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Serenades CHORAL TRAVEL

Transforming Lives Through Music & Cultural Experiences

17TH EDITION

2024 PRICING



Soulful Portugal

ARRIVE LISBON: **WED JUNE 26**

DEPART USA BY: **TUE JUNE 25**

DEPART LISBON: **SUN JULY 7**

12 DAYS & 11 NIGHTS





A CHORAL PROGRAM & AN ESCORTED TOUR FOR BOTH SINGERS & TRAVEL COMPANIONS

The **SERENADES Choral Travel** program is as ambitious as it is unique in that it is a **summer choral program** with **rehearsals and concerts in beautiful and unique European venues**, within a **fully escorted 1st class tour**, that is, a tour with **program directors, organizers, tour director, and licensed local guides** accompanying participants during **rehearsals, concerts, transfers, special events, meals, tastings, and guided tours**. In addition, the program is supported by an entire **Portuguese tour operator staff** working behind the scenes to make sure everything runs flawlessly. Participants get to experience these **two programs for the price of one**, interacting directly and indirectly with **an extraordinary team of experienced and passionate professionals on both sides of the Atlantic, who provide artistic, logistic, administrative, cultural and organizational structures, before and during our entire stay in Portugal**, including:

- ❖ An **Artistic Director & Founder**, fluent in Portuguese, who oversees the entire program both musically and administratively, who is a voice teacher, member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS), a choral conductor with experience as a choral manager working in a major European festival, as well as time spent in the travel industry, organizing and designing high-end cultural group tours

CHORAL MUSIC MAKING IN UNIQUE CHURCHES, CHAPELS, & MONASTERIES



- ❖ An extraordinary **Guest Conductor**, with national and international recognition, who conducts and teaches at major American musical institutions and choral organizations, who possesses the rare combination of outstanding musicianship, artistic integrity, and who is personable, approachable, and inspirational
- ❖ An entire **Portuguese Tour Operator Staff based in central Portugal**, bringing to our program **35 years of industry experience**, working tirelessly behind the scenes providing a solid program structure, anticipating every step and event throughout the program with utmost professionalism and dedication
- ❖ **All communications and detailed program set up and organization with vendors** for the program's itinerary, communication with local tourist and cultural offices, venues, hotels, transportation companies, restaurants, guides, etc. Please visit our website for the detailed itinerary at serenadeschoral.com/itinerary

TASTINGS, MEALS & EVENTS IN HANDPICKED WINERIES, SHOPS & RESTAURANTS



- ❖ The execution of **choral rehearsals, workshops, and performances** in **5 different venues** (rehearsal space in hotels and concert venues) in **Lisbon, Coimbra, Fátima, and Alcobça**
- ❖ **Local advertising** including **online, graphic design** and **printing of program posters and flyers**
- ❖ **European 4-star hotel accommodations*** at **2 (two) hotels**, in **Lisbon (3 nights in the beginning of program and last night, for a total of 4 nights)** and **Coimbra (7 nights)**, in a **shared standard air-conditioned double room** for a total of **11 (eleven) nights:**

*See website for hotel information at serenadeschoral.com/hotels

- ❖ **11 Breakfasts:** (vegetarian/vegan options available for all meals)
European style breakfast buffet: freshly baked pastries, cakes, cookies, cereals, breads, jams, fresh fruits, proteins: eggs, cheeses, cold cuts, etc., coffees, teas, juices, etc.
- ❖ **4 Lunches with wine** as follows:
 - Lourinhã:** Lourinhac brandy tasting lunch on June 29
 - Coimbra:** hotel lunch after morning rehearsal on July 1
 - Mealhada:** Traditional suckling pig local specialty lunch on July 2
 - Nazaré:** Seafood Cataplana lunch on July 5

AN IMMERSION IN THE GRAND HISTORY OF PORTUGAL



❖ 10 Dinners with wine as follows:

Welcome aperitif and dinner at hotel in **Lisbon** on June 26

Fado dinner in **Lisbon** at local restaurant on June 27

Special dinner at local restaurant in **Coimbra** on July 3

Farewell dinner at local restaurant in **Lisbon** on July 6

All other dinners (6) at hotels in **Lisbon** and **Coimbra** on June 28, 29, 30, July 2, 4, 5

Dinner on your own in **Coimbra** on July 1 (not included)

❖ 10 Cultural events, visits and tastings:

Fado show in **Lisbon**

Pastel de Belém (traditional custard creme pastry) in **Lisbon**

Lourinhac (brandy) tasting in **Lourinhã**

Cruzio pastry tasting traditional of **Coimbra** with hot beverage

Port wine tasting in **Porto**

Ovos Moles pastry demonstration traditional pastry of the **Aveiro** region

Moliceiro Mini boat tour in **Aveiro** (the Venice of Portugal)

Bussaco Palace

Sparkling wine tasting in local "Quinta" in **Bussaco**

Ginginha tasting (cherry liquor) in **Óbidos**

AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH NEW SINGING & TRAVELING FRIENDS



❖ Entrance fees to:

Ajuda Palace in Lisbon

Biester Palace in Sintra

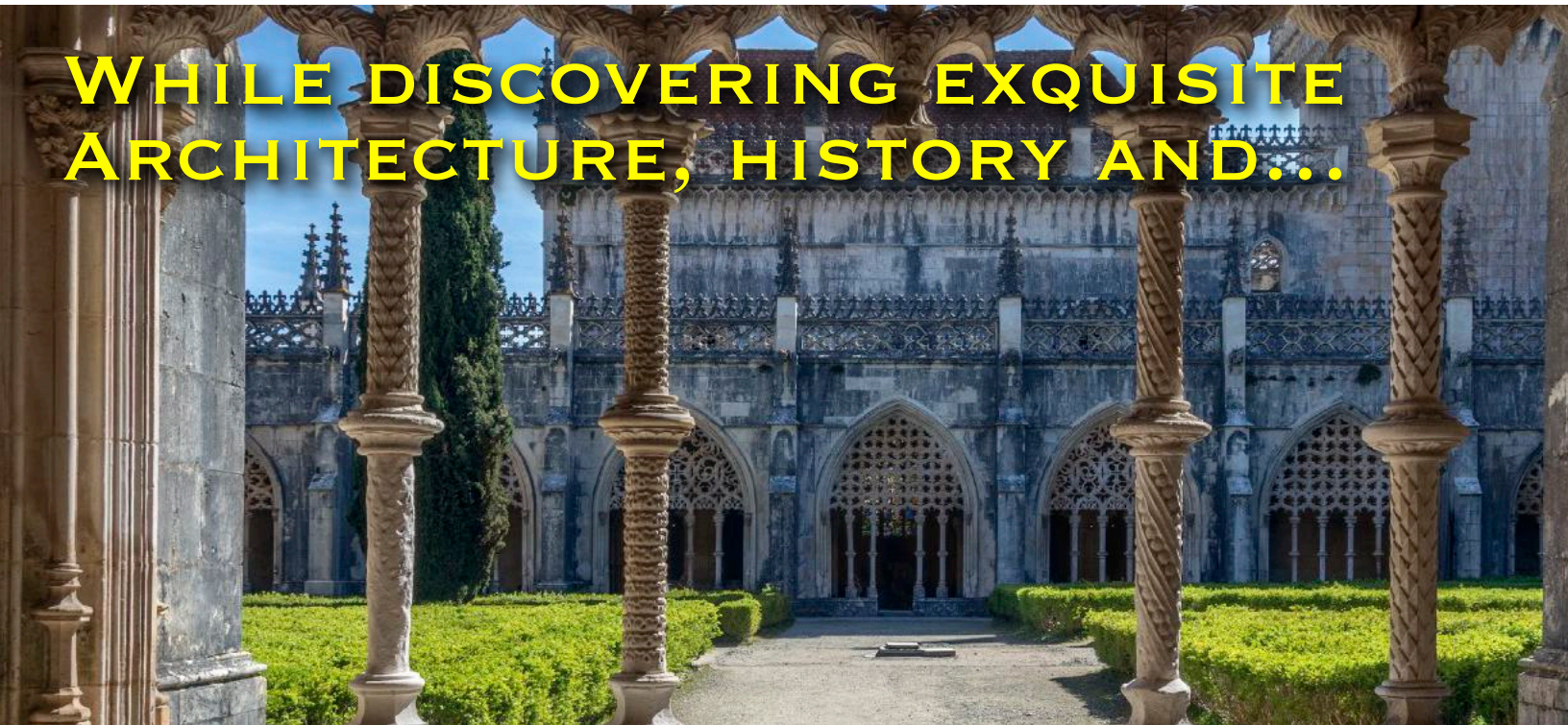
National Palace and Convent in Mafra

Library and University of Coimbra (subject to availability)

Church and Cloisters of the Monastery in Batalha

- ❖ **Licensed local guides, walking tours, including audio guides.** In the event a participant damages or loses an audio guide, however, he/she/they must pay a 100 Euro fine.

WHILE DISCOVERING EXQUISITE ARCHITECTURE, HISTORY AND...





FASCINATING WORKS OF ART

- ❖ **Ground transportation in air-conditioned motor coach** with commercially licensed bus driver for all day trips and transportation to events, dinners, guided tours, etc., beginning on Day 2 through the end of Day 11
- ❖ **All gratuities for ground transportation, restaurant staffs, and local guides ARE included in your program fee.** Gratuities for hotel staff are **not included**, however, as we believe these tips and gratuities for these services should be at the participants' discretion. **Hotel extras** such as drinks, extra meals not on the itinerary, laundry, phone calls, etc., are also **not included** in the program fee.



SAVORING
EVERY
SWEET BITE
OUT OF LIFE!



CONNECTING WITH LOCALS, INCLUDING PERFORMING WITH A LOCAL CHOIR IN COIMBRA

- ❖ **Local hotel taxes are not included in the program fee.** Each individual must pay directly his/her/their daily hotel city tax, averaging @ Euros 2 per night, per person, about \$25 for the entirety of the program.
- ❖ **Locked in program fee** price guarantee through payment deadline of **Friday, January 5, 2024.** See more payment information below.



EXPERIENCING THE SOUL OF PORTUGAL



2024 PAYMENT OPTIONS, DEADLINE, WAITING LIST & LATE FEE

CHECK, PAYPAL, WISE OR WIRE TRANSFER FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 DEADLINE

- ❖ **If paying by check or money order:** checks or money orders should be made out to "**Umbrian Serenades, LLC**" and mailed **with the signed program documents** (Terms & Conditions, Safety & Health Pledge, COVID-19 Liability) to:

Umbrian Serenades, LLC.
% Paulo Faustini
214 Rochambeau Avenue
Providence, RI. 02906

If you would like to review the program documents before applying let us know at **serenadeschoraltravel@gmail.com** and we will gladly email them to you. Signed documents may also be scanned and emailed to the same address.

- ❖ **If paying by credit or debit card via PayPal there is an added 4% convenience fee charge.** Let us know of this payment preference and an invoice will be emailed to you. Please **mail or email** serenadeschoraltravel@gmail.com **your signed program documents** to the above address after making your online payment.
- ❖ **Both US participants and those outside of the United States** have the option of making a bank wire transfer or on Wise. Please inquire for more details.



AVEIRO, THE “VENICE OF PORTUGAL”

If the **January 5, 2024 deadline** is missed a **5% late charge fee** will be added to a participant's total due. If after 4 business days the program and late fee payment is not received the spot in the ensemble will be offered to someone on our **waiting list**. **Thank you for respecting our program's deadlines. Program participation is not considered fully confirmed until the participation fee payment is made in full and signed documents are received***

The program fee is refundable if program is cancelled by SERENADES Choral Travel.

Program travel insurance highly recommended

*Documents available for review upon request at serenadeschoraltravel@gmail.com.



**CREATING MEMORIES WITH NEW
SERENADES FRIENDS**



PROGRAM FEE, DISCOUNTS & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**SINGING PARTICIPANT
\$ 4850* LAND ONLY
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

**TRAVEL COMPANION
\$ 4350 LAND ONLY
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$ 1100**

***DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE BASED ON ARTISTIC MERIT, FINANCIAL NEED, &
ABILITY TO FOSTER A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR OTHERS.
PLEASE ELABORATE ON YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION FORM.**

***IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP SPONSOR A SINGER WITH FINANCIAL NEED,
WHO NOT ONLY WOULD ENHANCE THE ENSEMBLE VOCALLY, BUT, BRING
GOOD INTERPERSONAL SKILLS, PLEASE ELABORATE ON YOUR ONLINE
APPLICATION FORM.**

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023
OR WHEN ENSEMBLE IS BALANCED AT 34-36 SINGERS.**

**APPLY TODAY AT
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