

Chicago Master Singers 2020 tour revised 1/22/20
(Lyon, Burgundy, French Alps, Switzerland)

Thursday, 6/25 **4:00pm** Dep. O'Hare for Lyon on Lufthansa 431 to FRA; 1074 to LYS

Friday, 6/26 **10:00am** arr. Lyon for welcome luncheon at Restaurant Vatel (included); *free afternoon* (after hotel check-in) *and evening*; Lyon is the most charming larger city in France, with all that Paris offers minus the crowds and congestion. It also is the culinary capital of the world. Our hotel will be the **Mercure Saxe-Lafayette**, well-located within walking distance of everything and with excellent public transportation options.

Saturday, 6/27 *Free time* to visit Lyon; **4:00pm sharp**: motorcoach departure from hotel **OR** meet at **4:30pm** already dressed at the monumental Fourvière Basilica to prepare for **5:30pm Mass and 7:00pm Concert**, a Lyon landmark easily accessed by funicular; optional motorcoach return to hotel; *remainder of evening at leisure*

Sunday, 6/28 **9:00am sharp** motorcoach departure from hotel **OR** meet at **9:30am** already dressed to sing in **10:30am Mass** (Feast Day of St. Irenaeus) at the Cathédrale St-Jean Baptiste; optional motorcoach return to hotel; *afternoon and evening free to enjoy Lyon*

Monday, 6/29 **9:00am** Transfer to Beaune via a lunch stop (**11:00am**) at Le Cellier Volnaysien, a former winery with magnificent views over the Burgundy vineyards; continue to Beaune for hotel check-in and tours of the Hospice ; *free evening* in Beaune (restaurant in hotel, others within 10-15' flat and easy walk). **Mercure Centre**

Tuesday, 6/30 *Free morning* in Beaune; **11:00am** depart for Besançon with *free time* until **6:00pm** dinner and **8:00pm performance** in the beautiful diocesan center Chapel; return to Beaune (c. 90')

Wednesday, 7/1 *Free morning* in Beaune; **11:00am sharp**: depart for Vézelay for tours, lunch and **3:30pm concert** in the Basilica of St. Mary Magdalene (aka the Benedictine Abbey Church of Vézelay, a pilgrimage destination on the Camino, with an extraordinary history: see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/V%C3%A9zelay_Abbey). Its spectacular ambiance and acoustics will make it a truly memorable experience. Dinner and *free evening* in Beaune

Thursday, 7/2 **9:30am** Transfer to Évian-les-Bains via a tour and **a short sing** in the magnificent Royal Monastery of Brou, Bourg-en-Bresse, a unique and treasured flamboyant Gothic masterpiece (admission included). Lunch in Brou. Évian-les-Bains is a picturesque city set between the lake and mountains, offering a variety of activities. Our spa hotel is within walking distance to shops, restaurants, a casino, Lake Geneva (Lac Léman) with swimming and boating options, and numerous other attractions. *Free afternoon and evening*. **Hilton Spa Hotel**

Friday, 7/3 **8:00am sharp**: Depart for Chamonix-Mont-Blanc. Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in Western Europe and Chamonix is an absolutely enchanting resort town; optional train to glacier at Mer de Glace with lunch options; **3:00pm concert** (2:00pm sound check) in Église St-Michel; c. **4:30** depart for *free evening* in Évian-les-Bains

Saturday, 7/4 **9:00am** Depart for a **10:00am** visit to Chateau Chillon and a lunch stop in Montreux near Les Jardins du Palais; **5:00pm performance** at St. François in Lausanne as part of its regular concert series; **8:00pm** return to Évian-les-Bains (by ferry) for **9:00pm** Farewell Dinner at the Hilton (included)

Sunday, 7/5 **10:00am** depart for GVA for **2:00pm** return flights: Lufthansa 1217 GVA to FRA, 432 to ORD arr. **7:25pm**

Hotels: 3 nights Lyon: Mercure Saxe-Lafayette; 3 nights Beaune: Mercure Beaune Centre; 3 nights in Évian-les-Bains: Hilton Spa Hotel

Performances:

Lyon: Fourvière Basilica Mass and concert on Saturday evening ; Mass on Sunday morning in Cathédrale St-Jean; Besançon: evening performance; Vezelay: afternoon performance; Bourg-en-Bresse: short sing in the Royal Monastery of Brou; Chamonix Mont Blanc: afternoon performance; Lausanne: early evening performance