

Sussex County Youth Orchestra

St. Bede's School Partnership

2011 American Celebrations of Music in Britain and France

Custom Tour #1 (9 nights / 11 days)

Day 1 – Wednesday, June 22:

Depart from New York via scheduled air service.

Day 2 – Thursday, June 23: London / Sussex, England

Arrive in London. Meet your coach driver who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to St. Bede's School in Sussex for accommodation, meals, and activities arranged by local hosts.

Sussex is a fascinating mix of sleek city pleasures, laid-back beach life and unspoiled countryside. There are wide open spaces from the beaches and cliff tops to the chalk hills and meadows of the South Downs; narrow cobbled streets and elegant Regency squares; medieval cottages and fairytale castles; glorious gardens and picturesque old villages. Add to this some thoroughly modern shopping, and the best contemporary art and design, and you'll see what makes East Sussex so special.

Day 3 – Friday, June 24: Sussex

Activities, Exchanges, touring, and meals arranged by local hosts.

Day 4 – Saturday, June 25: Sussex

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Day 5 – Sunday, June 26: Sussex

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Day 6 – Monday, June 27: Sussex / Caen, France

Transfer via ferry from Brighton to Dieppe and then onto Caen for dinner and overnight.

Caen is the capitol of Lower Normandy. Known as The City of the Normans, the architectural heritage reveals the affection for Caen felt by William the Conqueror and his Queen, Matilda. Caen was the center of some of the fiercest fighting in the Liberation of 1944. The peace memorial is unquestionably the greatest museum of World War II, and a "must-see" for anyone who visits the city.

Day 7 – Tuesday, June 28: Caen

Morning tour of the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach, site of the June 6th Normandy Invasion. **Perform a non-promoted recital and musical tribute as part of a wreath laying ceremony at the cemetery.** Return to Caen in the early afternoon to visit the Peace Memorial. The Memorial, to the northwest of the town center, is a modern Peace Museum, built of light-colored sandstone in the form of a square block (architect Jacques Millet). Its themes are the two world wars and the means of ensuring and preserving peace. **Evening concert as part of the American Celebration of Music in France.**



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Day 8 – Wednesday, June 29: Caen / Rouen / Giverny / Paris

Transfer to Paris. Stop in Rouen. In the Place de la Cathédrale stands the Gothic Cathedral of Notre-Dame, one of the largest and most magnificent in France. The main structure was completed between 1202 and 1220, but the building was not completed until the 16th C. The most striking feature is the elaborately articulated west front which was several times painted by Claude Monet. Following your visit, continue to Giverny, the home of the painter Claude Monet from 1883 until his death in 1926. Visit Monet's house and his garden, which appears in so many of his paintings. Finally, arrive in Paris for overnight.

With all its moods, Paris is a city that can exhilarate you, exasperate you and leave you speechless with wonder. Millions of tourists each year come to Paris, motivated by the desire to see the most beautiful city in the world. But Paris is more than a city. It is a place that breathes history and legend, a combination of the modern and the ancient.

Day 9 – Thursday, June 30: Paris

Half-day guided tour of Paris historique, including Notre-Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysees, Place de la Concorde, Luxembourg Palace and Gardens, Latin Quarter, Place de la Bastille, Invalides Hospital (with entrance to the Royal Chapel to see Napoleon's Tomb) and other highlights. ***Mid-afternoon concert in Kiosque in Jardins du Luxembourg as part of the American Celebration of Music in France.***

Day 10 – Friday, July 1: Paris

Enjoy a half-day tour of Paris artistique, including entrance to the Louvre, the largest and greatest art museum in the world. Afternoon at leisure for additional sightseeing, shopping or other planned activities. Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight.

Day 11 – Saturday, July 2: Depart for home

Transfer to one of Paris's International Airports for return flight to USA. Arrive home in the evening of the same day.

