your local guide will prepare you for the deserted bunkers and beaches that remain as sobering reminders of the war. As you continue today's travels, there is stop in Beuvron-en-Auge for free time to stroll through one of the "most beautiful villages of France." Return to Honfleur, and enjoy the remainder of the day. Dinner is served at a local restaurant.



DAY 5: THURSDAY, JUNE 1

PARIS (B/D)

This morning travel to France's capital city! Along the way, visit the **Palace of Versailles** for a tour of King Louis XIV's palatial home. A highlight of the royal residence is the historic Hall of Mirrors. Also scheduled for today is a walk through the spectacular gardens with your tour manager. Continue on to Paris, where you'll enjoy an afternoon panoramic drive and sightseeing with local guide. See the icons and monuments of the city, including the 35-foot replica of The Statue of Liberty on the Île des Cygnes, Eiffel Tower, Louis XIV's gilded church dome of Les Invalides, Place de la Concorde, and Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe. Time permitting, take a walk through the Père Lachaise Cemetery with your tour manager; home to the graves of many who have enhanced French life over the last two centuries, including composers, musicians, writers, and artists such as Jim Morrison, Oscar Wilde, Georges Bizet, Maria Callas, Edith Piaf and Frédéric Chopin. Check-in to your hotel and refresh. This evening, share dinner at a local bistro and enjoy a **boat cruise** along the Seine River, floating through the illuminated "City of Lights."



DAY 6: FRIDAY, JUNE 2

PARIS (B/D)

Sightseeing continues this morning with a stroll around the historic Île de la Cité, where the celebrated Notre-Dame de Paris remains the spiritual heart of Paris. There is free time for photo taking, and a climb of the Cathedral's **towers** to see the gargoyles. *As a highlight of your time in Paris, perform an Informal Concert at the Cathedral!* After your visit, you may wish to cross the bridge to the charming Île St. Louis, for lunch or an ice cream. This afternoon there is a guided tour of the famed **Musée du Louvre** and their incredible collection, including the Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo, and the Winged Victory. Later, participate in a walking tour of Montmartre, including the steps of Sacré Coeur and the wonderful sunset views of the city. A local fondue restaurant is host to dinner.



DAY 7: SATURDAY, JUNE 3

BARCELONA (B/D)

Your European tour moves to the sunny Mediterranean, as you travel to the airport for your flight to Barcelona, the capital city of Catalonia! Upon arrival transfer into the city center, where a local guide leads today's walking tour along the fashionable Las Ramblas, and into the alleys of the Gothic Quarter. Visit the 14th century **Gothic Cathedral**, experience the lively Mercat de la Bogueria food market stalls, and see the Columbus Monument. This evening enjoy a traditional tapas dinner and taste many of the local specialties!

DAY 8: SUNDAY, JUNE 4

BARCELONA (B/D)

Further your explorations of Barcelona today, with a half-day guided tour highlighting Antoni Gaudí's work. Visit and tour the fantastical **Sagrada da Família**, begun in 1883 by the devoted master and still under construction; entrance to climb the towers is included. Walk through **Parc Güell**, reflecting Gaudí's vision for landscape gardening and natural architectural forms. The remainder of the afternoon is yours for further exploration of the city on your own, or with your tour manager. *This evening, prepare for your finale Concert! A warm-up rehearsal is provided at your venue, prior to your performance.* Tonight enjoy dinner of traditional paella, and celebrate the last evening of your tour!



DAY 9: MONDAY, JUNE 5

DEPARTURE (B)

Enjoy a final breakfast before transferring to the airport for your return flights home. Your tour manager will assist with airport check-in, and there is time for one last goodbye!