

VA-NATIONAL MEDICAL MUSICAL GROUP

Vive la France 2010!

Main Trip November 11-18, 2010, Optional Extension November 18-21, 2010

THURS. NOV. 11. DEPART WASHINGTON, DC. Board your transatlantic flight to **Paris, France. Air France Flight # 027**, Departs Washington Dulles, 9:55 pm (meals on board).



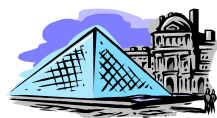
FRI. NOV. 12. PARIS- Arrive **Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport 11:15 am.** Transfer to the 4 star **Hotel Concorde Montparnasse. Half day tour of Paris** takes in all the

major landmarks: Champs-Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, Les Invalides, Concorde Square, Trocadero, Bastille square, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Luxembourg gardens and Saint-Germain des Pres. See panoramic views of the city from the 2nd floor of the Eiffel Tower. **Group dinner.** (D)*

SAT. NOV. 13. PARIS. Hot breakfast buffet at hotel. Enjoy morning of leisure in Paris **OR:** Take Optional half day tour of the **Louvre Museum.** Afternoon and evening **rehearsals** for **performers.** (B)*



OPTIONAL 1 – Louvre Museum: \$60/pp.
Louvre Museum: No need to wait in line to enter



the Louvre on our group tour. The tour highlights such world famous works as the *Venus de Milo*, the *Victory of Somorath*, and da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*.

SUN. NOV. 14. PARIS. Hot breakfast buffet at hotel. Enjoy morning of leisure in Paris **OR:** Take Optional half day tour of **Versailles.** Afternoon **rehearsal.** Evening Free **OR:** Take an Optional **Moulin Rouge Dinner and Show Tour.** (B)*

OPTIONAL 2 – Versailles: \$85/pp.

Versailles: Visit the Palace of Versailles where, from 1682, Louis XIV officially settled his court and his government. Tour



the luxurious Royal Apartments, the Hall of Mirrors and the Queen's Apartments.

OPTIONAL 3 – Moulin Rouge Dinner and Show Tour: \$260/pp.

Enjoy dinner and a show "Féerie" at the **Moulin Rouge**, home to the French Cancon for over a century. "Féerie" is comprised of a



troupe of 100 artists including the 60 Doris Girls recruited worldwide, 1000 costumes with feathers and sequins made in the most famous Parisian workrooms and magnificent settings with rich colors and unique drawings created by Italian artists. Expensive but worth it!

MON. NOV. 15. PARIS. Hot breakfast buffet at hotel. Enjoy a morning of leisure in Paris **OR:** Take an Optional Half Day tour of **Montmartre.**

Afternoon **rehearsal** and evening **concert** at UNESCO. **Group dinner** after the concert. (B, D)*



OPTIONAL 4 – Montmartre Tour: \$45/pp.



Van Gogh

At the top of the hill of Montmartre rests a village crowned by the white Basilica of the Sacré-Coeur with spectacular views of Paris. Toward the end of the 19th century, numerous

artists (Van Gogh, Renoir, Picasso, etc.) settled here and enjoyed a Bohemian lifestyle. Ride up to Montmartre by "funicular", guided walking tour of the village and Place du Tertre (Artists Square), visit the Basilica of the Sacré-Coeur. Stop by the homes of Picasso, Van Gogh, Dalida, etc. Time will be available to explore the many shops and have lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants.

TUES. NOV. 16. PARIS. Hot breakfast buffet at hotel. Enjoy a day of leisure in Paris OR. Take an Optional full Day Tour of **Normandy**.

OPTIONAL 5 – Normandy Beaches Tour: \$205/pp. A poignant, memorable visit to the Normandy battlefields and landing beaches of World War II. Drive through the picturesque Normandy countryside to the Caen Memorial,



devoted to the Second World War and the Normandy landings of June 1944. After lunch on your own at the Memorial, visit the Pointe du Hoc, Omaha Beach, and the

American Cemetery of Saint-Laurent, the final resting place of almost 10,000 US soldiers.

WED. NOV. 17. PARIS. Hot breakfast buffet at hotel. Enjoy a day of leisure in Paris OR. Take an Optional Tour of **Reims and Champagne Region**. Gala Farewell **Banquet** in the evening. (B, D)*

OPTIONAL 6 – Reims and Champagne Region: \$125/pp. Reims and Champagne Region: Enjoy a drive to Reims, capital city of

the Champagne region, but also the city of coronations where most of the Kings of France were crowned. An orientation tour of Rheims including a guided visit of the Gothic cathedral followed by guided visits to two wine cellars, probably Mumms and Moet-Chandon.



THURS. NOV. 18. PARIS/WASHINGTON OR BRUSSELS. Hot breakfast buffet at hotel. *Return flight – Air France #028, departing 10:30 am to USA from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport for those not going on the Optional Extension. Arrives Washington Dulles 1:05 pm. OR:*



Coach transfer to **Brussels**. Stop at history laden **Waterloo**. After lunch on your own, travel through the famous

Flanders region to **Brussels** with a brief tour of the city. Check in to the 4-star **Brussels Marriott Hotel**. Dinner on your own. (B)*

FRI. NOV. 19. BRUSSELS. Hot breakfast buffet at hotel. Enjoy a day of leisure in Brussels OR: take an Optional Tour to **Amsterdam**. (B).

OPTIONAL 7 – Amsterdam: \$110/pp. Cross the Dutch border and enter a land of polders and dikes dotted with countless windmills before reaching Amsterdam. We visit a traditional crafts center in a typical farm and get familiar with everything that made the glory of Holland: tasty cheese, nice clogs and beautiful pottery. We will then stop for lunch (on your own).

In the afternoon, we visit Amsterdam and may have an opportunity to make a boat tour along the many picturesque canals. After a



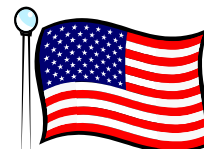
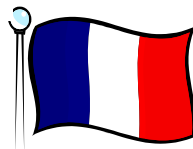
break, we will enjoy some free time at the "Dam" square, famous for its royal palace.

SAT. NOV. 20. BRUSSELS. Hot breakfast buffet at hotel. Enjoy a day of leisure in Brussels OR: take an Optional Tour to **Ghent and Bruges**. **Farewell Dinner**. (B, D)*.

OPTIONAL 8 – Ghent and Bruges: \$100/pp. After a one-hour drive through scenic Belgium countryside, stop in Ghent for a city tour highlighting important buildings from the Middle Ages and a visit to the St. Bavo Cathedral, home of the world-famous "Mystic Lamb" painting. Drive through the Flemish countryside to Bruges where we'll visit the Lake of Love (Minnewater) and the Beguinage Convent. After lunch on your own, take a walking tour to discover: Our Lady Church with the "Madonna" statue by Michelangelo, Market Square with the Belfry, and Town Hall Square (Burg) with the Chapel of the Holy Blood. Shop at the famous Christmas Market if it is open.

SUN., NOV. 21. BRUSSELS/PARIS/WASHINGTON. Hot breakfast buffet at hotel. Transfer to **Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport** (arriving 1:00 pm). *Return flight – Air France #026, departing 4:40 pm to USA from Paris Charles de Gaulle airport. Arrives Washington Dulles 7:15 pm.*

* **ABBREVIATIONS:** B=Breakfast, D=Dinner included in tour price.



INCLUDED IN YOUR FARE:

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Round trip economy class from Washington, DC - Dulles, to Paris Charles de Gaulle and return to Washington, DC.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

BASIC TOUR

- 6 nights in the 4 star **Hotel Concorde Montparnasse** in Paris, double occupancy. Hot buffet breakfast daily.

OPTIONAL BRUSSELS EXTENSION

- 3 nights in the 4-star **Brussels Marriott Hotel** in Brussels, double occupancy. Hot buffet breakfast daily.

CONCERTS/PERFORMANCES:

- One performance at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, joint with local ensembles on November 15.

MEALS:

BASIC TOUR

All breakfasts plus 2 dinners, plus a gala banquet. All lunches are on your own.

OPTIONAL BRUSSELS EXTENSION

All breakfasts plus 1 dinner. All lunches are on your own.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Half day guided city tour of Paris
- All service charges and taxes.
- Porterage at hotels – 1 bag per person.
- Gratuities to Drivers and Guides (except on optional tours).
- Individual billing.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Porterage at airports.
- Entrances/Sightseeing/Meals other than specified.
- Coaching/guiding other than specified.
- Incidental expenses of a personal nature.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS: Reserve now!

These are based on a strict first come, first served basis and there is no guarantee for enlisting in them if reservations are made late. If not enough travelers are enlisted, an excursion may be cancelled.

REGISTRATION:

Mail your Registration and check (payable to "VA-NMMG") to: **VA-NMMG, Attn: R. Wisleder, 45 Kimball Beach Rd, Hanover, MA 02043-1145**.

You may also register and pay the deposit of \$750 by credit card at our secure Website: www.medicalmusical.org, click on "Vive la France". The website accepts only a maximum of \$750. Note that a 3% surcharge (\$23) will be added to cover the credit card transaction fee (Total: \$773).

TOUR COST

BASIC TOUR, NOVEMBER 11-18: \$2,670 per person double occupancy. Deposit \$750 with registration. Additional \$750 due by July 1. If register after July 1, \$1,500 deposit due. Final balance due Sept. 1, 2010.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$755 per person

LAND ONLY: Deduct \$785 from total price.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: Deduct \$165 from basic trip price if \$750 deposit paid by March 15, 2010 and if fully paid and post marked by May 15, 2010. Those who do not make a deposit by March 15, but do pay the full amount by May 15 would get a 50% Early Bird discount of \$83.

OPTIONAL TOUR #1 – The Louvre: \$60.

OPTIONAL TOUR #2 – Versailles: \$85.

OPTIONAL TOUR #3 – Moulin Rouge: \$260.

OPTIONAL TOUR #4 – Montmartre: \$45.

OPTIONAL TOUR #5 – Normandy: \$205.

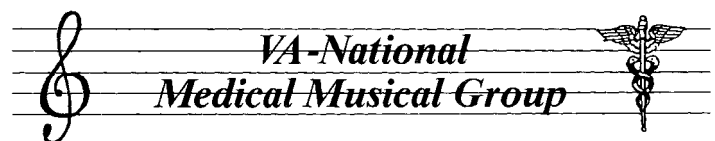
OPTIONAL TOUR #6 – Reims and Champagne Region: \$125.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION, NOVEMBER 18-21: \$725 per person. Early Bird Discount- \$50.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$265 per person

OPTIONAL TOUR #7 – Amsterdam: \$110.

OPTIONAL TOUR #8 – Ghent and Bruges: \$100.



RESPONSIBILITY: VA-National Medical Musical Group and other participating organizations act solely as agents in arranging for transportation, hotel accommodations and other services. We do not assume, and in fact, we expressly disclaim, any liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay due to any act, negligence or default of the tour guide, or any company or person engaged in transporting the passengers, or rendering any service, or carrying out the arrangements for any tour, or their agents, servants and employees.

PASSPORT: A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR U.S. CITIZENS. *It is recommended that your passport be valid for at least six months from the date of departure. No visas are required.*

INSURANCE: The following companies are available but they have no relationship with VA-NMMG. They are listed as a service to travelers. **Important:** *Purchase your trip insurance when you make your initial deposit, in order to be covered for preexisting conditions.* You may purchase trip insurance from your own home insurance company or from these or any other companies:

TRAVELEX: Tel: 1-800-228-9792,

www.travelex-insurance.com

TRAVEL INSURED INTERNATIONAL: Tel: 1-800-243-3174, www.travelinsured.com

TRAVEL GUARD: Tel: 1-800-826-4919, www.travelguard.com

REWARD TO INDIVIDUALS WHO REGISTER NEW TRAVELERS WHO HAVE NEVER TRAVELED WITH US BEFORE:

If you register a new traveler who has never traveled with us previously, you earn a free optional excursion of your choice (*excluding Moulin Rouge and Normandy Excursions*) as long as

VA-NMMG, a non-profit organization, is the premier medical musical group in America. Its chorus and orchestra members span virtually every state in the Union. Many are associated with the Veterans Health Administration – or with medical practice, teaching, or research. VA-NMMG's mission is to perform "Music with a Message" – a message of inspiration, healing, national unity, and international brotherhood. VA-NMMG received the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's 2002 Bob Hope Award for its service to veterans and the Armed Forces, and for its "Veterans Hymn"; as well as numerous other awards and recognitions. Our concerts are broadcast on various television networks.

VA-NMMG trips are famous for combining high quality, value, creature comforts and a mission of American friendship and brotherhood around the globe. To date these trips were to: Australia, Austria, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy (and the Vatican), New Zealand, Portugal, Russia, Scotland, Spain and Sweden. Other destinations included the Western Caribbean (Cozumel, Mexico, Grand Cayman and Jamaica) and Hawaii. Join our fabulous

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space is available on that particular excursion.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: September 1, 2010. Reservations may be accepted subsequent to that date depending on space and subject to possible late fees.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Full refund minus a \$100.00 fee will be made for cancellations received in writing up to 91 days prior to departure (August 12). After that date, cancellation fees will be assessed as follows:

Number of days Prior to Departure	Cancellation Fees as % of Total Tour Price
90-61	15%
60-45	30%
44-31	50%
30-0	100%

Please note: Any unused tour portions are non-refundable.

FLIGHT FROM WASHINGTON, DC, TO PARIS ON NOVEMBER 11. Air France # 027: Depart Washington Dulles 9:55 pm, arrive Paris Charles de Gaulle 11:15 am (Nov. 12).

FLIGHT FROM PARIS TO WASHINGTON, DC, ON NOVEMBER 18. Air France # 028: Depart Paris Charles de Gaulle 10:30 am, arrive Washington Dulles 1:05 pm.

FLIGHT FROM PARIS TO WASHINGTON, DC, ON NOVEMBER 21. Air France # 026: Depart Paris Charles de Gaulle 4:40 pm, arrive Washington Dulles 7:15 pm.

FOR QUESTIONS: Call 1-888-6-DoReMi (1-888-636-7364) or 202-797-0700, or send an email to vanmmg@hotmail.com. For updates visit our website www.medicalmusical.org.