

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 our hotel in the neighborhood of the iconic Sagrada Familia. We check into our hotel, and enjoy free time before dinner, which will be served at a local restaurant. [B,D]

### May 3: BARCELONA - Palau de la Musica

Enjoy a leisurely morning with some free time. This morning, the Concert Band and Concert Choir will rehearse in the famed Palau de la Music in preparation for a 12 Noon concert. Enjoy the afternoon before we share a traditional paella dinner served at a local restaurant. [B,D]

### May 4: BARCELONA - La Sagrada Familia

We head to Gaudi's masterpiece, La Sagrada Familia where we prepare to offer music for Mass. Following the service, we will allow time for a self guided tour of this incredible space. Make sure to check out the museum in the basement. The rest of the afternoon is free time until our group dinner at our hotel restaurant. [B,D]

Barcelona Cathedral Organ





#### MAY 5: ZARAGOSA

After a cup of strong Spanish coffee, we travel to the incredible city of Zaragoza where we will offer concerts and music for Mass at the pilgrimage site of the Basilica of our Blessed Virgin Mary. We will stop on our way for snacks and a rest stop. We check-in to our hotel, and the rest of the day will be at your leisure. A light dinner is served at a local restaurant at 7:30 PM. [B,D]

#### MAY 6: ZARAGOSA - Basilica

We enjoy a hearty breakfast, and a beautiful morning in Zaragoza. We head to the Basilica where Cappella will rehearse and prepare to participate in Mass, followed by a brief choir concert. The afternoon will be free time for you to explore the winding maze of cobblestone roads that connects the historic old town of this pilgrimage city. At 7 PM we enjoy fellowship and a group dinner in our hotel restaurant. [B,L]

#### MAY 7: ZARAGOSA - Basilica & Free Day

Today, Cappella and the Concert Choir offer music for Mass at the Basilica. Lunch is provided today following our music offerings at the Cathedral. This afternoon and evening, the Concert Band will prepare for a concert at the Zaragoza Concert Hall. Dinner is on your own. [B,L]

#### MAY 8: LOURDES

We board our coach and drive to Lourdes, France located in the foothills of the Pyrenees Mountains. 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, and enjoy the relaxing and scenic views of this region of southern France. Dinner is served at the hotel. [B,D]

#### MAY 9: LOURDES - Music at the Grotto

We take time to enjoy our morning before spending time at the sacred pilgrimage site of Lourdes. Our singers will offer music for reflection by the Grotto. We take time for personal pondering, before we head back to our hotel. Dinner is served at the hotel this evening. [B,D]

**MAY 10: TOULOUSE**

At 10 AM, we load our coach and depart for Toulouse. Our hotel is in a central location within easy walking distance to the major attractions. The afternoon is free-time, and we enjoy dinner as a group at a local restaurant. [B,D]

**MAY 11: TOULOUSE BASILICA**

After breakfast, we head to the largest Romanesque Basilica in the World: St. Sernin. Our Concert Choir and Concert Band prepare to offer music for and after Mass. The afternoon and evening is at your leisure, but we conclude our travels with a celebration dinner at a local restaurant. [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.**

**Land Package Only \$2615 pp**

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**Single Supplement \$1095**

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