

French Music Educational Travel

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France's magnificent churches offer exclusive concert venues with superb acoustics for performance groups. It is possible to perform in the greatest Gothic cathedrals ever built: Notre Dame de Paris, Chartres, Amiens, Rouen, and Strasbourg. Almost every town and village in the country hosts an annual festival, usually with emphasis on music - excellent opportunities for touring choirs and bands.

Throughout France it is possible to arrange concerts in small villages for a truly unforgettable experience: an official welcome and "vin d'honneur" at the City Hall, a buffet of regional foods offered by the local inhabitants, and a large and enthusiastic audience at the concert. France offers vast cultural and scenic diversity: the unique regional traditions in Brittany, Alsace, and the Basque country; scenery ranging from the endless beaches to the spectacular Alps.

The country is a living history book covering the Prehistoric Age (the Caves of Lascaux), the Roman era (the best preserved Roman edifices in the world are located in the area of Nimes), the Middle Ages (the great Gothic Cathedrals, the Hospice of Beaune, the walled towns of Carcassonne and Avignon) and the Renaissance (the châteaux). If this isn't enough to warrant a concert tour to France, the country also boasts superb museums, housing some of the great masterpieces of the world; and French cuisine and wine, envied and copied throughout the world.

Is it any wonder France is the number one tourist destination in the world? And the country's central European location allows you to easily include in your tour a bordering country such as Italy, Switzerland, Belgium or Spain.

France's great jazz festivals, Jazz a Vienne early July".