



Sacred Sounds and French Cathedrals

CHAMPAGNE, PIPES, & PAINTINGS
February 15-24, 2025

Come and experience the wonder of music and the attractions of France!

NET PRICE PER ADULT*
\$4,675
EXCLUDING AIRFARE

A pilgrimage to Northern France with St. Mark's Director of Music Ministries, Ned Tipton; and the Rev. Peter Walsh. Visit great cathedrals and basilicas, where we will hear organ demonstrations by Ned and incumbent organists; museums filled with priceless art, and great houses, complete with champagne!

DAY 1: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

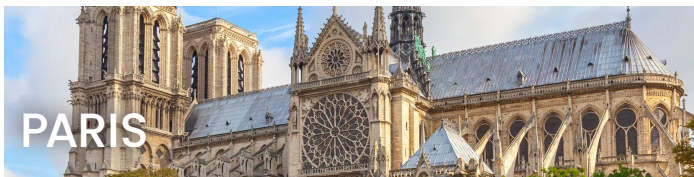


PARIS

- Arrival in Paris on your own
- Transfer to **Hotel Trianon Rive Gauche** on your own
- Meet-and-greet service at the hotel
- AFTERNOON: welcome presentation at hotel
- Group dinner nearby

HOTEL: Hotel Trianon Rive Gauche

DAY 2: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16



PARIS

- MORNING: breakfast at the hotel
- 11AM: Holy Eucharist, The American Cathedral in Paris
- Lunch on your own
- AFTERNOON: guided visit, Notre-Dame de Paris
- Dinner on your own

HOTEL: Hotel Trianon Rive Gauche

DAY 3: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17



PARIS TO REIMS

- MORNING: breakfast at the hotel
- Departure (private coach) Paris to Reims and 4-star hotel, **Grand Hôtel des Templiers**
- Group lunch in Reims
- AFTERNOON: Walk to Basilique St-Rémi, organ demonstration
- Walk to Mumm Champagne House for short presentation, tour of winery, and tasting
- Dinner on your own

HOTEL: Grand Hôtel des Templiers

DAY 4: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18



REIMS

- MORNING: breakfast at the hotel
- Guided walking tour of historic Reims, including the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Reims
- Lunch on your own
- AFTERNOON: visit the Ruinart Champagne House, the oldest champagne house in the region, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Dinner on your own

HOTEL: Grand Hôtel des Templiers

ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19



- MORNING: breakfast at the hotel
- Private coach for a day trip to Châlons-en-Champagne
- Visit and organ demonstration at the Cathedral St-Etienne
- Group lunch in a restaurant in Châlons-en-Champagne
- AFTERNOON: visit the nearby town of Aÿ, the historical center of champagne production
- Return to Reims and hotel
- Dinner on your own

HOTEL: Grand Hôtel des Templiers

DAY 6: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20



- MORNING: breakfast at the hotel
- Depart Reims in private coach for mid-morning visit to Blérancourt
- Guided visit to the Franco-American Museum of the Château de Blérancourt, founded by Anne Morgan, daughter of the financier J. Pierpont Morgan, dedicated to Franco-American friendship and cooperation
- AFTERNOON: group lunch in Blérancourt
- Private coach to Rouen and the **Hôtel Mercure Rouen Centre**
- Dinner on your own

HOTEL: Hôtel Mercure Rouen Centre

DAY 7: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21



- MORNING: breakfast at the hotel
- Visit Notre Dame-de-Rouen Cathedral (painted in multiple views by Monet)
- Walk to St Ouen Abbey, organ demonstration
- Lunch on your own
- AFTERNOON: explore Rouen on your own
- LATE AFTERNOON: private coach to Bayeux
- Group dinner at Bayeux hotel

HOTEL: **Hôtel du Luxembourg**

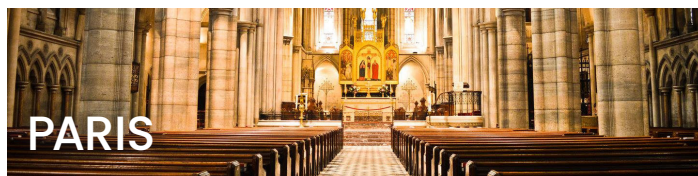
DAY 8: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22



- MORNING: breakfast at the hotel
- Depart Bayeux in private coach for a day in Normandy
- Visit of the D-Day Museum in Arromanches with audioguides, and view remnants of the artificial port constructed just after the D-Day landings
- AFTERNOON: group lunch in a restaurant in nearby Port-en-Bessin
- Visit the American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer
- Visit La Pointe du Hoc (if time allows), 110-ft. cliff scaled by American Army Rangers on D-Day
- Return to Paris, group dinner *en route*

HOTEL: Hotel Trianon Rive Gauche

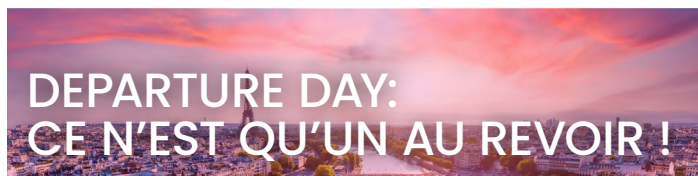
DAY 9: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23



- MORNING: breakfast at the hotel
- 11AM Eucharist at The American Cathedral in Paris
- AFTERNOON: lunch on your own
- Métro ride to the Marmottan Monet Museum (over 300 paintings by Monet and other Impressionist/Modernist artists), visit with audioguides
- EVENING: farewell *cocktail dînatoire* & Compline at The American Cathedral in Paris

HOTEL: Hotel Trianon Rive Gauche

DAY 10: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24



- MORNING: breakfast at the hotel
- Transportation to airport on your own

Join us as
we explore
and worship
through
music in some
of France's
most beautiful
cathedrals!

Trip Price:

\$4,675 per adult*

Option*: supplement for single room \$1,170

* Subject to availability at the time of the booking.

Breakfast is included at each hotel and other meals as indicated in itinerary.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

As we expect this trip to fill up very quickly, reserve your place soon!

Reservations must be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$500.

Full payment must be received by Friday, November 22, 2024.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance can help protect you from unexpected events before and during your trip. You are encouraged to purchase travel insurance from a source of your choosing.

SIGN UP VIA THIS LINK



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