

Serenades CHORAL TRAVEL

Transforming Lives Through Music & Cultural Experiences

2025 PRICING 18TH EDITION

Off The Beaten Path

Alentejo ***& Lisbon***



ARRIVE LISBON: WED JUNE 18

DEPART USA BY: TUE JUNE 17

DEPART LISBON: SUN JUNE 29

12 DAYS & 11 NIGHTS

A UNIQUE PROGRAM 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

PERFORMANCES IN UNIQUE ART-FILLED & HISTORIC VENUES



- ❖ 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**, 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
- ❖ The execution of **choral rehearsals, workshops, and performances** in **different venues** (rehearsal space in hotels and concert venues) in **Évora, Arraiolos, and Lisbon**

CULTURAL EVENTS IN HANDPICKED LOCATIONS



❖ **Local advertising** including **online, graphic design** and **printing of program posters and flyers**

❖ **European 4-star hotel accommodations*** at **2 (two) centrally located hotels, in UNESCO "museum town" of Évora (9 nights) and Lisbon (2 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.



“OFF-THE-BEATEN-PATH” REGION OF ALENTEJO



- ❖ **11 Meals with wine** as follows:
 - Welcome Aperitif & Dinner** at our hotel in **Évora** on June 18
 - Cooking Demonstration Dinner** in **Évora** on June 19 or 20
 - Lunch** at a local restaurant in **Vila Viçosa** on June 22
 - 2 Lunches** at our hotel in **Évora** on June 24 & 25
 - 2 Dinners** at local restaurants in **Évora** on June 19 or 20, & 22
 - 3 Dinners** at hotels in **Évora** on June 23, 26, June 27 in **Lisbon**
 - Farewell Dinner** at local restaurant in **Lisbon** on June 28

- ❖ **Cultural events, visits, tours, tastings** as follows:
 - Walking Tours** of **Évora, São Pedro do Corval, Reguengos de Monsaraz, Monsaraz, Arraiolos, Vila Viçosa**
 - Wine & Olive Oil Tasting** in **Reguengos de Monsaraz**
 - Winery Visit & Tasting** in **Arraiolos**
 - Handwoven Tapestry Artist Studio Visit** in **Arraiolos**
 - Cooking Demonstration & Dinner** in **Évora**
 - Pottery Demonstration & Visit** in **São Pedro do Corval**
 - Alentejano Chant** in **Vila Viçosa**
 - Oak field & Cork Factory Visit & Tour** at **Montado Field**
 - Stargazing** in **Évora**
 - Coudelaria Horse & Falcon Visit** in **Alter do Chão**
 - Alqueva Lake Boat Tour**



THE LAYERED HISTORY OF UNESCO “MUSEUM CITY” OF ÉVORA



- ❖ Entrance fees to:
Church of Saint Francis in Évora
Chapel of Bones in Évora
- ❖ **A Fully Licensed, Experienced, Knowledgeable, Friendly, Professional Bilingual Portuguese Guide** who is with us during the entire program
- ❖ **Audio guides***

*In the event a participant damages or loses an audio guide he/she/they must pay a **100 Euro fine**.

A COOKING DEMONSTRATION & DINNER



EXQUISITE WINES AT A PROMINENT WINERY



- ❖ **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 1 through the end of Day 11
- ❖ **All gratuities for ground transportation and restaurant staffs ARE included in your program fee.** Gratuities for the **local guide** and **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.

THE NOBILITY OF LUSITANO HORSES



ALENTEJO TAPESTRY, CERAMICS, CORK & UNIQUE ARCHITECTURE



- ❖ **Local hotel taxes are not included in the program fee.** Each individual must pay directly to each hotel his/her/their daily hotel city tax, averaging @ Euros 2 per night, per person, in Évora (9 Nights) and 4 Euros per night in Lisbon (2 Nights), about \$30 for the entirety of the program.
- ❖ **Locked in program fee** price guaranteed through payment deadline of **Friday, January 10, 2025**. See more payment information below.



2025 PAYMENT OPTIONS, DEADLINE, WAITING LIST & LATE FEE



CHECK, PAYPAL,
WISE OR BANK WIRE TRANSFER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 DEADLINE

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

Serenades Choral Travel, 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, otherwise the participant receives these documents when accepted into the program. 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.



If the **January 10, 2025 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 non-refundable unless the program is cancelled by SERENADES Choral Travel, LLC.

Program travel insurance highly recommended





**PROGRAM FEE,
DISCOUNTS & SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITY**

**SINGING PARTICIPANT
\$ 4900* LAND ONLY
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

**TRAVEL COMPANION
\$ 4600 LAND ONLY
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$ 975**

***LIMITED DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE BASED ON VOCAL LEADERSHIP, 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 A POSITIVE SPIRIT TO THE GROUP, PLEASE LET US KNOW ON YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION FORM.**

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024
OR WHEN ENSEMBLE IS BALANCED AT 36-38 SINGERS.**

**APPLY TODAY AT
serenadeschoral.com**

Thank you for considering **SERENADES Choral Travel**
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