

Fox Valley Festival Chorus

American Celebration of Music in France

June 19-28, 2025 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1 Thursday, June 19, 2025

Depart via scheduled air service to Paris, France

Day 2 Friday, June 20 Paris (D)

Arrive in Paris

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

Enjoy a 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

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Afternoon Rehearsal

Welcome Dinner included, and 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 3 Saturday, June 21 Paris (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a tour of *Paris artistique*, including entrance to the Louvre, the largest and greatest art museum in the world, with more than 45,000 works of art displayed over 700,000 sq. ft. It's packed with enough artistic masterpieces to make the Mona Lisa weep. Rembrandt, Reubens, Botticelli, Ingres, and Michelangelo are all represented here; subjects range from the grandiose (Antoine-Jean Gros's gigantic Napoleon Bonaparte Visiting the Plague-Stricken in Jaffa) to the mundane (Vermeer's tiny, exquisite Lacemaker). You can gape at a diamond the size of a golf ball in the gilded Galerie d'Apollon or marvel over exquisite bronze figurines in the vast Egyptian section, there's something for everyone

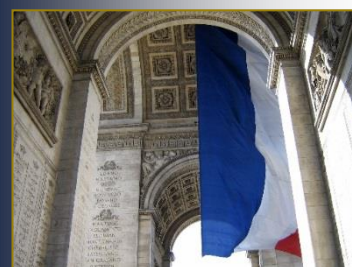
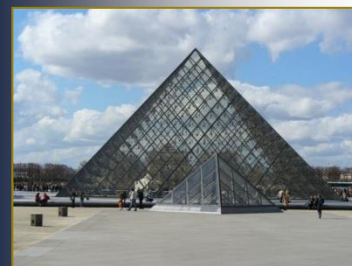
Fox Valley Festival Chorus Impromptu Recital near the Louvre*

Lunch, on own

Afternoon time at leisure

Alternative Option (additional costs apply): Take a guided tour of Versailles Palace. Louis XIV transformed his father's hunting lodge into the monumental Château de Versailles in the mid-17th century, and it remains France's most famous and grand palace. Situated in the leafy, bourgeois suburb of Versailles, southwest of central Paris, the baroque château was the kingdom's political capital and the seat of the royal court from 1682 up until the fateful events of 1789 when revolutionaries massacred the palace guard. Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette were ultimately dragged back to Paris, where they were ingloriously guillotined

Dinner included, and overnight



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Day 4 Sunday, June 22 Paris (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Fox Valley Festival Chorus Mass Participation at The Church of Saint-Sulpice / Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris*

Lunch, on own

Free time at leisure to enjoy beautiful Paris and freshen up

8:30 PM ***Fox Valley Festival Chorus and Brass Concert Performance at Church of La Madeleine in Paris as part of the American Celebration of Music in France***

Dinner included, and overnight



Day 5 Monday, June 23 Chartres / Tours (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Fox Valley Festival Chorus Impromptu Recital in front of the Eiffel Tower*

Excursion to Chartres for a tour of the magnificent cathedral. Pilgrims have now been coming for almost eight centuries to admire the 175 representations of the Virgin Mary. The 25,000 square feet of stained glass (mostly from the 12th century) depicting 5,000 figures is considered the greatest achievement of this art form in the world

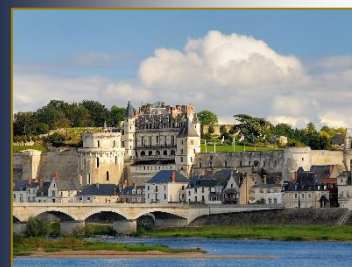
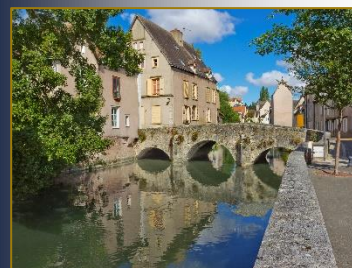
Lunch, on own

Fox Valley Festival Chorus Performance or Impromptu Recital at Chartres Cathedral*

Continue to Tours for an orientation tour

Dinner included, and overnight

Tours was an important center of trade and administration under the Romans, but is presently most famous for its location in the heart of the Chateaux Country of France — also known as the "garden of France." Kings and courtiers and magnates built famous Renaissance chateaux such as Blois, Chambord, Chenonceaux, Azay-le-Rideau in this gentle valley



Day 6 Tuesday, June 24 Chambord / Tours (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a visit to Chambord. Located in the Loire Valley, notable for its historic towns, architecture, and wines, the Chateau de Chambord is one of the most recognizable Chateau's in the world because of its very unique French Renaissance architecture and design.

Lunch, on own for possible wine tour and tasting. The Loire Valley offers some of the world's best wine tasting options.

Afternoon at leisure for personal shopping and sightseeing

Fox Valley Festival Chorus and Brass performance or recital in Tours as part of the American Celebration of Music in France*

Dinner included, and overnight



Day 7 Wednesday, June 25 Normandy / Caen (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Normandy

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

Fox Valley Festival Chorus short recital and Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Normandy American Cemetery*

Lunch, on own

Afternoon cheese tasting experience

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 8 Thursday, June 26 Caen (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning guided tour of Caen, including a visit to the Peace Memorial. The Memorial, to the northwest of the town center, is a modern Peace Museum, built of light-colored sandstone in the form of a square block (architect Jacques Millet). Its themes are the two world wars and the means of ensuring and preserving peace. Also visit the Abbaye-aux-Hommes, a former Benedictine monastery, dedicated to Saint Stephen. It was founded in 1063 by William the Conqueror and is one of the most important Romanesque buildings in the entire Normandy region

Lunch, on own

Afternoon chocolate tasting experience in Caen

Fox Valley Festival Chorus and Brass Concert Performance at Eglise Saint Andre in Port en Bessin or Church of Saint Aubin sur Mer in the Normandy region as part of the American Celebration of Music in France

Dinner included, and overnight

Day 9 Friday, June 27 Giverny / Paris (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Excursion to Giverny for a guided tour of the town. Painter Claude Monet lived and worked in Giverny from 1883 until his death in 1926. Visit (entrance included) The artist's former home and elaborate gardens, where he produced his famed water lily series

Lunch, on own

Transfer to Paris for time at leisure

Farewell Dinner at Chez Françoise (*or similar*) 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

Day 10 Saturday, June 28 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Paris Airport for return flight home

****Subject to confirmation***

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