

Jonathan Griffith Singers

Spain, July 2017

**Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Jonathan Griffith Singers Tours
Preliminary Itinerary (subject to change as details are confirmed)**



**For questions and more information, contact Diane Marshall, Tour Coordinator, at:
Diane@DCINY.org or by phone at 503-298-3777.
Formal registration and all payments to be sent directly to DCINY.**

Mon Jul 17
IN FLIGHT

Check in at home airport
Depart on flight(s) to Barcelona

Tue Jul 18

Arrive at Barcelona airport

Spain's second city, and one of the largest ports in the Mediterranean, Barcelona beguiles the eye with its particular blend of medieval and modern. One of its most bizarre yet fascinating aspects is the architecture of Antonio Gaudi, most notably the fantastic Guell Park and the Sagrada Familia Cathedral

evening

Short rehearsal in the hotel; Dinner in the hotel

Wed Jul 19 morning

Breakfast in the hotel*
Rehearsal with choir and piano
Lunch independent

afternoon
evening

Rehearsal with choir and piano
Dinner independent

Thu Jul 20	morning	Breakfast in the hotel* Rehearsal with choir and piano Lunch independent
	afternoon evening	Optional city tour, including entrance to the Sagrada Familia Dinner independent
Fri Jul 21	morning	Breakfast in the hotel* At leisure. Optional excursion to Sitges or Figueras Lunch independent
	evening	Dinner independent
Sat Jul 22	morning	Breakfast in the hotel* Rehearsal with choir, piano and soloists Lunch independent
	afternoon evening	At leisure or tentative optional excursion Wine-Tasting Dinner independent
Sun Jul 23	morning	Breakfast in the hotel* Lunch independent
	afternoon	Transfer by coach to Santes Creus (tentative) General rehearsal with orchestra
	evening	PERFORMANCE of Verdi <i>Requiem</i> with orchestra and soloists in Monastir Santes Creus (tentative), Jonathan Griffith, Conductor Dinner in a restaurant Return by coach to Barcelona
Mon Jul 24	morning	Breakfast in the hotel* At leisure. Optional excursion to Figueras or Sitges Lunch independent
	evening	Dinner independent

Tue Jul 25	morning	Breakfast in the hotel* At leisure.
	afternoon	Lunch independent
	evening	Short rehearsal with orchestra PERFORMANCE of Verdi <i>Requiem</i> with orchestra and soloists in Palau de la Música Catalana (confirmed), Jonathan Griffith, Conductor <i>Declared a World Heritage Building in 1997 by the UNESCO Council, the Palau boasts one of the most beautiful and unique concert halls in the entire world. This performance occurs right in the middle of the 11th International World Choral Symposium sponsored by IFCM, a meeting of the world's most prestigious choral conductors and choirs. July 22-29, 2017. http://ifcm.net/wscm-2/</i> Dinner in a restaurant
Wed Jul 26	morning	Breakfast in the hotel* At leisure. Optional excursion to Montserrat.
	evening	Lunch independent Farewell dinner in a restaurant
Thu Jul 27	morning	Breakfast in the hotel* Depart on flight(s) home

**For LAND option only*

PALAU DE LA MÚSICA CATALANA, BARCELONA





PER PERSON LAND COST (Performer or Non-Performer):

(based on a shared/double room): **\$2,700 USD**

Single room/supplement: additional **\$825 USD** per person.

PER PERSON NO HOTEL OPTION COST (does not include lodging):

\$1,700 USD

Tour price is based on a specific number of paid participants and DCINY reserves the right to amend the quoted land price in the event of variation in the number of participants and/or exchange rate.

INCLUSIONS:

- Nine (9) nights' hotel accommodations in 4-star or above hotels with air conditioning (Twin/double rooms with private facilities)*
- All transfers indicated in air-conditioned luxury coaches
- Two performances of Verdi's REQUIEM with orchestra and soloists; Jonathan Griffith, Conductor
- All concert preparations and promotion
- All piano and orchestra rehearsals
- 4 dinners, including a final night celebratory dinner in Barcelona
- Buffet breakfast daily*
- The services of one courier per motorcoach
- All taxes, tips and service charges

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NOT INCLUDED:

- Passport and visa fees (if applicable)
- Any sightseeing tours arranged based on group interest - entry fees and transportation costs, if needed, will be announced at the time of the tour - details to be shared shortly.
- Any extra cost for a single room
- Trip cancellation insurance - not included but highly recommended
- Beverages other than coffee/tea with breakfast
- Independent lunches and dinners
- Personal expenses and incidentals
- Verdi Requiem choral score; black folder; concert attire

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS offered to Registered Performers (we will accept formal registrations for these excursions after all performers have been confirmed). Prices listed are estimates:

1. **Half day sightseeing city tour of Barcelona, including entrance to Sagrada Familia (4 hours)** \$55 USD. Included 1 English Speaking Guide, entrance tickets to Sagrada Familia
2. **Half day excursion to Montserrat, including entrance to the monastery (5 hours)** \$50 USD. Included 1 English Speaking Guide, entrance tickets to the Monastery
3. **Full day excursion to Figueres, including entrance to the Dali Museum (8 hours)** \$70 USD. Included 1 English Speaking Guide, entrance tickets to Dali Museum
4. **Half day excursion to Penedes, with wine tasting at Cordoniu Winery (www.visitascordoniu.com) (5 hours)** \$60 USD. Included 1 English Speaking Guide, private visit of the winery
5. **Beach trip to Sitges (Half day).** Free

*A package including all the above excursions (1-5) is \$225.

Meals during excursions are on own. Estimated prices are based on a minimum group size of 30 people.

AIR INFORMATION: Round-trip air cost from your nearest gate way city will be quoted separately. Participants are responsible for any checked baggage fees, per airline regulations, to be paid at connection airport. Due to baggage storage room in our coaches, please limit baggage to one checked bag and one carry-on bag per person. Group tickets can be arranged from other cities should there be the required number to form a group – the air price would be adjusted accordingly; please indicate interest on your registration form if you wish your International flight to depart from a city other than New York. If you wish to book your own air, please see our FAQ and inquire for further details.

Please note:

- No female tenors.
- For Individuals: **Due to limited space for singers, it is absolutely essential to ensure an even balance between female and male performers (soprano/alto to tenor/bass) for this special performance tour of Barcelona and performance of Verdi Requiem. Often, choirs have more women singers than men singers. Therefore, in order to confirm your participation, we emphasize that all singers planning to register recruit a male singer whose name would be indicated on your registration form when you enroll. If you wish to register immediately and do not yet have the name of the male singer you are recruiting, please contact Tour Coordinator Diane Marshall to indicate when that name will be available.**
- For Choirs: **There must be an even balance between female and male performers (soprano/alto to tenor/bass) in order to confirm participation by your choir members. Please ensure that balance when registering.**

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

Space is limited for performers and slots will be filled based on date of receipt of your deposit.

There is not a limit for participants who are non-performers. Please register and make your initial deposit soon in order to assure your participation. Participation will be confirmed based on the date that your deposit is received by DCINY. Should you register later, if space is available you will be accommodated. If a performer, should space within your voice section be full, you will be contacted and given the option to be placed on a waiting list. If there is a cancellation, participants on the waiting list will be accommodated based on the date the initial deposit was received. Secondary options would be to participate as a non-performer or receive a refund.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE OPTIONS (to be chosen by you on your application form. More payments equals a higher price):

LAND OPTION:

PAY IN FULL NOW: **\$2,700 USD** per person (double room)

Or 50% deposit due now to reserve your spot. Final balance due 5/1/2017.

NO HOTEL OPTION:

PAY IN FULL NOW: **\$1,700 USD** per person

Or 50% deposit due now to reserve your spot. Final balance due 5/1/2017.

FAQ

How do I register?

If you have not yet been invited to apply, please email Diane@DCINY.org for forms. If you are travelling with a choir or group please have one representative fill out the registration form on everyone's behalf. If you are an individual, please indicate so.

How will sightseeing be arranged?

Optional sightseeing tours will be announced in the Fall, and arranged based on group interest and participation. Participants are welcome to create their own sightseeing options so long as they do not conflict with rehearsal and concert schedules.

What if I need to cancel my participation after registering?

Please note that we have a non-refundable policy. You may substitute another person up until 100 days prior to departure, with the appropriate package price charged. Please contact Diane Marshall regarding your concerns. We highly recommend purchasing trip insurance through Artist Travel Consultants (a form from ATC will be made available once you register). The price WILL vary based on age and additional coverage options.

I want to book my own airfare and/or make use of frequent flyer points. Can I, and if so, how?

You may book your own airfare separate from the group. You will then need to arrange for your own transportation from the Barcelona airport to the hotel, ensuring that you arrive in time for the first scheduled choral rehearsal if you are a singer.

I want to fly with the group but wish to deviate on the arrival OR departure?

For those travelling on group airfares arranged by ATC who wish a deviation on airfare and schedule, please contact Paula@ArtistTravels.com once group airfares are announced for further details and charges based on your special request. A minimum deviation fee plus any applicable airline changes and charges in the airfare will apply. Deviations can be requested up to 120 days prior to departure, but there are a limited number allowed if you are a part of the group flights, so it is VITAL to submit your request early!

I don't live in NY. Can you help me with a connecting airfare?

Please indicate your hometown on your registration and indicate your request for assistance. Once registrations have been processed, we will group people by gateway cities and share an optional connecting flight and fare for you booked through Artist Travel Consultants.

I have more questions, who can I contact?

**Questions regarding the trip and registration (Logistics, general questions, music, etc):
Diane Marshall, Diane@DCINY.org , 503-298-3777**

Questions regarding payments only:
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