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SING & PLAY FESTIVAL 2024

27 - 30 June
Alsace

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ALSACE

The 'Alsace Sing & Play Festival' will take place from the 27th to the 30th of June 2024. As its name suggests, it will be held in Alsace, a region in the North-East of France, bordering Germany and Switzerland.

The history of Alsace has been quite eventful over the last two centuries, as the region has been both French and German. Its attachment to Germany from 1870 to 1919, an important and dynamic period, is perhaps the one that has had the most influence on the current identity of Alsace, which differs from other French regions in many details and this mixture of cultures.

Perhaps as a reaction against these successive upheavals, Alsace has managed to remain attached to its traditions and could maintain its regional heritage. This is also true for the practice of singing. Thus, many typical melodies sung by young and old alike over the centuries can be found in its culture. They are sung in the family, at work, but above all at numerous traditional or local festivals.



This tradition of singing has been the breeding ground for many choirs and musical groups, making Alsace a perfect setting for the 'Alsace Sing & Play Festival'. However, the region is full of other treasures that you will have the opportunity to discover during your stay, such as following the famous wine road in this vineyard place.



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ITINERARY



DAY 1

Arrival in Alsace in the afternoon or evening.
Check-in at the hotel.
Dinner in a restaurant.
Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 2

After breakfast, departure to an excursion to Colmar with a guided visit.
Lunch on your own.
Return to Strasbourg in the afternoon and preparation for the concert.
Friendship concert with a local choir followed by a get-together.
Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 3

After breakfast, departure for a guided visit of Strasbourg.
Cruise on the river Ill.
In the afternoon, closing concert together with the other participants.
Farewell dinner together with the other choirs and music groups in a typical and iconic restaurant of Strasbourg.
Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 4

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.
Possibility of organizing a mass accompaniment, as well as additional visits or a tour on the wine road.
Departure for the return home.



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Suggestions

Visit of Castle 'Haut Koenigsburg'

The famous Alsatian castle is one of the must-see sites in Alsace, perched on a hill about 800 meters high. It offers a fantastic panoramic view of the Alsatian countryside.

Entrance fees and guided tour prices are available on request.

Excursion to Riquewihr, Kaysersberg, Ribeauvillé, Eguisheim

Often considered the most beautiful villages in Alsace, discover Eguisheim, a small medieval town; Kaysersberg, winner of the 'favourite village of France' award in 2017; Ribeauvillé and its three castles; or Riquewihr, where you can smell the vineyard soul. An excursion that will allow you to capture fantastic pictures of colorful half-timbered houses.

Explore it on your own or accompanied by a guide (price on request)

Other services

Closing dinner: 45,00€ per person.

Additional nights: on request.

Local transfers (for groups arriving by plane or train): price list on request.

The Concerts

Fiendship concerts

They will take place on Friday evening, 27th of June.

They will gather one local choir and one or two foreign choirs.

- Duration: 25-30 minutes per choir depending on the number of choirs.
- Repertoire: free.
- Piano on the spot: depending on venue place.

Closing concert

It will take place on Saturday afternoon in a church in Strasbourg and will bring together all the participants.

- Duration: 1 song per choir + 1 closing song.
- Repertoire: free.
- Piano: available on site.

NB: we'll be happy to welcome music groups such as orchestras, bands etc brass bands etc. The venues and concert organization will be adapted to the kind of group and the repertoire.



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