

SPAIN CONCERT TOUR

July 10-21, 2025

**12-Day Performance Tour to Spain
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Donna Nobis Pacem, Vaughan Williams or **Mass in C Major, Beethoven** **(To be determined based on number of choristers registered)**

Thursday, July 10: Departure

Our overnight, intercontinental flight will depart from United States to Madrid, Spain. Our flight includes meals, drinks and in-flight entertainment for our journey.

Friday, July 11: Arrival in Madrid and Welcome Dinner

Upon arrival in Madrid, we will be welcomed by our Tour Manager. The Tour Manager will be holding a VARNA INTERNATIONAL sign which you should look for when you reach the Arrivals Hall of the airport.

Transfer to the hotel with our private, air-conditioned motor coach (one airport transfer upon arrival is included for the group).

Upon arrival at the hotel, the tour manager will assist with information and directions. We will store our luggage in the hotel storage room, so that we are free to move around and explore our surroundings until our rooms are ready.

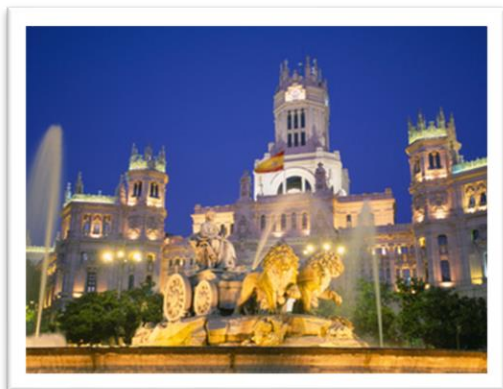
Until our rooms are ready, we encourage you to visit one of the many local cafés for your first taste of Spain. Afterwards, settle in the hotel lobby for a little rest, or for the more adventurous ones, take the Metro to *Atocha* or *Banco de España* to begin your tour of the *Museo del Prado* (Cost: 14 Euros per person), allowing at least 2 hours for a brief visit. Since you can't see it all, be sure to focus your attention on their splendid array of collections, featuring works by Velázquez and Francisco de Goya, to name a few.

We will make our way back to the hotel to check-in, freshen up and have some free time to settle into our rooms.

Evening choir rehearsal at the hotel

8:00 p.m. – The group will enjoy a welcome dinner (cost included).

Overnight in Madrid 4-star hotel*****



*The capital of Spain and the third-largest city in the European Union, Madrid is a city of rich history that has become the major center of Southern Europe. Despite its role as a modern city, you only have to stroll through the streets to be immersed into the rich history of Spain. From sites such as the Royal Palace of Madrid and the **Museo del Prado** to the **Santiago Bernabéu**, home to the acclaimed **Real Madrid**, you will see the unique culture of Spain at every turn.*

Saturday, July 12: Touring Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel (included)

10:00 am - Guided tour of Madrid. Our tour guide will introduce us to the splendor of this cosmopolitan city. We will meet the Tour Manager in the hotel lobby and follow her as she takes us on a visit to the following major sites: the **Puerta de Alcalá**, **Cibeles** Fountain, Fountain of Neptune, Royal Palace, **Gran Via** and **Plaza Mayor**, Madrid's most beautiful square and its liveliest hub.

We will start with **Gran Via**, **Cibeles Square**, **Cibeles Fountain**, **Prado promenade**, and cultural area, **Retiro Park**, the largest park in town, and **Alcala Gate**, time permitting. We will then continue by **Castellana Boulevard** and reach the Stadium of **Real Madrid**, and then come back to historical area, **Plaza España** and **Royal Palace** (from the outside). We will then get off the bus and continue on a walking tour through the narrow streets to see San Miguel Market, including a huge bar of Tapas close to Plaza Mayor with many possibilities for lunch. It will also not be far from our hotel and, we could each walk back to the hotel independently at our own time. This way, the Tour Manager will also be able to show us the way to various museums and to the Royal Palace for those of us who would want to return there at some point to see the authentically furnished palace which is quite an artwork (Cost: 8 Euros per person).

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. - Lunch in the city center (not included). Our Tour Manager will point out good options for a lovely and not over-priced lunch.

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. - Evening choir rehearsal

Dinner at the hotel (Included)

Relaxing evening in Madrid.

Overnight in Madrid 4-star hotel*****



Sunday, July 13: Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel.

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. – Morning choir rehearsal

Lunch (not included)

Free afternoon to spend at the hotel or in Madrid city center. A suggestion is to take the Metro to *Atocha* for a visit to *Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía* (Cost: 6 Euros per person), whose main attraction is Picasso's masterpiece, *Guernica*. Here you can also view one of the greatest collections of modern art in Spain.

Afternoon orchestra rehearsal.

Evening Tutti rehearsal.

8:00 p.m. – Dinner (included).

*Overnight in Madrid 4-star hotel******

Monday, July 14: Performance in Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel.

We will have a free morning to enjoy this magnificent city on our own. Our tour manager will be available to make suggestions for your enjoyment.

One suggestion is to take some time to view Madrid's third greatest art museum, the *Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza*, and absorb its many treasures. If some of the group members wish to do this, please approach the Tour Manager for directions.

Lunch (not included). You may wish to return to some of the places that the Tour Manger pointed out to you over the last two days, or walk around and explore freely.

Please make sure to take some time to rest prior to our evening concert and have an energy bar or similar with you to tide you over until dinner time.

4:00 p.m. - We will transfer to our concert venue with our private motor coach.

5:30 - Sound check at the concert venue.

8:00 p.m. - Performance in Madrid

9:15 p.m. - After the concert, we will transfer with our private motor coach to our hotel.

Dinner in Madrid (cost not included).

Overnight in Madrid 4-star hotel*****

Tuesday, July 15: Day Trip to Toledo



Breakfast will be served at our hotel restaurant.

9:30 a.m. - Transfer to Toledo with our private motor coach and the Tour Manger who will also be our guide for the day (approximately 1 hour ride).

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Toledo is a monument to the diverse cultural and religious heritage of Spain. Inhabited since the Bronze Age, ancient Roman, Visigoth and Moorish ruins are still visible in addition to the political and religious histories of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. A major cultural center, Toledo contributed to the world's heritage as the translation site of many Arabic and Hebrew works into Castilian and Latin.

With our tour guide, we will enjoy a panoramic bus tour of Toledo and then stop to take the escalators that will lead us to the top of the historical area. We will then visit the Primate Cathedral.

Lunch in Toledo (not included).

After lunch, we shall continue our tour. Starting from the “old quarter” of the city, we will visit the Palace of Justice and City Hall. We will walk through the narrow streets of the old Jewish quarter and the ***Iglesia Santo Tomé***, home to El Greco’s famous painting “The Burial of Count Orgaz. We will also visit one of the many historic synagogues that bears tribute to the diverse religious history of Toledo.

5:00 p.m. – Transfer back to Madrid with our private motor coach and enjoy a free evening.

Overnight in Madrid 4-star hotel*****

Wednesday, July 16: Transfer to Valencia and Guided Tour

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Transfer with our private, air-conditioned motor coach to Valencia (approximately 3.5 hour ride).

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. – Lunch in Valencia (not included).

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. - Meet our licensed tour guide for an afternoon tour of the city. Our guide will introduce us to the charming Old Quarter, the **Turia** Gardens and the amazing City of Arts & Sciences.

We will start our guided tour with a panoramic tour along the old riverbed (today a park) in order to see the bridges and eventually arrive at the City of Arts & Science (a complex of buildings by the Valencian architect Santiago Calatrava) where we shall stop for explanations and photos. We will then proceed by bus to “old Valencia” where we shall stop for the walking part of our guided tour, including the Market and Cathedral squares.

5:00 p.m. - After the tour, we will transfer with our private motor coach to our hotel and check in. We will then have some free time to refresh and settle in.

In your free time: Enjoy dinner featuring traditional Valencian cuisine at restaurant ***La Riua***.

If you are looking for something very genuinely Valencian, with a full range of local cuisine choices and reliable in its quality, you will be directed to the legendary ***La Riua***. Over 15 traditional Valencian paellas and rice are offered along with local meat and fish dishes in an interior of typical Valencian ceramics and memorabilia. It is recommended to make reservations ahead of time!

Overnight in Valencia 4-star hotel *****



*As one of the busiest ports in Europe, Valencia is more than just an economic center. Founded as a Roman colony on the banks of the **Turia**, ancient monuments and beautiful vistas make Valencia one of Spain’s most popular tourist destinations. As you stroll the streets and visit sites such as the Valencia Cathedral or spend time at the **Museu de Belles Arts de Valencia** admiring the works of Velázquez, El Greco and Goya, do not forget to make a stop at one of the many restaurants for **paella**, which originated in Valencia.*

Thursday, July 17: Performance in Valencia

Breakfast at the hotel.

We will have a free morning to enjoy this magnificent city on our own. Our tour manager will be available to make suggestions and to assist with making arrangements for your enjoyment.

Lunch in Valencia (not included).

Please take some time to rest this afternoon, prior to our evening concert.

Transfer with our private motor coach to the concert venue.

5:00 p.m. - Sound check at the concert venue.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – Early dinner in Valencia (included)

8:00 p.m. - Evening Performance in Valencia

After the concert, we will transfer with our private motor coach back to our hotel.

Overnight in Valencia 4-star hotel *****

Friday, July 18: Transfer to Barcelona, Capital of Catalonia

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

10:00 a.m. - Transfer with our private motor coach to Barcelona (approximately 4 hours ride).

2:00 p.m. - Lunch upon arrival (cost not included) and check-in at our hotel.

After check-in, we will have some free time to refresh and rest in our rooms.

We will enjoy a free afternoon and evening in the magnificent city of Barcelona. Our tour manager will assist with orientation to the city and suggestions of places to visit.

Those who are interested could attend the evening Mass at the Cathedral. Another suggestion is to take a nice walk along the harbor.

Dinner in Barcelona (included).

Overnight in Barcelona 4-star hotel *****



The second largest city in Spain and capital of Catalonia, Barcelona is a city of rich history, both for the Catalanian and Spanish peoples. Founded during the Roman Empire, Barcelona blossomed during the Middle Ages and became a primary city of both the County of Barcelona and the Kingdom of Aragon. In addition to being a major cultural, economic and financial center of southwestern Europe, Barcelona is also known for its scenic beauty, including its many beaches and parks.



Saturday, July 19: Free Morning in Barcelona and our Evening Performance

Breakfast at the hotel.

Free morning to rest and enjoy the city on our own.

Suggestion: Visit the Picasso Museum. Cost: 11 Euros per person.

This museum has Picasso's paintings arranged in chronological order from his early days to his final works. This arrangement will give you a fascinating insight into the development of Picasso's thinking over time and shows how he developed the distinctive designs that he is famous for today.

Lunch (not included).

Transfer to the concert venue.

5:00 p.m. - Sound check at the concert venue.

Early dinner in Barcelona (included)

8:00 – Evening Performance in Barcelona

After the concert, we will transfer with our private motor coach back to the hotel.

Overnight in Barcelona 4-star hotel ****

Sunday, July 20: Guided Tour of Barcelona and our Farewell Dinner with Flamenco Music Program

Breakfast at the hotel.

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. - Morning bus and walking guided tour of the city with our tour guide in Barcelona.

Discover the history and culture of Barcelona in the company of our tour manager, who is also a licensed guide in Barcelona, during this enthralling, entertaining and informative 4-hour walking tour. The tour will start by driving to the top of one of the hills of Barcelona, *Montjuich* which offers a splendid view of the entire city and harbor.

The tour will continue along the *Passeig de Gracia*, where we will stop to have a look at two of the best examples of Gaudi buildings, the *Casa Batillo* and *La Pedrera*, and the *Sagrada Familia* Holy Temple (on the outside). Construction continues to this day, fueled by the popular demand and support of the people of Barcelona. Engineers are still following the original Gaudi designs 120 years after it was all started. Cost: 18 Euros per person and long lines to enter, so if you are interested, please make a reservation and return in your free time. We will have the opportunity to walk around and take pictures.



Then, ride to the Gothic Quarter to see *Santa Maria del Mar* and the Cathedral (on the outside) at *Placa de la Seu*. In the Cathedral's square, you will see the remains of the Roman Walls and engravings by Picasso depicting symbols of Catalonia.

Next, the tour will take you along the *La Ramblas*, passing the colorful market stalls and mime artists and stopping at the *Boqueria* market, the largest and best known of all the markets in Barcelona.

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. - Lunch in the city (not included).

3:00 p.m. – Transfer to the hotel with our private motor coach and take time to rest and take care of some packing prior to our departure tomorrow.

Next is our Farewell dinner in Barcelona with flamenco music and dance program (cost included).

7:00 p.m. – Transfer with our private motor coach to the restaurant.

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Flamenco show and dinner

9:30 p.m. – Transfer with our private motor coach to the hotel

*Overnight in Barcelona 4-star hotel ******

Monday, July 21: Departure Day!

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Transfer with our private motor coach to the Barcelona Airport.

Terms of Proposal:

- Cost per singer: \$3490 per person
- Travelling audience cost: \$4490 per person
- Repertoire and suitable orchestral arrangements to be discussed by Mr. Tchonev and Mr. Rogers.

Tour Inclusions:

1. Three public performances in Spain. Conductor: Maestro Bruce Rogers.
2. Eleven nights lodging in 4-star hotels in Spain (double occupancy)
3. Half-board: Breakfasts and dinners daily, based on the tour itinerary.
4. Ground transportation throughout the tour (A/C coach and driver)
5. Procurement of concert venues (theaters, churches or cathedrals)
6. Engagement of professional orchestra and soloists for all scheduled rehearsals and concerts
7. Professional concert publicity & concert management
8. Licensed English-speaking Tour manager.
9. Guided tours per the tour itinerary with local English-speaking licensed tour guides
10. Entrance fees to sights, based on the tour itinerary.



Tour Exclusions:

1. Roundtrip airfare: Varna International will provide a group airfare quote (for 10 people or more), or individual airfare quotes, upon request.
2. Single occupancy: \$100 per night, per person
3. Travel insurance: Participants obtain their own travel insurance.
4. Tips and gratuities on provided services / personnel (tour guides, tour managers, bus drivers. Hotel and restaurants personnel): \$15 per person, per day.

**The tips and gratuities will be collected with the final tour payment.*

Payment Schedule:

First tour payment due by Friday, August 16, 2024 _____ \$400 per person

Second payment due by Friday, October 18, 2024 _____ \$900 per person

Third payment due by Thursday, December 19, 2024 _____ \$900 Per person

Fourth payment due by Wednesday, February 28, 2025 _____ \$700 Per person

plus single occupancy and optional tour payments

Final tour payment due by Monday, May 6, 2025 _____ Balance in full

plus tips and gratuities

– Participants who register after the first payment is due are responsible for making all payments up to date, per the payment schedule.

Cancellation Fee Schedule:

Cancellation fee between August 16 and October 17, 2024 _____ \$400 per person
(Total refund: \$0 per person)

Cancellation fee between October 18 and December 18, 2024 _____ \$1050 per person
(Total refund: \$250 per person)

Cancellation fee between December 19, 2024 and February 27, 2025 _____ \$1350 per person
(Total refund \$450 per person)

Cancellation fee between February 28 and May 5, 2025 _____ \$2050 per person
(Total refund \$650 per person)

All monies non-refundable after May 6, 2025



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