

# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

## “La Belle France” – “Choir Concert Program”

### April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 8, 2018

**AIR ITINERARY:** *Miami-Paris-Miami*

**LAND ITINERARY:** (tentative)

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> 2018: NON-STOP FLIGHT FROM MIAMI TO PARIS**

Departure from Miami International Airport aboard American Airlines flight #62 at 6:15PM, landing in Paris, CDG Airport at 9:20AM Paris time, the next morning. - **NOTE: all passengers must be at the American Airlines counter by 3:45PM to obtain boarding passes & luggage check-in claim ticket.**

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 2ND 2018: MORNING ARRIVAL IN PARIS**

Welcome by our English speaking tour guide. Transfer to 4-star hotel Novotel Paris Centre Tour Eiffel. Time to rest from your overnight flight and to adapt to the common jetlag. Early evening Paris illuminations sightseeing, then we board the famous Parisian "**bateaux-mouches**" for a unique one-hour view of the most beautiful sites of Paris from our Seine River cruiser. Lodging at our 4-star hotel in Paris.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 3RD 2018: DISTRICT OF MONTMARTRE – PARIS MONUMENTS**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure at 8:30AM for visit of the district of **Montmartre**. A romantic neighborhood overlooking Paris, with the charm of narrow streets and many artists who actually live and work there. Visit of the **Basilica of the Sacred Heart**. **Celebration of Mass at the Basilica at 11:15AM**. Lunch at 12:15PM on your own. Now we descend to visit the **Place de La Concorde** and the **Place Vendome**. Then after a view of the outside of the **Arc de Triomphe** located on the famous **Place de l'Etoile**, at the beginning of the **Champs-Élysées**, we end our tour so you can enjoy walking the most famous shopping street in Paris. Lodging at our 4-star hotel.

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH 2018: IB SCHOOL – EIFFEL TOWER – FAMOUS PARISIAN STORES**

Breakfast at the hotel. No busing This morning we will walk to International Bachelorette School for a visit. Then to the Eiffel Tower for a group visit of this great monument, symbol of Paris. Lunch (on your own). Afternoon free for shopping. You will have the opportunity to visit three of the largest and most famous stores such as **Printemps** and **Gallerie Lafayette**. These stores are very close to each other and not far from the **Place de l'Opera** you can admire perhaps refreshing at the famous **Café de la Paix**. Evening on our own. May we suggest the Ballet or an Opera Performance at La Salle Gaveau, the Opera Bastille, Theatre des Champs Elysees or Palais Garnier? Parisian nights in April are something very special, make sure you enjoy them at a maximum. Lodging at our 4-star hotel.

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH 2018: PARIS – THE MIRACLES OF THE RUE DE BAC**

Breakfast at the hotel. Pilgrimage to the **Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**, a high spiritual Parisian place where several apparitions of the Virgin Mary took place in 1830. It is also the occasion to discover the life of Saint Catherine Labouré to whom the Virgin Mary appeared and left her the message of *offering the world a specific medal called the "miraculous medal"*. **Mass celebration at The Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**. Just a few blocks away, we will visit the **Église de Saint Vincent de Paul** containing his relics. Lunch on your own. Today, the choir will have the opportunity to rehearse their performance at the Church of La Madeleine, being accompanied by the Orchestre Symphonique Bel'Arte of Paris, well known over the world. Lodging at our 4-star hotel.

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH 2018: NOTRE DAME – ST CHAPELLE – CONCERT AT LA MADELAINE**

Breakfast at the hotel. **Eucharistic celebration at the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris**, a jewel of gothic art. It will be possible to venerate here the Crown of Thorns of Jesus, being today the first Friday of the month. Now, to The **Sainte Chapelle**, a real treasure hidden on the island of the **Ile de la Cité**. It was built as a royal écriin

receive the holy relics of the Holy Crown of Thorns acquired by French king Louis IX, but the relics have been transferred to the cathedral of Notre Dame. Lunch on your own. Afternoon, **Choirs Concert** with orchestra at L'Église de la Madeleine. Now on to a Parisian Restaurant for the group to enjoy a well-deserved dinner. Lodging at our 4-star hotel.

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH 2018: DAY FREE IN PARIS**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, your last day in Paris, you are free to enjoy the many sights of this wonderful city at leisure. We suggest a visit to the Palace of Versailles, a half-day tour to the Palace of Fontainebleau, going atop the Eiffel Tower for an eagle view of Paris, or a full day tour to visit the castles of Chambord and Chenonceau. Lodging at our 4-star hotel.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> 2018: TRANSFER TO AIRPORT – RETURN FLIGHT TO MIAMI**

Breakfast at the hotel. Luggage is brought down and loaded onto the buses. Our visit of France has come to an end. Now we are transferred to Charles De Gaulle International Airport to fly back to sunny Miami aboard American Airlines flight #63, departing Paris at 11:45AM arriving MIA 3:45PM

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### **SERVICES INCLUDED UNDER OVERALL COST FOR THE TRIP:**

*Economy or coach roundtrip airfare Miami to Paris aboard non-stop flights. All your transfers on private deluxe sightseeing buses for duration of the trip including city taxes, tolls, parking fees & tipping for driver and tours guides. Six nights at 4-star hotel "Novotel Paris Centre Tour Eiffel" including taxes. Six buffet breakfasts at hotel and one dinner are included at restaurants. Your baggage handling at the hotels (only one piece of luggage per person). English speaking tour leader & professional guide from arrival to departure. Entrance fees to places visited, eg: The Sainte Chapelle. Seine River cruise to include bus transfers to and from the Bateaux Mouches. Roundtrip cable car ticket to visit the "Sacre Coeur Basilica" in Montmartre. 20% I.V.A. government service tax, plus other room and tourist surcharges. Donations of appreciation for the hospitality and services of places of performance and celebration of Masses.*

### **SERVICES NOT INCLUDED UNDER YOUR OVERALL COST FOR THE TRIP:**

*Transfer to and from MIA, visas, insurance, beverages, personal purchases and single room supplement.*

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**OVERALL COST OF PROGRAM:** \$2,700 PER PERSON (three to a room) PLUS \$180 tax  
\$2,750 PER PERSON (two to a room) PLUS \$180 tax  
\$3,350 SINGLE ROOM (one in room) PLUS \$180 tax

**NOTE: DEDUCT \$830 FROM ABOVE GIVEN COSTS IF YOU BUY YOUR OWN AIRFARE. IN OTHER WORDS YOU WOULD PAY ONLY \$2050 TOTAL PER PERSON IN A ROOM WITH THREE PERSONS IN IT; \$2100 TOTAL IN A ROOM WITH 2 PERSONS IN IT; AND \$2700 IN A ROOM BEING OCCUPIED BY ONLY ONE PERSON**

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**FORM OF PAYMENT:** Checks, cash or Money Orders – (credit cards accepted carrying a 3% charge)

You can pay for your trip in only one payment if so desired, or you may pay as follows

\$500 per person before November 10, 2017 - \$1000 per person before December 15, 2017

The balance payment must be paid before February 10, 2018

Payments should be made out to AmeriBest Tours

You can pick up your registration forms at the church, music department and/or the school office

Filled out registration forms & payment checks can be left at the School Office, Rectory Office or mail out to:

***AmeriBest Tours & Travel: P.O.Box 830485 Miami, Florida, 33283***

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