



ITINERARY

DAY 1

You'll depart on your flight to Europe.

DAY 2

Upon arrival in Paris, you'll meet your tour manager and continue by coach toward Rouen, stopping along the way for lunch on your own. In Rouen, visit the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption. Later, arrive at your hotel and gather for a welcome dinner to begin your journey together.

DAY 3

After breakfast, visit the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, pause for lunch on your own before enjoying free time to explore Caen. Later, the band will perform in Caen, and the choir and orchestra will present a performance in Isigny-sur-Mer (or similar venue). The day concludes with dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 4

Depart by coach for Paris. Stop along the way for lunch on your own before arriving at your accommodation to store luggage and check in if rooms are available. Later, visit the Musée d'Orsay and see Notre Dame Cathedral. The day concludes with dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 5

Enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of Paris, including views of Notre Dame Cathedral, the Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde, and the Opéra House. Following lunch on your own, the choir and orchestra will perform at La Madeleine (or a similar venue) in Paris, while the band performs at Parc André-Citroën (or a similar park). In the evening enjoy dinner.

DAY 6

Enjoy Montmartre in the morning and in the afternoon the groups will split by bus and choose from a variety of optional activities, including admission to the Eiffel Tower, a guided visit to the Palais Garnier with audio headset, shopping at Galeries Lafayette, free time along the Champs-Élysées, or admission to the Louvre. The day concludes with dinner at a local restaurant in Paris, followed by a riverboat twilight cruise on the Seine.

DAY 7

Check out and depart by coach for Switzerland. Stop along the way for lunch on your own before arriving at your hotel to check in. This evening enjoy dinner at your hotel.

DAY 8

Travel to Mt. Titlis and ascend by cable car to the summit, taking in spectacular alpine views along the way. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the Alpine splendor on your own before returning to Lucerne/Engelberg. Later, the band will perform at the Kurpark in Engelberg, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 9

Depart by coach for a guided walking tour of Lucerne, exploring the highlights of the Old Town and enjoying views along the lake. Break for lunch on your own before afternoon performances, with the choir at Jesuit Church (or a similar venue) and the orchestra at the Engelberg Kursaal (or similar). Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, then return to Engelberg by rail.

DAY 10

Check out and depart by coach for Seefeld, stopping in Liechtenstein along the way. Enjoy lunch in the tiny principality of Liechtenstein before exploring on your own. Continue on to Seefeld, Austria, for afternoon performances, with the choir and orchestra at the Pfarrkirche (or similar venue) and the band at the Pavilion (or similar). Later, arrive at your hotel to check in and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

DAY 11

You'll spend a full day in Salzburg. Visit the Fortress Hohensalzburg and ascend by cable car for panoramic views of the city and surrounding mountains. Break for lunch on your own, with an optional visit to Mozart's birthplace if time allows. Later, return to your hotel and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 12

Check out and depart by coach for Mestre, located adjacent to Venice. Stop along the way for lunch on your own before arriving for a guided tour of the city. The band and the orchestra will perform in Mestre and then check into our hotels and have dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 13

Travel by vaporetto to enjoy a full day in Venice, "The City of Canals." Your day starts with a guided tour of the hidden secrets of Venice. Pause for lunch on your own before the choir performs at the Church of Santa Maria della Pieta (pending confirmation). In the evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 14

You'll have breakfast, check out, and then head to the airport to travel home.



TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare
- Professional tour manager throughout trip
- Deluxe European motor coaches as per itinerary
- 11 Public Performances
- 12 nights tourist class hotel
- 2 fixed menu meals per day (usually breakfast & dinner)
- All concert venues, arrangements and promotion
- Custom Luggage Tag and T-Shirt
- Vox headset rental
- Venice Vaporetto Ticket
- One way ticket from Lucerne to Engelberg
- Admission to Musée d'Orsay
- Guided Tours of Venice, Lucerne, and Paris

Choice of Admission to

- the Eiffel Tower, Admission to the Palais Garnier with Audio Headset for Guided Tour, Admission to the Eiffel Tower, Shopping at Galeries Lafayette, Free time on the Champs Elysees, OR Admission to the Louvre Museum

Visit to

- the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption of Rouen
- American Cemetery in Normandy
- Notre Dame Cathedral
- Mt. Titlis
- Roundtrip Pedestrian Cable Car Ticket for Mt. Titlis
- Full day excursion to Salzburg
- Driver and Tour Manager gratuities
- Trip delay and medical insurance coverage



Stephen H. Rice - Tour Director

Stephen H. Rice is an expert in student international travel, currently serving as the Tour and Music Director for the Virginia Ambassadors of Music (VaAM). Since joining the program as a chaperone in 2006, he has spent the last decade at the helm. This year he is proud to be partnering with Educational Travel Adventures (ETA) to lead this world-class European tour in 2027.

A Kentucky native and seasoned educator with over 35 years of experience, Mr. Rice holds a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Kentucky and a Master of Music Education from James Madison University. His distinguished career includes 28 years as the Director of Bands at West Potomac High School, where his ensembles consistently earned superior ratings and performed at the National Concert Band Festival. A past president and current executive board member of the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors' Association (VBODA), he now serves as the Music Director for the Bishop Ireton Wind Ensemble, and is dedicated to mentoring the next generation of musicians.

