

Music Educational Travel

CANADA

French Canada — The Province of Quebec has the second largest French-speaking city, Montreal, but also has three major pilgrimage sites where your choirs can participate in services or present a concert. In Montreal, perform at St. Joseph's Oratory, the largest basilica in North America; in the Beauport region outside of Quebec City, sing at the Basilica of Saint-Anne-de-Beauport and at the sanctuary of Notre-Dame-du-Cap near Trois-Rivieres. Bands and orchestras may have the opportunity to perform at the Forum Pepsi in Montreal, marching bands may plan and march on the streets of Old Quebec or perform on the terrace near the Chateau Frontenac overlooking the St. Lawrence River.

Atlantic and Maritime Provinces — When traveling in the Atlantic Coast Provinces, you can enjoy performing in several venues. Sing or play on the waterfront in Halifax, or in Officers Square in Fredericton. On Prince Edward Island, you can perform on the stage of the Confederation Centre in Charlottetown. You may also have the opportunity to perform in the church at Kings Landing or in one of the summer recital services held at lunchtime in the churches throughout the provinces.

Victoria and British Columbia — Experience the natural beauty and sophistication of Victoria, Vancouver and Whistler on a concert tour to British Columbia. Performance opportunities include Butchart Gardens and Christ Church Cathedrals in Victoria and in Vancouver, plus joint concerts with local choirs or orchestras. Choirs are invited to consider participating in the International Choral Kathaumixw July 4-8, 2006 in Powell River British Columbia.

Ontario — The wonders of Ontario include the glittering city of Toronto, the power of Niagara Falls, plus world-class theater in Stratford. Ottawa, the capital of Canada in the Province of Ontario, has a distinctive feel with roots in Great Britain. Bands and choirs may perform in the Rotunda of Parliament or at the Governor-General's residence. In Toronto, perform at Casa Loma or present the National Anthem before a Blue Jays baseball game. In Niagara Falls, sing or play overlooking the famous falls in one of several venues in the Park system.

Contact us for more information regarding a tour.

VANCOUVER

When to travel: April / May

In "Supernatural" British Columbia, Vancouver is nestled at the foot of the Canadian Rockies with the Pacific Ocean along its shoreline. This is the magnificent setting for the Vancouver Music Festival and the televised New Westminster International Hyack Parade. Protected by the mountains and Vancouver Island, the city has a moderate climate in which to enjoy the Capilano Suspension Bridge, Grouse Mountain, Stanley Park, and many other spectacular spots.

Places of interest:

- Vancouver Aquarium • Harbour Cruise
- Day trip to Victoria, B.C., Butchart Gardens, Royal B.C Museum

TORONTO

When to travel: April

In the heart of one of the world's most ethnically diverse cities, the Toronto Music Festival is surrounded with endless opportunities to enjoy music, art, history, theater, and major league sports. The Royal Ontario Museum, Ontario Science Center, and McLaughlin Planetarium are among the most distinguished cultural venues. Niagara Falls, the CN Tower, and Skydome are other favorite highlights.

Toronto International Choral Festival (Mid April)

With outstanding faculty, choristers will have the opportunity to rehearse and perform an exciting repertoire of choral music alone and enmasse.

Places of interest:

- CN Tower • Niagara Falls • Ontario Science Center
- Hard Rock Café / Planet Hollywood

MONTREAL

When to travel: April

Referred to as the "Paris of North America," Montreal is among the oldest cities on the continent with a rich history and multicultural life. In the Spring, Montreal is alive with festivals, street fairs, and outdoor French cuisine cafés. Old Montreal spotlights beautiful churches and squares while new Montreal is a modern mecca and home to the famous "underground."

Places of interest:

- Sucrierie de la Montagne, a historical Quebec village
- St Lawrence River Cruise • Hard Rock Cafe

NIAGARA

When to travel: July

An international music festival involving choirs, bands and orchestras from Europe, United States and Canada in association with many organizations in the Niagara region. Early July

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

When to travel: July

Experience Canada's Capital Ottawa and world class Toronto from July. Imagine youth orchestras from around the world joining in a splendid musical celebration.

Your performing tour would include: World class Toronto – Canada's largest city with a flair for blending old and new, diverse ethnic groups, bold and distinctive architecture like the new City Hall Thompson Hall, Skydome and the CN Tower (worlds tallest free-standing structure); and Niagara Falls – one of the wonders of the world.

The Festival will include:

- Shared Concerts in Toronto and Ottawa.
- Possible Broadcasts
- Sightseeing (Toronto CN Tower, the Skydome, perhaps Niagara Falls, Ottawa River Cruise, illumination sightseeing tour, visits to Parliament and major sights and museums)

- Services of Celebration in Churches
- Rehearsals, Evaluation, Workshops
- Fun, Social Exchange and Interactions

Youth orchestras promote essential musical, educational and cultural values. All participating youth orchestras will reap the benefits of an international event, working in a non-competitive environment, interacting with peers with whom they share values and artistic aspirations.

OTTAWA

When to travel: May

Every May, Ottawa holds its annual Tulip Festival, choirs, bands, orchestra groups visit and perform in Canada's capital city at this beautiful time of year.

We are pleased to invite you to be part of the Canadian Tulip Music Festival in Ottawa, one of the most beautiful capital cities in the world and tulip capital of the world. The tulip has become an international symbol of friendship ever since the Dutch royal family made a generous gift of thousands of tulip bulbs to Ottawa in 1945 as thanks for permitting them to stay in safety in Ottawa during the dark days of the Second World War. Today the capital hosts the largest, most exciting festival of its kind in the world - with millions of tulips, entertainment, flotilla, kid and youth zones and lots more.

Ottawa International Jazz Festival (Late June – July)

The Ottawa International Jazz Festival is one of the National Capital Region's premiere music events. In July, the finest jazz musicians in the world perform in intimate studio spaces and in open air venues where thousands enjoy world class jazz.

Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival (July - August)

Each summer, thousands of music lovers travel from across Canada and around the world to attend the largest chamber music festival in the world. The 11th Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival will present 110 concerts from July 24 to August 7, 2004. Over 250 of the top chamber musicians from Canada and the international scene will perform in acoustically perfect heritage churches. Discover more at www.chamberfest.com.