

2007 Lucerne International Choral Festival

including the American Celebration of Music in France

Extension #5 – Festival plus Paris (8 nights / 10 days)

Monday July 2

Departure from the USA via scheduled airline service to Zürich, Switzerland. Enjoy full meal/beverage service and in-flight entertainment during this trans-Atlantic flight.

Tuesday July 3 Zürich/Lucerne

Zürich airport arrival assistance. Meet MCI Tour Manager and then board the awaiting motorcoaches for a transfer to Lucerne, stopping in Zürich to visit Old Town. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights of Lucerne en route to the conveniently located hotel. Evening Registration and Welcome Dinner with entertainment.



Lucerne (Lucerne) is the capital of its canton and considered one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. The lake resort city sprawls at the foot of Lake Luzern in the cradle of historic Switzerland. The city's medieval heritage is evident in the fortifying walls and towers, the old churches and houses and the unusual covered bridges that span the Reuss.



Wednesday July 4 Lucerne

A walking tour of this picturebook-like town includes the Covered Wooden Bridge, Mussegge Towers, the Lion Monument and the old town. There is also time available for shopping for bargains including Swiss watches, lace, wood carvings and chocolate. *Afternoon rehearsal. Dinner at the hotel. Evening rehearsal.*

Thursday July 5 Lucerne

This morning, motorcoach to Alpnachstad. Travel on the cog-railroad through Alpine meadows (orchards) and forests to the passing station at Ämsigen and then over the rock-strewn Mattalp and up the steep rock face, through four tunnels, to the upper station on Pilatus-Kulm. From here it is a 6-10 minute climb to the summit of the Esel, the central peak of Pilatus, from which there are magnificent views of the Alps, from Säntis to the Blümlisalp, Lakes Lucerne and Zug, and the Swiss uplands. From the summit, take a cable car down to the Kriens station, where you will meet your motorcoach for return to Lucerne. *Afternoon rehearsal. Dinner. Evening rehearsal.*



Friday July 6 Lucerne

Mid-morning dress rehearsal with orchestra in KKL. Afternoon at leisure. Motorcoach and Tour Manager are at the group's disposal. There is time available for additional sightseeing, shopping, or museum visits. Dinner on own. Evening Finale Festival Concert in the Concert Hall of the Lucerne Cultural and Convention Center.



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Saturday July 7 Paris

Transfer to Paris.

They've all come to Paris. The Gauls, the Romans, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Pablo Picasso, Dwight Eisenhower, the Czar of Russia, Lenin, the Queen of England, Benjamin Franklin and George Gershwin. Some have even tried to capture the city. And now everyone wants to come to Paris -- millions of tourists each year, motivated by the desire to see the most beautiful city in the world. But Paris is more than a city. It is a place that breathes history and legend, a combination of the modern and the ancient.

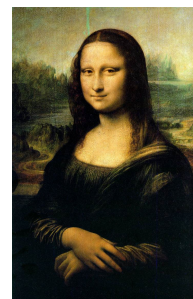


Sunday July 8 Paris

Half-day guided tour of Paris *historique*, including Notre-Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysées, Place de la Concorde, Luxembourg Palace and Gardens, Latin Quarter, Place de la Bastille, Invalides Hospital (with entrance to the Royal Chapel to see Napoleon's Tomb) and other highlights. *Optional afternoon/evening concert in Paris as part of the 2007 American Celebration of Music in France.*

Monday July 9 Paris

Enjoy a half-day tour of Paris *artistique*, including entrance to the Louvre, the largest and greatest art museum in the world.



Tuesday July 10 Paris

Optional midday recital in Notre-Dame Cathedral as part of the American Celebration of Music in France. Day at leisure in Paris. Motorcoach and Tour Manager are at the group's disposal for additional sightseeing, shopping, or museum visits. There is still much to see and do in and around Paris. Perhaps journey to Versailles to marvel at the harmonious composition of building and landscape, or travel to Giverny to wander the gardens of Monet. The day is yours!

Wednesday July 11 Depart for home

Transfer to Paris's International airport for return flights to the USA. Arrive home in the same day.

