

rayburntours

Concert Tours for Bands

Play your way to the international stage on

A tailor-made band tour

BELGIUM | THE RHINELAND | NORMANDY | NEW YORK | AND MORE!

Welcome

As musicians ourselves, we know what it takes to be part of a band. All the hours of rehearsal, aching fingers and sore lips. But when you nail those hard-to-crack pieces and hear it all come together, it's, quite literally, music to your ears.

Capturing your audience in a way that only music can do is something special, and we want you to experience that on an international scale. With over 50 years' experience, we're dedicated to providing groups with truly memorable performance opportunities. We'll seek out the best venues that perfectly match your band's repertoire, as well as arrange everything else from the key essentials to the finer details.

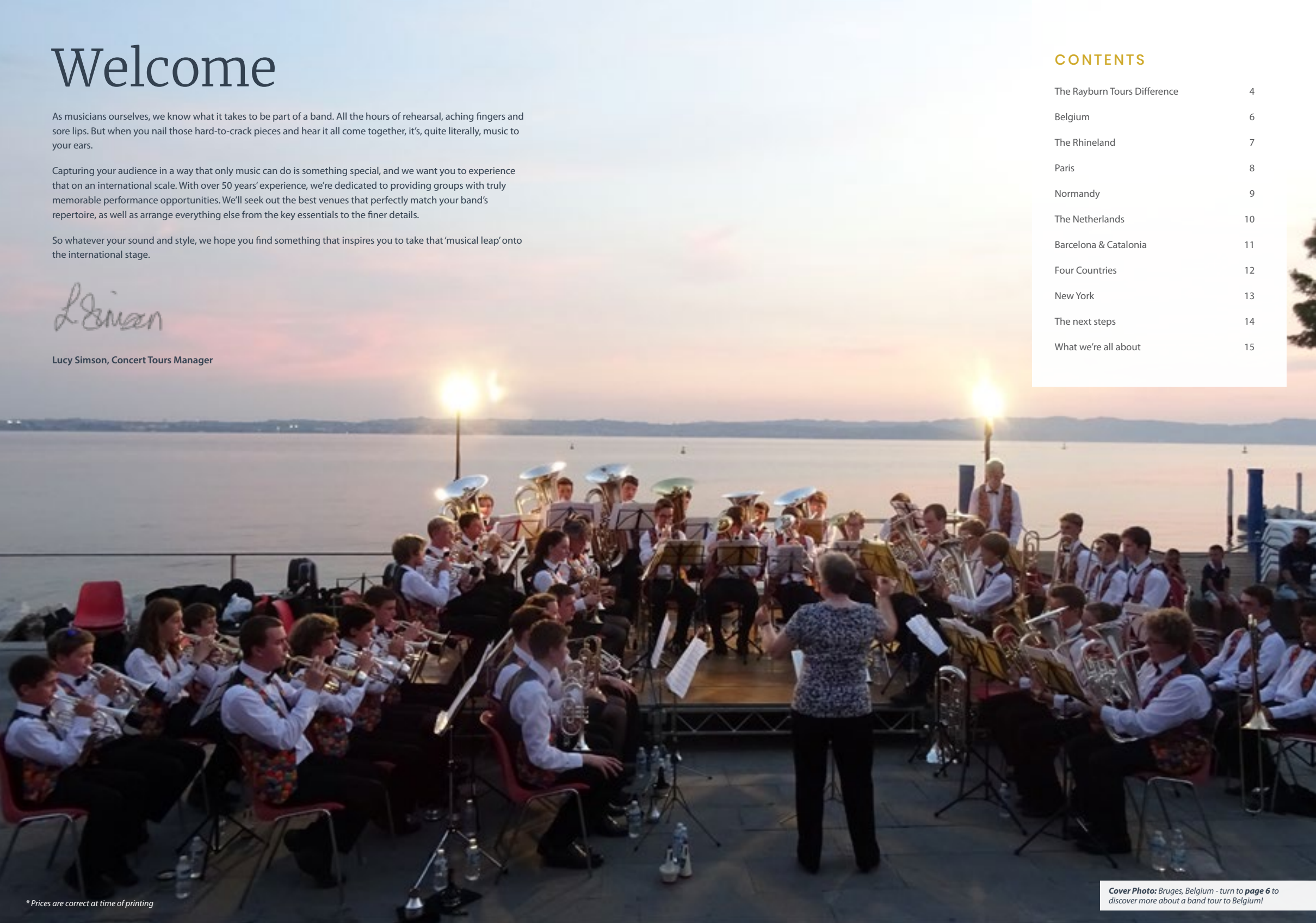
So whatever your sound and style, we hope you find something that inspires you to take that 'musical leap' onto the international stage.

Lucy Simson

Lucy Simson, Concert Tours Manager

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* Prices are correct at time of printing

Cover Photo: Bruges, Belgium - turn to page 6 to discover more about a band tour to Belgium!

THE RAYBURN TOURS DIFFERENCE

We are an independent, family-run company and we have been creating unforgettable international experiences for groups since 1965.

TEAM OF OVER 100 TRAVEL EXPERTS



Completely tailor-made experience



Sending over **23,000** passengers around the world each year



Customer tour experience
★★★★★

Travel in safe hands

PASSENGER SAFETY



FINANCIAL SECURITY



EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES



WHILE OUR FAMILY CONTINUES TO GROW, OUR MISSION STATEMENT REMAINS THE SAME:

*'Working together to provide quality tours and memorable experiences.
Delivering our promises time and time again.'*

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN A RAYBURN TOURS TRIP?



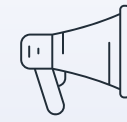
Transport



Accommodation



Excursions



Concerts & Publicity



Insurance

All combined by your **dedicated Tour Co-ordinator** to create your tailor-made itinerary.

HANDY LITTLE EXTRAS



Dedicated Tour Managers

A Tour Manager can provide on-hand support and ensure your trip runs smoothly, making your life that little bit easier.



Vamoos Travel App

Have all your travel documents, itinerary, destination information, map and weather forecasts to hand on your mobile or tablet – all accessed offline.



Party Leader Launch Pack

Our Party Leader Launch Pack includes everything you need to help promote your trip and get it off the ground, saving you valuable time.



Visit our website at
rayburntours.com
to discover more about
our Concert Tours.

Belgium

Serving up some of the finest cities, museums and beer, Belgium hums with medieval charm and historical significance. Home to a range of inspiring venues to suit any repertoire, from Bruges Market Square to the Menin Gate, Belgium is always a popular choice with bands. Where old-world castles, canal cruises and brewery tours come as standard, Belgium promises to be an unforgettable musical experience.

TOP PERFORMANCE PICKS

Last Post Ceremony, Menin Gate, Ypres

Repertoire recommendation: **Sacred or classical, suitable for the occasion**

Location: **Ypres**

Performance times: **Evening (short contribution)**

Wapenplein Bandstand, Ostend

Repertoire recommendation: **Any**

Location: **Ostend**

Performance times: **Morning or afternoon**

SAMPLE ITINERARY

- DAY 1** • Depart for Belgium by coach, Channel crossing, followed by free time in the city (depending on where you're staying)
- DAY 2** • Visit the Belfry & Halles and De Halve Maan Brewery in Bruges. **Concert 1** and an evening at leisure
- DAY 3** • Walking tour from the Grand Place in Brussels. Visit the Musical Instruments Museum followed by **Concert 2**. Enjoy an evening at leisure
- DAY 4** • Canal cruise and Castle of the Counts in Ghent. **Concert 3** in the afternoon followed by a farewell meal and social gathering in the evening
- DAY 5** • Souvenir shopping before coach and Channel crossing home

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"Brilliant and a great bonding experience for band members."

MRS FIELD, SLEAFORD CONCERT BAND, BELGIUM



PRICES FROM*
£339^{PP}

Based on 4 day, 3 night tour for 48
passengers travelling October 2019.
Subject to availability.

"The tour was just simply fantastic, I couldn't have asked for a better five days away."

MR HEAD, BURY ST EDMUNDS CONCERT BAND, THE RHINELAND



PRICES FROM*
£349^{PP}

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passengers travelling October 2019.
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The Rhineland

Set against a backdrop of hillside villages, lively cities and scenic landscapes, the Rhineland is rural Germany at its finest. Steeped in history and old-world charm, the tradition of band-playing is very prevalent and the locals welcome ensembles to perform in the riverside towns. If you're touring in the summer, be sure to ask us about the region's wine festivals in July and August!

TOP PERFORMANCE PICKS

Marble Hall & Bandstand, Bad Ems

Repertoire recommendation: **Any**

Location: **Bad Ems**

Performance times: **Afternoon**

Rüdesheim Market Square

Repertoire recommendation: **Any**

Location: **Rüdesheim am Rhein**

Performance times: **Afternoon**

SAMPLE ITINERARY

- DAY 1** • Depart by coach, Channel crossing, followed by an evening of leisure
- DAY 2** • Visit **Deutsches Eck** in the morning, then head up the **Koblenz cable car** in the afternoon and visit the **fortress**. Play **Concert 1** in the evening
- DAY 3** • **Rhine river cruise** south to **Rüdesheim**. **Concert 2** in the afternoon followed by an evening at leisure
- DAY 4** • Spend the morning visiting **Burg Eltz Castle**. **Concert 3** in the afternoon followed by a group farewell meal in the evening
- DAY 5** • Travel home by coach, stopping off at **Cologne Cathedral** en route for a guided tour. Channel crossing and arrive home

To find out more, speak to
our specialists on
01332 347 828

Paris

Brimming with bohemian soul and timeless beauty, Paris invites bands to play to crowds of locals and tourists on sunny afternoons in its beautiful parks and gardens. And if glitz and glamour is more your thing, spread a little magic with a performance at Disneyland Resort Paris! When you're not on stage, explore the city's cultural icons, world-renowned galleries and quintessential bistros.

TOP PERFORMANCE PICKS

Parc Montsouris

Repertoire recommendation: **Light and popular**

Location: **Central Paris**

Performance times: **Morning or afternoon**

Jardin du Luxembourg

Repertoire recommendation: **Light and popular**

Location: **Central Paris**

Performance times: **Morning or afternoon**

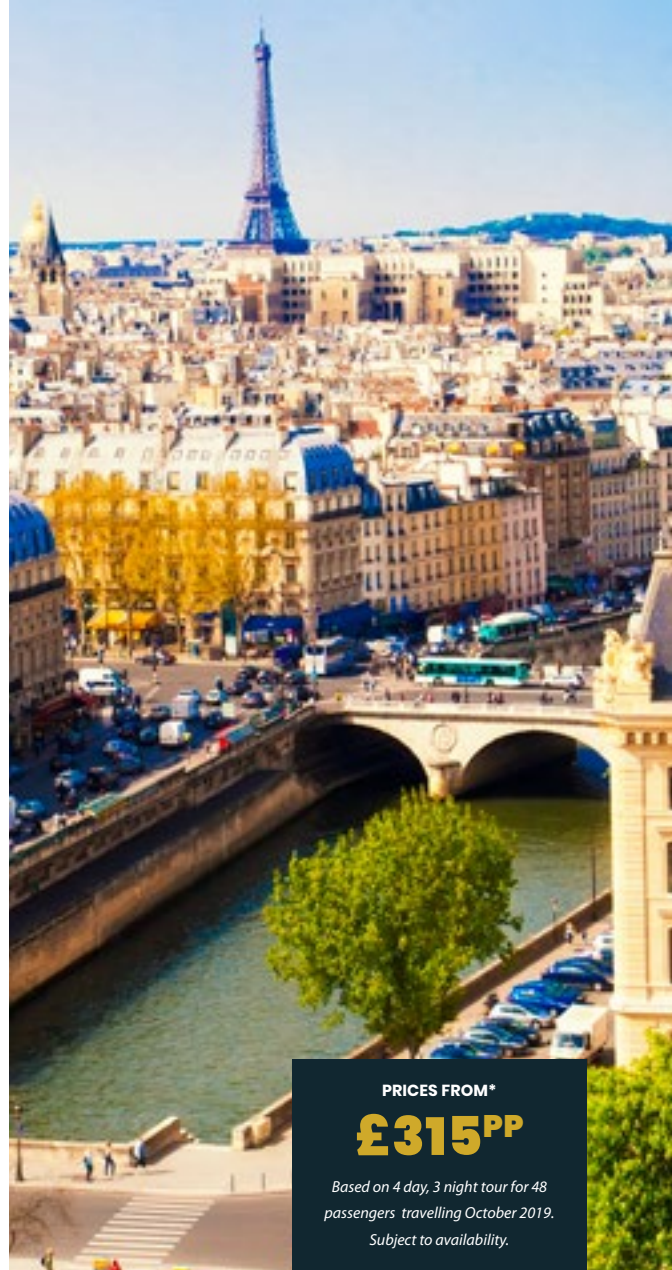
SAMPLE ITINERARY

- DAY 1** • Coach and Channel crossing to Paris. Arrive in the afternoon then enjoy an evening meal and rehearsal
- DAY 2** • Visit Musée de l'Orangerie, Concert 1 in the afternoon. Bateaux Mouches River Cruise in the evening
- DAY 3** • Visit Musée du Louvre. Head to Notre Dame Cathedral in the afternoon followed by Concert 2 in the evening
- DAY 4** • Sacre-Coeur and Montmartre before coach and Channel crossing home

Discover more inspiring venues and excursions at
rayburntours.com

"Every aspect of the tour was superbly organised and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves."

MR HOPKINS, NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY, PARIS



PRICES FROM*

£315^{PP}

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"A fantastic first overseas tour for Petworth Town Band."

MR SHERIDAN, PETWORTH TOWN BAND, NORMANDY



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Normandy

Awash with white-chalk cliffs and rugged beauty, Normandy encapsulates everything that's special about rural France. A popular close-to-home destination for bands, Normandy's venues range from lively bandstands to quaint coastal venues, where beautiful backdrops are at your disposal. Spend your free time discovering the region's rich history with visits to Mont-St-Michel, the Bayeux Tapestry and the memorials along the D-Day beaches.

TOP PERFORMANCE PICKS

Juno Beach Centre

Repertoire recommendation: **Light and popular**

Location: **In front of the centre**

Performance times: **Lunchtime or afternoon**

Place 6 Juin, Arromanches-les-Bains

Repertoire recommendation: **Light and popular**

Location: **Arromanches**

Performance times: **Morning or afternoon**

SAMPLE ITINERARY

- DAY 1** • Depart by coach, Channel crossing, followed by an evening at leisure
- DAY 2** • Visit Rouen Cathedral followed by Concert 1. Spend the afternoon in Monet's Gardens then enjoy an evening at leisure
- DAY 3** • Spend the day in Honfleur with Concert 2 in the afternoon. Group farewell meal in the evening
- DAY 4** • Explore Caen on the final morning, before departing by coach for home

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The Netherlands

Known for its beautiful canals, bike-loving locals and edgy arts scene, the Netherlands is a haven of cultural treasures. Perfect for bands with varying repertoires, the Netherlands offers a range of charming performance venues, from bustling market squares to captivating churches. Whilst traditional Dutch resorts promise coastal views by the bucket-load, Amsterdam is your gateway to the Anne Frank House, the Rijksmuseum and scenic canal cruises.

TOP PERFORMANCE PICKS

Delft Market Square

Repertoire recommendation: **Any**

Location: **Central Delft**

Performance times: **Morning or afternoon** (weekdays only)

Grote Markt

Repertoire recommendation: **Any**

Location: **Central Haarlem**

Performance times: **Morning or afternoon**

SAMPLE ITINERARY

- DAY 1** • Coach and Channel crossing to the Netherlands. Arrive in the evening with free time in the city
- DAY 2** • Visit the **Anne Frank House** in the morning followed by an **Amsterdam canal cruise** in the afternoon. **Concert 1** in the evening
- DAY 3** • Visit the **Delft Pottery factory**. Enjoy a pancake lunch with free time in Delft followed by **Concert 2**
- DAY 4** • Visit the **Zaanse Schans Museum**, with time at leisure in **Utrecht** in the afternoon. **Concert 3** followed by a group farewell meal
- DAY 5** • Final morning exploring Leiden before departing by coach for home

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"Wonderful atmosphere
and a great location."

MR NEWSOM, CRANBROOK TOWN BAND, HOLLAND



PRICES FROM*
£395^{PP}

Based on 5 day, 4 night tour for 48
passengers travelling October 2019.
Subject to availability.



PRICES FROM*
£389^{PP}

Based on 5 day, 4 night tour for 40
passengers travelling October 2019.
Subject to availability.

Barcelona & Catalonia

The attractive region of Catalonia offers bands the chance to combine exciting performance opportunities with a glorious mix of sun, sea and sand. From the natural beauty of the Costa Brava to the bustling city of Barcelona, Catalonia offers the best of both worlds. Visits include the Sagrada Família, the Dalí Theatre-Museum and fiery flamenco shows, whilst venues range from lively town squares to Tossa de Mar's scenic coastal spaces.

TOP PERFORMANCE PICKS

Plaça de les Mèlies, Pineda de Mar

Repertoire recommendation: **Lively and entertaining**

Location: **Square in the centre of town**

Performance times: **Evening**

Passeig Mossèn Cinto Verdaguer, Tossa de Mar

Repertoire recommendation: **Lively and entertaining**

Location: **Stage next to the promenade and restaurants**

Performance times: **Evening**

SAMPLE ITINERARY

- DAY 1** • Flight and transfer to Barcelona, **glass-bottomed boat trip** in Tossa de Mar followed by an evening meal and rehearsal
- DAY 2** • Visit the **Gothic Quarter** and **La Rambla** in the morning, followed by **La Sagrada Família** and **Concert 1** in the afternoon. Spend your evening at leisure
- DAY 3** • Full day in **Montserrat** and **Concert 2**. Spend your evening at leisure
- DAY 4** • Explore **Girona**, then visit **Dalí Theatre-Museum** and **Concert 3**. Group farewell meal in the evening
- DAY 5** • Visit the **Picasso Museum** and **Parc Güell** before airport transfer and flight home

Start planning your Spanish
band tour by calling us on
01332 347 828

Four Countries

Why settle for one country when you can have four? Visit **Germany, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg** all in one tour for a fuller European experience! Popular with bands, this tour gives groups the option to base themselves in one country and enjoy performance opportunities in all four. Experience different cultures and see a world of sights as you hop from one country to the next.

TOP PERFORMANCE PICKS

Place d'Armes, Luxembourg

Repertoire recommendation: **Any**

Location: **Centre of Luxembourg City**

Performance times: **Afternoon**

Galerie Leopold II, Spa

Repertoire recommendation: **Any**

Location: **Spa, Belgium**

Performance times: **Afternoon**

SAMPLE ITINERARY

- DAY 1** • Coach and Channel crossing, stop off at **Maastricht** en route for a **boat trip** then enjoy an evening at leisure
- DAY 2** • Municipal Cave Experience in **Valkenburg**, **Concert 1** and **Hoensbroek Castle** in the afternoon, followed by an evening at leisure
- DAY 3** • Visit **Aachen Cathedral** and explore the city. Visit **Monschau** followed by **Concert 2** in the evening
- DAY 4** • Full day of sightseeing in **Luxembourg**, **Concert 3** in the afternoon
- DAY 5** • Visit the university town of **Leuven** and explore the **Three Countries Maze**, followed by an evening at leisure
- DAY 6** • Depart and travel home

Discover our accommodation options at
rayburntours.com

*"An excellent tour which achieved
everything we wanted."*

MS BELL, BESSES BOYS' BRASS BAND, THE NETHERLANDS



PRICES FROM*
£525^{PP}

Based on 6 day, 5 night tour for 48
passengers travelling October 2019.
Subject to availability.



PRICES FROM*
£1,250^{PP}

Based on 5 day, 3 night tour for 44
passengers travelling October 2019.
Subject to availability.

New York

Let the bright lights of Broadway pave the way to a band tour with that extra bit of style. A dizzying array of characterful cities, eclectic music scenes and extraordinary landscapes, the USA will immerse you in a world of cultural diversity and American extravagance. Enjoy performances in some of the world's most unique venues and explore its spectacular attractions, historic monuments and glamorous nightlife.

TOP PERFORMANCE PICKS

Central Park Naumburg Bandshell

Repertoire recommendation: **Lively**

Location: **Central New York**

Performance times: **Afternoon**

Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum

Repertoire recommendation: **Secular or light**

Location: **Central New York**

Performance times: **Morning or afternoon**

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SAMPLE ITINERARY

- DAY 1** • Flight to New York and airport transfer. In the evening visit **Top of the Rock**, **Radio City** and enjoy an evening meal at the **Hard Rock Café**
- DAY 2** • Liberty Island and Ellis Island Cruise, 9/11 Memorial & Museum then **Concert 1**. Times Square and evening meal at **Planet Hollywood**
- DAY 3** • Lincoln Center guided tour and **Concert 2**. Afternoon in **Central Park** and evening meal at **Ellen's Stardust Diner**
- DAY 4** • Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum and **Concert 3**. High Line Park in the afternoon before airport transfer and flight home
- DAY 5** • Arrive home

The Next Steps

1. Get in touch

Whether you've got the perfect destination in mind or you simply want to find out more about what's involved, we're the right people to help you start planning. The best way to get in touch is by calling us on **01332 347 828** to discuss your options.

2. Tailoring your trip

Your dedicated Tour Consultant will take the time to understand the objectives of your trip, talk through your requirements and offer specialist advice. They'll then deliver a completely tailor-made proposal that's just right for you and your group.

3. Support as you launch your trip

We'll do everything we can to support you when you're launching your trip to your group. As well as answer any questions, we'll provide you with our Party Leader Launch Pack which includes everything you need to help get your tour off the ground.

4. Securing your trip

Time to secure your plans as people sign up for the trip, deposits are collected, simple online booking forms are completed and your vision becomes a reality. It's that simple.

5. Leave it to us

At this stage you'll be introduced to your dedicated Tour Coordinator who will work with you to book the key elements of your package, support you with administration and fine-tune every element in the lead up to your departure.

6. Bon voyage

Plans complete, it's time for you and your group to embark on a much anticipated trip! When you get back, we'll be in touch to hear all about it.

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WE CREATE CONCERT TOURS FOR ALL TYPES OF ENSEMBLES...



We specialise in creating

YOUTH CONCERT TOURS | ADULT CONCERT TOURS

Whilst our other teams are dedicated to creating

EDUCATIONAL TOURS | SPORTS TOURS | SKI TRIPS

Visit **rayburntours.com** to find out more

"It was brilliant; excellent performances and a chance to really get to know fellow band members."

MISS FUGGLE, WADHURST BRASS BAND, BELGIUM



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