



Voices in Harmony  
**CONCERT TOUR  
OF SPAIN**  
June 21 – 28, 2018  
 MUSIC CONTACT INTERNATIONAL





## PERFORM IN SPAIN!

Visiting Spain opens a window into a country of rich culture, character, and festivity. Undeniably unique in so many ways, Spain has been one of the major cultural centers of Europe for thousands of years. Its extraordinary artistic heritage extends from grand achievements in painting, architecture, and music. Renowned painters such as El Greco, Salvador Dali, and Pablo Picasso transformed trends in art. It was in Andalusia that the first guitar was invented in the 1790s. Later, Andres Segovia of Spain took this invention to new heights by establishing the classical guitar as a genre. Paco de Lucia eventually became the best-known flamenco guitarist in the world.

Music is at the heart of Spanish culture, and the country has had a substantial impact on the western musical tradition. Though best known for traditions like flamenco and the Spanish guitar, Spanish music varies widely from region to region. When traveling to Barcelona and Valencia, these distinctive sounds and characteristics can be heard on the streets and in the concert halls. Reflected in that music is the culture of people who find this expression integral to their lives and well-being. Enjoy a concert tour of Spain, and let yourself be immersed in all that Spain has to offer as you share your music with local people.





THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018

DEPART FOR SPAIN

IN FLIGHT



Depart from **Boston** on an overnight flight bound for **Barcelona, Spain**.

Select meals, snacks, and refreshments will be served on board the flight.

Be sure to read through the great tips and travel information in your Music Contact International handbook!

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018

WELCOME TO BARCELONA!



Arrive this morning in **Barcelona**, the vibrant capital of the Spanish autonomous community of **Catalonia**.

Upon arrival, your **Music Contact International tour manager** will greet you at the airport.

Together, meet your waiting motor coach and embark on a **panoramic sightseeing tour of Barcelona**. Get your first glimpse of the iconic **Sagrada Familia Cathedral** and fabulous **Casas Mila and Batllo**. See **Plaza Catalunya** at the top of the pedestrian zone of **Las Ramblas** and **Montjuic**, the hill that rises above Barcelona and is home to a multitude of sports complexes, museums, and cultural centers. See the **Columbus Monument**, honoring Christopher Columbus' first voyage to the Americas, peering out over the sea as the famous explorer would have done.

This afternoon, transfer to your hotel to check in, refresh, and get settled.

Stretch your legs and get an introduction to the hotel neighborhood on an **orientation walk** with your tour manager.

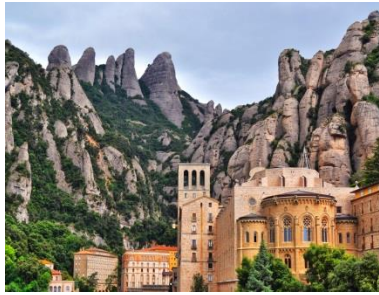
Tonight, a special **welcome dinner** of local specialties including tapas—a delicious assortment of small Spanish savory dishes—will be arranged for your group at an atmospheric restaurant.





## SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018

## MONTSERRAT



Begin your first full day in Spain with **breakfast** in the hotel dining room before taking a stroll in the **Gothic Quarter** on a **guided city tour**. Your local English-speaking guide will lead you through the dramatic works of the modernist architect **Antoni Gaudí**. From private residences to public parks and even his famous cathedral, **La Sagrada Familia**, Gaudí's organic Art Nouveau style was all his own.

One of the highlights will be the **Parc Guell**, a world heritage site designated as Antoni Gaudí's most colorful creation. With its **Room of 100 Columns** and **Gran Placa Circular** of snaking mosaics, the park is one of the most photographed sites in the city. Gaudí's fanciful **Casa Mila** and **Palau Guell** have also become symbols of the city's unique, colorful and contemporary character.

Afterward, there will be time for shopping and sightseeing and time to enjoy lunch. Remember that Spaniards traditionally eat their main meal at lunch time!

In the late afternoon, transfer to **Montserrat**. Although it is best known for its monastery and shrine, Montserrat also offers some of the most spectacular mountain views and unusual rock formations in all of Catalonia; its natural beauty parallels its religious importance.

Spend time exploring in small groups. Perhaps visit the **Santa Maria Montserrat Abbey**, where you can find the famous statue of the Virgin of Montserrat sitting at the top of the altar. Alternatively, take a ride up the funicular Sant Joan. You'll see stunning views of the monastery, the Pyrenees mountains, and the picturesque countryside below.

Tonight the evening is yours to discover Barcelona and enjoy dinner at one of its many excellent restaurants!

## SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018

## DALÍ MUSEUM



After **breakfast** at the hotel, embark on an **excursion to Figueres and Cadaques**.

First make your way to **Figueres**, a town whose name translates in Catalan to "fig trees." See the **Sant Ferran Castle**, an expansive fortress and one of the most impressive landmarks in all of Catalonia, and the **Iglesia de San Pedro**, a Gothic church with a large bell tower.

Have lunch on your own at a local vendor or quaint cafe in the side-streets of **Old Town Figueres**.

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As part of your excursion, **visit the Dalí Theatre-Museum** dedicated to the works of Figueres-born artist Salvador Dalí. The museum building itself is an attraction resembling Dalí's eccentric style, and the artist is buried in a crypt below the stage. The museum contains a vast collection of the prolific artist's work.

In the afternoon, depart for the city of **Cadaques** nestled in a bay on the Cap de Creus peninsula. Spend the evening walking along the Mediterranean's beautiful **Costa Brava** and have dinner at a local eatery of your choice.

**MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018**

**FREE DAY IN BARCELONA**

**FRIENDSHIP CONCERT\***



Following **breakfast** in the hotel dining room, enjoy a free morning and afternoon in Barcelona.

Perhaps visit the **Gothic Quarter** and its many peaceful squares (*plaças*) where you can relax and enjoy your surroundings. One of the main attractions right in the heart of the district is the **Cathedral** which has a stunning courtyard full of plants and resident population of geese. Shopping is also fabulous in this neighborhood, from the more commercial area of **Calle Portal de L'Angel** to the many little boutiques on **Calle Avinyo**.

Another highlight to check out on your own is **Montjuïc**, the majestic hill on the south side of the city which features both cultural and recreational opportunities. The view from the **National Museum in Montjuïc** and the **Font Magica** are glorious as well

Later, return to your hotel to prepare for your evening performance.

This evening, **Voices in Harmony** will **perform a friendship concert alongside a choir from Catalonia\***. When the concert concludes, enjoy time to exchange with the host singers.

Tonight, a **night of flamenco** is arranged for the group with **dinner**. Originating in Southern Spain around the province of Andalusia in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, flamenco is one of the most iconic expressions of Spanish culture. While flamenco may not be native to Catalunya, there are a number of places to see and learn about the dancing and musical accompaniment. Enjoy the show!

**TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018**

**VALENCIA**



After an early **breakfast** in the hotel, check out and depart for **Valencia**. Rest stops will be made along the way. Located in the southeast near the Mediterranean Sea, Valencia is one of Europe's most





agriculturally successful areas and Spain's third largest city. Its warm climate lends to the success of the orange groves and fresh markets in the area and also creates an atmosphere geared toward enjoying everyday activities outside.

Upon arrival in **Valencia**, there will be time to buy lunch. There will be plenty of restaurants and fresh markets galore!

Following lunch, meet your local English-speaking guide and embark on a **guided city tour of Valencia**. The city is surrounded by rice paddies, orange orchards, and the sea. Stroll through the ancient winding streets of the **Barrio del Carmen**, which contain buildings dating to Roman and Arabic times. The **Cathedral of Valencia**, built between the 13th and 15th century, is primarily of Gothic style but contains elements of Baroque and Romanesque architecture. Besides the Cathedral you will see the **Plaça de la Verge**, which includes the **Basilica of the Virgin** (Basílica De La Virgen De Los Desamparados) and the **Turia Fountain**. The 15th century **Serrano** and **Quart** towers are part of what was once the wall surrounding the city.

Pass through the largest square in Valencia, the **Plaça de l'Ajuntament**, which contains the town hall, a cinema, and many restaurants and bars.

Check into your Valencia hotel and take some time to relax and refresh before dinner.

A tasty **dinner** of regional specialties will be prepared for your group this evening.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018    CIUTAT DE LES ARTS I LES CIÈNCIES    FRIENDSHIP CONCERT\***



Following **breakfast** in the hotel, visit the futuristic **City of Arts and Sciences** (*Ciutat de les Arts i les Ciències*). Designed by the world-renowned architect **Santiago Calatrava**, the complex contains an opera house and performing arts center, a science museum, an IMAX cinema, and an oceanographic park among its many structures. Calatrava is also responsible for the bridge named after him in the center of the city.

Afterwards, enjoy a free afternoon at your leisure in **Valencia** exploring the city's historic relics.

We suggest climbing to the top of the **Miguelete Cathedral's** bell tower for a spectacular view of the city. You may enjoy a visit to **Museo del Gremio Artistas Falleras**, where artists and craftsmen labor all year to build the elaborate paper mache sculptures that are burned on **St. Joseph's Day**.

This evening, **Voices in Harmony** will perform a **friendship concert** with a local host choir\*. The concert will be held in a church, theater or concert hall and there will be time to meet and mingle with your host choir after the concert.

Tonight, a **festive farewell dinner** will be served to your group at a local restaurant. There will be ample opportunity to recount the many highlights of your tour!



THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018

BARCELONA – BOSTON

IN FLIGHT



Departures		
NV 945	NEW YORK	10:20
LD 3681	LONDON	10:25
HR 9240	AMSTERDAM	10:25
PA 2887	PARIS	10:30
LA 026	LOS ANGELES	10:35
BR 2108	BERLIN	10:35
MI 5278	MILANO	10:40
MU 130	MUMBAI	10:40
SI 1099	SINGAPORE	10:45
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After breakfast, check out of the hotel and depart for the **Barcelona Airport** and your return flight to **Boston**.

Select meals, snacks, and refreshments will be served on board the flight. Welcome home!

*\*All concert opportunities proposed in this itinerary are pending final confirmation and availability at time of booking. Your group's final program will be determined by confirmed times and locations for concerts, workshops, lectures and other activities. Although your ensemble's exact itinerary will vary to accommodate performance schedules, the same type of concerts, activities and caliber of venue will be included in your ensemble's final concert tour program.*



TOUR DETAILS

**YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:**

 **FLIGHTS**

Roundtrip airfare on regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Barcelona and from Barcelona to Boston (may include one or more layovers in each direction)

 **ACCOMMODATIONS**

6 nights in good quality hotel, double occupancy, including all hotel service charges and taxes:  
4 nights Barcelona  
2 nights Valencia

 **TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation as described in the itinerary in a modern climate controlled motor coach with a professional driver

 **MEALS**

Breakfast served daily in the hotel dining room  
4 three-course dinners served as follows –  
Barcelona, Welcome dinner  
Barcelona, Flamenco show dinner  
Valencia, Dinner with regional specialties  
Valencia, Festive Farewell dinner

 **PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**

2 performance opportunities as indicated in the itinerary, pending availability and acceptance:  
Friendship Concert in Barcelona  
Friendship Concert in Valencia

 **TOUR MANAGER**

A full-time Music Contact International tour manager to accompany your group from arrival to departure.

 **LOCAL GUIDES &**  **ENTRANCES**

Sightseeing tours with local English-speaking guides as described in the itinerary:  
Panoramic sightseeing tour of Barcelona  
Guided Tour of Barcelona  
Excursion to Figures and Cadaques  
Dali Theatre-Museum  
Flamenco Performance  
Guided Tour of Valencia  
City of Arts and Sciences







**MUSIC CONTACT INTERNATIONAL ONLINE ACCOUNTING AND PAYMENT SYSTEM**

Group leaders can opt that each traveler in the group make individual trip payments online with credit cards or debit cards. Individuals receive electronic reminders, receipts, and statements.

Group leaders can track payments made by each travelers and receive automated reports with current balances and due dates.



**CUSTOM TRAVELER’S RESOURCE WEBSITE FOR YOUR GROUP FEATURING**

- Day to day itinerary
- Things to Know Before You Go
- Maps
- Helpful links, including recommended reading and websites
- Blog
- Photo gallery



**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

Each member of your group will receive:

- A customized handbook including detailed hourly tour itinerary with regional and travel information
- Luggage tags



**INSURANCE**

Music Contact International, Inc. holds \$5,000,000.00 of Travel Agent and Tour operators Professional Liability Insurance.



**TOUR PACKAGE PRICE**

Prices based on a **minimum of 30 paying travelers:**

LAND PACKAGE PRICE:	\$1,885.00	per person in double occupancy
AIR FARE:	\$ 519.00	on Delta Airlines
FLIGHT TAXES:	\$ 116.00	as of 9/15/17
FUEL SURCHARGES:	<u>\$ 258.00</u>	as of 9/15/17
TOTAL LAND AND AIR PACKAGE:	<b>\$2,878.00</b>	

Prices based on a **minimum of 20 paying travelers:**

LAND PACKAGE PRICE:	\$2,153.00	per person in double occupancy
AIR FARE:	\$ 519.00	on Delta Airlines
FLIGHT TAXES:	\$ 116.00	as of 9/15/17
FUEL SURCHARGES:	<u>\$ 258.00</u>	as of 9/15/17
TOTAL LAND AND AIR PACKAGE:	<b>\$3,046.00</b>	

**FLIGHT TAXES AND FUEL SURCHARGES** are subject to change until tickets are issued. For this reason, flight taxes and fuel surcharges are not included in the price of this tour. If tickets were issued today, **flight taxes and fuel surcharges on these flights would be \$374.00. \$258.00 of this is fuel.**



**NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE PRICE:**

- Visas or other travel documents required for travel
- Checked bag fees imposed by the airline
- Porter service (available upon request)
- Drinks with meals (except breakfast)
- Any meals not listed above
- Entrance fees and bus services not indicated in the above itinerary
- Instrument rental and transportation
- Gratuities for tour managers, local guides, and bus drivers\*\*
- Travel insurance\*

\*Travel Insurance can be purchased per individual requests through your custom Traveler's Resource Website.

\*\*Upon request, we can include tour manager, local guide, and bus driver gratuities in your package prices.

**OPTIONAL PRICES:**

\$490.00 per person supplement for a single room

**NOTES ON PRICING**

The prices for land services in this offer are valid until **October 16, 2017**. In order to guarantee these prices, please send a confirmation deposit of **\$1500** and registration materials by this date. Prices cover above dates and listed services only, and are based on current availability. Severe fluctuation in the exchange rates before the group has confirmed their plans can also lead to a change in the price. Therefore, please inform Music Contact International in writing of your confirmed plans when they are made.

**FLIGHTS:**

At this time, no flight reservations have been made for your group. The tour package prices in this proposal are based on the most currently available group flight quotes for your dates of travel as indicated on this itinerary. Please understand that airfare and seats are subject to availability and can only be guaranteed when seats are reserved. Music Contact International recommends that we secure your group's flights as early as possible in the tour planning process. In order to reserve group space and lock in airfare, a **\$100 per person flight deposit** will be required. Upon receipt of your deposit, our flight department will confirm the best flight option for your group. Therefore, we suggest that you prepare to send us your group's flight deposit upon confirmation of this tour.

**FLIGHT TAXES AND SURCHARGES:**

Flight taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change until tickets are issued. For this reason, flight taxes and surcharges are not included in the price of this tour. The exact amount of flight taxes and surcharges will be determined by the airlines at the time of ticketing which normally occurs 30 to 60 days before departure. The amount of the flight taxes and surcharges varies greatly depending on a wide range of factors from the number of scheduled connections to the price of fuel.





**CONCERTS:**

Indicated in the itinerary are times when, and venues where concerts could be planned. We would be glad to pursue any specific venue. All venues are pending final confirmation and will be pursued to the fullest extent once the tour has been accepted and placed under deposit by the client. The proposed repertoires for the tour should be provided to Music Contact International, in addition to the director's and ensemble's biographies, photographs for promotional purposes and a sample CD or mp3 audio file.

**MOTOR COACH:**

In this itinerary, a standard motor coach seating up to **54 passengers** is used. Should the group size increase beyond **54 passengers**, an additional motor coach will need to be hired, affecting the cost of the land program. Please notify Music Contact International of the exact size of your group. Additional transfers or a change in itinerary may result in added coach fees.

**MANAGER AND LOCAL GUIDES:**

Music Contact International will send a professional, full-time manager to accompany your group during the entire tour. The manager will handle all logistics for your group during the tour and provide general information about the regions to be visited. Local guides will conduct tours of specific cities and sites as indicated in your itinerary.

**OPTIONAL SERVICES:**

Music Contact International can make additional meal or excursion arrangements for the group, for example: lunches, museum tours, theater or performing arts tickets. Prices listed for optional activities are subject to reconfirmation at the time a reservation is made. Group discounts may be available.