

St. Cecilia
TOURS

**UNIVERSITY OF MARY
SACRED MUSIC TOUR
MAY 1-12, 2023
SPAIN & FRANCE
CONCERT CHOIR
CONCERT BAND
CAPPELLA**





Dear Students,

We are thrilled to announce and invite you to join us on an educational and spiritual pilgrimage of Spain and France, where we will share our music in the cathedrals and concert halls of Barcelona, Zaragoza, Lourdes, and Toulouse. We will enjoy and learn of the delicious cuisine, art and culture in these cities and communities on our itinerary. You will be fed spiritually as we journey to Lourdes. We will certainly ensure a balance of music making and free time in our itinerary, so that you have time to explore these destinations.



To join the tour simply register your participation with St. Cecilia Tours, our tour company. Please read through this brochure and itinerary for details, and pricing. We look forward to traveling with you!

Sincerely,
Your Music Faculty

DAILY ITINERARY

May 1: DEPARTURE

We depart from Bismarck Airport. Meals and beverages are served on board our international flight to Barcelona.

May 2: BARCELONA

We arrive Barcelona and transfer to the Travelodge Hotel in the famous El Poblenou neighborhood, a short walk to the beach, and the iconic Sagrada Familia. We check into our rooms, and enjoy free time. Dinner is on your own, this evening. [B]

May 3: BARCELONA - GOTHIC CATHEDRAL

We head to the Gothic neighborhood at 2 PM, where Concert Choir and Concert Band will offer music in concert at the historic Cathedral at 4:30 PM. Following the concert, we will return to our hotel. We enjoy dinner as a group at our hotel restaurant in the evening. [B,D]

May 4: BARCELONA - La SAGRADA - MONTSERRAT

After breakfast, we load our coach, and head to La Sagrada Familia, where Cappella will offer music for Mass. Following Mass, the Concert Choir will offer a short concert of sacred music. We enjoy a guided tour of La Sagrada, take time for lunch, before we load our coach and drive to the Monastery of Montserrat. We check into Hotel Abat Cisneros at Montserrat. The rest of the afternoon is free time. Dinner is at our hotel restaurant, at your leisure. [B,D]

Barcelona Cathedral Organ





MAY 5: MONTSERRAT

After breakfast, the Concert Band will prepare to offer a concert in the Plaza of the Monestary. We will participate in Holy Mass at 11:30 AM, afterwards the Concert Choir and Cappella will share share a musical offering at 12:40 PM. Montserrat offers spirituality through nature, culture, history and art. Enjoy your retreat time. [B,L,D]

MAY 6: ZARAGOSA

After breakfast, we load our coach and travel to the incredible city of Zaragoza. We will stop on our way at Ivorra where a Eucharistic miracle of Transubstantiation occurred in the 11th century. We check-in to our hotel: Catalonia El Pilar, and the rest of the day will be at your leisure. Dinner is on your own. [B]

MAY 7: ZARAGOSA - Basilica & Free Day

Today, Cappella, Concert Choir and Brass offers music for Mass at the Cathedral of La Seo. Lunch is provided today following our music offerings at the Cathedral. This afternoon and evening is at your leisure. [B,L]

MAY 8: LOURDES

We board our coach and drive to Lourdes, located in the foothills of the Pyrenees Mountains in France. The drive is quite scenic, and we will stop on our way to stretch our legs, and enjoy a snack. We check into our hotel: Astoria Vatican, and enjoy the relaxing and scenic views of this region of southern France. Dinner is served at the hotel. [B,D]

MAY 9: LOURDES - Mass in the Crypt

We take time to enjoy our morning before spending time at the sacred pilgrimage site of Lourdes. We celebrate Mass, and our choristers will offer music for reflection and adoration. Dinner is served at the hotel this evening. [B,D]

MAY 10: TOULOUSE

At 9 AM, we load our coach and depart for Toulouse. Our hotel is the Crown Plaza, which is in a central location within easy walking distance to the major attractions. We attend a performance in the evening, as a group. [B]

MAY 11: TOULOUSE BASILICA

After breakfast, we head to the largest Romanesque Basilica in the World: St. Sernin. Our combined ensembles prepare to offer music for Mass, followed by a concert. In the afternoon we will enjoy a private tour of the Basilica. We conclude our travels with a celebration dinner at the L'Atrium Restaurant and Bar. [B,D]

MAY 12

Our fabulous tour must unfortunately come to an end. Our coach will transport us to the Toulouse Airport where we will board our flight home to Bismarck.



Your Choir Tour includes:

**Round-Trip Airfare,
Accommodation w/Daily Breakfast,
Meals as Outlined in the Itinerary
Entrance Tickets to Museum and Venues
Luxury Coach Transportation,
Tour Manager, Excursions as published.**

**Itinerary details are subject to change.*

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