



LEADING  
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EUROPEAN DAYS  
FOR VOCAL AND  
CHORAL LEADERS  
27-31 JULY 2022  
UTRECHT, (NL)



## LEADING VOICES 2022

European Days for Vocal and Choral Leaders

An event from July 27-31, 2022, by the European Choral Association.

Leading Voices presents 70+ sessions, for conductors, vocal leaders, music teachers, managers, artistic leaders and composers, designed to explore collective singing from a social and artistic perspective. Besides this event, there will be a side program for choirs offering workshops and concerts throughout Utrecht.



## WENS TRAVEL FEATURING LEADING VOICES 2022

As the preferred travel partner of Leading Voices, Wens Travel can assist you with your travel needs including accommodation during the event as well as pre –and post tours for your choir. Wens Travel is specialized in the organization of concert tours throughout Europe. With over 45 years of experience, we can design and customize your tour to any destination within Europe, including the organization and promotion of your concerts. Whether you prefer a more intimate concert at a local church or would rather to sing in larger Cathedrals, we create a tour to suit your choir.

## TRAVELING TO UTRECHT WITH YOUR CHOIR IN JULY 2022 ?

Do you want to travel to Utrecht with your choir? We can assist you with travel arrangements, concert opportunities, and accommodation in Utrecht and its surroundings. In collaboration with Leading Voices, we offer timeslots\* for choirs to perform in the side program. The side program offers choir-to-choir concerts for choirs, at lunchtime or in the late afternoon.

Contact us for more information at [info@wenstravel.com](mailto:info@wenstravel.com)!

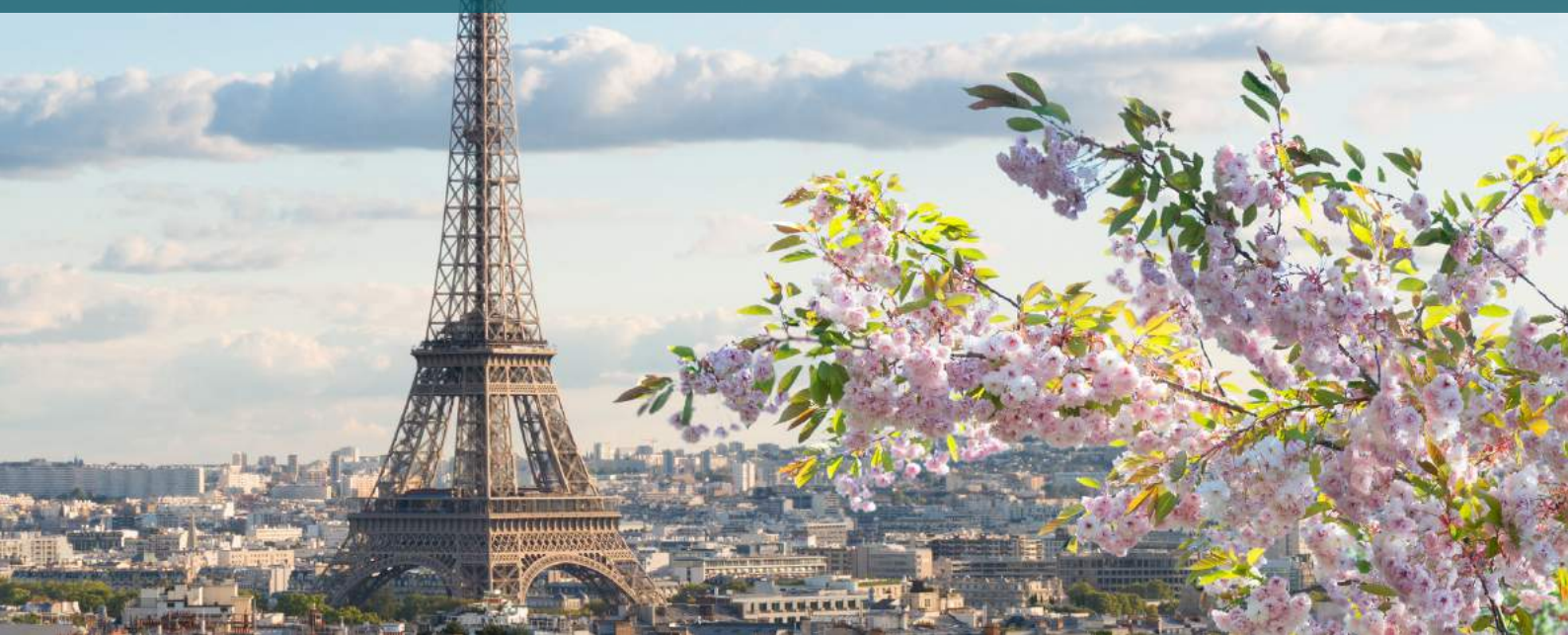
Note : Limited timeslots available.



# **SAMPLE TOUR**



## **PERFORMANCE TOUR** **THE NETHERLANDS - BELGIUM - FRANCE**



**AMSTERDAM** - is famous for its 17th century Golden Age canals, canal houses, bridges and streets. Besides the UNESCO Heritage Canal District, the city is well-known for iconic institutions like the Rijksmuseum (Dutch Masters from Rembrandt to Vermeer), Anne Frank House and the Concertgebouw Orchestra and Concert Hall.

## 1 DEPARTURE

Depart to Europe on your overnight flight.

## 2 ARRIVAL AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam! Meet your European Tour Manager, board your private coach and transfer to the 'Zaanse Schans', a unique part of the Netherlands with traditional green painted houses, warehouses and windmills.

Continue to Amsterdam city center. This afternoon, embark on a Canal Cruise of Amsterdam.

This is no doubt the best way to admire the architecture and beauty of the 17th century canal district. Highlights of this cruise include the Golden Bend (Gouden Bocht), the elegant, gabled canal houses and the Seven Bridges.

Welcome Dinner and overnight in Amsterdam.

## 3 AMSTERDAM

Have breakfast at your hotel. This morning, enjoy a visit of the Rijksmuseum

The Rijksmuseum has on display 8,000 objects of art and history, from their total collection of 1 million objects from the years 1200–2000, amongst which are masterpieces by Rembrandt, Frans Hals, and Johannes Vermeer.

Lunchtime performance at the Westerkerk or late afternoon / evening joint performance at the NedPho Dome, or training, masterclass and concert at the Akoesticum in Ede. Dinner and overnight in Amsterdam or Utrecht or area (such as Ede).

## 4 AMSTERDAM - FLORIADE 2022

Breakfast at your hotel. Today you will transfer to Almere for a full day visit and lunchtime performance at the wonderful Floriade Expo 2022.

Back to Amsterdam for dinner and overnight.

Note: A Visit to the Floriade can be replaced with a visit to Delft.





**Bruges** - Bruges (Brugge in Flemish) is an enchanting medieval town in Flanders (Belgium), well known for its medieval architecture and romantic canals. Once, Bruges was one of the most important international trading cities in Europe. When trade declined, Bruges turned into a Sleeping Beauty and the town still feels like it has leapt from the pages of a fairytale book.



## **AMSTERDAM - BRUSSELS - BRUGES**

Following breakfast, check out and depart for Brussels. Lunch en route. Upon arrival, enjoy a City Tour of Brussels.

See the city landmarks such as Little Manneken, the guild houses around the Grand Place, NATO headquarters and Atomium, site of the World Expo 1958.

Travel further to Bruges and check into your hotel.

Dinner and overnight in Bruges.



## **BRUGES**

Have breakfast and enjoy a Guided Walking Tour of Bruges this morning.

See the highlights of this charming town. Admire the medieval atmosphere, the cobblestone streets, amazing palaces, churches and the beautiful decorated guild houses. During the tour, enjoy a special visit to the Beguinage.

End the tour with a Canal Cruise through Bruges, passing the Love Water. Lunch in Bruges. Afternoon possible performance at the St. Salvator Cathedral (choir), the St Gillis Church or the Belfry Hall (band/ orchestra). Dinner and overnight in Bruges.



## **BRUGES - YPRES**

Breakfast at your hotel. Board your coach and transfer to Ypres (Ieper). Visit the In Flanders Fields Museum.

The In Flanders Fields Museum is devoted to the study of World War I and occupies the second floor of the Ypres Cloth Hall (Lakenhalle) in the center of Ypres, Belgium. The building was virtually destroyed by artillery during the First World War and has since been reconstructed to its old glory.

Possible outdoor performance at the Ypres Market Square for band and/or indoor for string orchestra and choir at Saint George Church or Ypres Cathedral. Have an early dinner, followed by tribute performance at the Last Post Ceremony. Return to Bruges for overnight.

**Paris**- Bienvenue a Paris! One of the grand capital cities of Europe and nicknamed 'the Romantic capital of Europe' because of its magical composition of architecture, art, food and music. Besides the famous iconic monuments and large impressive boulevards, you can still find a village charm in every historical quarter you visit. The word 'Parisian' is a synonym for style and good taste, reflected not only in how people dress and interact, but also on the variety of high class food products. In Paris, you can enjoy great fresh food in restaurants, patisseries, boulangeries (bakeries) and fromageries (cheese shops).



## 8 BRUGES - PARIS

Breakfast at your hotel and check-out. Drive to Paris, capital of France. Lunch en route. Upon arrival enjoy a Guided City Tour of Paris with local guide, including photostops.

Admire the iconic sites of Paris: l'Arc de Triomphe, Notre-Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde, Place Vendôme, Hôtel National des Invalides, Pont Alexandre III Bridge, the Musée du Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay, Palais Garnier (Opéra National de Paris), Place de la Bastille, l'Ile de la Cité (Island on the Seine River), the Panthéon, Champs-Élysées Avenue and of course the Eiffel Tower.

Check into your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Paris.



## 9 PARIS

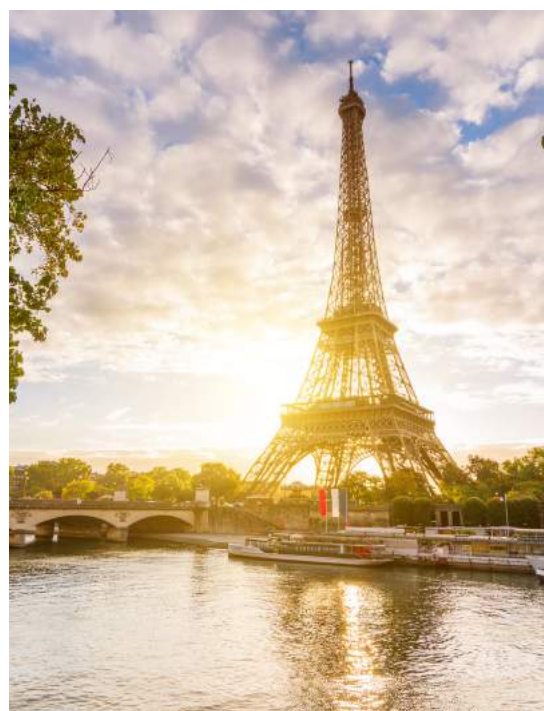
After breakfast at your hotel, transfer to Versailles for a visit of the impressive Versailles Palace, former home of the Sun King Louis XIV. See the famous Hall of Mirrors and admire the beautiful gardens.

Afternoon rehearsal at your venue for today. Possible afternoon performance at the Madeleine or the Saint Germain des Prés Church.

After your performance, transfer to the Montparnasse Tower for a visit.

The Montparnasse tower is 689 feet tall and Paris' only skyscraper. The Tower was built over several metro lines. You will have an amazing panoramic view over Paris, including the magnificent Eiffel Tower.

Dinner and overnight in Paris.



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## PARIS

Breakfast at your hotel and transfer to the Louvre Museum for a visit.

The famous Louvre holds tens of thousands of art works, from many different eras and creators. Admire Mesopotamian, Egyptian and Greek masterpieces, but also famous artists like Da Vinci (Mona Lisa), Michelangelo and Rembrandt.

Enjoy a Paris Dinner River Cruise.

This cruise on the Seine river gives you the unique opportunity to experience the city of Paris from a different perspective, without being distracted by busy street traffic. Besides the great monuments like the Eiffel Tower and the Notre Dame Cathedral, you will also see new enchanting parts of the historical heart that can only be seen from the water.

Late afternoon transfer to the Montmartre area for Farewell Dinner with entertainment. Overnight in Paris.

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## FLIGHT HOME

Breakfast and transfer to Paris Charles de Gaulle International Airport for your flight home!

### END OF TOUR



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