Youth Music Tour - 4 nights

Pays d'Auge Normandy Music Tour

Tour overview – 2027 Youth Music Tour, 4 nights

Cost per student = £635

This tour programme is based around some of our most popular and cost-effective activities, and is fully inclusive of:

- Concerts – hall hire, concert publicity, and logistical support. We will involve one of our local music schools in the final performance, always guaranteeing a full and appreciative audience.
- Travel - coach collection from your school, channel crossing via ferry, coach and driver then remain with your group for the full itinerary.
- Accommodation - 4 nights on a half-board basis.
- Activities - tickets for all activities as stated.
- Free teacher places - staff places included at a 1:10 ratio.

We welcome your group on arrival, and personally oversee all the musical elements of the itinerary. We don't join you for the sight-seeing excursions, but are based nearby and always on-hand 24/7!

Day one

Arrival day

Coach collection from your school, arriving at your accommodation centre by early evening (pictured is the Hermitage Saint Therese).

We will welcome your group on arrival, and lead a tour of the facilities to get everyone settled.

Some free time to enjoy the facilities before tucking into a three-course dinner. Rehearsals could take place in the function room if required.

Day two - morning

School Performance

After breakfast, the coach brings the group to one of our local schools, either at primary or secondary level.

Your group can perform to the French classes, an excellent dry-run for your concerts later in the tour! This can be followed by an informal Q&A session for the French and English students to meet one another.

With the option to include canteen lunch at the end (French-style - four courses; starter, main, cheese, dessert!).

Day two – afternoon

Honfleur

Your coach then takes everyone to the beautiful port town of **Honfleur**. The group can enjoy exploring the cobbled pedestrian streets.

Including a visit to the wonderfully quirky **Maison Satie** – the former home of the surrealist composer – where the group have UK headsets to move around from room to room in a ‘musical scenography’!

Day three – morning

Village Fromager

A morning at the **Village Fromager** cheese museum/factory at Livarot.

The students can learn about the art of cheese-making, and taste the four famous cheeses of our region - Pont L'Evêque, Livarot, Neufchatel, and Camembert.

Day three - afternoon

Basilica Saint Therese

The opportunity to visit the breath-taking **Basilica Saint Therese de Lisieux**.

This remarkable monument is the second-most visited religious site in France (after Lourdes), with over two million visitors each year. The tour of the site includes the 300-step climb to the 95m high dome right at the top!

PERFORMANCE: Your group could perform for the prestigious Mass Service which takes places at 4.30pm weekdays, and at 11am on Sundays.

Day three – early evening

Lisieux conservatoire

The Lisieux Conservatoire is based in the ‘Hotel de Haut Doyenne’, a beautiful historical building right in the heart of the town.

Rehearsals can take place this evening alongside the young musicians that will be sharing your concert the following day. A wide range of ages and levels are keen to participate, from junior groups through to more advanced ensembles. There is the option to include shared collaborative items which can be prepared in advance on both sides of the channel!

Day four – morning/lunchtime

D-Day Landings

The morning is spent visiting the circular cinema **Arromanches 360** which depicts the events of the D-Day Landings.

The beach just down the hill at Arromanches-les-Bains still contains the remnants of the artificial harbour from WW2 which can be freely explored also.

This could also incorporate a visit to the **British Normandy Memorial** nearby. Several groups have performed here to create a video to send to parents.

Day four – afternoon/evening

Chateau de Canon Concert

Described as one of the ‘architectural gems of the Pays d’Auge’, Chateau Canon has a beautiful concert hall called **Salle de Rosieres**.

The afternoon can be spent rehearsing alongside the French young musicians. Everyone will also have time to visit the chateau and grounds, allowing the opportunity for the students to get to know one another a little more.

CONCERT: The concert that evening will be in front of a full hall of a receptive audience of friends and families, along with general public invited from the town. Ending with a drinks reception on the lawns.

Day five

Market Morning + Departure

The opportunity for the children to experience a typical French market morning in one of the towns or villages en-route to the harbour/tunnel. Perhaps a traditional Fish Market at one of the port towns!

Then it's back to the UK, and 'Au revoir' Pays d'Auge!