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BARCELONA

Choirs from all over the world will gather to perform in front of captivated audiences at the Cantate Barcelona Choral Festival. They will also have the opportunity to listen to and enjoy their peers. International voices will showcase their expertise and passion for choral music.

Barcelona holds a prominent place among Europe's leading cities and is a prime example of harmonious coexistence between tradition and modernity. Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, is a cosmopolitan Mediterranean city that incorporates Roman remains in its urban layout, medieval neighbourhoods, and the most impressive examples of modernism and ultra-modern 20th-century art. In Barcelona, one can witness all architectural styles, from monuments dating back to the Roman era to the extravagant modernist architecture, such as Antonio Gaudí's famous Basilica of the Sagrada Família.

Its extensive cultural agenda guides visitors through museums, exhibitions, outdoor sculptures, and a vast calendar of music, theatre, and dance events.



During Cantate Barcelona, friendship concerts have been planned where 2 or 3 visiting choirs will join a local host choir for a musical exchange and a pleasant gathering. It is an ideal occasion to make friends and international contacts in a friendly atmosphere.

A Farewell Concert is scheduled for the final night, when all participating choirs will present a song of their choice and a final common song in a concert hall. This will be followed by a farewell dinner, which will conclude Cantate Barcelona in a festive manner.

Sightseeing tours to Barcelona and Girona are part of this diverse programme.



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Costa Brava - Barcelona

The area north of Barcelona, the Costa Brava, is one of Spain's main tourist destinations.

The attractions of this charming coastline are not just the sun and sea, but also the traces left by Greek, Roman, Arab, and Jewish cultures throughout the relentless passage of history.

In Girona, the capital city, stands an impressive cathedral built in 1038, surrounded by Roman remains and the narrow alleys of the Jewish quarter, where one of the oldest synagogues in Europe is located. Some of the houses overlooking the Onyar River date back to the Middle Ages.

However, the ancient traces of past cultures, Romanesque churches, and culinary traditions can also be found in towns like Tossa, Lloret de Mar, and Blanes on the Costa Brava.



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DAY 1

Arrival at the hotel on the Costa Brava or Costa de Barcelona. A MusicContact representative will welcome you with a welcome drink and provide you with a briefing on the programme at the hotel. Dinner at the hotel.

DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel. Full-day excursion to visit Barcelona's main attractions. Lunch on your own.

Today, all choirs will have the opportunity to sing in the main square or Plaza Mayor of Poble Espanyol, or somewhere in the Gothic Quarter near the cathedral.

In the afternoon, a local host choir will offer a Friendship Concert in a church or concert hall. This is an excellent opportunity for the choirs to share their music and perform in front of an appreciative audience.

After the concerts, refreshments will be offered to all participants in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Dinner on your own. Return to the hotel.

DAY 3

Breakfast. Visit to Girona's city centre, which has preserved its medieval appearance almost intact. Tour of the Gothic Cathedral and its Romanesque cloister, followed by a visit to the old town around the cathedral, which was once an important Jewish centre, "El Call."

Free time for lunch on your own. Return to the hotel and free time to relax.

In the afternoon or evening, Farewell Concert featuring all participating choirs in a concert hall. This will be followed by a Farewell Dinner with music and dancing to conclude Cantate Barcelona.

DAY 4

Return of the choirs. (Choirs on an extended tour programme will have the option to participate in additional activities or visits of their choice).



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