



# Building Bridges *and* Transforming Lives *through the* Power of Music

June 10-17, 2023

## Lisbon Choral Festival

PREPARED ESPECIALLY FOR:

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# The Lisbon Sings! Choral Festival

## Tour Itinerary

### **Day 1 – Saturday, June 10, 2023 - USA to SEVILLE**

You will begin your journey to Spain by boarding an international flight to Seville, famous for its historic churches, palaces, Moorish buildings, flamenco dancing, and more. Meals and snacks will be served on the plane.

### **Day 2 – Sunday, June 11, 2023 - ARRIVE SEVILLE**

Upon arrival in Seville, meet your Tour Manager and Driver and enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of the city en route to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Seville.

### **Day 3 – Monday, June 12, 2023 - SEVILLE**

Today after breakfast at the hotel you'll take a morning guided tour of Seville. Among the sites you may see the Giralda Tower, the Plaza de Espana, Seville Cathedral, or the Parque Maria Luisa. You may also see Alcazar, the oldest royal palace still in use. It was originally a Moorish fort. The afternoon will be free for you to explore the city on your own. Perform an evening concert at Iglesia de la Anunciacion (or similar) with the San Jose State University Chorals and other choral friends. Dinner and overnight in Seville.

### **Day 4 – Tuesday, June 13, 2023 - SEVILLE / LISBON**

Your tour will continue today to Lisbon, Portugal. En route you will stop in Faro, located on the southernmost tip of Portugal on the Gulf of Cardiz, for some guided sightseeing with your Tour Manager. You'll visit Faro Cathedral, a 13th century Roman Catholic cathedral on the city square and perform an impromptu recital there (subject to service times). Upon arrival in Lisbon, have dinner with the other festival choirs. Overnight in Lisbon.

### **Day 5 – Wednesday, June 14, 2023 - LISBON**

After breakfast, you'll have a morning rehearsal with the other festival choirs in Lisbon. In the afternoon, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Lisbon. The tour will include Belem Tower and St. Jeronimo's Monastery. St. Jeronimo is a church built in the 1500's as part of a magnificent monastery. Its cloisters are considered among the most beautiful in the world and it is the resting place of explorer Vasco da Gama. Dinner will be followed by an evening rehearsal and overnight in Lisbon.

### **Day 6 – Thursday, June 15, 2023 - CASCAIS & ESTORIL EXCURSION**

Take an excursion today to visit the coastal towns of Cascais and Estoril. Cascais is a fishing town that historically was a favorite with nobility and elite. Today it is an elegant blend of grand 19th century architecture and traditional Portuguese charm. Estoril is famed as a luxury entertainment destination on the Portuguese Riviera. Traveling between the two you will see many of this area's best beaches along with the sea walls, shops and historical buildings. Return to Lisbon for an afternoon of leisure before an evening rehearsal. Dinner and overnight in Lisbon.

### **Day 7 – Friday, June 16, 2023 - LISBON**

This morning will be free for choirs to explore on their own. Dress rehearsal this afternoon. You will perform the Gala Concert tonight in Lisbon at Igreja de Santa Catrina (or similar). Dinner and overnight in Lisbon.

### **Day 8 – Saturday, June 17, 2023 - LISBON / USA**

After breakfast go to the Lisbon airport to begin your journey back to the USA. You will take with you lifelong memories of exploring and performing in Spain and Portugal, sharing your own culture, and encountering the rich artistic culture of these countries.