



THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK
CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL PROGRAMS

A GRAND TOUR TO FRANCE

NICE | AIX-EN-PROVENCE | LYON | CHAMONIX

JULY 10-22, 2024

WE INVITE YOU TO AUDITION FOR A REMARKABLE CONCERT TOUR WITH THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK, CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL PROGRAMS, TO BEAUTIFUL FRANCE.

BEGIN THE TOUR BY FLYING INTO BEAUTIFUL NICE, ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA. MAKE A DAY TRIP TO GLITZY MONACO AND STUNNING ÈZE.

MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE REGION OF PROVENCE WHERE YOU WILL STAY IN AIX AND EXPLORE THE NEARBY TOWNS OF ARLES, AVIGNON AND CASSIS.

CONTINUE TO LYON, A LOVELY CITY SITUATED ON THE HISTORIC RHÔNE RIVER AND ONE OF THE CULINARY CAPITALS OF EUROPE.

CONCLUDE THE TOUR IN STUNNING CHAMONIX NESTLED IN THE HEART OF THE FRENCH ALPS. ASCEND TO THE TOP OF MOUNT BLANC BY CABLE CAR FOR STUNNING ALPINE VIEWS.

THIS SPECTACULAR 2024 MYO CONCERT TOUR TO FRANCE IS SURE TO CREATE MUSIC AND TRAVEL MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME!

ESTIMATED TOUR PRICING:

MYO PERFORMER AIR & LAND: \$5495.00

THIS IS A GOOD-FAITH ESTIMATE UNTIL AIR & LAND RESERVATIONS ARE CONFIRMED AND THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF TRAVELERS IS DETERMINED.

NOTE: A FAMILY & FRIENDS COMPANION TOUR PROGRAM WILL BE OFFERED AND PARTICIPANTS WILL REGISTER ON A SEPARATE TOUR REGISTRATION WEBSITE ONCE TOUR AUDITIONS ARE COMPLETE.

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FRANCE
2024

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 Wednesday, July 10, 2024 Depart from New York-JFK

Depart from New York-JFK Airport overnight to Nice, France. The flight will be about 8-hours. Meal and beverage services inflight. Inflight

Day 2 Thursday, July 11, 2024 Arrival | Nice

Welcome to France! Possible morning connection in Europe if not on a direct flight. On arrival, meet your local French tour managers and when ready depart for the city-center of Nice. Enjoy a panoramic orientation tour of the city before checking into the hotel. Have time to rest and then enjoy a welcome group dinner. Inflight/D

Day 3 Friday, July 12, 2024 Nice

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a guided tour of Nice and the Vieux area, which is the old Italian section of the city. See Notre Dame Cathedral, the Promenade des Anglais, Place Garibaldi and colorful Market Square. Evening rehearsal and concert performance. B/D

Day 4 Saturday, July 13, 2024 Monaco | Èze | Nice

Breakfast at the hotel. Make a morning excursion to glitzy Monaco. See the Changing of the Guard and have time for lunch. Return to Nice on the famous Grand Corniche Road. Make a stop at Èze. This beautiful village dates back to the middle ages and clings impressively to the mountainside above the Mediterranean Sea, between St Jean - Cap Ferrat and Monaco. Panoramic views and ancient façades are some of the most memorable features of this lovely village. Return to Nice. The evening is free to get dinner in small groups. B

Day 5 Sunday, July 14, 2024 Nice | Cannes | Fourques | Aix

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and depart along the Côte d'Azur, the Mediterranean jewel of southeastern France. It includes famously glamorous beach resorts such as Saint-Tropez and Cannes. Make a stop in Cannes for lunch and photographs before continuing to Fourques. Rehearse, have dinner and perform an evening concert in the Fourques Auditorium. After the concert, travel the short distance to Aix where you check into the hotel and retire for the day. B/D

Day 6 Monday, July 15, 2024 Arles | Aix

Breakfast at the hotel. Travel to Arles where you have a guided walking tour. Visit the Roman Arena and Theatre built in 90 AD. Take time for lunch and then visit the "Fondation Vincent van Gogh." It pays due homage to the work of Van Gogh while at the same time exploring his impact upon art today. It was in Arles that Van Gogh produced - within the space of just 15 months between February 1888 and May 1888 - his finest masterpieces. Several of his "yellow" masterpieces were painted here including "Starry Night Over the Rhone (1886)." Enjoy a group dinner in a local restaurant. B/D

Day 7 Tuesday, July 16, 2024 Avignon | Aix

Breakfast at the hotel. Travel to Avignon to see the Palace of the Popes. Once a fortress and palace, the papal residence was a seat of Western Christianity during the 14th century. Enjoy time for lunch before returning to Aix in the late afternoon. You have the evening available in Aix to explore. Find a cozy sidewalk cafe or restaurant for dinner with friends. B

Day 8 Wednesday, July 17, 2024 Cassis | Aix-en-Provence

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for the charming seaside village of Cassis. Overlooked by a centuries-old château, it's known for pebbly beaches and its Calanques, which are narrow inlets framed by steep, limestone cliffs. Enjoy a magnificent Calanque Cruise on the Mediterranean Sea. Return to Aix-en-Provence for a relaxing evening group dinner. B/D

Day 9 Thursday, July 18, 2024 Aix | Pont du Gard | Lyon

Have breakfast and check out of the hotel. Depart when ready for Provence. Make a stop at the Pont du Gard, an ancient Roman aqueduct and bridge built in the first century AD. Continue to Lyon, a bustling city situated on the Rhône River. Lyon is known for its fantastic local French cuisine and we will sample it this evening at a group dinner. B/D

Day 10 Friday, July 19, 2024 Lyon

Breakfast at the hotel. Old Lyon is a beautiful area of antique dealers, artisans, weavers, sculptors and painters who depict scenes along the Rue du Boeuf, one of the most interesting streets for exploring. See the Cathedral of St. Jean, surrounded by narrow streets and soaring towers. Afternoon free. Evening concert in Lyon. B/D

Day 11 Saturday, July 20, 2024 Lyon | Annecy | Chamonix

Depart from Lyon this morning and make a stop in the small town of Annecy, an alpine town where Lake Annecy feeds into the Thiou River. It's known for its Vieille Ville (old town), with cobbled streets, winding canals and pastel-colored houses. Get lunch before continuing to Chamonix, a classic French ski and summer resort town nestled below Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe. Check into the hotel with time to relax. Get out this evening and take a stroll through this small town with a chance to get dinner with friends. B

Day 12 Sunday, July 21, 2024 Chamonix

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we take Europe's highest cable-car to the Aiguille du Midi. The views of the French Alps from the top are breathtaking and unforgettable. Return to town in the afternoon and perform the final concert of the tour as a matinee. This evening, walk to a festive farewell dinner in Chamonix featuring traditional raclette, a delicious take on cheese fondue. B/D

Day 13 Monday, July 22, 2024 Return to USA

Check out of the hotel and travel to the Geneva Airport (GVA) for your return flights to New York-JFK. Welcome home! B/Inflight



INCLUDED

- Round trip airfare from New York (JFK) to Nice/Geneva
- Transportation by deluxe motor coach in Europe
- Professional tour manager/guide on each motor coach
- Locally guided tours in Nice, Arles, Lyon, Chamonix
- 11-nights hotel in twin occupancy
- Breakfast buffet daily at the hotels
- 8-group dinners at a mix of hotels and local restaurants
- Sightseeing as outlined in the tour itinerary
- Admissions as required per the itinerary
- 4-Concert performances with local promotion
- Gratuities to guides | drivers | local escorts
- 1 Checked bag, 1 Carry-on bag, 1 Personal item on flights
- Online tour registration
- Individual billing for each traveler
- Payment by debit/credit card pricing option (3% fee)
- Separate Family & Friends tour offered
- Complete set of travel documents
- GT App for mobile devices with all tour information (optional)

NOT INCLUDED

- Passport with 6-months validity from your return date
- Any required visas for foreign passport holders
- 11-Lunches while touring (Budget 10 Euro per lunch)
- 3-Dinners as outlined in the itinerary (Budget 20 Euro per dinner)
- Bottled beverages in addition to provided table-water at meals
- Oversized/overweight baggage fees for personal luggage
- Travel Protection including trip cancellation, interruption, medical baggage delay/loss coverage*
- Any souvenirs you may wish to purchase

ELIGIBILITY

France Tour Audition Requirements

- Eligibility: Registered 2023-2024 MYO Members entering 9th grade - 12th grade in September 2023 are eligible for the Summer Performance Tour to France
- All France Tour Auditions are by unlisted video submission only, no live auditions
- The audition recording should consist of one prepared instrumental or vocal solo of your choice, with or without accompaniment
- There is a \$25 tour audition application fee

France Tour Audition Timeline

- September 1: Tour Choir and Orchestra Video Auditions Open
- September 29: Tour Choir and Orchestra Video Auditions Close
- October 16: Email tour ensemble placement notifications and provide tour registration link, password access, and Family and Friends link/password
- November 1 Tour Registration Deadline and First Tour Payment of \$500 Due
- Tour Registration will remain open to fill spots as needed

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Tour spots may fill up quickly, please do not wait to register once notified.

TOUR FINANCES

ESTIMATED TOUR PRICING:

\$5,495.00 Per Person (MYO Performers with payment by check)

A 3% SERVICE FEE WILL BE ADDED TO ALL ONLINE DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WHEN PROCESSED.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

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| • November 1, 2023 | \$500 deposit due |
| • February 1, 2024 | \$2,000 payment due |
| • March 1, 2024 | \$2,000 payment due |
| • May 1, 2024 | Final balance due |

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- 90 or more days prior = Full refund all payments
- 89 to 60 days prior = 75% of payments refunded
- 59 to 30 days prior = 50% of payments refunded
- 29 to 0 days prior = No refund for any reason

Note: Credit card service fees are not refundable.

*Travel insurance protection with coverage for trip cancellation and interruption is strongly recommended for this tour program and options will be presented in detail at the time of online tour registration with a dedicated menu page on the tour registration website.

Note: Once tour auditions are completed and you are accepted to a tour ensemble, you will be emailed the tour registration website link and password. We will also communicate the information for the Family & Friends Tour to all registered participants at that time.

TENTATIVE HOTELS

July 11-14

Nice

Hôtel Aston La Scala

<https://hotel-aston.com/en/>

July 14-18

Aix-en-Provence

Grand Hôtel Roi René

<https://www.grandhotelroirene-aixenprovence.com/>

July 18-20

Lyon

Mercure Lyon Centre Château Perrache

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/1292/index.en.shtml>

July 20-22

Chamonix

Alpina Hotel

<https://www.alpinachamonix.com/>

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