

Pueri Cantores American Festival

Washington, D.C.

July 3-6, 2008

Sample Tour #1 (3 nights / 4 days)*

Thursday July 3, 2008

Arrive in Washington, D.C.

Meet your Tour Manager, who will be with you for the duration of your tour

Take a panoramic coach tour of the Capitol Hill area, seeing the

U.S. Capitol, the Supreme Court Building, and the Library of Congress

Check into the Crowne Plaza Silver Spring, Marriott Bethesda, or Hilton Silver Spring

Dinner at a local restaurant

7:00 *Evening combined rehearsal and Prayer for Peace at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception*

Friday July 4, 2008

Early morning breakfast at the hotel

11:00 *Rehearsal*

11:45 ***Perform at the Opening Ceremony of the National Independence Day Parade, in front of the White House Ellipse***

Box lunch provided on the bus ride to the Basilica

1:00 *Welcome and Opening Prayer*

1:15 *Open rehearsal*

Dinner on own

Groups may elect to attend "A Capitol Fourth" celebration on the Capitol Lawn - featuring the National Symphony concert and invited guest artists (seating is not reserved but on a first-come first-serve basis), followed by a grand finale fireworks display

Saturday July 5, 2008

Early morning breakfast at the hotel

Depart for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

9:30 *Seating of the choirs*

10:00 *Rehearsal*

11:30 *Break and snack*

12:00 *Rehearsal*

1:00 *Box lunch on the East Mall of the Basilica*

Mid-afternoon tour of Arlington National Cemetery to observe the official U.S. Military Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown

5:00 Dinner at a local restaurant

Return to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to participate/sing in an evening Mass, to be celebrated by Archbishop Wuerl

6:30 *Choirs assemble at the Basilica*

6:45 *Prelude begins*

7:30 *Mass begins*



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Sunday July 6, 2008

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Take a walking tour of the Vietnam, Korean, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Lincoln, and World War II Memorials, as well as the Washington Monument

Afternoon departure for home

***This schedule is subject to change. Music Celebrations would be pleased to create a custom itinerary to meet your specific wishes and interests while on pilgrimage to our nation's capital.**

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

