

# **Ayr-Paris Band**

# **European Vacation**

July 19th to August 3rd, 2014

# **★Preliminary Itinerary ★**

This itinerary is subject to change.





# **COST INCLUDES:**

- Transportation to and from Toronto airport
- Flight
- Tourist class/small hotels
- Land Transportation
- English-speaking guide
- Sightseeing
- Breakfast and Dinner each day

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# JULY 20: ARRIVAL MUNICH - INNSBRUCK

Arrive at Munich airport and meet your bus driver. Proceed directly to Innsbruck.

At arrival, check in to your accommodation and store your luggage in your rooms. Then proceed to the city centre to enjoy a guided tour of Innsbruck.



INNSBRUCK is located in the heart of the Alps, a beautiful setting. The city centre with its triumphal arch, fine mansions and churches offers a lot to see. Stroll along the Maria Theresien Strasse and visit the Little Golden Roof, the Golden Dachl.

Afternoon free for own sightseeing.

We suggest a visit to Swarovski Crystal worlds, one of the most enchanting places only a few minutes outside Innsbruck. The Swarovksi Crystal Worlds provide a magical experience. Inside the "giant", subterranean Chambers of Wonder present a facetted display of crystalline colours and shapes.

Optional visit of the longest Alpine Coaster in the world in Imst. Enjoy a 3,5 km ride through the mountains with jumps, steep curves and other fun things.

In the evening have dinner at your accommodation.

#### JULY 21: INNSBRUCK

Have breakfast at your accommodation and proceed then to the city centre. Enjoy a visit of the Hofburg Innsbruck, the famous Innsbruck castle, with audio-guides.

Proceed back to your accommodation and get ready for your concert in the early evening.

Concert in the Innsbruck area.

In the evening have dinner at your accommodation.

### JULY 22: INNSBRUCK - BERN

Have breakfast at your accommodation. Check out and proceed to Bern, the capital of Switzerland. At arrival, check in to your accommodation and proceed then to the city center to enjoy a guided tour of Bern.

BERNE is the government seat of Switzerland and crossing point between the German and French speaking parts of Switzerland. It lies on an incised meander of the



Aare facing the Alps. An attractive view of the Old City can be obtained from the Rose Garden (Rosengarten). From the terrace of the Federal Palace, you have a fine panorama of the Aare River and the city.

In the evening have dinner at your accommodation.

#### **JULY 23: BERN**

Have breakfast at your accommodation. Don't miss out on a visit to the favourite mascots of Berne, the bears in the Bear Pit; proceed to the BärenPark Bern, a park full of all kind of bears.

Optional lunch in the town or the park.

In the afternoon return to your accommodation and prepare for your concert in the early evening.

Concert

In the evening, have dinner at your accommodation.

# JULY 24: BERN - LYON

Breakfast at your accommodation followed by check out. Proceed to the beautiful French town Lyon

En route, we suggest to visit Lake Geneva and Geneva

LYON is France's second largest urban centre. The heart of this city lies on a piece of land, the Peninsula, between the rivers Rhone and Saone. Here you can see how both styles, the classical old and the modern new, have



been combined in an interesting mixture of styles and designs. Among the museums we recommend you to pay a visit to: the Gallo-Roman Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the Museum of History of Fabric.

In the evening, have dinner at your accommodation.

#### JULY 25: LYON

Breakfast at your accommodation.

enjoy a guided tour of the city including the two picturesque cathedrals. Then proceed to the famous Miniature Museum of Lyon, one of the most popular museums in the city and enjoy an independent visit.

Optional lunch in a local restaurant.

In the afternoon return to your accommodation and prepare for your concert in the early evening.

#### Concert

In the evening, have dinner at your accommodation.

#### JULY 26: LYON – NANCY

Breakfast at your accommodation followed by check out. Proceed to Nancy by your coach.

En route enjoy Burgundy ,the vineyards and the historic city of Beaune.

Optional wine tasting

Then proceed to the city centre and enjoy a guided tour of Nancy.



NANCY, the capital of the department of Meurthe-et-Moselle to the northeast of France, formerly capital of the Duchy of Lorraine displays its long historical and cultural heritage in many extraordinary venues like a small part of the wall from Medieval times where there has been

extensive restoration work going on, the "New Town" founded by duke Charles III in 1588 with the today's Cathedral and the three famous squares Place de la Carrière, Place Royale (today's Place Stanislas) and Place d'Alliance, initiated by Duke Stanislas as a link between the old and new towns of Nancy.

In the evening, have dinner at your accommodation.

## **JULY 27: NANCY**

Breakfast at your accommodation. Later proceed to the harbour and enjoy a boat tour through the beautiful city.

Optional lunch.

Afternoon free for own sight seeing.

We would recommend a visit to the Musée des Beaux-Arts, the Nancy Art museum, or to the Aquarium museum. Maybe a visit to the botanic garden of Montet would interest you as well?

In the evening have a dinner at your accommodation.

# JULY 28: NANCY - STRASBOURG

Breakfast at your accommodation followed by check out. Proceed to Strasbourg

Then proceed to the tourist centre and enjoy a guided tour through the city full of history and development.

STRASBOURG, today the seat of the Council of Europe, is the gateway to the Alsace. A beautiful city over towered by the Minster spire. If you climb up the spire top you will have a gorgeous view across old medieval



Strasbourg. Don't miss a visit to Petite France, one of the most picturesque districts in Strasbourg.

Rest of the day free. You could maybe do a boat trip through the city or some shopping. You also could relax in one of the beautiful parks of the town.

In the evening have dinner at your accommodation.

# **JULY 29: STRASBOURG**

Breakfast at your accommodation and proceed to the European Parliament to enjoy a guided visit. See the European Chamber and if you are lucky you could even be the audience for one of the numerous debates.

Optional lunch in a local restaurant.

In the afternoon return to your accommodation and prepare for your concert in the early evening.

## Concert

In the evening, have dinner at your accommodation.

# JULY 30: STRASBOURG - MUNICH

Breakfast at your accommodation and check out. Then proceed via

Munich with en route stop in Schwangau to visit Neuschwanstein castle.

The world famous NEUSCHWANSTEIN castle was constructed by Ludwig II in honour of Richard Wagner, the musician Ludwig admired most. The castle was meant to be a setting for Richard Wagner's opera "The Ring"

of the Nibelungen".
Actually, Ludwig II
spent only 170 days
in his castle, he died
in 1886 - before the
construction of the
castle was finished.
This is the original for
the castle in Disneyland. You can
either take the horsedrawn cart up to the
castle (a 5 min. walk
from drop-off point,



expenses on your own) or you can walk up the wide, sloping path (1/2 hour walk).

Travel on to Munich and check in to your accommodation. In the evening have dinner at your accommodation.

#### **JULY 31: MUNICH**

Breakfast at your accommodation and proceed to the city centre to enjoy a guided tour of the Bavarian capital.

MUNICH, originally a village founded by Benedictine Monks, is now the heart and capital of Bavaria offering numerous historic buildings, theatres, museums, and art galleries. We suggest a visit to Nymphenburg castle, the Deutsche Museum, the largest technical museum in the world.

Optional lunch in a local restaurant.

In the afternoon return to your accommodation and prepare for your concert in the early evening.

Concert

In the evening, have dinner at your accommodation.

#### **AUGUST 1: MUNICH**

Breakfast at your accommodation and proceed to the Deutsches Technikmuseum in Munich.

The DEUTSCHES MUSEUM is one of the best scientific museums in the world. The museum was founded in 1903 with the aim to show the connection between the different scientific disciplines and close the gap between theory and practice. The special attraction of this museum lies in the constant confrontation of most modern technical developments with their historical preconditions and scientific fundamentals. You will see a reconstruction of an Egyptian merchant ship dating back 2500 years as well as the first original U-Boat; the first automobile constructed by Benz, originals of Lilienthal's and Wright's first flying machines, the original of the V-2-rocket, a reproduction of Galilei's studio, original instruments of Ohm, Ampère, Hertz and Röntgen, an observatory, a planetarium, etc.

In the evening, have dinner at your accommodation.

# **AUGUST 2: MUNICH**

Free day in Munich. Possible band exchange or Erdinger brewery tour. Activities to be announced.

## **AUGUST 3: MUNICH**

Breakfast at your accommodation followed by check out. Proceed to Munich airport and say good bye to your bus driver and to Europe.

