You are invited to travel with

# THE CHORUS OF WESTERLY

in July 2024 on their

# CONCERT TOUR OF FRANCE & ENGLAND

The Chorus invites you – our friends, family, patrons, and loyal supporters – to join the singers on their tour of France & England as official "followers" and share with us in the many memorable experiences of the Chorus's sixth international tour.

# Tour dates

Thursday, July 4 – Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Departing and returning to Westerly by coach
bus

# Tour home (hotel) cities

France: Paris, Caen (Normandy) England: Bath, London

# **Performance locations**

St-Étienne-du-Mont, Paris Chartres Cathedral The American Cemetery, Normandy Wells Cathedral • Winchester Cathedral St. George's Chapel, Windsor

#### **Current Tour Follower Rate: \$5050**

Based on double occupancy rooms in four Superior Tourist Class Hotels in four cities. Single rooms may be available for additional supplement charge. Rate includes R/T coach airfare from USA, lodging in Europe, coach bus transportation in US and Europe, daily breakfasts, several group dinners, city walking tours, tickets to Chorus performances. *Rate subject to increase in Fall '23.* 

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP

Email tour@chorusofwesterly.org or call 401.596.8663 or go to chorusofwesterly.org



#### Current Summary Itinerary Version – July 1, 2023

Please note **all aspects of this itinerary are subject to change**, to be modified, to be adjusted, or items added to the schedule or removed. As we get closer to the trip and can confirm various items (such as flights, bus routes, extra excursions) will adjust. A more detailed itinerary can be sent by email upon request.

# DAY 1 - THURSDAY, JULY 4

Depart Westerly on coach buses with the entire Chorus of Westerly Tour Group to the airport, fly to Paris CDG, France **OVERNIGHT: THE PLANE** 

#### DAY 2 - FRIDAY, JULY 5

We arrive in Paris, check-in to our hotel (Novotel Paris Centre – Tour Eiffel) and enjoy a free day to adjust/rest followed by a fun and welcome group dinner that evening. **OVERNIGHT: PARIS** 

# DAY 3 - SATURDAY, JULY 6

Guided city tours in the morning, free time in the afternoon for followers (rehearsal for singers), free evening.

**OVERNIGHT: PARIS** 

#### DAY 4 - SUNDAY, JULY 7

Day trip to Chartres (optional for followers). The Chorus performs that evening in the cathedral. Tickets provided.

**OVERNIGHT: PARIS** 

#### DAY 5 - MONDAY, JULY 8

Free day. Chorus performance in the evening in St. Étienne-du-Mont Church in Paris. Tickets provided.

**OVERNIGHT: PARIS** 

## DAY 6 - TUESDAY, JULY 9

Tour group departs Paris for Normandy and our next host city, Caen. Check in to our hotel (Ibis Centre or Style Gare) **OVERNIGHT: CAEN** 

# DAY 7 - WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

Tour group will tour Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery in the morning. The Chorus will sing as part of a remembrance ceremony at the American Cemetery.

**OVERNIGHT: CAEN** 

#### FRANCE TO ENGLAND

#### DAY 8 - THURSDAY, JULY 11

The Chorus Tour Group will board a very comfortable ferry for a day-long crossing of the English Channel as our tour shifts from France to England. We then proceed to Bath, where we will stay at the Hilton Doubletree in the center.

**OVERNIGHT: BATH** 

# DAY 9 - FRIDAY, JULY 12

Morning and afternoon in Bath with optional tours. In the afternoon, the Chorus will head to Wells (optional for followers) for a rehearsal and performance that evening in Wells Cathedral. Tickets provided for all followers who wish to attend concert. We return to Bath following the concert. **OVERNIGHT: BATH** 

#### DAY 10 - SATURDAY, JULY 13

In the afternoon, the Chorus will head to Winchester (optional for followers) for a performance in the Cathedral. Tickets provided for all followers who wish to attend.

**OVERNIGHT: BATH** 

#### DAY 11 - SUNDAY, JULY 14

The Chorus Tour Group will move to our final host city, London, for two nights. Upon our arrival there will be optional city bus tours, otherwise the day is free. Our hotel will be the Holiday Inn on High Street in Kensington.

**OVERNIGHT: LONDON** 

## DAY 12 - MONDAY, JULY 15

In the afternoon, the Chorus will sing a service of Evensong at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. This is the Royal Family's Personal "Chapel" on the grounds of the castle. Following the service, everyone will head to our farewell celebration.

**OVERNIGHT: LONDON** 

## DAY 13 - TUESDAY, JULY 16

The Chorus will say farewell and head home to the United States flying out of Heathrow Airport. Coach buses will return group members from the airport to Westerly.

More info/questions - email tour@chorusofwesterly.org

#### OTHER QUICK DETAILS

#### Hotels/Overnight

1 transatlantic on the plane

4 nights in Paris, Novotel Paris Centre – Tour Eiffel

2 nights in Caen, either the Ibis Centre or Styles Gare

3 nights in Bath, Hilton Doubletree Bath City

2 nights in London, Holiday Inn, Kensington High Street

Breakfast is provided daily at the hotels. There will be several group dinners and celebrations on the tour. Most dietary requests can be accommodated.

Rooms are double occupancy. If you would like a roommate, the Chorus will attempt to assist you. Limited single rooms will be available for those who prefer them but are subject to a pass-through additional charge (in addition to your tour fee). The single supplement cost is an additional €1150. Email tour@chorusofwesterly.org to discuss or inquire about possibilities.

#### Misc. Items

Children are welcome on the tour, but minors may not go without an appropriate parent or designated chaperone. Please email tour@chorusofwesterly.org to discuss.

If you wish to book your own air and/or use your own air miles to get to and from Europe, the air opt out cost reduces the follower price from \$5,050 to \$3,900 but you will be responsible fully for your air and airport arrangements (including getting yourself to and from airports). Please email tour@chorusofwesterly.org with any questions you might have.

It also might be possible to extend your tour and stay in Europe after the tour through a deviation process. Additional costs vary depending on the deviation requirements and not all deviations are guaranteed. Email tour@chorusofwesterly.org to inquire and discuss options.

For the entire group, final flight arrangements have not yet been confirmed as of this itinerary update.

All air travel is economy (coach) class to and from Europe. Upgrades to other classes of airfare (such as premium economy, business, or first) *may* be possible, subject to availability and airline requirements, for additional fees and costs to be determined. Nothing is guaranteed at this time. Email tour@chorusofwesterly.org to inquire and discuss options.

Tour insurance for individuals is available, please email tour@chorusofwesterly.org to inquire and discuss options.

#### **Chorus of Westerly Singing Engagements (6)**

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France – Chartres Cathedral and Eglise Saint-Étienne-du-Mont, Paris

England – Wells Cathedral and Winchester Cathedral

#### SERVICES (2)

France - American Cemetery Remembrance Ceremony England - Evensong, St. George's Chapel, Windsor

Followers do not have to go to Chorus performances (but tickets will always be provided should they wish to attend).

The Chorus of Westerly's Tour management company is ACFEA Tour Consultants. ACFEA has managed two previous Chorus of Westerly Tour's (Central Europe in 2014 and Germany and 2017).