



Toccata Tahoe
Symphony Orchestra &
Chorus

Concert Tour of
France

April 15 - 26, 2021



MUSIC CONTACT INTERNATIONAL



**THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021****FLY TO FRANCE****IN FLIGHT**

Depart from **Reno** on an overnight flight for **Marseille, France**.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021**ARRIVE IN MARSEILLE**

Welcome to **France!** Arrive this morning in **Marseille** and transfer into the city for a **locally guided tour** by foot and on coach. After time for lunch, arrive at your **Marseille** hotel and check in. **Rehearsal** can be arranged. Tonight, a **Welcome Dinner** of local specialties celebrates your musical group's arrival in **France!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021**MARSEILLE & CALANQUES****CONCERT***

Enjoy a free morning in **Marseille**. This afternoon, enjoy a **scenic boat cruise** to **Calanques National Park**. Return to your hotel in **Marseille** with time to relax and prepare for your first concert in France. This evening, **Toccata Symphony Orchestra and Chorus** will **rehearse and then perform a public concert in a historic Marseille venue such as Eglise Saint-Michel Archange***.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021**MARSEILLE TO MONTPELLIER****CONCERT***

Leave **Marseille** and transfer west to **Montpellier**. Enroute, stop in **Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer** for lunch and independent exploration of this lovely seaside resort town. After lunch, continue on to **Montpellier**, a large thriving university city with a vibrant arts and culture scene. Check in to your hotel in the **Montpellier** district and take time to settle in and refresh. Tonight, after rehearsal, **Toccata Symphony Orchestra and Chorus** will **perform a concert for locals and visitors at a venue such as the Maison de Choeurs***, a former baroque chapel which was restored by the city to be used as a concert hall.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021**AIGUES MORTE AND THE CAMARGUE**

Today, embark on an **excursion to Aigues-Morte**. In **Aigue Mortes**, you'll have the option to spend the day exploring independently, or alternatively, board a ship for a lunch cruise into the Camargue (supplement applies). At the end of the day, return to **Montpellier** for the night.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021**MONTPELLIER TO AVIGNON**

Depart **Montpellier** for **Avignon** stopping along the way to **visit one of the special vineyards** in the southern Rhone region and enjoy a tasting. **Dinner** will be arranged for the group this evening in a local restaurant.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021**EXPLORE AVIGNON****CONCERT***

This morning set out on foot for a **guided tour of Old Town Avignon**. **Tour the Pope's Palace**, your visit will take you through the staterooms where numerous ceremonies and feasts took place, the chapels, the Pope's private apartments and the terraces with a wonderful panorama over Avignon and the Rhône river. At the conclusion of your tour, enjoy free time for lunch, relaxation and rehearsal, before gathering for your **evening concert in Avignon**. The host of an



annual festival celebrating performance arts, **Avignon** offers a number of unique venues ranging from churches and courtyards to auditoriums and art galleries.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021

AVIGNON TO LYON

Bid adieu to **Avignon** after breakfast, and drive onto **Lyon**, with a stop in **Vienne**. This small town is a treasure trove of Roman ruins, integrated into a cobble stoned town. Continue on to **Lyon** and join a local, English-speaking guide for a **tour of the city**. Check in to your **Lyon** hotel at the conclusion of your tour and enjoy the remainder of the day free for dinner and nighttime activities with your friends.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021

LYON

CONCERT*

Enjoy a leisurely morning and breakfast at the hotel before exploring **Lyon** based on individual interests. This evening **perform a friendship concert with an ensemble from Lyon, France***. Enjoy the opportunity to share the stage with local musicians. Members of your host ensemble will certainly have recommendations for dinner after the performance, and may even be able to join you!

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

LYON TO PARIS

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and depart **Lyon** for **Paris**. En route, stop in the city of **Beaune**. This walled town in the center of the Burgundy winemaking region is surrounded by the Côte d'Or vineyards and renowned for an annual wine auction held in the former 15th-century hospital Hôtel-Dieu. Continue on to **Paris**, arriving in the late afternoon and settle in to your hotel. Optional cultural activities for tonight in Paris can be recommended.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

PARIS

CONCERT*

After breakfast, **Tocatta Symphony Choir** will start the day **singing for mass at a church in Paris**. **Tocatta Orchestra will be invited to perform after mass or later in the day**. Enjoy the remainder of your day in Paris as you wish: exploring on the Hop-on-Hop-off bus, strolling along the Seine, perusing world class museums and galleries. Tonight, a **classy farewell dinner** rounds out **Tocatta's tour of France** on a high note!

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021

FLY HOME OR EXTEND YOUR STAY

Check out of the hotel and depart for the **Paris Airport** and your return flight to **North America**.

**All concert opportunities proposed in this itinerary are pending final confirmation and availability at time of booking. Your group's final program will be determined by confirmed times and locations for concerts, workshops, lectures and other activities. Although your ensemble's exact itinerary will vary to accommodate performance schedules, the same type of concerts, activities and caliber of venue will be included in your ensemble's final concert tour program.*



 **FLIGHTS**

Roundtrip airfare on regularly scheduled flights from Reno to Marseille and from Paris to Reno

 **ACCOMMODATIONS**

10 nights in four-star hotels, double occupancy, including all hotel service charges and taxes:

- 2 nights Marseille
- 2 nights Montpellier
- 2 nights Avignon
- 2 nights Lyon
- 2 nights Paris

 **TRANSPORTATION**

Ground transportation as described in the itinerary in a modern climate-controlled motor coach with a professional driver. Please note: Group size likely dictates use of two coaches for this tour.

 **MEALS**

Breakfast served daily in the hotel dining room

3 three-course dinners served as follows –

- Marseille: Welcome Dinner
- Dinner in Avignon
- Paris: Farewell Dinner

Additional group meals can be arranged upon request.

 **PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**

Up to 5 performance opportunities as indicated in the itinerary, pending availability and acceptance, all venues are pending confirmation:

- Concert in Marseille for choir & orchestra
- Concert in Montpellier for choir & orchestra
- Concert in Avignon for choir & orchestra
- Concert in Lyon for choir & orchestra, possible Friendship Concert with local ensemble
- Concert in Paris, likely a mass for choir to sing for and concert for orchestra

 **LOCAL GUIDES, TOURS AND ENTRANCES**

- Marseille City Tour, locally guided
- Scenic Cruise from Marseille to Calanques National Park
- Sainte-Maries-de-la-Mer independent visit
- Excursion to Aigues-Mortes, independent visit
- Vineyard visit & tasting in the Rhone region
- Tour of Avignon Old Town including Papal Palace
- Vienne stop en route to Lyon
- Beaune stop in Burgundy on way to Paris



 **TOUR MANAGER**

A full-time Music Contact International tour manager to accompany your group from arrival to departure

 **MUSIC CONTACT INTERNATIONAL ONLINE ACCOUNTING AND PAYMENT SYSTEM**

Each traveler in the group makes individual trip payments online with credit or debit cards. Individuals receive electronic reminders, receipts and statements.

 **CUSTOM TRAVELER'S RESOURCE WEBSITE FOR YOUR GROUP FEATURING**

Day to day itinerary, Things to Know Before You Go, Maps, Helpful links, including recommended reading and websites, Blog, Photo gallery

 **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

Each member of your group will receive a customized handbook including detailed hourly tour itinerary with regional and travel information & Luggage tags

 **INSURANCE**

Music Contact International, Inc. holds \$5,000,000.00 of Travel Agent and Tour operators Professional Liability Insurance.

 **TOUR PACKAGE PRICE**

For a minimum of 90 paying travelers:

Land Package Price:	\$2,722.00	per person in double occupancy
Estimated Airfare:	\$1,430.00	including flight taxes and fuel surcharges
Total Package estimate:	\$4,067.00	

* Please note that flight schedules and fares for your dates of travel will become available in May, 2020. Airfare, including flight taxes and fuel surcharges, have been estimated above for planning purposes only, based on currently available fares.

OPTIONAL PRICES:

\$885.00 per person supplement for a single room

 **NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE PRICE:**

- Flights, flight taxes and fuel surcharges (airfare is estimated for now)
- Passports. Visas or other travel documents required for travel
- Checked bag fees imposed by the airline
- Porter service (available upon request)
- Drinks with meals not on the ship (except breakfast)
- Any meals not listed above
- Entrance fees and bus services not indicated in the above itinerary
- Instrument rental and transportation
- Gratuities for tour managers, local guides, and bus drivers**
- Travel insurance*