

# International Choir Festival in Normandy

80th anniversary of D-Day

From June 12 to 19, 2024

All the participating choirs (from France and all over the world) experience and share unforgettable moments of conviviality around a common passion: choral singing.



Come and discover Normandy with its varied landscapes, its architectural, cultural, historical and environmental heritage which makes it one of the most visited regions in France, rich in fascinating history, from the Vikings to the D-Day landings in June 1944. The D-Day landing on 6 June 1944 was a decisive turning point in the Second World War. From the Dieppe Raid in 1942, the liberation of France and Europe began on the Normandy beaches.

In 2024, Normandy will commemorate and celebrate the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. The whole of Normandy will be called upon to honour the memory of these events and of the men and women who came from all over the world to liberate us.

The Normandy Festival will be part of the programme for this anniversary.

## Wednesday June 12, 2024 : Arrival

Arrival Paris Airport (Charles de Gaulle)  
Transfer by private coach to Normandy  
Check-in  
Free time  
Group dinner and night at the hotel

300km / 3h40 minutes



The International Choir Festival in Normandy is organized in partnership with  
**Normands de Choeur**



**Thursday June 13, 2024 : Utah Beach**

**Breakfast**  
**Transfer for Utah Beach**

50km / 1h



**Visit to the D-Day Landing Museum: Guided tour 1h30 (Museum, monuments, the beach)**

Built on the very spot where American troops landed on 6 June 1944, the museum tells the story of D-Day in ten sequences, from its preparation to its outcome and success. Utah Beach was the first beach to be stormed by the Allies on the morning of 6 June 1944. It was chosen to establish a bridgehead in the Cotentin region in order to capture the town of Cherbourg and its deep water port.

At the end of the day, more than 23,000 American soldiers landed to fight a titanic battle and liberate France.

The Utah Beach Landing Museum preserves the memory of these men. Thanks to a complete chronological tour, plunge into the history of the Landing and discover a collection rich in objects, vehicles, equipment and testimonies.



**Lunch on own**

**Afternoon : Transfer to the American Cemetery in Colleville sur mer**

50km / 1h



In the heart of the Normandy landing beaches, the American cemetery of Colleville sur Mer overlooks Omaha Beach. A must-see during your visit to the Normandy beaches, it contains the graves of 9,387 fallen soldiers, the chapel, the memorial and the garden of the missing.

The visitors' centre pays tribute to these soldiers and their courage in carrying out Operation Overlord and enabling the liberation of Europe.

**Transfer back to the hotel**

**Group Dinner and night at the hotel**

53km / 1h





**Friday June 14, 2024 : Bayeux****Breakfast****Transfer for Bayeux****Visit of the "Tapisserie de Bayeux"**

35km / 45 min

**THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY, AN 11TH CENTURY WORK UNIQUE IN THE WORLD**

Over a length of almost 70 metres, immerse yourself in the embroidered story of the conquest of England in 1066 by William, Duke of Normandy. The visit to the museum allows you to discover the Bayeux Tapestry in its entirety, to approach it without damaging it and to understand its history and its creation thanks to an audio-guided commentary in 16 languages. A junior commentary is also available in French and English. A permanent exhibition on the first floor enriches the visit.

**Lunch on own****Free time in the city****Old center & Notre Dame Cathedral**

However, the city is not only about its cathedral: spared by the 1944 bombings, Bayeux boasts an exceptional architectural heritage where the skills of the craftsmen have been expressed with talent. The former capital of the Bajocasses, a people of Gaul, can pride itself on its embroidery, lace and porcelain.

**Transfer to the city of concert (in the area)**

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**Rehearsal****Group Dinner****Concert –might be shared with a local choir****11.00 p.m Transfer back to the hotel**

**Saturday June 15, 2024 : Mont Saint Michel****Breakfast****Transfer for le Mont Saint Michel****Free time and lunch on own**

95km / 2h

**LE MONT SAINT MICHEL - FREE TIME**

Mont-Saint-Michel is unique in that it is built on a rocky islet, surrounded by a magnificent bay, the scene of the highest tides in continental Europe. The Mont and its bay are classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Between Normandy and Brittany, this grandiose site, located 3.5 hours from Paris, is one of the most visited monuments in France.

It was the maritime environment that determined the choice of the monks in the Middle Ages to settle in this precise location and build what was to become one of the most extraordinary buildings in religious architecture. Aubert, bishop of Avranches, is said to have founded a sanctuary on Mont-Tombe in 708, after three successive apparitions of the archangel Saint Michael. Overlooking the immensity of the bay, the abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel is the highlight of the visit. To get there, there is a maze of stairs and medieval alleys where it is good to stroll. The village, protected by ramparts built between the 12th and 14th centuries, is home to charming half-timbered houses.



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## Sunday June 16, 2024 : Coutances

### Breakfast

### Transfer for Coutances

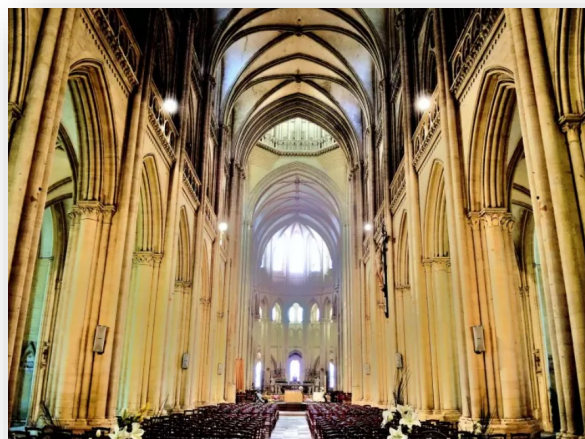
### Free time and lunch on own

30km / 40 min



Dominated by the towers of its cathedral, the City of Art and History of Coutances has a beautiful religious heritage. Built in the 13th century, the Notre-Dame cathedral is a remarkable example of Norman Gothic art.

Discover its nave, its 13th century stained glass windows and its superb lantern tower, a Gothic masterpiece. Not far from the cathedral, the plant garden is a particularly relaxing place to stroll around.



The ancient city of Manche was once the capital of the Unelles, a Celtic people, before being populated by the Romans who modernised it. Ravaged by Viking raids in the medieval period, the city also suffered from the Wars of Religion, notably with the looting of the cathedral by the Huguenots. Capital of Cotentin during the Ancien Régime, it lost this title in 1795 to Saint-Lô. In the 20th century, Coutances suffered deadly bombing during the Second World War. Despite its reconstruction, it has retained a certain charm and many authentic monuments.

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### Rehearsal

**04.00 p.m Gala Concert with all the participating choirs**

**Group dinners with all the choirs**

**10.30 p.m Transfer back to the hotel**

**Monday June 17, 2024 : Paris****Breakfast****Transfer for Paris / Lunch on own****Check in****Free time****Group dinner and night at the hotel**

300km / 4h



Paris is first and foremost known for its emblematic monuments: the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre-Dame de Paris, the Sacré-Coeur and the Opéra Garnier. If you have never set foot on Parisian soil, we advise you to visit these symbols first. Paris is a cultural as well as a historical capital and has no less than 180 museums. Of course, there is the Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay and the Centre Pompidou. But other places, more or less recent, are full of fascinating exhibitions on all subjects. You can visit the Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, the Musée Grévin, the Quai Branly and many other cultural centres.

Visiting Paris also means walking along the banks of the Seine, picnicking in one of its parks such as Buttes-Chaumont, or having a drink on the banks of the Canal Saint-Martin. Admire the historic architecture of the Marais, dive into the catacombs or climb to the top of the Montparnasse tower... There are thousands of activities.





Tuesday June 18, 2024 : Paris

**Breakfast**

**Free time and lunch on own—Metro ticket included**

**Group Dinner in Paris**

**Night at the hotel**



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**Visit of the Eiffel tower included (2nd floor)**

**For others activities, kindly ask us :**

***Bus city tour, Louvres Museum, Grevin Museum, Arc de Tromphe, Les Tuileries...***



Wednesday June 19, 2024 : Departure

Breakfast

Check-out

Transfer by private coach to Paris CDG Airport (from Paris Center)

End of the adventure with Choral Events

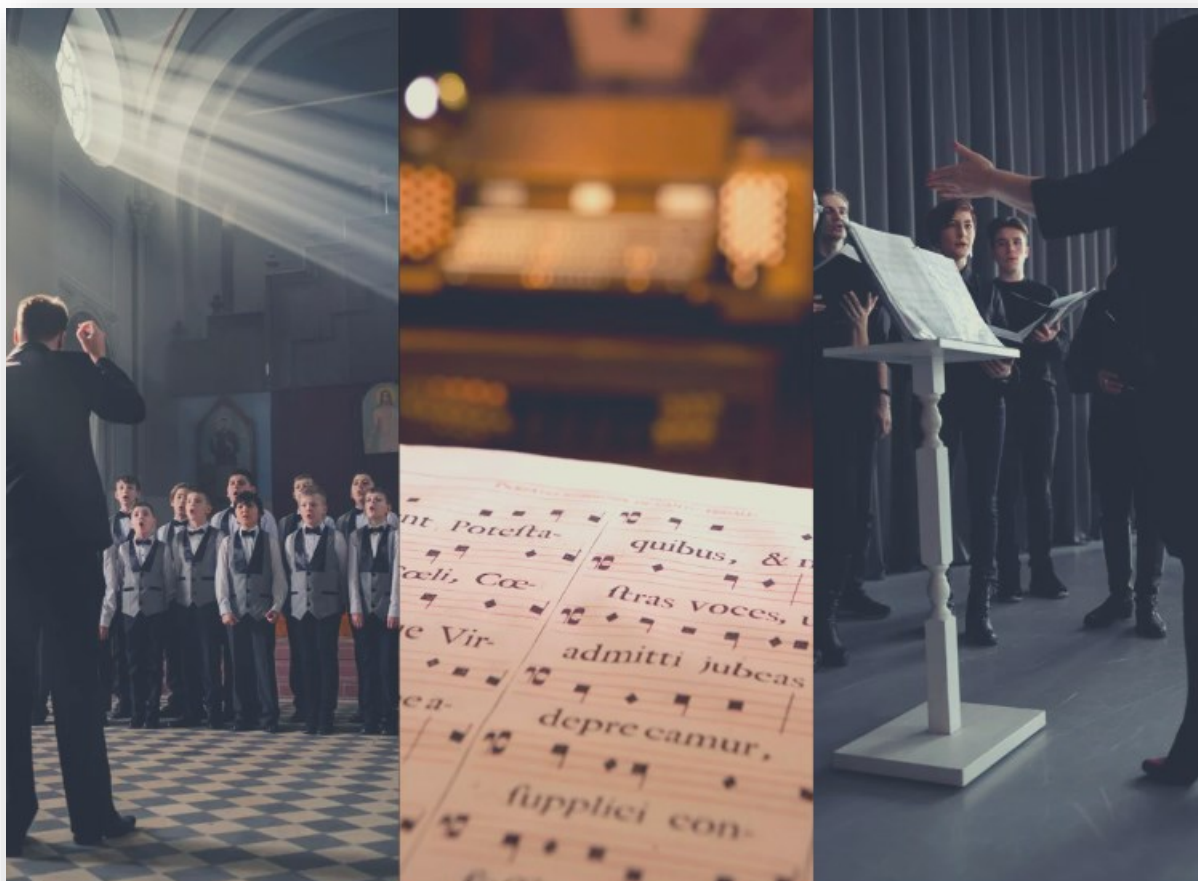
25km / 1h



End of the Tour



This proposal is an example of a tour, subject to change in agreement with the choir.  
with the choir.



Share your passion of choral singing

The accommodations : Option 1 in Normandy



## Hôtel Mercure Saint-Lô Centre \*\*\*\*

4.1/5 All  685 avis



**Air conditioned , Wifi, TV, Continental Breakfast**

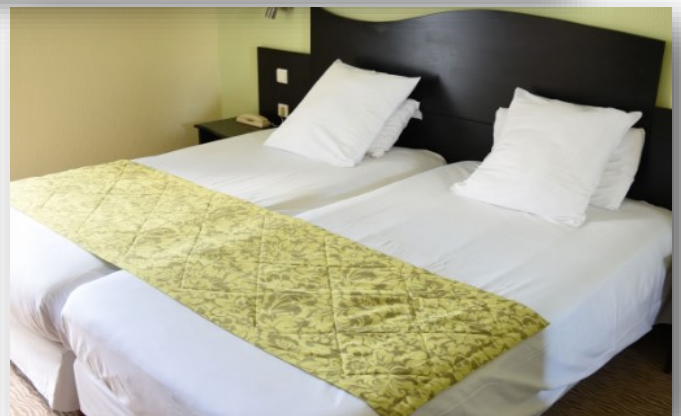
**Restaurant /Bar / Single, double and twin rooms**



The accommodations : Option 2 in Normandy

Hôtel Cositel ★★★  
Coutances

7.6 Good  
638 reviews



**Wifi, TV, Buffet Breakfast**

**Restaurant /Bar / Single, double and twin rooms**

The accommodations : Option 3 in Normandy



## Adonis Grandcamp - Résidence Les Isles De Sola



**Apart'Hotel format / full equipped rooms / Studio to T4**

**Wifi, equipped Kitchen, TV, Swimming Pool, Sauna**

**Buffet Breakfast, Private bathroom, Private terrace**

**Perfectly located, beach located 300m**

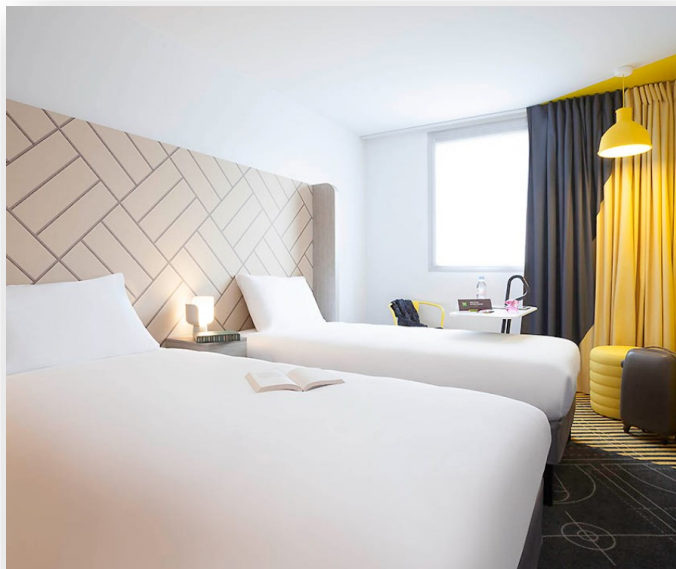


## The accommodations : Paris



### ibis Styles Paris Masséna Olympiades ★★★

4.5/5 All ●●●●● [835 avis](#)



**Continental Breakfast, AC, Wifi  
Singles, Twins & Double Rooms**

**Subway accessible by feet (4 min) /  
20 min from hypercenter with subway**

*If not available, equivalent hotel*



Discover one of the most beautiful region in France  
**DISCOVER Normandy**



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