

Westlake United Methodist Church

Paris Choral Festival

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY
Festival Tour (6 nights / 8 days)

Day 1 Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Depart Austin (AUS) via scheduled air service to Paris, France. Your transatlantic flight will include meal services and in-flight entertainment

Day 2 Wednesday, July 3 Caen (D)

Morning/early afternoon arrival in Paris

Meet Tour Managers (1 per motorcoach) who will assist in transfer to Caen region via Rouen. Your tour managers will remain with you for your entire time in France

Stop in 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 painted several times by Claude Monet. Also see the site of Joan of Arc execution

Lunch, on own

Check-in to hotel, with your afternoon at leisure for free time followed by 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.

Day 3 Thursday, July 4 Caen (B,D)

Full buffet breakfast included at your hotel

Excursion to Coleville and the Normandy American Cemetery, including entrance to the Normandy Visitor Center

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Free time at the American Cemetery to explore the grounds and visitor center
Lunch, on own

Visit the Les Braves Omaha Beach Memorial. Les Braves is a memorial that is located in the center of Omaha Beach and commemorates the fallen American soldiers of World War II who lost their lives on the beaches of Normandy, June 6th 1944.

Afternoon visit to Point du Hoc where you can see the World War II Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument. It was erected by the French to honor elements of the American Second Ranger Battalion under the command of Lieutenant Colonel James E. Rudder. During the American assault of Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, these elements scaled the 100-foot cliff and seized the German



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artillery pieces that could have fired on the American landing troops at Omaha Beach. At a high cost of life, they successfully defended against determined German counterattacks
Dinner included at the hotel and overnight

Day 4 Friday, July 5 Caen / Paris (B,D)

Full buffet breakfast included at your hotel, followed by checkout
Morning transfer to Paris
Lunch, on own
Afternoon guided tour of *Paris historique*, including Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysees, Place de la Concorde, Luxembourg Palace and Gardens, Latin Quarter, Place de la Bastille, etc.
Dinner included at the hotel 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 5 Saturday, July 6 Paris (B,D)

Full buffet breakfast included at your hotel
Morning Rehearsal at the American Cathedral in Paris
Lunch, on own
Tour of *Paris artistique*, including entrance to the Louvre, the world's largest and greatest art museum
Dinner included at local restaurant
Evening Rehearsal at the American Cathedral in Paris
Return to hotel for overnight

Day 6 Sunday, July 7 Paris (B)

Full buffet breakfast included at your hotel
Remainder of your morning at leisure
Lunch, on own
Afternoon at leisure
Dinner on own
Evening Rehearsal at the American Cathedral in Paris
Return to hotel for overnight

Day 7 Monday, July 8 Paris (B,D)

Full buffet breakfast included at your hotel
Morning Dress Rehearsal with professional orchestra at La Madeleine
Lunch, on own
Afternoon at leisure
Farewell Dinner included
Evening Paris Choral Festival Concert at La Madeleine
Return to hotel for overnight

Day 8 Tuesday, July 9 Depart for home (B)

Full buffet breakfast included at your hotel
Transfer to Paris Airport for return flight home to Texas. Your transatlantic flight will include meal services and in-flight entertainment
Arrive home to Texas, the same day as your departure from Paris

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