

# Paris News!!

The official newsletter of

The Hartford Chorale's "Americans in Paris 2014" Tour

## It's a Go!!

As you all know, the Hartford Chorale's "Americans in Paris 2014" Tour is a go. We are all very excited! The Tour committee is busy working out logistics and Rick is busy working on repertoire.

We currently have 82 travelers, 23 of which are non-singers. This is really terrific!! We continue to welcome additional tour members and, as the Army says, we could still use a few good men!! So, tell all of your tenor and bass singing friends about our fabulous tour.

Please continue to think about whether or not you will be making your own International Travel Arrangements. We have been able to negotiate a few more weeks before we have to provide this detail to our main tour vendor, ACFEA. So keep thinking about what you want to do.

## Such Excitement!!!!

### Payment Schedule Through the Summer.....

	<u>5/1/13</u>	<u>6/15/13</u>	<u>9/15/13</u>
<b>Basic</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$900</b>

<b>L/O</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$800</b>
<b>S/S</b>		<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>N/S</b>			<b>\$100</b>
<b>O/D</b>			

### Legend:

**Basic** = Basic Tour including International Air Transportation

**L/O** = Land Only

**S/S** = Single Room Supplement

**N/S** = Non Singer

**O/D** = Other Deviation

(such as an extended stay in Paris, etc.)

\* Costs are not yet identified. \*

### Trip Insurance

All tour members are strongly encouraged to purchase some type of trip insurance to provide protection against unforeseen circumstances before and during the tour.

However, there seems to be some confusion about trip insurance and the Hartford Chorale tour's role in the process. The Hartford Chorale, as an organization, and the HC's Paris Tour Project are not either providing for trip insurance or endorsing one provider over

another. A Travel Guard brochure was attached to last week's email as a courtesy to our tour members and as an example of what was available. Each tour member needs to make his/her own decision about the provider they choose and the coverage that is provided based on his/her own circumstances. If you have questions about coverage, contact the provider directly. Other avenues to explore for coverage are your own insurance agent, AAA, AARP, etc.

### ***Tour Communication***

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Please make sure that you check your e-mails regularly. All singing tour members (for whom we have email addresses) will receive up-dates by e-mail and many of our guest travelers will receive the same up-dates. However, it is still the responsibility of singers to make sure each of their guests is up-dated. Please keep in close contact with your guest travelers.

All questions, payments, etc., should be directed to Dawn Bauer, Tour Manager at [dbauer658@aol.com](mailto:dbauer658@aol.com), 860-408-1277, 22 Highwood, Simsbury, CT 06070.

### ***Passports***

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It is hoped that all of you that didn't have passports in April (or that had passports that had expired) have new ones now.

Thank you to all of you who have sent copies of the face page of their passports. For those who have not, please send these as soon as you can.

For those who have existing passports,

look at the expiration date. Different countries have different rules about expiration dates. You may think that if your passport expires on July, 9, 2014 (the day after our scheduled return to the USA), you'll be all set. Not necessarily so. A good rule of thumb is the 6 month plus 1 day rule. So, if you are not extending your stay in France and if your passport is valid through January 9, 2015, you should be just fine.

## **FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

