



## ST MARGARET'S ANGLICAN GIRLS SCHOOL ENCORAH CHOIR TOUR TO FRANCE & BELGIUM

#### FEATURING THE 11<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CHOIR GAMES

**June / July 2020** 





#### PARIS, FRANCE → BELGIUM

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# Why Tour?

Touring is an amazing way for us to be challenged, to gain deeper insights, greater inspiration and more powerful motivation in our studies

Touring inspires us to explore, experiment and experience things beyond the everyday, producing an open and searching mind

When we tour, everyone grows in personal confidence and becomes more self-reliant, organised and responsible. We learn to be more independent, expand our horizons and become globally aware

The experience of touring makes us more resilient and collaborative members of our group, therefore better citizens of the community and of our world

Touring gives us first hand experiences which are not available at home. We will be at the very heart of things in a way that books, movies, websites and not even school can ever hope to match

When we tour we put ourselves in the very centre of where it all happened (and is happening now) which generates a deep understanding and authentic knowledge base which cannot be achieved any other way





## Why a Music Tour?

Music is a FINE ART (not an industry, nor a consumable product, nor simply entertainment):

- It speaks symbolically, therefore powerfully about us
- It creates enduring statements about who we are to future generations: what we believe, what we value, how we live, our priorities, culture and civilisation
- It is inseparable from its own culture, history, place and time
- It is inextricably linked to painting, sculpture, poetry and architecture
- It is completely entwined with religion, philosophy, politics and economics

We tour to experience and perform music in new and amazing places which we cannot do at home

We tour as Australians to share with others our unique understanding of music

Through a music tour - the preparation for it and the experiences gained while away – each performer, each ensemble and the entire music program grows in inspiration, motivation, stature and quality in a way that cannot be achieved in other ways





## DAY 1 Brisbane → Paris Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Evening departure from Brisbane flying one stop enroute to Paris





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# DAY 2 Paris Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

- Arrive Paris Charles de Gaulle International Airport
- Meet your tour manager and private coach who will accompany you until 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Transfer to your hotel with Panoramic Tour of the highlights of Paris on the way
- Dinner at the hotel this evening and time to settle in







## DAY 3 Paris Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Use your metro pass for transportation around Paris today
- Guided tour of the Louvre
- PERFORMANCE #1 at La Madeleine (TBC)
- Dinner at the hotel this evening







# DAY 4 Paris Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Use your metro pass for transportation around Paris today
- Backstage visit to the Palais Garnier
- PERFORMANCE #2 at Notre Dame (TBC)
- Dinner at the hotel this evening







# DAY 5 Paris → Ypres Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out
- Transfer by coach to Ypres in Belgium
- Enroute visit Villers-Bretonneux for a WWI historical tour including a visit to the Monash Centre & Tyne Cot Cemetery
- Check in at your 3-star hotel in Ypres with breakfast & dinner daily
- Dinner at the hotel this evening







## DAY 6 Ypres Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Deluxe coach on hand for local sightseeing today
- PERFORMANCE #3 at 7pm during the Menin Gate Ceremony (TBC)
- Dinner at the hotel this evening







## DAY 7 Ypres -> Flanders

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020 11<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out
- Transfer by coach to Flanders (Antwerp or Ghent)
- Your Tour Manager & coach will farewell you on arrival in Flanders
- World Choir Games Qualification Concerts
- World Choir Games Opening Ceremony
- Lunch or dinner included today (subject to festival schedule)



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## DAY 8 Flanders

#### Monday 6th July 2020 11th World Choir Games

- Breakfast at the hotel
- World Choir Games Competitions, Workshops, Choir Coaching, Seminars and Friendship Concerts
- Lunch or dinner included today (subject to festival schedule)









### DAY 9 Flanders

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 11<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games

- Breakfast at the hotel
- World Choir Games Competitions, Workshops, Choir Coaching, Seminars and Friendship Concerts
- Lunch or dinner included today (subject to festival schedule)









## DAY 10 Flanders

### Wednesday 8th July 2020 11th World Choir Games

- Breakfast at the hotel
- World Choir Games Competitions, Workshops, Choir Coaching, Seminars and Friendship Concerts
- Lunch or dinner included today (subject to festival schedule)









## DAY 11 Flanders

### Thursday 9th July 2020 11th World Choir Games

- Breakfast at the hotel
- World Choir Games Awards Ceremony
- Lunch or dinner included today (subject to festival schedule)









## DAY 12 Flanders Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out
- Transfer by coach to Brussels Airport to meet your flight home to Australia





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## DAY 13 Brisbane Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Early evening arrival at Brisbane Airport





#### **Inclusions (Part I):**



#### **Paris and Ypres:**

 Return economy class airfares: Brisbane / Paris...surface... Brussels / Brisbane (with 1 stop each direction)

#### **Accommodation & Services:**

- Tour Manager to escort the tour from day of arrival in Paris until day of arrival in Flanders
- Exclusive coach for 5 days including airport transfers in Paris & Belgium, sightseeing in Paris on day of arrival, transfer & sightseeing between Paris and Ypres & two days coach services in Ypres
- 5 nights twin/triple share 3-star accommodation in Paris and Ypres with Breakfast & dinner daily
- 2 day metro pass in Paris for local transportation
- **2** x performances: 1 at La Madeleine and 1 at Notre Dame (to be confirmed subject to availability)
- Guided tour of the Louvre and Opera Garnier in Paris
- Visit Villers Bretonneux for WWI historical tour including visit to the Monash Centre and Tyne Cot Cemetery
- Participation in the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres
- Wreath for Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate



#### **Inclusions (Part II):**



#### 11th World Choir Games Flanders:

#### **Accommodation & services:**

- o 5 nights, 3-star hotel accommodation including daily breakfast
- 5 meals in official catering centre (either lunch or dinner based on daily schedules)
- Access pass for use on designated public transport for the duration of stay
- o On site support from Interkultur's international and local staff
- Competent assistance and venue management at your performances
- Extensive promotion and media coverage of all festival events
- Detailed preparation of your choir's specific World Choir Games itinerary (sightseeing & excursions not included)

#### **Festival:**

- Participation in your chosen Competition categories
- Participation in selected performances
- Participation in at least one Friendship Concert with other choirs
- Scheduled stage rehearsal(s)
- Placement in additional rehearsal space (as available)
- Copy of the official program book (one per 10 choir members)
- Qualification certificate (to perform in future Interkultur events, based on results)

#### **Official Event Pass Access:**

- As audience to all Competitions and Friendship Concerts
- To Opening and/or Closing Ceremony
- Participation in the Parade of Nations
- To your Awards Ceremony



#### **Exclusions:**



- Airport/Airlines Taxes, Levies & Surcharges (estimate \$210.00 per student. This amount will be confirmed at time of final invoice due to tax and currency fluctuations)
- Excess baggage over and above the free limit provided by the airline
- Instrument/equipment hire and transportation by trailer or truck if required
- Meals/drinks not specified under inclusions
- Optional sightseeing suggestions as detailed in itinerary
- Tips/gratuities to tour manager, coach drivers, tour guides, etc.
- Items of a personal nature eg. laundry, phone calls, room service...
- Passport & Visa costs Please check with Gullivers on the requirements for the countries you are visiting. If travelling on a passport other than Australian, please ensure you have current & valid documentation for entry back into Australia after the tour
- Travel Insurance Please enquire with Gullivers on the Comprehensive Policy available with Suresave
   Travel Insurance





#### **About Gullivers:**

- Gullivers is Australia's oldest group travel company with nearly 40 years experience in music, education and sport travel
- Gullivers is an entirely Australian, local, family-owned business
- Gullivers has safely organised over 4000 tours to all parts of the globe
- ❖ Gullivers Music & Education Specialist has over 35 years' experience as composer & conductor around the world, as a music educator at tertiary and secondary level and 25 years as Director of Music in Australian schools. He conducts and is on the faculty of international music festivals on 3 continents, is Australia's ambassador to the World Choir Council, and is Artistic Director of *Beethoven 2020* in Vienna, celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth

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#### Touring is a life changer:

Creatively
Educationally
Personally
Socially
Culturally
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