

Somerset International Children's Choral Festival

in England's Historic Wells Cathedral and Sherborne Abbey

Festival-Only Tour (4 nights / 6 days)

Sunday, July 10th, 2011

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

Monday, July 11th, 2011 Sherborne

Arrive in one of London's airports. After passport and customs clearance, meet your MCI Tour Manager who will assist you to awaiting motorcoach. Transfer to the southwestern English town of Sherborne. En route (if time permits), stop to see the prehistoric site of Stonehenge. Groups arrive in Sherborne and check into accommodations at the historic Sherborne School. Chorus members and non-singing participants gather for the Welcome Dinner with introduction and a brief orientation.

Sherborne is, without doubt, one of the most beautiful towns in England. With its abundance of medieval buildings, superb Abbey, world famous schools, picturesque almshouse and two castles, Sherborne has much to offer visitors.

Tuesday, July 12th, 2011 Sherborne/Bath

Morning rehearsals. Non-singing participants may enjoy additional sight-seeing opportunities. Lunch at Sherborne School. Afternoon guided tour of Bath, including the Roman baths and beautiful Bath Abbey. Dinner is followed by *evening rehearsals.*

Wednesday, July 13th, 2011 Sherborne

Morning rehearsals. Non-singing participants may enjoy additional sight-seeing opportunities. Lunch at Sherborne School. Afternoon individual choir rehearsals in Sherborne Abbey. Early dinner. *Evening community concert featuring each individual choir singing optional performances in Sherborne Abbey.*

Thursday, July 14th, 2011 Sherborne/Wells

Breakfast, followed by coach transfer to Wells.

9:30am - Morning Dress Rehearsal in the Wells Cathedral. Afternoon guided tour of Wells. Early dinner.

7:30pm - Festival Finale Concert in Wells Cathedral.

Post-concert reception at the Cathedral for all tour participants.

Wells is a popular tourist destination, due in large part to having several historical sites and its proximity to Bath, Stonehenge and other popular sites. Parts of Wells Cathedral (widely considered one of the most beautiful in England) date back to the 10th century. The city derives its name from three wells in the grounds of the Bishop's Palace. William Penn is said to have passed through Wells shortly before leaving for America, spending a night at The Crown Inn.

Friday, July 15th, 2011 Depart for home

Transfer to one of London's airports for the return flight to the USA. Arrive home in the evening of the same day.

