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Your guide to **MUSIC** school tours 2019-20



Organising a music tour?

We're here to help.

We know it can be time consuming to plan a trip,
that's why we work hard to ease the pressure on teachers.

Choose NST for:

- The widest range of inspiring performance venues & hands-on workshops
- A tailor-made quote with no hidden costs & flexibility to hold arrangements until deposits are collected
- FREE trip launch kit & educational resource packs
- A dedicated, educational travel expert to take care of all the details & create a smooth-running daily itinerary
- My Tour Manager - our award-winning online trip organiser - to give teachers 24/7 access to their school trip information and help keep on track of admin
- Instant access to trip information whilst on tour with our award-winning travel app
- 24-hour emergency cover, audited accommodation & transport, a wide choice of assessed excursions & FREE preview visits to assist with risk assessment planning
- On-the-ground support from NST's representatives, guides & escorts in many of our destinations
- Reassurance for parents & teachers with NST's Locate My Trip providing live updates on a group's tour location
- Financial protection - NST are fully bonded through ABTA & ATOL
- More than 50 years' experience of creating expertly planned school trips that suit the individual needs of each group



Looking for a helping hand for your next music tour?
Get in touch today.

Call 0845 293 7974 Email us at info@nstgroup.co.uk
Visit nstgroup.co.uk or chat online



We're the travel company of choice for over 35,000 group leaders. We've been awarded the Feefo Gold Service award, an independent seal of excellence for delivering exceptional experiences, as rated by real customers.



With you every step of the way

Taking a music tour is widely known to help young people build strong, positive relationships and independence, as well as enhancing performance skills. A music trip often brings a sense of experience and enjoyment to learning, supporting the wider character development and resilience students need to deal with life's inevitable challenges.

At NST, we passionately believe in the importance of enriching experiences outside the classroom. That's why you won't find a wider choice of destinations, inspiring performance venues and hands-on workshops anywhere else. This year, we've also introduced Valencia to our music tour programme, here students can soak up the Spanish culture of this colourful city, whilst enjoying a range of cultural and performance experiences.

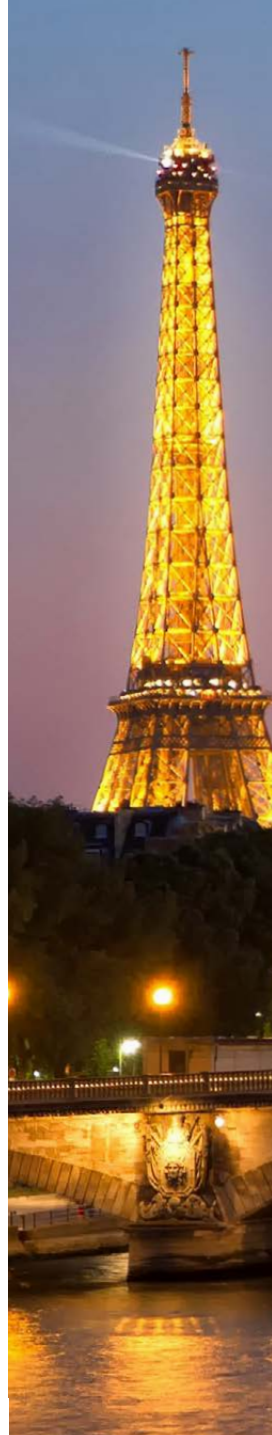
When it comes to organising a music tour, we understand just how much time and energy it can take on top of teaching. What's more, many schools are not aware that when they arrange transport, accommodation, and other services directly themselves, they'll have all the responsibilities of a travel company - both legal and financial - under the new Package Travel & Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018.

That's where NST can help. We're an LOtC accredited provider, giving you peace of mind that all the elements of your trip have been carefully checked on your behalf - a view supported by the DfE's recent recommendations on selecting a travel provider.

We're the travel company of choice for over 35,000 group leaders, but we know that what counts is the help and support that you receive. That's why we're committed to doing our absolute best to provide you with the experience and support that you need to match your requirements and budget and create a music tour that your students will remember long after they return.



Steve Craven
NST Director



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FREE PLACES

We offer a generous free place ratio
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and 1 in 8 for coach travel.

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Save £5pp from your first consecutive
year of travel onwards with our
loyalty reward.

INSPECTION VISITS

Free inspection visit to assist with your
school tour risk assessments.
2 night complimentary stay for 2 people
in your chosen destination.

Taking your music further

At NST, our dedicated team of music specialists work hard to make your tour a magical and unforgettable experience. From planning and promoting your performances, through to making all your arrangements, you'll be in good hands with NST.



Your in-house team

We have a dedicated team of expert Concert Consultants and Music Tour Travel Advisors who spend every day organising concerts that are tailor-made to school groups' needs – so you'll get all the advice you'll need.

You'll have the support of your own Music Tour Specialist. Our team have a fantastic knowledge of our destinations, having visited many first-hand. It's their job to piece together a travel package of accommodation, transport, visits and leisure activities around your performance schedule to ensure that you get the right balance of concerts and visits.

Your concert consultant



JOHN KAY

With extensive knowledge of our concert venues, Concert Consultant, John Kay, matches the most appropriate options to suit each group's ability and requirements. John is a classically trained instrumentalist and gigging musician, and also holds a master's degree in modern languages which serves him well when liaising with venue providers.

“

NST staff were extremely helpful and came back with a response to all queries quickly and were very amenable. It made the whole process less stressful. Thank you.

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Mrs Laura Blackmore-Saunders”

Your on-tour support

In many destinations we can offer Concert Assistants and Tour Assistants to give you all the support you need on the ground whilst you're away. We can now also provide a Tour Manager in all destinations.

TOUR MANAGERS

AVAILABLE IN ALL DESTINATIONS

From teacher feedback we know that on-tour support is important to you. That's why we can now offer support from a Tour Manager who will assist you throughout the duration of your tour, including at your concerts where they will be on-hand to provide extra support. Many groups have told us this service is important to them.

Please ask us for more details.

TOUR ASSISTANTS

Your Tour Assistant will meet you each morning at your hotel and stay with you each day to guide you through the events of your tour. They'll also deal with the organisation of your concerts, leaving you and your group free to concentrate on your performances.

CONCERT ASSISTANTS

Your Concert Assistant will meet you at your venues, take care of concert organisation and any issues which may arise, so that you and your group can concentrate solely on preparing for your performance.



Business Academy



Your Concerts

We offer a fantastic range of venues, suited to all types of group and every ability. We'll advise on, and organise, everything you need. We'll go the extra mile in promoting your concerts for you too.

We'll:

- ✓ select venues that regularly attract good audiences, and we'll schedule your concerts at the best times to maximise audience potential.
- ✓ locate A-board posters outside your venue, distribute promotional posters and leaflets ahead of your performances, plus promote your concerts in the local press, 'what's on' guides, social media, and on radio where possible.
- ✓ invite local youth and cultural groups to your concert (where appropriate) and, where possible, we'll organise joint concerts and festival participations to attract the largest possible audiences.





Paris



The renowned 'city of light' is guaranteed to add sparkle to any music tour. Paris has an abundance of performance venues, ranging from the mighty Notre Dame Cathedral to the Disney Performing Arts Programme at Disneyland®, Paris, making Paris the perfect choice for a variety of groups. It's also ideal for a combined music, art and French language tour, with plenty to see and do.

John Kay, Concert Consultant

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coach (with trailer option for instrumental groups) via ferry or Eurotunnel, and flights.

Best time to travel Paris is a year-round destination.

Ideal for • sacred choirs • bands (including rock) • youth orchestras • secular choirs

Good to know

- Many roads are closed on Bastille Day (14th July) and the days around this. We will plan your itinerary accordingly.
- Eiffel Tower queues can be huge. We highly recommend the Montparnasse Tower Observation Deck which is quieter, more affordable and offers a great view of the city, including the Eiffel Tower.
- Applications for summer performances in Paris parks are submitted in January so book early.

Additional support available Tour Manager and Concert Assistant – see pages 4-5

prices start from **£309 pp**

BOOK BY END OF MAY & SAVE **£10 pp**

includes NST City Representative

Price includes: 3 nights' half board accommodation, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, services of NST Paris Representative to assist with check-in & provide 24hr assistance, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, travelling April 2020.



Take part in Disney Performing Arts OnStage and Disney Performing Arts Workshops, plus enjoy the magic of Disneyland®, Paris too.



DISNEY PERFORMING ARTS ONSTAGE

What could be more exciting than performing on a Disney stage in front of an international audience? Disney Performing Arts OnStage gives the opportunity to instrumental, vocal, dance, parade groups and marching bands to do just that - with the aim of giving participants a glimpse into Disney's world of entertainment by offering them a unique, once in a lifetime experience!

A co-ordination team is assigned to each group to guide them through organising their visit and preparing for their show, as well as taking care of them on their arrival and for the performance itself. A Disney technical team are also on-hand to add those finishing touches and make sure everything runs smoothly for a magical experience they will never forget! Participation in the Disney Performing Arts OnStage programme is subject to audition. For details, please contact your Music Tour Travel Advisor.

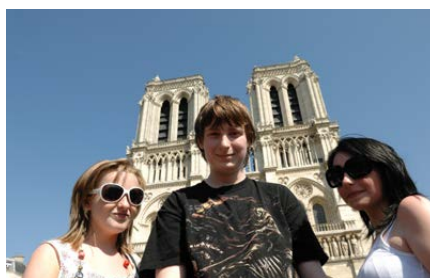
DISNEY PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS

Disney Performing Arts Workshops are founded on a strong ethos for performance development, giving students the opportunity to reach for the stars through hands-on sessions with Disney professionals. 'Intermediate Vocalist' is a challenging 90-minute workshop designed to initiate and inspire young singers, and take them on an exciting journey from basic musical literacy and the progressive development of vocal technique, to the delights of live performance.

Preliminary warm up exercises embrace posture, breath control, diction and voice production. Stylistic analysis and interpretation of one and two part melodic material drawn from Disney classics will follow. Workshops are also available for Dance, Musical Theatre and Instrumental groups. Please call for further details.

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A place to perform



NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

For an experience not to be missed, quality choirs with a sacred repertoire should jump at the chance to perform at this world-renowned cathedral. Apply for a short weekday recital or to participate in a weekend mass.

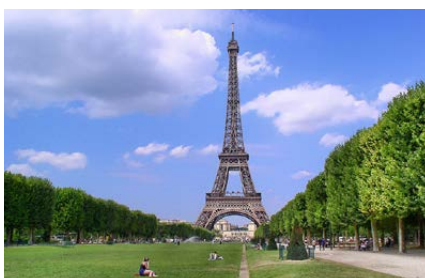


SQUARE JEAN XXIII

Located in a green leafy space directly behind the Notre Dame Cathedral, Square Jean XXIII tempts passers-by with its lovely, relaxed atmosphere and shaded benches. Perform to locals and tourists alike from your stage on the bandstand podium.

Best of the rest

- **ÉGLISE ST SULPICE** Enjoy a Sunday afternoon or full evening concert in this stunning church with its Cavallé-Coll grand organ.
- **ÉGLISE ST EUSTACHE** Venture to the ancient market area of Les Halles and participate in a choral evening mass.
- **HÔPITAL ROBERT DEBRÉ** Concerts at this children's hospital are a rewarding experience for smaller groups.
- **SQUARE DU TEMPLE** This landscaped botanical garden boasts a traditional covered bandstand.
- **THE GERMAN CHURCH** A rare opportunity to perform mixed and secular programmes in church. Offers excellent acoustics and is popular for professional recordings.
- **FIAP JEAN MONNET** This accommodation boasts an excellent events programme which includes concerts given by resident groups.
- **JARDIN D'ACCLIMATATION** Take centre stage in this city centre attraction-packed leisure park.
- **PARC DE CHOISY** A large, leafy, fountain-filled park with a large stage, changing facilities and auditorium-style seating.
- **NOTRE DAME PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, LA DEFENSE** This modern church located in Paris' equally modern business district is suitable for a variety of groups.
- **PARIS OPERA TOUR** Be wowed on a guided tour around the architectural masterpiece that is the Palais Garnier.
- **CITÉ DE LA MUSIQUE** Musée de la Musique's permanent collection will take you on a chronological circuit through western music, from the 17th century.
- **PÈRE LACHAISE CEMETERY** Visit the resting places of many musical luminaries.



CHAMP DE MARS

If your group boasts a somewhat lively repertoire, then these city gardens close to the Eiffel Tower could be your ideal venue choice. With beautiful views, here groups can perform before Parisians and tourists gathered on the lawns.



ÉGLISE MADELEINE

Weekday concerts attract great audiences at this venue which takes the form of a Greek temple and houses a magnificent church organ designed by Aristide Cavallé-Coll. This venue is a popular choice for sacred choirs and classical orchestras.

For a memorable performance...



JARDIN DU LUXEMBOURG

Set in a prime location within the gardens of the stunning and grand Palais du Luxembourg, this venue regularly attracts good audiences. What better way to spend your tour than to perform in a setting as special as this.

DISNEY PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS - LET'S SING CHRISTMAS



This Christmas at Disneyland® Paris a brand new musical show will take place in Videopolis Theatre. We invite you to join Mickey to be part of an unforgettable once in a lifetime experience: singing the Magic of Christmas. Legend tells that the power of uniting voices from around the world, is strong enough to light the brightest Christmas star! A magical mix of Disney Characters, Disney professional singers, a unique performance venue and technical wonderment, will all create the event.

A Disney Performing Arts vocal workshop prior to the performance, will give the chosen choirs an unforgettable glimpse into the world of entertainment at Disneyland® Paris!

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SEE MORE ONLINE





Here to help

YOUR ON-TOUR SUPPORT

We can provide you with a Tour Manager and a Concert Assistant to give you all the support you need on the ground whilst you're away.

A Tour Manager can be there to assist you throughout the duration of your tour, including at your concerts, whereas your Concert Assistant will be there to meet you at your venues, take care of concert organisation and any issues which may arise.

NST's Paris City Representative, Aliya, or a member of her team will meet you on arrival, assist you with hotel check-in, advise you on points of interest and public transport and provide 24 hour emergency assistance.

Sample itinerary

- Day 1** Morning departure from school
Met by NST Representative who'll provide check-in assistance.
Evening meal.
Free time/rehearsal time.
- Day 2** 1-hour Seine river cruise.
Free time for sightseeing.
Concert at Square Jean XXIII.
Evening meal.
Leisure time.
- Day 3** Full day in Disneyland® Paris including a group performance.
Evening meal.
Quiz night.
- Day 4** Departure for return journey to school.

For prices for this itinerary, please call us.

Where you will be staying



FIAP JEAN MONNET

Simple, clean and highly recommended. Excellent facilities with performance opportunities as part of concert programme – see page 8.



B&B HOTEL PARIS DISNEYLAND

A modern, functional hotel located near Disney®. Clean rooms and well-maintained.



EXPLORERS

A modern, comfortable adventure-themed hotel offering excellent recreational facilities. A Disney® selected hotel, located in the Val de France. Popular with music groups.

“ Our performance at the Disney Videopolis Stage was amazing! It's a fantastic venue and a great opportunity for the kids. All NST consultants were fabulous and our drivers were superb from beginning to end. Another amazing concert tour with NST. ”
Annemarie McMurray, St Bede's Catholic High School

Ready to start planning your next music experience?

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For further details about tours to Paris, visit nstgroup.co.uk



Lochaber High School

Belgium



Whether experienced or just starting out, this region offers varied performance opportunities at great value. Host concerts in wonderful churches and cathedrals, at popular city squares, on coastal town bandstands, in municipal gardens and even at bustling theme parks. Boost novices' confidence with appreciative audiences, and feed experienced performers' enthusiasm at the prestigious venues in Bruges, Ghent and Brussels.

John Kay, Concert Consultant

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coach (with trailer option for instrumental groups) via ferry or Eurotunnel.

Best time to travel Belgium is a year-round destination.

Ideal for • sacred choirs • bands • youth orchestras • secular choirs

Good to know

- NST's exclusive school group accommodation, the Château d'Ebblinghem in Northern France, is ideally located for visits and venues in the region.
- Many roads are closed on Bastille Day (14th July) and the days around this. Shops are generally closed on Sundays too. We will plan your itinerary accordingly.
- This region is popular for many types of school trip, from music to history and languages. We recommend you book early to secure your preferred dates and accommodation.

Additional support available Tour Manager – see pages 4-5.

BOOK BY
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£10_{PP}

prices start
from
£279_{pp}

Price includes: 3 nights' full board at NST's Château d'Ebblinghem, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, July 2020.



Christmastime – music, markets and more!

Delight in the build-up of excitement before Christmas by combining your music tour with a Christmas market experience. We can arrange for your group to enjoy magical performances at the Bruges, Ypres or Lille Christmas markets. A stay at NST's exclusive school group accommodation, the Château d'Ebblinghem, will get you further into the Christmas spirit too. This ideal base hosts its own magical festive experience each year. From here you can visit up to three Christmas markets (Lille, Bruges & Ypres), enjoy a Christmas quiz night and a five-course traditional Christmas dinner. What better way to spend 'the most wonderful time of the year'!

A place to perform



OSTEND BANDSTAND

Perform before audiences drawn from this popular coastal town on the covered bandstand, which is well located, near to shops and cafes, where tourists and locals tend to congregate.



BRUGES CATHEDRAL

This beautiful cathedral resides in a great central location in the city. Bruges, a UNESCO world heritage site, abounds with character and charm and is reputed to be the best preserved medieval city in Europe.

For a memorable performance...



LAST POST CEREMONY AT THE MENIN GATE, YPRES

Choirs and bands can perform two hymns at this daily ceremony commemorating the fallen of WWI. An incredibly moving experience for groups who are often able to lay a wreath.

Best of the rest

- **CATHEDRAL OF ST BAVO, GHENT**
Choirs and orchestras with a sacred or spiritually-orientated programme of classical music can perform at this stunning cathedral.
- **BOBBEJAANLAND, LICHTAART**
Enjoy a fun theme park performance.
- **MARKET PLACE, BRUGES**
This stunning city square attracts good audiences.

- **CATHEDRAL OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GUDULA, BRUSSELS**
Concerts predominantly for sacred choirs. Ypres is also a popular cathedral venue.
- **COASTAL BANDSTANDS**
De Haan, Ostend, Nieuwpoort and De Panne.
- **CLOTH HALL COURTYARD, YPRES**

SEE MORE ONLINE



Where you will be staying



NST'S CHÂTEAU D'EBBLINGHEM, NORTHERN FRANCE Exclusive school group accommodation. Pupil and teacher rooms located together alongside dedicated dining and teacher areas. Excellent facilities. Rehearsal space and flexible meal times.



YPRES LODGE Modern accommodation purpose-built for school groups. Within easy reach of the centre of Ypres. Good value for money and highly recommended.



HOTEL OUDE ABDIJ A comfortable, atmospheric hotel offering an ideal location for excursions to the Battlefields and performances in Ypres. Experienced in accommodating groups of young people.

“ Our top experiences in Belgium included performances at the Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony, Lo Abbey and St George's Anglican Church, visiting the city of Bruges and visiting the Tyne Cot Cemetery.

Andrew Millinchip, Grange School ”

Musical experiences

Perform and, on occasion, be recorded in a specially designed concert hall at the **Musical Instrument Museum in Brussels**. Make sure you visit the fascinating museum too.

At your leisure

Popular options include **Bagatelle theme park**, the **WWI Battlefields** and the **Ledoux Chocolate Factory tour**.

Sample itinerary

- Day 1** Morning departure from school. Check into accommodation. Boulangerie visit. Evening meal. Rehearsal time.
- Day 2** Day visit to Bruges. Lunchtime concert in the market square. Evening meal.
- Day 3** Ypres including the interactive 'In Flanders Fields Museum' depicting conditions during WWI. Concert in the Cloth Hall Courtyard, Ypres. 2 course meal in local restaurant. Participate in the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate.
- Day 4** Departure for return journey to school.

For prices for this itinerary, please call us.

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Lasswade High School

Rhine & Moselle



The towns and villages alongside these two rivers have an excellent range of both indoor and outdoor venues and a varied choice of excursions. Groups can perform in beautiful spa resorts, bandstands and town squares where they will receive a warm welcome and can perform in a safe, relaxed environment. This region is a firm group favourite.

John Kay, Concert Consultant

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coaches (with trailer option for instrumental groups) via ferry or Eurotunnel.

Best time to travel Popular travel dates for music groups range from Easter through to October, and during the Christmas markets season.

Ideal for • sacred choirs • bands (including rock) • youth orchestras • secular choirs

Good to know

- Bring spare change for souvenirs and for the mini train – a lovely leisurely activity. Be aware that Cologne Cathedral also requests a donation.
- This region gets hot in the summer. Bring sun cream. We recommend that chocolate factory visits take place in the afternoon so that any chocolate you buy doesn't melt!
- If you're planning on a visit to Phantasialand or exploring the city then bring comfortable shoes.

Additional support available Tour Manager – see pages 4-5

BOOK BY
END OF MAY
& SAVE
£10_{pp}

prices
start from

£319_{pp}

Price includes: 4 nights' full board accommodation, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, April 2020.



Cologne at Christmas

NST offers a unique opportunity for your group to explore traditional stalls and activities then perform a Christmas programme at the markets in Cologne. Why not combine this with a sacred performance from a choice of other popular venues?

“
The choir's performance was wonderful, they sang really beautifully! I would like to thank you kindly that we could organise this performance together.
”
Cultural Organiser for Cologne Christmas Markets

A place to perform



COLOGNE CATHEDRAL

Delight your pupils and sing at the largest Gothic church in northern Europe. As part of the midday prayer service, sacred choirs are invited to contribute three or four motets or anthems. It may also be possible to perform at evening mass.



KÖNIGSBACHER BIERGARTEN

Performing in the huge beer garden that stretches along the banks of the River Moselle where it splits off from the River Rhine allows groups with a popular, lively repertoire maximum exposure for attracting tourists visiting the Deutsches Eck at Koblenz

For a memorable performance...



BAD MÜNSTER

A spa venue that's ideal for concert bands, with both indoor and outdoor performance spaces so you'll be accommodated no matter what the weather.

Best of the rest

• TRIER BRUNNENHOF

This courtyard setting is ideal for concerts.

• CHURCHES

Perform in parish and city churches.

• KULTURUFER, BINGEN

This Rhine promenade is a relaxed outdoor venue.

• SPA VENUES

Ideal for concert bands, with both indoor and outdoor performance spaces. Popular spa venues include Kurgarten Bad Kreuznach and Bad Bertrich.

• FESTIVALS

Perform at a variety of outdoor events.

• BOPPART BANDSTAND

Tourists flock to this very picturesque and popular town.

• RÜDESHEIM MARKET

Perform in the historic, cobbled market square. An ideal venue for all groups.

SEE MORE ONLINE



Musical experiences

Extend the musical experience and fascinate pupils at **Siegfried's Musikkabinett** with its self-playing instruments. For a fact-filled time, visit **Beethoven's House in Bonn** or the **Beethoven Museum in Koblenz**.

At your leisure

Visit Phantasieland theme park, travel to visits on a river cruise, make a splash at Cochem Wave Pool and enjoy Cologne's Chocolate Museum.

Where you will be staying



HOTEL BERGSCHLÖSSCHEN, BOPPART

Pleasant hotel, with friendly, flexible owners, located in a tranquil, residential setting within 15-20 minutes' walk of Boppard centre.



A&O COLOGNE NEUMARKT

This modern, budget hostel with 173 rooms is centrally located. The rooms are spacious and bright with all modern facilities.



HOTEL HUNSRÜCKER HOF

A high quality, single group hotel in the centre of Boppard. The owners are very hospitable and experienced in handling youth groups. A warm welcome is assured and many groups return year after year.

Sample itinerary

- Day 1** Morning departure from school. Check into accommodation. Evening meal.
- Day 2** Rhine boat cruise. Concert at a local parish church. Evening meal.
- Day 3** Full day excursion to Moselle. Visit the bustling resort of Cochem. Concert at Trier Brunnenhof. Evening meal.
- Day 4** Shopping and sightseeing in Cologne. Lunchtime concert at Cologne Cathedral. Evening meal.
- Day 5** Departure for return journey to school.

For prices for this itinerary, please call us.

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For further details about tours to the Rhine and Moselle, visit nstgroup.co.uk



Lasswade High School

Black Forest

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With its mix of culture, beautiful lakes and stunning panoramic views, the Black Forest will give your group a traditional German experience. This scenic region is home to a wide range of performance venues, many set in idyllic locations. NST can combine performances and visits in France and Germany for a memorable two country tour.

John Kay, Concert Consultant

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coaches (with trailer option for instrumental groups) via ferry or Eurotunnel.

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Best time to travel Popular travel dates for music groups range from May through to October.

Additional support available Tour Manager - see pages 4-5

A place to perform



See-park Titisee Take centre stage by the side of Lake Titisee. An indoor option is also available.



Bad Krozingen A spa venue with an excellent summer concert series. Indoor option also available.

For a memorable performance...



Europapark Ideal for marching bands and concert groups. Free weekend theme park entrance when you perform.

BOOK BY END OF MAY & SAVE

prices start from

£375 pp

£10 pp

Price includes: 4 nights' full board accommodation, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, April 2020.

Best of the rest

- Baden Baden
- Triberg waterfalls
- Colmar
- Obernai
- Bad Säckingen Evangelische, Stadtkirche
- City of Strasbourg

Where you will be staying



Hotel Rebstock

A small, traditional hotel located in the centre of the village, offering groups a warm welcome.

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Christmas markets

SEE MORE ONLINE

In the build-up to Christmas, take your group on an exciting trip to a winter wonderland in Germany or France. Exciting festive performance opportunities await, and pupils can also get to practise and improve their language skills, enrich their cultural understanding and connect as a group. Enjoy tobogganing and ice-skating, a trip on a Ferris wheel and city sights too.

Trip highlights



Cologne Christmas markets
With six different markets open daily, and well into the evening, you'll definitely maximise your time away in Cologne. See the largest Christmas tree in the Rhineland, sample local artisans' produce, visit nostalgic attractions and Santa Claus' quarter and enjoy a Christmas cruise.



Berlin Christmas markets
Combine a traditional market experience with a visit to one of Europe's most vibrant cities. Over 60 Christmas markets and a great programme of cultural events await you. Visit the Potsdamer Platz Winter Wonderland and 'Boccia on Ice'.



Lille, Bruges & Ypres Christmas markets
Enjoy a magical Christmas market performance combined with a stay at NST's Château d'Ebblinghem. You can visit and perform at up to three Christmas markets (**Lille, Bruges and Ypres**), enjoy a Christmas quiz night and a five-course Christmas dinner.

prices start from

£ 109 pp

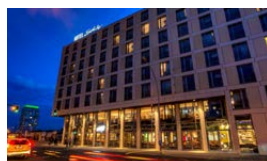
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£10 pp

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Where you will be staying



A&O Cologne Neumarkt



Schulz Hotel



Château d'Ebblinghem

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Get in touch with our team of school travel experts on **0845 293 7974** and we'll create a bespoke tour to suit your exact needs. For further details about tours to the Christmas markets, visit nstgroup.co.uk



Dutch Coast & Amsterdam

SEE MORE ONLINE 



The coastal resort of Noordwijk is a consistently popular, great value destination for groups. It is ideally positioned for the many coastal venues as well as a visit to Amsterdam. From performances in shopping centres and town squares to a variety of churches, this destination offers pretty coastal towns in contrast to the rich culture and vibrancy of Amsterdam.

John Kay, Concert Consultant

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coach (with trailer option for instrumental groups) via ferry or Eurotunnel and flights.

Best time to travel Popular travel dates for music groups range from Easter through to October.

Ideal for • sacred choirs • bands • secular choirs

Additional support available Tour Manager, Tour Assistant and Concert Assistant – see pages 4-5.

A place to perform



English Church, Amsterdam
This centrally located venue is excellent for youth choral groups.



De Efteling This theme park boasts a theatre and other performance areas. Ideal for music or dance groups.

For a memorable performance...



Delft Market Place Concerts in this attractive square always draw good audiences through spring and summer.

prices start from

£325 pp

BOOK BY END OF MAY & SAVE **£10 pp**

Price includes: 3 nights' full board accommodation, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, April 2020.

Best of the rest

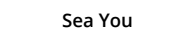
- Nieuwe Kerk, Delft
- Oosterkerk, Amsterdam
- St Anthony & St Nicholas Church, Monnickendam
- Walibi Holland
- Zandvoort aan Zee
- Stadhuisplein Leiden
- Zaanse Schans Windmill Village
- Canal trip



Sea You



Meininger Amsterdam City West



Sea You



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Trinity RC High School

Valkenburg

SEE MORE ONLINE 



Valkenburg and the South Limburg region offer the ideal destination for bands with popular programmes (as well as less experienced performing groups), who are looking to perform in a variety of venues, especially open-air locations. It is easy to create an 'international' tour from here, due to its proximity to Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg.

John Kay, Concert Consultant

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coach (with trailer option for instrumental groups) via ferry and Eurotunnel.

Best time to travel Popular travel dates for music groups range from Easter to October.

Ideal for • bands • secular choirs • chamber choirs

Additional support available Tour Manager, Tour Assistant and Concert Assistant - see pages 4-5.

A place to perform



Vrijthof, Maastricht
Performances are always well received. Avoid July when André Rieu's concerts take place.



St Jan Church, Maastricht
This historic and impressive church welcomes groups of all musical styles.

For a memorable performance...



Place d'Armes, Luxembourg
This imposing city centre bandstand is perfect for instrumental groups.

prices start from

£299 pp

BOOK BY END OF MAY & SAVE **£10 PP**

Price includes: 3 nights' full board accommodation, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, April 2020.

Best of the rest

- Konzertronda, Aachen
- Drielandpunt Labyrint, Vaals
- Marktplatz, Monschau
- Johanneskirche, Düsseldorf
- Valkenburg Town Caves
- Valkenburg Chairlift & Tobaggan Ride

Where you will be staying



Hotel Op de Boud

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Kings Langley School

Barcelona & Catalonia



Barcelona has a multitude of fantastic museums and galleries, while its historic past provides a wealth of cathedrals and memorable performance venues. Coastal parish churches attract good audiences, as do beach resorts in the summer. NST has a wide range of accommodation in the surrounding coastal towns, which provide a fabulous mix of concert venues, leisure activities and sandy beaches.

John Kay, Concert Consultant

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coach (with trailer option for instrumental groups) via ferry or Eurotunnel, and flights.

Best time to travel This is a popular destination for music groups year round.

Ideal for • sacred choirs • bands (including rock) • youth orchestras • secular choirs

Good to know

- A stay on the coast is great for those groups wanting a more laid-back tour, but that still want easy access to the city.
- Due to the heat, most performances during summer months take place in the evenings when it is cooler.
- Barcelona offers some great free visits such as the Olympic stadium viewing platform, the MNAC art museum and the Picasso Museum. We can provide you with full details.

Additional support available Tour Manager and Concert Assistant – see pages 4-5.

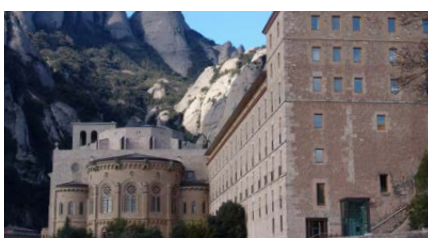
prices start from

£369 pp

BOOK BY END OF MAY & SAVE **£10 pp**

includes Concert Assistant

Price includes: 7 days, 4 nights' half board accommodation, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, services of a Concert Assistant in-resort, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, May 2020.



Tour highlight

MONTSERRAT MONASTERY

Groups of sacred or classical repertoire wanting to perform here will be given ten minutes to sing in the basilica before the world-famous Montserrat Boys' Choir give their daily recital of the 'Salve Regina'.

“
Montserrat was the highlight of our concert tour for many of our pupils and having the opportunity to sing there is an experience that will stay with us for a long, long time. It was an absolute privilege.
”
Andrea Price, Bacup & Rawtenstall Grammar School

A place to perform



GAUDI CRYPT, COLONIA GÜELL

As part of a 90-minute guided tour of Colonia Güell, musical groups of any kind may perform in the incredible surroundings of the Gaudi Crypt, a UNESCO world heritage site and architectural masterpiece.



TOSSA PROMENADE

Performers can enjoy a beautiful view of Tossa's Castle from this pedestrianised location across from Platja Gran, Tossa's main beach. Audiences await on the outdoor bar terraces.

For a memorable performance...



BARCELONA CATHEDRAL

As an extremely prestigious venue, Barcelona Cathedral offers the opportunity for high profile sacred choirs to participate in mass services.

Best of the rest

- **GIRONA CATHEDRAL** Perform in the ancient walled city of Girona.
- **SANT ROMA CHURCH, LLORET DE MAR**
- **EGLISA DE SANT BARTOLEMEU, SITGES**
- **LA ROCA, LLORET DE MAR**
- **SAGRADA FAMÍLIA**
- **TOWN HALL SQUARE, LLORET DE MAR**
- **AQUAPOLIS**

At your leisure

The region is home to a wide range of leisure visits. Exciting options to add to your itinerary include visits to PortAventura, Aquapolis Water Park, Nou Camp Stadium, Parc Güell, Las Ramblas, Sagrada Família and Dalí Theatre and Museum.

SEE MORE ONLINE



Where you will be staying



BARCELONA URBANY HOSTEL

This new hostel in central Barcelona marks an exciting development to the city's pupil accommodation scene. Simple rooms, great facilities and a competitive price.



HOTEL SILKEN CANADA PALACE

The hotel is located in the seaside resort of Calafell, close to the beach, shops and restaurants.



HOTEL SA RIERA

A medium sized hotel with 90 comfortable rooms spreading over 4 floors.

Musical experiences

Enjoy a fascinating **flamenco show**, based on the passionate art of Flamenco dancing, then follow on with a **flamenco lesson**. Visit the astounding **Montjuïc Magic Fountains**, the opera at **Gran Teatre del Liceu**, **Museu Pau Casals** in El Vendrell or take a guided tour of **Palau de la Musica Catalana**.

Sample itinerary

- Day 1** Morning departure for overnight journey.
- Day 2** Check into accommodation. Evening meal. Local orientation.
- Day 3** Free time to rehearse or spend in resort. Visit to Dalí Museum, Figueres. Evening meal. Concert in Tossa de Mar Town Square.
- Day 4** Barcelona - visit Park Güell, stroll down Las Ramblas, visit Port Vell. Guided tour & choral performance at Sagrada Família. Evening meal.
- Day 5** Day at Port Aventura. Evening meal. Concert at local hotel.
- Day 6** Free time. Depart for return overnight journey.
- Day 7** Arrive at school.

For prices for this itinerary, please call us.

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Valencia

SEE MORE ONLINE 

Music runs in the blood of Valencian people. It is obvious from the sheer number of Valencians, both young and old, who belong to a band and are passionate about music. Here, groups can soak up the Spanish culture of this colourful city, whilst enjoying a range of cultural and performance experiences.

At a glance

Getting there We offer flights to Alicante and Valencia from a variety of departure airports.

Best time to travel Valencia is a year-round destination

Ideal for • sacred choirs • youth orchestras • secular choirs

Additional support available Tour Manager, Concert Assistant – see pages 4-5.

A place to perform



Real Basilica Ntra Sra Dels Desamparats Built on the site of a Roman Temple. A memorable performance venue for sacred choirs.



Cullera's Castle An impressive fortress built on the top of the Cullera Mountain.

For a memorable performance...



The Caves of Sant Josep An underground cave with incredible acoustics for performances.

BOOK BY END OF MAY & SAVE
£10 PP

prices start from
£529 pp

includes Concert Assistant

Price includes: 4 nights' half board accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, coach transportation for 3 concerts, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, services of a Concert Assistant in-resort, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 35 paying passengers travelling November 2019.

Best of the rest

- Palau de la Música
- Old Market Gardens
- Santos Juanes Church
- Plaça Major, Sant Mateu

Where you will be staying



Hotel Expo

A very large centrally located hotel. This is a modern hotel with bright, functional rooms. Hotel Expo offers a good standard of accommodation, in the bustling city of Valencia.

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Malta

SEE MORE ONLINE 

A tiny island steeped in culture, Malta is a very special destination for a music tour. The strong band culture in Malta provides us with fantastic concert halls and outdoor performing arenas. The island also has a wonderful choice of large cathedrals where we host our choral concerts. Match this with a wonderful climate and the welcoming, friendly people and Malta shines out as an ideal music tour destination.

At a glance

- Getting there** We offer flights to Malta from a variety of departure airports.
- Best time to travel** This is a popular destination for music groups year round.
- Ideal for** • sacred choirs • bands • youth orchestras • secular choirs
- Additional support available** Tour Manager and Concert Assistant – see pages 4-5.

A place to perform



Palace Square Valletta
Centrally located with seating facilities. A popular venue choice.



Spinola Bay
Home to fishing villages and popular with tourists.

For a memorable performance...



Gozo Island
Churches, villages and resorts make ideal performance venues.

prices start from

£519 pp

BOOK BY END OF MAY & SAVE **£10 pp**

includes Concert Assistant

Price includes: 3 nights' half board accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, coach transportation for 3 concerts, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, services of a Concert Assistant in-resort, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 35 paying passengers travelling October 2019.

Don't miss...

- Is-Siggiewi Church
- In-Naxxar Church
- Marsaxlokk Village
- Buggiba Square
- Bay Street Shopping Complex
- Harbour Cruise
- The Malta Experience

Where you will be staying



Sunflower Hotel



Santana Hotel

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Youth Brass 2000

Lake Garda



Summer is one of the best times to enjoy all that Lake Garda has to offer. There are many festivals, outdoor venues and holiday villages around the lake that welcome our music groups. As a base, Lake Garda is a great destination which allows groups to visit Verona and Venice for a day trip.

John Kay, Concert Consultant

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coach (with trailer option for instrumental groups) via ferry and Eurotunnel, and flights.

Best time to travel Popular travel dates for music groups range from Easter through to October.

Ideal for • choirs • bands • youth orchestras • mixed ensembles

Good to know

- Due to the summer heat, concerts generally take place in the evening at around 9pm.
- We recommend packing insect repellent for those concerts by the lake.

Additional support available Tour Manager, Tour Assistant and Concert Assistant – see pages 4-5.

BOOK BY
END OF MAY
& SAVE
£10 PP

prices
start from

£459 pp

includes
Concert
Assistant

Price includes: 7 days, 4 nights' half board accommodation, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, services of a Concert Assistant in-resort, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, October 2019.



Hitting the right note

Cate Gardner, Head of Music at Archbishop Temple School, took her group to Lake Garda with NST. "We had such a wonderful time. It was a great opportunity for pupils to widen their musical and cultural experiences and bond as a band. The highlights of our trip were visiting and performing in Sirmione, a trip to Venice, having a fun day out at Gardaland Theme Park and playing in the swimming pool. I would definitely recommend the tour and NST to other music groups. It was an excellent trip with some superb concert venues and lots of culture".

A place to perform



TOWN SQUARES

The 'piazze' in the towns and villages surrounding Lake Garda are great performance venues. The relaxed atmosphere of these towns and squares provide groups with an enjoyable platform to share music with the local community.



GARDA AMPHITHEATRE

The town of Garda's amphitheatre is located directly on the lakeside in a busy pedestrianised tourist area. The town has a busy nightlife and evening concerts can attract good audiences in the summer.

For a memorable performance...



ST MARK'S BASILICA, VENICE

Sacred choirs may travel to Venice for the day to sing at mass in this world-renowned venue, made unique by both its wealth of history and its magnificence.

Best of the rest

- **CHURCH OF SAN NICOLÒ & SAN SEVERO, BARDOLINO** Parish church in a popular tourist hub.
- **SAN GIORGIO EN BRAIDA, VERONA** Ideal for choral and orchestral groups.
- **CHIESA PARROCCHIALE DI MALCESINE** A parish church well-known to locals and tourists.
- **HOLIDAY VILLAGES** Perform as part of the guest entertainment.
- **PASTRENGO MUSIC FESTIVAL** The town hall's Pop-Soul-Jazz festival for groups with a lively, entertaining repertoire.

SEE MORE ONLINE



Musical experiences

Verona Opera is held at the Arena di Verona, a Roman amphitheatre internationally famous for its large-scale operatic performances.

If you are interested in classical music then you will love the free **Museo della Musica** in Venice. Take in the historical exhibition of stringed and classical instruments alongside displays about Vivaldi.

At your leisure

Gardaland, boat cruises, cable cars, Venice, Aqua Paradise, Canevaworld, Movieland Park and Malcesine Castle.

Sample itinerary

- Day 1** Morning departure for overnight journey.
- Day 2** Check into accommodation with assistance from your local representative. Evening meal.
- Day 3** Explore the beautiful lakeside resorts of Torbole, Garda and Bardolino. Evening meal. Concert at 5-star camping resort.
- Day 4** Rehearsal. Visit Gardaland. Evening meal. Concert in Garda Amphitheatre.
- Day 5** Visit to Verona. Free time and late afternoon concert at private beach venue. Evening meal.
- Day 6** Free time. Depart for return overnight journey.
- Day 7** Arrive at school.

For prices for this itinerary, please call us.

Where you will be staying



HOTEL SAN VITO, NEGRAR

This family run hotel offers a friendly welcome, excellent food, and plenty of space for groups to meet.



CENTRO TURISTICO GARDESANO

Set in a beautiful location, this spacious hotel offers a good range of facilities and a warm welcome to a large number of youth groups throughout the year.

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For further details about tours to Lake Garda, visit nstgroup.co.uk



Venice

SEE MORE ONLINE 

There's nowhere quite like Venice, with its small islands separated by canals and linked by bridges, and its unique Venetian atmosphere. The city offers culture paired with superb concert venues ideal for choirs. Audiences are warm and enthusiastic and the variety of sightseeing opportunities means days are filled with both educational and fun activities to suit all ages.

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coach via ferry or Eurotunnel, and flights.

Best time to travel Popular travel dates for music groups range from Easter through to October.

Ideal for • choirs

Additional support available Tour Manager, Tour Assistant and Concert Assistant – see pages 4-5.

A place to perform



Venice churches Most Venice churches accept sacred choirs to perform full concerts or participate in a church service.



Santa Maria di Miracoli
Perform an hour-long evening concert at this beautiful church of marble.

For a memorable performance...



St Mark's Basilica
Sacred choirs may sing at mass in this world-famous Byzantine basilica.

prices start from

£435 pp

BOOK BY END OF MAY & SAVE **£10 PP**

includes Concert Assistant

Price includes: 3 nights' half board accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, services of a Concert Assistant in-resort, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 35 paying passengers travelling November 2019.

Best of the rest

- Museum of Music
- Gran Teatro la Fenice
- Gondola Ride
- Murano & Burano island tour
- Venice Vivaldi Museum

Where you will be staying



Casa Caburlotto



Hotel Nazionale

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Preston Lodge High School

Rome

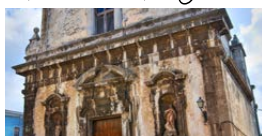
SEE MORE ONLINE 

Rome offers a unique collection of world-class venues, as well as the attractions of a city of history and glamour. We particularly recommend it for choral groups and NST can build an itinerary that includes performing in some of the most famous churches in the world. NST groups are welcomed at many churches to participate in the mass.

At a glance

- Getting there** We offer flights to Rome from a variety of departure airports.
- Best time to travel** This is a popular destination for music groups year round.
- Ideal for** • sacred choirs
- Additional support available** Tour Manager, Tour Assistant and Concert Assistant – see pages 4-5.

A place to perform



Chiesa Di Sant'Eustachio
This, one of Rome's basilicas, is a popular concert venue with excellent acoustics.



Saint Paul's Within the Walls
Choirs and orchestras are welcome to perform a mixed programme.

For a memorable performance...



The Basilica of St Peter in the Vatican City Choirs of a high standard may be invited to sing during mass.

BOOK BY
END OF MAY
& SAVE
£10 PP

prices
start from

£485 pp

*includes
Concert
Assistant &
NST City
Representative*

Price includes: 4 nights' half board accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, services of a Concert Assistant in-resort, services of NST Rome Representative to assist with check-in & provide 24hr assistance, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 35 paying passengers travelling November 2019.

Best of the rest

- Basilica of Santa Maria del Popolo
- Pantheon
- Colosseum
- Spanish Steps & Trevi Fountain
- Mass at churches & Papal basilicas

Where you will be staying



Hotel Florida



Hotel Noto

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Tuscany

SEE MORE ONLINE 

Our groups are usually based in Montecatini Terme, an attractive town famous for its many natural thermal spas and surrounded by the Tuscan Hills. Florence, Pisa, Siena and Lucca are within easy reach and offer excellent concert venues and performance opportunities for all types of music group whether choral or instrumental.

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coach (with trailer option for instrumental groups) via ferry and Eurotunnel, and flights.

Best time to travel Popular travel dates for music groups range from Easter through to October.

Ideal for • choirs • bands • orchestras • mixed ensembles

Additional support available Tour Manager, Tour Assistant and Concert Assistant – see pages 4-5.

A place to perform



Basilica di Montecatini Terme
Sacred choirs and classical orchestras can sing in mass or perform an evening concert.



Piazza del Duomo, Pistoia
In the summer months, perform on the stage in Pistoia centre in front of the cathedral.

For a memorable performance...



Terme Tettuccio One of many thermal spas that offer choral and instrumental groups the opportunity to perform.

BOOK BY
END OF MAY
& SAVE
£10 PP

prices
start from

£495 pp

includes
Concert
Assistant

Price includes: 4 nights' half board accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, 4 days' coaching in resort, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, services of a Concert Assistant in-resort, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 35 paying passengers travelling November 2019.

Best of the rest

- Duomo Pisa
- Chiesa San Filippo Neri, Florence
- International Holiday Village, Barco Reale
- Puccini Museum, Lucca
- Summer festivals
- Santa Caterina Church, Lucca
- La Rocca, Montecatini Alto

Where you will be staying



Nuovo Savi



Hotel Cavallotti

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Prague

SEE MORE ONLINE

A beautiful city, with a marvellous cultural tradition, that offers music groups the opportunity to perform in wonderful venues and settings. An NST itinerary will also integrate the splendid medieval squares, breathtaking Baroque churches and palaces, and intriguing streets with gift shops and street entertainers.

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coach (with trailer option for instrumental groups) via ferry or Eurotunnel, and flights.

Best time to travel Popular travel dates for music groups range from February through to October.

Ideal for • sacred choirs • bands • youth orchestras • secular choirs

Additional support available Tour Manager and Concert Assistants – see pages 4-5.

A place to perform



St Simon & Jude

This wonderfully decorated concert hall offers good acoustics for large orchestras.



Mirror Chapel

This exquisite chapel, part of the Klementinum complex, was once frequented by Mozart.

For a memorable performance...



St Nicholas' Church

Choirs and classical orchestras can perform in this beautiful Baroque church.

prices start from

£435 pp

BOOK BY END OF MAY & SAVE **£10 pp**

includes Concert Assistant

Price includes: 4 nights' half board accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, coach transportation for 3 concerts, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, services of a Concert Assistant in-resort, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 35 paying passengers travelling November 2019.

Best of the rest

- Spa, Poděbrady
- River cruise
- Letensky Zamecek
- Blacklight Theatre
- Strahov Monastery
- Opera
- Hlahol Concert Hall

Where you will be staying



Hotel Olsanka



Slavia Hotel

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Salzburg

SEE MORE ONLINE 



Salzburg has an historic musical tradition and always provides our groups of all abilities with an enthusiastic reception. Groups can follow the 'Sound of Music' in Salzburg and its surrounding towns, performing in spa venues and bandstands against beautiful backdrops. Surrounding areas also provide a number of attractions and outstanding scenery that can be included in your itinerary.

John Kay, Concert Consultant

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coach (with trailer option for instrumental groups) via ferry or Eurotunnel, and flights.

Best time to travel Popular travel dates for music groups range from May through to October.

Ideal for · sacred choirs · bands · youth orchestras · secular choirs

Additional support available Tour Manager – see pages 4-5.

A place to perform



Music Pavilion, St Gilgen
Summer performances take place on the bandstand.



Salzburger Dom, Salzburg
Choirs may sing a short recital inside this Baroque cathedral.

For a memorable performance...



Mirabell Gardens Play outdoors in the gardens of the famous Schloss Mirabell.

prices start from

BOOK BY END OF MAY & SAVE

£10 PP

£459 pp

Price includes: 7 days, 4 nights' full board accommodation, executive coach transport from & to school & throughout your stay, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, May 2020.

Best of the rest

- Schönaun am Königsee
- Vigaun Spa Centre
- Bad Ischl Trinkhalle & Musikpavilion
- Christkirche, Salzburg
- Lake cruise
- Mozart's Birthplace



Hotel Hutter



A&O Salzburg

Where you will be staying

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Vienna

SEE MORE ONLINE 

Vienna hosts some of the most prestigious venues in Europe, and is ideal for more formal groups. Rich in the tradition of classical music, Vienna's wonderful churches provide sacred choirs and orchestras with prestigious concert locations. The surrounding areas of the city also provide a number of attractions and outstanding scenery that can be included in your itinerary.

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coach (with trailer option for instrumental groups) via ferry or Eurotunnel, and flights.

Best time to travel Popular travel dates for music groups range from February through to October.

Ideal for • sacred choirs • bands • youth orchestras • secular choirs

Additional support available Tour Manager – see pages 4-5.

A place to perform

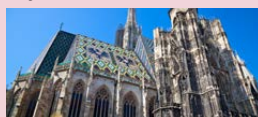


Baden bei Wien
Perform on this historic spa town bandstand, located close to Vienna.



Votivkirche One of Vienna's most prestigious churches. Performances at mass or concerts can be arranged.

For a memorable performance...



St Stephen's Cathedral
Perform at midday or morning mass, followed by a short recital, at this cathedral.

BOOK BY END OF MAY & SAVE
£10 pp

prices start from
£395 pp

Price includes: 4 nights' B&B accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, coach transportation for 3 concerts, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 35 paying passengers travelling November 2019.

Don't miss...

- St Peter's Church
- Christmas Markets
- Mozarthaus
- Schönbrunn Palace
- Spanish Riding School
- Prater Park

Where you will be staying



A&O Vienna Main Station

Ready to start planning your next music experience?

Get in touch with our team of school travel experts on **0845 293 7974** and we'll create a bespoke tour to suit your exact needs. For further details about tours to Vienna, visit nstgroup.co.uk



New York

The city that never sleeps! Manhattan is a fast-paced, exciting metropolis offering music groups of all types and abilities a wide range of performance venues. To create a truly memorable experience for your group, NST will arrange an itinerary that also includes many of the attractions that this amazing city has to offer, at the very best group prices.

At a glance

Getting there We offer scheduled flights from various departure airports, excellent group prices and group seating. Flights from London take approximately 8 hours. You'll be met by an NST Airport Representative for your outbound flight and (if you book a transfer) on your return arrival.

Best time to travel For choirs, New York is a popular year-round destination. For bands, April to October tends to be most popular.

Ideal for • sacred choirs • bands • secular choirs

Good to know

- New York is best explored on foot or via subway. We can help you with subway ticket options.
- Winter indoor venues are mainly community centres and schools.
- Don't forget to budget for tipping. We can offer you advice on how much to take.

Additional support available Tour Manager, Tour Assistants and Concert Assistants – see pages 4-5.

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start from

£875 pp

Price includes: 6 days, 4 nights' room only accommodation, return flights from a London airport (other departure airports are available) & overseas airport transfers, organisation & publicity of 3 concerts, extensive group travel insurance & 1 in 10 free place ratio. Price shown based on 35 paying passengers travelling February 2020.



Broadway shows

A POPULAR CHOICE!

Broadway is crammed with an array of spectacular theatrical performances to choose from. We work closely with theatres and agencies to give you access to great group prices, fantastic seats and great availability on the most popular options. Popular shows include:

- **WICKED** The untold musical story of The Wizard of Oz's Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good... before Dorothy dropped in.
- **SCHOOL OF ROCK** A wannabe rock star sets his sights on turning his pupils into a mind-blowing rock band for the Battle of the Bands.

A place to perform



THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE

Choirs with a sacred programme can combine a 30-minute recital with a musically themed tour of the cathedral.



INTREPID SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Vocal, instrumental and dance groups can take part in the performance programme on board the flight deck. Equipment hire packages available.

For a memorable performance...



CENTRAL PARK

Bands, orchestras and show choirs can apply to give public performances, either at the Naumberg Bandshell or other well-frequented park locations.

Musical experiences

- **Making Music workshop**
Learn techniques of vocal dynamics and acting.
- **Performing Group workshop**
Work with a Conductor/Music Director.
- **NST Stage School Theatre workshops**
Tailor a workshop to the show you see.
- **Radio City Music Hall**
Tour the country's leading music hall.
- **Lincoln Center of Performing Arts**
Explore the world's premier performing arts centre.
- **Behind the Magic Tour at Disney's New Amsterdam Theatre**
Discover how classic Disney stories are brought to life on stage.
- **Sunday Gospel Brunch**

Best of the rest

- EMPIRE STATE BUILDING
- LUNA PARK CONEY ISLAND
- LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTRE, JERSEY CITY
- ONE WORLD OBSERVATORY (Seasonal)
- ST MALACHY'S ACTORS CHURCH
- ST PAUL'S CHAPEL
- BATTERY PARK

SEE MORE ONLINE



At your leisure

For unbeatable city views, consider the Empire State Building, Top of the Rock or a Landmark Cruise.

Bring history to life on a Manhattan walking tour, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island or visit the moving National September 11 Memorial and Museum.

Sample itinerary

- Day 1** Daytime flight and transfer to accommodation.
Evening visit to the Empire State building.
- Day 2** Explore sites of Midtown Manhattan.
Concert at the Intrepid Sea Air & Space Museum.
Song in Performance workshop.
- Day 3** Explore 5th Avenue.
Afternoon concert in Central Park.
Broadway show.
- Day 4** Top of the Rock.
Concert at the Cathedral of St John the Divine.
Radio City Music Hall tour.
- Day 5** Free time for last minute shopping and sightseeing.
Transfer to airport for return flight to UK.
- Day 6** Arrive in UK.

For prices for this itinerary, please call us.

Where you will be staying



VANDERBILT YMCA

Youth hostel offering simple standard of accommodation but excellent value with the benefit of a central location. Recreational facilities on site.



COURTYARD MIDTOWN EAST

An excellent hotel with a good range of facilities, located in the heart of midtown Manhattan. Groups are assured of a comfortable stay.

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London



The wide number and variety of performance venues available in London make it an ideal destination for groups of all ages and abilities. These outstanding venues, along with the great range of amazing West End theatre shows, workshops, backstage tours and leisure visits, mean NST can provide a great value itinerary that engages, wows and inspires.

John Kay, Concert Consultant

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of transport options, including executive coaches (with trailer option for instrumental groups), rail and flights.

Best time to travel London is a popular year-round destination.

Ideal for • sacred choirs • secular choirs

Good to know

- London is best explored on foot or underground, so take comfortable footwear. NST can book underground and rail tickets for your group in advance of your departure.
- NST can book West End theatre tickets in advance for your group in order to secure the best availability and prices.
- If you are on a budget then London offers plenty of free, fun and educational museum visits which often include workshops. We can advise on all the opportunities available to you.

Additional support available Tour Manager – see pages 4-5.



Price includes: 1 night B&B accommodation, executive coach transportation from and to school and throughout your stay, group travel insurance, 1 in 8 free place ratio. Price shown based on 40 paying passengers from selected departure points, travelling November 2019.

A place to perform



THE ACTORS' CHURCH, ST PAUL'S COVENT GARDEN

This popular celebrated church hosts a wide variety of performances throughout the year. The church offers mixed programmes alongside the prestige of location and renown in the actor community.



VICTORIA EMBANKMENT GARDENS

Give a lunchtime or afternoon performance in the public gardens which back onto the government buildings of Whitehall. The section of the gardens between Waterloo Bridge and Charing Cross railway station also includes a large bandstand.

For a memorable performance...



ST GEORGE'S BLOOMSBURY

A wonderful and expanding arts and concerts venue situated in the edge of London's West End. Groups can perform a day time concert in this beautiful Baroque church.

Best of the rest

• HAMPTON COURT GARDENS

Spectacular gardens suited to all group types, offering large tourist audiences.

• ST ALFEGE CHURCH, GREENWICH

Long revered as the burial place of Thomas Tallis. A memorable venue for musicians.

• ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE

One of London's finest concert venues. Ideal for quality, classical ensembles.

• ROYAL PARKS

- St James' Park Bandstand
- Regents Park
- Kensington Gardens

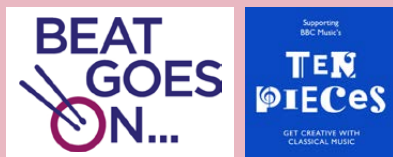
• CHURCHES OF THE CITY OF LONDON

- SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL
- ST THOMAS' HOSPITAL
- THE NATIONAL THEATRE

SEE MORE ONLINE



Take a musical masterclass



EXCLUSIVE PARTNER

BEAT GOES ON

STOMP-style body percussion workshops

In an exclusive partnership with NST, and hosted by a BBC Ten Pieces champion, these body percussion masterclasses can turn even the most reserved group into a smiling, enthusiastic drum orchestra. You'll be in for a hand clapping, toe tapping, stomping good time. Develop improvisation, ensemble techniques, performance and communication skills. We can even tailor the workshop length and content to your exact needs.



SONG IN PERFORMANCE

A popular choice from our NST Stage School workshops (others available). Learn singing techniques and how to act through song with a West End musical director. Share all you have learnt in a performance for a show cast member.



DISNEY EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP - SPOTLIGHT ON SINGING

Disney educational workshops give participants the rare opportunity to perform songs from Disney's Aladdin or The Lion King. Led by a Disney Teaching Artist.



LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Take the new Musical Composition and Arrangement workshop, create a group composition in the Audioactive workshop, get to grips with GarageBand in Remix the Orchestra or add an Indonesian twist in a Balinese Gamelan workshop.



THE MUSIC WORKSHOP

COMPANY Create and perform new music in a Music Composition workshop. Workshops can be based on a particular style of music such as pop, jazz, classical or can be directly linked to the GCSE, AS and A-level syllabus.

Theatre tours – venture behind the scenes



ROYAL OPERA HOUSE TOUR

Visit the backstage and the front of house areas as the Royal Opera House prepares to open its doors for an evening performance. Enjoy an introduction to the theatre's history, its magnificent backstage technology and redevelopment.

LONDON COLISEUM

Visits to the London Coliseum offer opportunities to watch both rehearsals and performances, tour the backstage area and enjoy talks and tours. An amazing insight into working in the performing arts.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL FRONT OF HOUSE TOUR

Experience the excitement inside one of the most famous venues in the world as it prepares for the next performance. Take in the auditorium, view from the Gallery, and sneak a peek at the Royal Retiring Room.

OTHER THEATRE TOURS:

- LES MISERABLES
- THE GLOBE
- NATIONAL THEATRE

SEE MORE ONLINE 

Watch the professionals



ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Talented musicians come from round the globe to study here. Many events are on offer, from chamber and orchestral concerts to full-scale opera productions. RCM musicians also perform lunchtime and rush-hour concerts across London.



ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA (ENO)

ENO is a creative and vibrant home for compelling, high quality theatrical productions created by imaginative stage directors and designers from across the arts and performed by leading British and international artists.



WICKED

Wicked shines brightly - in vivid green - on the West End stage! This enchanting show tells the untold story of the Witches of Oz. A spectacular production and incredible story inspires discussion about propaganda, tolerance, bullying and friendship.



LES MISÉRABLES

Set against the backdrop of 19th-century France, Les Misérables tells an enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, sacrifice and redemption – a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit.

Other West End shows are available. Visit nstgroup.co.uk or call for details.

Where you will be staying



MEININGER HOTEL LONDON HYDE PARK

In an ideal central location offering a unique blend of high quality accommodation, full meal options and large selection of conference rooms.



PREMIER INN

Comfortable hotel, belonging to the Premier Inn chain, located close to a tube station.



YHA THAMESIDE

Youth hostel offering basic accommodation and good facilities at a reasonable price.

At your leisure



A trip to London wouldn't be complete without partaking in a few firm itinerary favourites - all at great group prices.

The **Coca-Cola London Eye** boasts a fantastic bird's eye view.

Take to the water and see this iconic landmark, amongst others, on a **Thames river cruise**.

Let's not forget the world-class **museums and galleries** on offer in the city too. Whether science, history or even art, there are so many to choose from.

Sample itinerary 1

THEATRE FOCUSED

- Day 1** Morning departure from school.
Body percussion workshop.
West end show.
- Day 2** Royal Opera House tour.
Song in Performance workshop.
Return to school.

For prices for this itinerary, please call us.

Sample itinerary 2

PERFORMANCE FOCUSED

- Day 1** Morning departure from school.
Local exploration & rehearsal time.
Coca-Cola London Eye.
- Day 2** Time in Covent Garden.
Concert in The Actors' Church, St Paul's Covent Garden.
Evening meal at Planet Hollywood.
- Day 3** Morning rehearsal.
Concert in Victoria Embankment Gardens.
West End show.
- Day 4** Royal Opera House tour.
Return to school.

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Liverpool & North West England



Exciting things have been happening in Liverpool over recent years, and this vibrant city offers lots to see and do. Liverpool is a UNESCO City of Music for good reason. Here you'll find plenty to inspire your pupils. From performances at world-famous and impressive venues, to the many fascinating musical experiences available. This, the hometown of The Beatles, is set to impress.

John Kay, Concert Consultant

At a glance

Getting there We offer a range of options to get you to and around your destination – and back home again – with ease, including executive coach (with trailer option for instrumental groups).

Best time to travel Liverpool is a year-round destination.

Ideal for • choirs • bands • youth orchestras

Good to know

- Liverpool is a UNESCO City of Music
- The AQA GCSE music study piece is The Beatles Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band
- Liverpool Empire theatre is host to many West End touring productions

Additional support available Tour Manager – see pages 4-5



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British Music Experience, Liverpool

The British Music Experience, a unique learning resource, tells the story of over 70 years of British Music history through costumes, instruments, performance and memorabilia from the Beatles and Bowie to Adele, Oasis and X Factor. Discover how music has influenced art, fashion and even the Government. Pupils can also try the vocal booth, dance the decades or play top guitars and drums.

A place to perform



ALBERT DOCK, LIVERPOOL

Any type of group can perform at the vibrant heart of Liverpool's historic and culture-filled waterfront, with its blend of old and new. Enjoy a fun, friendly atmosphere and relaxed audiences.



LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Liverpool Cathedral welcomes choirs to provide the music while the Cathedral Choir is on vacation. Visiting choirs play a valuable and important part in the life of the Cathedral.

For a memorable performance...



BRITISH MUSIC EXPERIENCE

This exciting venue is a popular choice for choirs and bands of various repertoires, who can perform in the iconic Cunard Building.

Best of the rest

- **LIVERPOOL CITY SPACES, INC. MATHEW STREET**
Set the atmosphere alight in Liverpool's trendy city spaces.
- **CAVERN CLUB, LIVERPOOL**
Limited performance opportunities at showcase nights.
- **PICCADILLY GARDENS, MANCHESTER**
Perform in this open area in the heart of Manchester's city centre. A guaranteed audience, whatever your style of music.

- **EXCHANGE SQUARE, MANCHESTER**
A major public space welcoming groups to perform to local shoppers and workers.
- **TOWN SQUARE OR EASTGATE, CHESTER**
This charming, walled city provides a wonderful performance backdrop.
- **CHURCH AT TARVIN, CHESTER**
Welcomes choirs who may perform to local parishioners.

SEE MORE ONLINE



At your leisure

Go behind the scenes at **Anfield**, home of Liverpool FC. Enjoy expert commentary aboard the **Mersey River Explorer**. Visit **Tate Liverpool**, a spectacular museum of modern and contemporary international art. Shop your socks off at **Liverpool ONE Shopping Complex**, or view Liverpool's fantastic skyline from the **Radio City Viewing Tower**.

Musical experiences

- **THE BEATLES STORY** is the world's largest permanent exhibition devoted to the lives and times of the Beatles and located in the Fab Four's hometown.
- **LIVERPOOL EMPIRE THEATRE** showcases many types of entertainment, from shows and musicals to operas, pop concerts and plays. Workshops are even available here too.
- At **LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC HALL**, groups can immerse themselves in music of all kinds, from classical to contemporary, rock, pop, roots and folk.

Where you will be staying



PREMIER INN

All hotels belonging to the Premier Inn chain offer comfortable accommodation and are located close to transport links, offering easy access to the city.



YHA LIVERPOOL HOSTEL

YHA Liverpool is right at the heart of everything Liverpool has to offer. A great, budget option for groups.

Sample itinerary

- Day 1** Morning departure from school.
Visit & perform at the British Music Experience.
Watch a show or concert at Liverpool Empire theatre or Philharmonic Hall.
- Day 2** Mersey river explorer cruise.
The Beatles Story.
Return to school.

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Other destinations

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Cantabria

This beautiful province in the north of Spain is increasingly popular for NST groups looking for a new destination on a limited budget. Cantabria's rich history and blend of peaceful coastal towns and mountain villages provide a number of unique performance venues for your pupils to enjoy.



Madrid

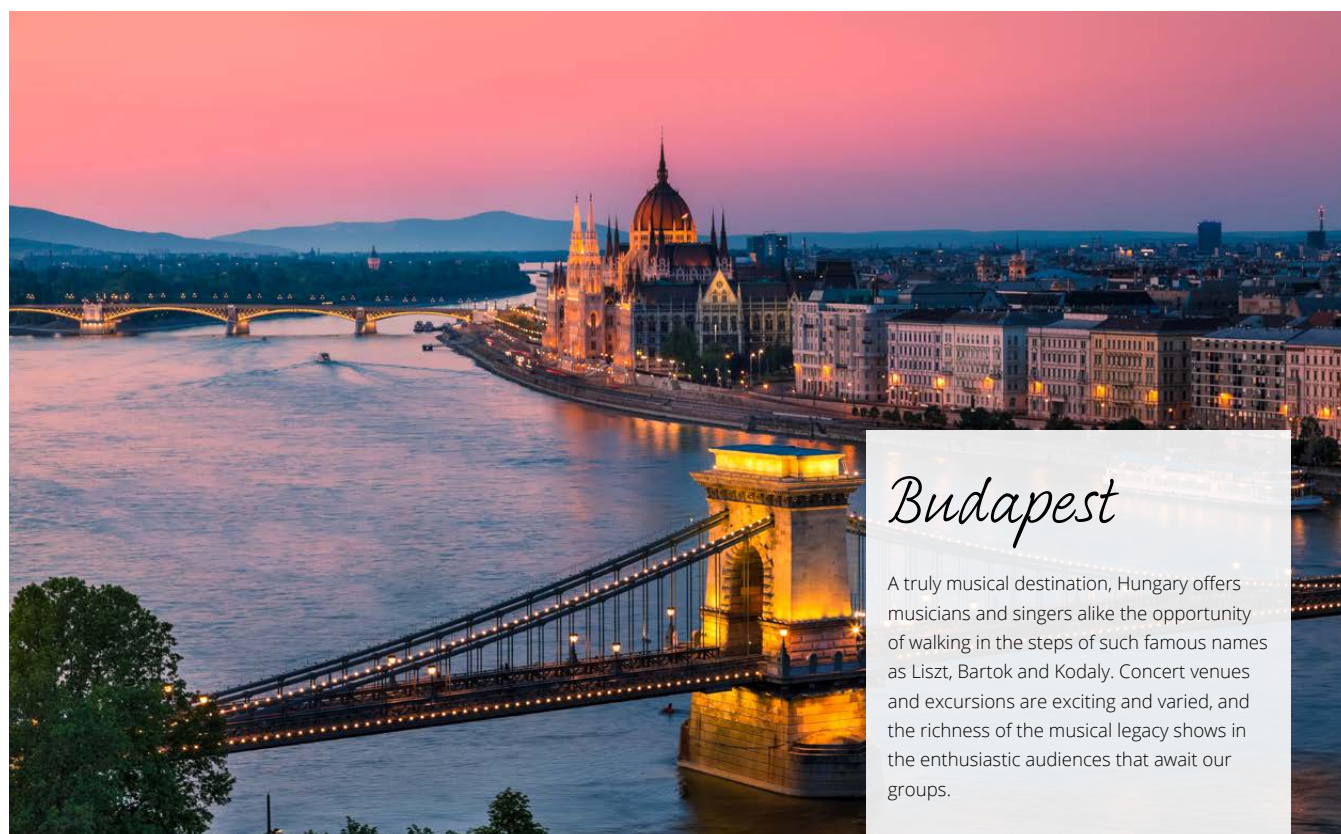
This historic, exciting city and its surrounding communities have an ideal combination of venues that attract enthusiastic audiences and cultural attractions for groups to explore. Home to a wonderful cathedral, church venues and a warm climate, Madrid is a truly memorable destination for your music group.

We pride ourselves on offering quality music experiences for all types of groups around the globe. Here are a few more of our destinations that are growing in popularity. Don't forget to visit our website for further details of all our destinations. You'll find information on venues, musical experiences, visits, popular itineraries, transport, support and accommodation descriptions too. You can even start planning your itinerary online and request a quote at the click of a button.



Krakow

With a wonderful cultural heritage, this increasingly popular city has a fabulous range of formal venues. We highly recommend Krakow as an alternative destination for established, quality choirs and orchestras and our relationship with the concert promoters ensure consistently good audiences.



Budapest

A truly musical destination, Hungary offers musicians and singers alike the opportunity of walking in the steps of such famous names as Liszt, Bartok and Kodaly. Concert venues and excursions are exciting and varied, and the richness of the musical legacy shows in the enthusiastic audiences that await our groups.

MUSICAL THEATRE TRIPS

London & New York are fantastic destinations full of opportunities to expose your group to music. Our group favourites include New York & London.



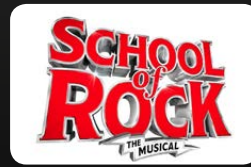
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Disney Workshop
London



Royal Opera
House Tour
London



Disney Behind the
Magic Theatre Tour
New York



Radio City Music
Hall Tour
New York



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