



ROCKFORD HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS

EUROPEAN PERFORMANCE TOUR

DATES: June 28 – July 10, 2020

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Proposed Itinerary as of 9/4/19

<p>Sunday, June 28</p>	<p>Detroit, MI /En Route</p>
	<p>Assemble at Detroit International Airport (DTW) – Please plan to arrive 3 Hours prior to departure, check-in for flight to Paris, France. Dinner and overnight onboard the aircraft.</p> <p><u>Flight Itinerary: TBD</u></p>
<p>Monday, June 29</p>	<p>Paris, France</p>
 	<p>Breakfast on the airplane. Arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. Claim your luggage and clear customs. Meet your bi-lingual Sechrist Travel escort outside the customs hall.</p> <p>Board a coach at the airport for quick transfer to downtown Paris.</p> <p>Lunch <u>ON YOUR OWN</u></p> <p>Late morning arrival in Paris. Enjoy a Guided Tour of Paris, followed by free time for the afternoon to explore the city.</p> <p><u>Welcome Dinner provided</u></p> <p>After dark visit to the Eifel Tower</p> <p>Overnight at centrally located Hotel</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, June 30</p>  	<p style="text-align: center;">Paris, France</p> <p>Breakfast at hotel.</p> <p>This morning, enjoy a visit to The Louvre.</p> <p>Lunch <u>ON YOUR OWN</u></p> <p>Afternoon free time in Paris</p> <p>Possible performance opportunity at the Sainte-Chapelle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By audition process <p>Enjoy an afternoon Seine River Cruise</p> <p>Group Dinner provided</p> <p>Overnight at centrally located Hotel</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, July 1</p>   	<p style="text-align: center;">Reims, France</p> <p>Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Reims via coach – 2 hrs</p> <p><i>WELCOME to Reims</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reims is the unofficial capital of the Champagne wine-growing region, and many of the champagne houses headquartered there offer tastings and cellar tours. For more than 1,000 years, French kings were crowned at its Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Reims. This grand cathedral is known for its stained-glass windows and Gothic carved portals.</i> <p>Visit to the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Reims, with views of the Palace of Tau and the Place Royale</p> <p>Possible performance opportunities in Reims - Saint-Remi Basilica or the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Reims</p> <p>Lunch <u>ON YOUR OWN</u></p> <p>This afternoon, enjoy some structured free-time to further explore Reims <u>on your own</u>.</p> <p>Optional activities: <i>Additional costs</i></p> <p>Champagne Wine Tour Experience - \$50 per person</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Plunge into the heart of a breathtaking panorama through the discovery of a champagne vineyard with the high point of the tour: tasting Champagne with a vintner.</i> <p>Visit to the Fort Douaumont and Ossuary - \$15 per person</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A WWI monument in the Verdun area, where some of the wars heaviest fighting took place.</i> <p>Group Dinner provided</p> <p>Overnight at centrally located Hotel</p>

<p>Thursday, July 2</p>	<p>Cologne, Germany</p>
 	<p>Breakfast at hotel.</p> <p>Morning transfer to Cologne, Germany – via bus 4 hrs</p> <p>Lunch ON YOUR OWN</p> <p>Meet a local guide for an afternoon walking tour of the city's early history, including a visit to one of the world's most significant medieval Gothic churches: the Cologne Cathedral.</p> <p>Possible performance opportunity at the Cologne Cathedral or other venue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By audition process and subject to availability – sacred music only <p>Possible choral workshop in Cologne (arranged ON YOUR OWN)</p> <p>Afternoon free time to explore Cologne</p> <p>Group Dinner provided</p> <p>Overnight at centrally located Hotel</p>
<p>Friday, July 3</p>	<p>Cologne and Bonn, GERMANY</p>
  	<p>Breakfast at hotel.</p> <p>Transfer to Bonn via coach</p> <p><i>Bonn is famous for a number of reasons – at the end of WWII until 1999, Bonn served as the capitol of the Federal State of Germany. Ludwig von Beethoven was born in Bonn, and the candy manufacturer HARIBO, who brought the world gummy bears, was founded in here. Bonn also has many great museums.</i></p> <p>Morning visit to the Beethoven House and Museum</p> <p>Visit the Münsterplatz, a large square that features a large bronze statue of Beethoven, adjacent to the Bonner Münster, a large 13th century church.</p> <p>Lunch ON YOUR OWN in Münsterplatz</p> <p>Transfer to Schloss Drachenburg</p> <p><i>Schloss Drachenburg is a private villa in palace style constructed in the late 19th century. It was completed in only two years on the Drachenfels hill in Königswinter, a German town on the Rhine near the city of Bonn.</i></p> <p>Tour Schloss Drachenburg</p> <p>Possible performance at Schloss Drachenburg</p> <p>Return to Cologne – 30 minutes</p> <p>Dinner ON YOUR OWN</p> <p>Overnight at centrally located Hotel</p>

<p>Saturday, July 4</p>	<p>Cologne, GERMANY</p>
	<p>Breakfast at hotel.</p> <p>Possible choral workshop in Cologne (arranged <u>ON YOUR OWN</u>)</p> <p>Mid-morning transfer to Phantasialand – 20 minutes</p> <p><i>Phantasialand is a popular amusement park near Cologne, featuring roller coasters and other ride and cultural attractions.</i></p> <p>Lunch <u>ON YOUR OWN</u></p> <p>Transfer to Cologne city center for an evening sightseeing cruise along the Rhine River.</p> <p>Group Dinner provided</p> <p>Overnight at centrally located Hotel</p>
<p>Sunday, July 5</p>	<p>Antwerp – Ghent, BELGIUM – World Choir Games</p>
	<p>Breakfast at hotel.</p> <p>Morning departure from Cologne for the World Choir Games in Belgium</p> <p>Today’s activities will be dictated per Interkultur itinerary.</p> <p>Possible stops or activities on the way to the games</p> <p>Group Dinner provided</p> <p>Overnight at Hotel near the World Choir Games</p>
<p>Monday, July 6</p>	<p>Antwerp – Ghent, BELGIUM – World Choir Games</p>
	<p>Breakfast at hotel.</p> <p>World Choir Games activities and performances will dictate daily activities</p> <p>Sight-seeing, meals and other activities TBD upon receiving the World Choir Games final itinerary. Possible visit to National Memorial Fort Breendonk</p> <p>Dinner <u>ON YOUR OWN</u></p> <p>Overnight at Hotel near the World Choir Games</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 7</p>	<p>Antwerp – Ghent, BELGIUM – World Choir Games</p>
	<p>Breakfast at hotel.</p> <p>World Choir Games activities and performances will dictate daily activities</p> <p>Sight-seeing, meals and other activities TBD upon receiving the World Choir Games final itinerary.</p> <p>Dinner <u>ON YOUR OWN</u></p> <p>Overnight at Hotel near the World Choir Games</p>

<p>Wednesday, July 8</p>	<p>Antwerp – Ghent, BELGIUM – World Choir Games</p>
	<p>Breakfast at hotel.</p> <p>World Choir Games activities and performances will dictate daily activities</p> <p>Sight-seeing, meals and other activities TBD upon receiving the World Choir Games final itinerary.</p> <p>Dinner <u>ON YOUR OWN</u></p> <p>Overnight at Hotel near the World Choir Games</p>
<p>Thursday, July 9</p>	<p>Antwerp – Ghent, BELGIUM – World Choir Games</p>
	<p>Breakfast at hotel.</p> <p>World Choir Games activities and performances will dictate daily activities</p> <p>Sight-seeing, meals and other activities TBD upon receiving the World Choir Games final itinerary.</p> <p>Farewell Dinner provided</p> <p>Overnight at Hotel near the World Choir Games</p>
<p>Friday, July 10</p>	<p>Brussels or Antwerp to Detroit – Flight Home</p>
	<p>Breakfast at hotel. Board coach and head to Airport TBD by flight itinerary for the flight home.</p> <p>Afternoon arrival in Detroit (DTW)</p> <p>WELCOME HOME!</p>

**Please note, until the number of participants is secured, these prices and activities are estimated. On your actual travel dates, activities might not be available or vendor/festival prices and inclusions may be different than estimated*

***Please also note that we accept payment by organizational/institutional check ONLY, thus relying upon the institution or sponsoring organization to collect funds from the individual travelers as due dates you determine in order for Sechrist Travel to receive the funds as detailed in the ‘Tour Agreement’ document and on your ‘Billing Statement’.*

September 4, 2019

2020 International Tour Cost & Inclusions
Rockford High School Choirs - World Choir Games

Traveling Participants: 50+ paying Land/Air or Land packages + 3 complementary Director's packages

LAND package ESTIMATE - Costs per Person

- 45-49 pax = \$2,379.00 - double occupancy (all participants)
- 50-54 pax = \$2,319.00 - double occupancy (all participants)
- 55-59 pax = \$2,289.00 - double occupancy (all participants)
 - **\$899.00 - single occupancy supplement (\$82 per night)**

AIR package ESTIMATE - \$1,350.00* per person, Inclusive of all taxes and fees ***Quoted price subject to change**

- Round trip air transportation – between Detroit (DTW) and Paris, France/Brussels, Belgium
- One (1) checked bag is allowed with the purchase of your airfare, not to exceed 50lbs
- Participants that deviate from the group flight/travel itinerary on arrival, departure, or during the tour will be responsible for their own transportation and additional costs

TOTAL PACKAGE COST = \$3,729.00 per person based on **45-49 paying participants +/- with final airfare cost**

- ♫ These tour costs are based upon the number of paying participants. They include three (3) complementary LAND & AIR PACKAGE with a minimum of 49 paying participants
- ♫ All transportation arrangements are subject to change, which may result in additional fees for schedule changes, additional taxes and fuel surcharges imposed by the government and/or transportation carrier.
- ♫ Airlines may also charge additional fees for baggage, instruments or equipment in excess of size and/or weight restrictions. All additional charges are the sole responsibility of the group.

Your Tour Experience Includes (Subject to availability):

- ♫ Twelve (12) nights: two (2) nights in Paris, France; one (1) night in Reims, France; three (3) nights in Cologne, Germany; five (5) nights in Antwerp or Ghent with accommodation at superior tourist-class hotels; one (1) night in flight.
- ♫ English-Speaking Tour Director with you for the duration of the tour
- ♫ All airport transfers during the tour
- ♫ 48-hour Metro Passes for the Paris Metro
- ♫ Daily Breakfast Buffet and seven (7) group dinners, as indicated in the itinerary
 - **Group meals do not necessarily include beverages (outside of breakfast)**
 - **All lunches are ON YOUR OWN**
- ♫ Performance/concert management and publicity in Paris
- ♫ GUIDED SIGHTSEEING
 - Paris, France
 - Cologne, Germany
 - Brussels, Belgium
- ♫ ENTRANCE FEES: as indicated on itinerary
- ♫ Taxes are included for all services
- ♫ Tips for Coach Driver(s), Hotels staff, and Restaurants staff (Group Meals), and Tour Manager(s)

PLUS:

- ♫ A professional Sechrist Travel Tour Coordinator to handle all tour arrangements with concern/care for the needs of your group
- ♫ Tour T-Shirt for all participants (included in pricing; arranged and purchased by Rockford HS Choirs)
- ♫ Full support of a Sechrist Travel Account Manager to handle the planning aspects of your tour.
- ♫ SECHRIST TRAVEL Assistance 24/7 with Emergency Mobile Phone Number
- ♫ Liability Insurance Coverage, as recommended by the Student and Youth Travel Association (SYTA)
- ♫ Consumer Protection Plan

Tour Cost Does Not Include:

- ♫ Transportation to/from your 'HOME' Airport
- ♫ Trip Protection/Cancellation Insurance - *can be provided through SECHRIST TRAVEL for an additional cost
- ♫ Meals not indicated in "Inclusions"
- ♫ Beverages for meals (outside of breakfast)
- ♫ Entrance fees for locations/sights you visit on your own
- ♫ Items of a personal nature (laundry, internet and phone charges, souvenirs, etc.) and any other items not mentioned as included.
- ♫ Passport fees, portage of luggage, optional excursions, and any other items not mentioned as included.
- ♫ Changes in currency exchange rates will be passed on to the participating groups **(Listed prices are based on 1 Euro = 1.18 USD)**
- ♫ Anything not mentioned in "**Your Tour Experience Includes**" above

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PROPOSED PAYMENT SCHEDULE (when payment is due to our office) -

Deposit due October 14, 2019 = \$500 per person (non-refundable)

2nd payment due December 1, 2019 = \$500 per person

3rd payment due February 1, 2020 = \$750 per person

4th payment due March 1, 2020 = \$750 per person

5th payment due April 1, 2020 = \$750 per person

Final Balance due May 1, 2020 = approximately \$419 per person

PAYMENT SCHEDULE can be altered with mutual consent.

Please also note our 'Refund Policy', as it will be described in your 'Tour Agreement' document.

Refunds

- the first \$500 per person **DUE October 14, 2019**; becomes non-refundable on **December 1, 2019**, however, it is transferable to a replacement participant
- the first \$1000 per person is non-refundable **after April 4, 2020** (90 days prior to departure)
- all fees are non-refundable for participants that cancel **after June 4, 2020** (30 days prior to departure)
- Qualified refunds, those cancelled prior to **June 4, 2020**, will not be issued until completion of the residency tour
- If your tour becomes cancelled due to "acts of God," Sechrist Travel reserves the right to move your tour to another destination, based on the approval of a representative of **Rockford High School**, or post-pone the tour for a future year
- Cancellations must be submitted in writing; the date such notification is received by Sechrist Travel, LLC will be deemed the cancellation date
- If an individual payment is 30-days **Past Due**, the School/organization becomes responsible for the missing/late payment and would then need to be responsible for collecting that individual's remaining payments.
- *To avoid cancellation fees, you may transfer place to another participant, if one drops out, until 30 days prior to departure (June 4, 2020) –*
**subject to airline name change fees for \$200 per change*