



Virginia Ambassadors of Music  
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## PARTICIPANT CONTRACT JUNE 29th - JULY 12, 2027

Paying the deposit to Educational Tour Adventures for the Virginia Ambassadors of Music 2027 Tour of Europe, I acknowledge and accept that I agree and consent to terms, conditions, and deadlines contained in this contract.

**TOUR PRICE: \$7,998.00** This guarantees the price on everything in the “Tour Price Includes” section of the Contract. The tour departs from Northern Virginia to Paris and returns from Italy to Northern Virginia. ETA reserves the right to pass on any increases in government-imposed taxes (e.g. airline taxes) to passengers up to the time of final payment. Thereafter, only newly imposed governmental taxes can be surcharged.

### TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- **Round trip flights to your destination (Flight prices are based on current market conditions and we will advise of any possible cost fluctuations when flights are confirmed)**
- **Professional tour manager with your group throughout the tour (and gratuities)**
- **Private motorcoach transportation throughout your tour (and gratuities for the driver)**
- **Five public performances each for the band, chorus, and orchestra**
- **Two nights Hotel Accommodations in Caen/Area - France**
- **Three nights Hotel Accommodations in Paris**
- **Three nights Hotel Accommodations Engelberg**
- **Two nights Hotel Accommodations in Seefeld/Salzburg Area**
- **Two nights Hotel Accommodations in Venice/Mestre Area**
- **Breakfast included at the hotel daily**
- **Dinner after tour events daily**
- **Vox headset rental**
- **Custom Luggage Tag and T-Shirt**
- **Visit to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption of Rouen**
- **Visit to the American Cemetery in Normandy**
- **Admission to Musée d’Orsay**
- **Visit to Notre Dame Cathedral**
- **Guided Panoramic City Tour in Paris**
- **Your Choice of one of the following:**
  - **Admission to the Eiffel Tower,**
  - **Admission to the Palais Garnier with Audio Headset for Guided Tour**
  - **Admission to the Louvre Museum**
  - **Shopping at Galeries Lafayette**
  - **Stroll on the Champs Elysees**
- **Admission to Seine River Cruise**
- **Visit to Mt. Titlis**
- **Roundtrip Pedestrian Cable Car Ticket for Mt. Titlis**
- **Guided tour in Lucerne**
- **One way ticket by rail from Lucerne to Engelberg**
- **Full day excursion to Salzburg**
- **Visit to Fortress Hohensalzburg**
- **Guided City Tour of Venice**
- **Venice Vaporetto Ticket**
- **Trip delay and medical insurance coverage up to \$100,000 per person**
- **FREE website where travelers can register and pay online with no monthly fees**

**TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:** Passport and visa fees, free time activities, items of a personal nature, beverages with meals throughout itinerary, one meal daily (lunch), any meals missed as a result of airline delays and baggage fees imposed by the airlines not in effect as of February 1, 2027, and other items not mentioned in the “Tour Price Includes” preceding.

**BAGGAGE:** Each participant is allowed only one suitcase no larger than 64 linear inches. Airline baggage liability, if any, for the loss of, damage to, or delay in the delivery of a passenger’s baggage or “other checked property” is solely between the airline and the participant. All baggage must be in proper condition to withstand transporting.

**PAYMENTS: TOTAL TOUR PRICE**

**\$7,998.00 double occupancy (two people/two beds)**  
**\$9,255.00 single (adults one person/one bed)**

**INITIAL DEPOSIT \$749.00:** Paid to Educational Travel Adventures on their website <https://www.etadventures.com/>  
This nonrefundable deposit secures your place on the tour. The initial deposit is due upon registration prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

**ALL SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS:** Because of the necessary disbursement of funds for a trip of this magnitude, all of the subsequent installments are nonrefundable. These installments are due per the following schedule:

July 1st, 2026	\$725 per person
August 1st, 2026	\$725 per person
September 1st, 2026	\$725 per person
October 1st, 2026	\$725 per person
November 1st, 2026	\$725 per person
December 1st, 2026	\$725 per person
January 1st, 2027	\$725 per person
February 1st, 2027	\$725 per person
March 1st, 2027	\$725 per person
April 1st, 2027	Final Balance

**CANCELLATION:**

All deposits, installments, and payments are non-refundable. Basic medical and trip delay insurance is included with your package price. Travel insurance (trip cancellation) is not included and can be purchased for an additional fee. Trip cancellation insurance enables individuals to cancel their trip at any time due to a family or medical emergency and receive a full refund or cancel for any other reason at least 48 hours prior to departure and receive a 70% refund. Trip cancellation insurance can be purchased on an individual basis during online registration and is highly recommended. Travel insurance must be purchased within 15 days of making the initial deposit.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Virginia Ambassadors of Music, a Virginia LLC, referred to as VaAM, with their representatives act as agents only for all carriers and services and disclaim all responsibility of any nature whatsoever for loss of, or injury to, person caused by failure or delay or by any cause whatsoever, en route to or from or on a tour under its management, sponsorship, procurement, as well as for any strikes/closing and/or bankruptcy of same. Your tour is deemed to begin upon check-in at music camp. All obligations and responsibilities of Virginia Ambassadors of Music, LLC commence upon that check-in and terminate upon your deplaning at the end of the tour at your final destination. VaAM is not responsible if the participant deviates from the regularly scheduled group itinerary. We reserve the right at our discretion to change any part of any itinerary without notice and to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any tour. Neither the airlines, tour operators, VaAM, bus companies, nor any other means of conveyance concerned are to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time the passenger(s) is not aboard their plane, ship, or conveyance. Passage contract in use by the airlines when issued, shall be the sole contract between the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. VaAM and its selling agents act only as agents in all matters of transportation and tour operation and accept no responsibility for changes, delays, losses, or accidents. Airline carriers are in full control over passenger flight changes that may occur due to cancellations etc. therefore, VaAM assumes no responsibility for routing and or chaperonage in case of flight cancellations. The airfare may have some restrictions and it is the sole responsibility of the participant to become acquainted with such restrictions. Prices quoted are based on foreign exchange and tariffs effective FEBRUARY 25, 2026.

All airline tickets purchased by or through VaAM and ETA as part of the tour package may be changed or exchanged only by VaAM and ETA. In the event of cancellation pursuant to the terms of this contract, any vouchers, refunds, or other benefits offered to ticket holders by an airline pertaining to any tickets purchased through VaAM and ETA as part of this tour package shall be the sole property of VaAM and ETA. VaAM and ETA assumes no responsibility whatsoever for securing passports or other required travel documents nor for lost or stolen travel documents. The cancellation policy applies without exception should a passenger not have a passport or other required travel documents in his or her possession at the time of departure. VaAM and ETA disclaims all responsibility for any acts of terrorism committed on route to or from or on a tour, declared or undeclared war anywhere in the world. These actions are beyond the control of VaAM and VaAM does not guarantee that they will not occur. Further, VaAM and ETA reserves the right to alter the itinerary of any tour should it feel in the exercise of its discretion and based on its research and information, that it would be unsafe to proceed with a previously scheduled itinerary. In the event that the U.S. State Department issues a travel advisory warning against travel to Europe for any reason which applies to your tour scheduled travel dates and specific itinerary cities and such advisory warning causes VaAM to cancel a tour, cancellation shall be made in accordance with, and monies will be refunded subject to negotiations with the airlines, coach companies, and the several vendors in Europe. In accordance with such advisory warning, VaAM and ETA would only cancel your tour within ten (10) days prior to your tour scheduled travel dates. The president of VaAM has in his sole discretion the right to cancel any VaAM tour in case of war or terrorism or for any other reason and refunds in any shall be made subject to negotiations with the airlines, coach companies, and the several vendors in Europe. VaAM makes no representations and assumes no responsibility for any type of musical balance on any tour. VaAM will make its best effort to secure such musical balance for each tour, but failure to achieve such is not grounds for participant cancellation for a refund. In the event of improper balance, it is understood that the tour would become a non-performing tour. VaAM and ETA, airlines, bus companies, hotels and any other handling agents on this tour assume no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage, as well as replacement rental cost, or any or all musical instruments and related equipment. If the tour participant become ill or in any way incapacitated, I give VaAM, through any member of its staff, the right to take whatever action he or she feels is necessary under the circumstances with regard to the health and safety of the participant, including securing medical treatment from a licensed physician or licensed hospital, at the participant's expense or the parent or guardian's expense, and including transportation of the participant home, if deemed necessary. It is understood that each traveler is covered by trip delay and medical insurance coverage up to \$100,000 per person and the traveler understands that he or she will pay for treatment and then be reimbursed by the insurance company. I hereby release VaAM, and any members of its staff, from any liability for such decisions or actions which may be taken on the behalf of the participant, fully understanding that VaAM, or its staff, shall not be held responsible for the medical care received nor the expense incurred, therefore.

Transgender students must review the full Virginia Ambassadors of Music transgender rooming policy. All students deserve the right to feel safe and comfortable as they travel, especially regarding rooming during overnight stays. Dealing with this issue will be done with sensitivity regarding transgender students and other students that will be rooming with them. VaAM staff will work with all students who identify as transgender to ascertain their choice in whether they would prefer to room with students who have the same sex as assigned at birth or with a student that matches their gender identification. All decisions concerning roommates on the tour must be made prior to camp in consultation and agreement with all travelers and their parent(s) or guardian(s). This agreement shall be done in writing, providing a full understanding of consent of all parties involved. If a matching roommate is not available to, VaAM and ETA will charge the single supplement rate of \$1,257.00.

**Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Arbitration of Disputes:** Any controversy, claim, or dispute between the parties, directly or indirectly, concerning this Agreement or the breach hereof, or the subject matter hereof, shall be finally settled by arbitration as provided herein. In the event a dispute is to be submitted to arbitration, the dispute shall be settled by arbitration in the County of Fairfax, Commonwealth of Virginia, and judgment upon the award rendered may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. The party requesting arbitration shall give written demand for arbitration to the other party by registered or certified mail. The demand shall set forth a statement regarding the nature of the dispute, the amount involved, and the remedies sought. Simultaneously with the filing of the demand, the party requesting arbitration shall submit the name of a competent and impartial arbitrator. Within thirty days of the receipt of said demand, the other party shall select a competent and impartial arbitrator. These two shall select a third one. If unable to agree on a third one within thirty days, either party may request a judge of a court of record in the Fairfax District Court to select a third one. The written decision of any two arbitrators shall be binding on each party. The cost of the arbitration and any expert witness shall be paid by the party who hired them. The cost of the third arbitrator and other expenses of arbitration shall be shared equally by both parties. The Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure and the Virginia Rules of Evidence shall govern procedure and admission of evidence. The substantive law of the Commonwealth of Virginia shall apply to any and all disputes. The prevailing party may recover reasonable attorneys' fees at the discretion of the arbitrators, voting unanimously, in the event that justice would be served by awarding such fees.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

- Participants will be attentive, respectful, responsive, and courteous to all fellow program participants, chaperones, Tour Managers/Program Leaders, activity staff, speakers, etc.
- Participants will respect the rights and feelings of others at all times.
- Participants will participate fully in all program activities and will not separate from the group without expressed written permission given to VaAM before the start of the trip.
- During any free time (if applicable) participants shall be with a group of at least four or more.
- Participants will always handle public and private property respectfully.
- Following room check, participants will remain in assigned accommodations until the time of the next morning's first activity.
- Participants under the age of 18 will not leave their accommodations for any reason unless accompanied by a chaperone.
- Participants will always travel/sightsee in groups of four or more. To be clear no participant may travel/sightsee by him/herself.
- Participants will immediately report to a chaperone, bus captain, or the tour director any activities or statements made by other participants that may endanger the health and safety of the group.
- Participants who violate local, state, or federal laws will be immediately turned over to the appropriate legal authorities for prosecution.
- Participants will abide by any and all verbal and/or written instructions issued by chaperones, bus captains, or the tour director.
- Participants under the age of 21 may not possess or consume alcoholic beverages.
- If consumption of alcoholic beverages for adults is permitted, however, please be aware that excessive drinking by adults 21 years or older will not be tolerated and will be grounds for removal from the program.
- Participants may not possess or use drugs, or tobacco.
- Participants may not possess or use weapons such as firearms, fireworks, knives, etc.

Because your travel will take you into many facets of life and culture, we have found that participants are happy to cooperate in presenting a well-groomed appearance when representing their school, state and country abroad. Offensive or inappropriate language will not be tolerated. Normally, curfew hours will be 11:00 p.m. All members of the tour are expected to honor these rules. Participants are responsible for any damage to hotel rooms and contents as well as the coaches and any other property while touring with VaAM. Possession and/or use of illegal drugs are grounds for automatic dismissal with no refund whatsoever.

My child and I have read these rules of conduct, and we agree that if he/she does not abide by them, he/she will be sent home at the expense of the parent/guardian. The undersigned student and parent/guardian hereby declare that they have read the contents of the foregoing application/contract and are fully cognizant of the conditions of operations in said brochure and application/contract. I understand that each performing participant must be recommended by his or her high school musical ensemble director. Furthermore, each performing participant must continue to be a member in good standing of his or her high school music program or face expulsion from the 2027 Virginia Ambassadors European Tour. All performing students will be charged a camp fee in the spring of 2027. Percussionists and tuba players will be charged a rental instrument fee based on rental rates in 2027. All students are required to purchase the VaAM uniform. Failure to pay the camp, instrument, or uniform fee, shall result in expulsion from the program.

I authorize VaAM to use my image and voice, including any depictions of any performance, in any promotional videos and other media of VaAM and waive any compensation, therefore.

I promise to support and uphold the standards set forth by Virginia Ambassadors of Music, LLC. which reserves the right to terminate the participant's membership for failure to maintain these standards.

I acknowledge and accept that all payments are non-refundable due to deposits being made on my behalf to airlines, hotels, other vendors, as well as for administrative and general business costs. Additionally, I understand that if any payment is made by parties other than myself to be credited to my account, it is my responsibility to inform those individuals that the payment and cancellation schedule, along with all other terms of this contract, will apply.

I acknowledge and accept that the contents of this contract take precedence over any statements that might be made to the contrary by any staff member associated with this tour. In case my assigned tour director/staff/advisor is unable to go on my tour for any reason I agree to be reassigned to another tour director/staff/advisor.

I can request a paper copy of this contract by emailing: [VaAMusic2027@Gmail.com](mailto:VaAMusic2027@Gmail.com)

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