

American Celebration of Music in

# Portugal

*An exclusive concert series for performing ensembles*



Music Celebrations International  
*Concert Tours With Integrity*





Church of St. Peter

# An Exclusive Concert Series

With a cultural, economic, and political background strongly influenced by conquering Romans and Moors, Portugal's history has had a lasting impact on the country's landscape and culture today. Moorish influences in architecture and the arts are prominent everywhere. In the 15th and 16th centuries, during Europe's "Age of Discovery," Portugal, sitting at the edge of the Old World, ascended to the status of a World Power. Its vast Empire boasted of possessions in South America, Africa, Asia and Australasia. The Portuguese influence can be recognized in these regions of the world to this day, in language, culture, religious influence, and commerce.

The Portuguese people reflect their diverse history in their cultural interests, including a deep appreciation of art, music, drama, dance, and culinary pursuits. Portugal's most important contribution to music is Fado, which is typically sung by a fadista, and accompanied by the portuguese guitar and the classical guitar. Fado appeared after 1830 in Lisbon, and spread to port districts like Alfama, Mouraria, and Bairro Alto. It is characterized by mournful tunes and lyrics, often about the sea or the life of the poor, and infused with a sentiment of resignation, fatefulness, and melancholy.

Discover the best of Portugal with all its fine monuments, stunning cities, folksy traditions, and gorgeous landscapes shaped by multiple ethnicities down the centuries.

*"The citizens of Portugal were engaging and enthusiastic at each performance with expressions of joy and requests for multiple encores! Among the many unique venues, the Porto Cathedral in Porto and the Palacio Foz Hall of Mirrors and the Jerónimos Monastery in Lisbon make this tour a must for an artistic ensemble and conductor."*

Gary Schwartzhoff, Conductor  
The Singing Statesmen  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire







# The MCI Difference

Music Celebrations International (MCI) provides customized tours (stateside & abroad), festivals, collaborations, world-class clinicians, premier venues, and so many exciting possibilities to explore for your ensemble!

Partnering with MCI will provide you and your ensemble with:

- 30+ years of experience
- The best trained and most knowledgeable staff in the industry who have produced over 2,000 concert tours to Europe
- Dedicated Concert Managers who coordinate all the venues and promotion so you can focus on the music!
- Offices and personnel throughout Europe
- Staff comprised of musicians, music educators, and travel industry experts

*"Our 35 singers, while enjoying the sights and sounds of this beautiful foreign country, were able to enjoy comfortable accommodations, food to die for (especially the breakfasts), exquisite venues, large, extremely enthusiastic audiences and a knowledgeable tour guide and bus driver who made us feel at home during our 10 day performing tour, giving service above and beyond! The balance of singing and sight-seeing was perfect.*

*It doesn't take long to develop a family feeling for the folks at MCI. They are professionals who get to know you and meet your needs with sensitivity and caring. As a director, I always felt well supported by both my Spain/Portugal and MCI teams. I would recommend these good folks for any tour. Did I mention it was our fifth time with MCI? Happy touring!"*

Julie Beyler, Director  
The CHORALE







## SAMPLE PERFORMANCE ITINERARIES IN Portugal



### Tour 1 - 5 Nights / 7 Days

5 nights in Lisbon with excursions to Sintra, Queluz, and Evora



### Tour 3 - 7 Nights / 9 Days

2 nights in Lisbon, 2 nights in Seville, 3 nights in Granada



### Tour 2 - 6 Nights / 8 Days

2 nights in Porto, 4 nights in Lisbon with excursions to Sintra, Queluz, and Evora



### Tour 4 - 8 Nights / 10 Days

3 nights in Lisbon, 2 nights in Seville, 3 nights in Madrid

***These and all other tours may be viewed on our website at [www.musiccelebrations.com](http://www.musiccelebrations.com). Fully-customized tours may also be created to meet your specific needs and interests.***

*Contact one of our trained and experienced Tour Consultants to explore itinerary ideas and cost estimates.*

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