



# THE PARIS OPERA AND THE CITY OF LIGHTS

with **WFMT** host, **Carl Grapentine**  
**May 4-11, 2010**

## ITINERARY

### Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Our group will depart O'Hare for an evening overnight flight to Paris.

### Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Upon arrival at Charles DeGaulle airport in the morning, after clearing customs, we'll board our private motorcoach. We'll have a very special luncheon as we stop at the Eiffel Tower. The staff at the Altitude 95 Restaurant in the Eiffel Tower will be waiting for us to welcome us to Paris and our welcome lunch. Afterwards, we'll make our way to our 4-star hotel, Hotel Du Louvre for check-in. Dinner on own. Balance of your day is free to enjoy your first day in Paris.

### Thursday, May 6, 2010

After breakfast at our hotel, we'll board our private motorcoach for a full-day sightseeing tour of Paris. We'll also have a private organ demonstration/recital at Trinité Church in the late afternoon. Dinner and balance of evening on own.

### Friday, May 7, 2010

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel and your day at leisure. Visit the Louvre, Montmartre, Notre Dame, shop along the Champs-Elysées, stroll along the Left Bank as some of the many ways to enjoy your day. Dinner on own.

Early in the evening Carl Grapentine will give a pre-performance talk about tonight's performance by the Orchestre de Paris, at the world-famous Salle Pleyel. Russian conductor Guennadi Rozhdestvensky conducts the Orchestre de Paris and its choir in a performance of works by Rimski-Korsakov and Prokofiev's cantata, "*Ivan The Terrible*".

### Saturday, May 8, 2010

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel and your day at leisure. Dinner on own.

Pre-performance talk by Carl Grapentine, followed by a performance by the Paris Opera Ballet at the Palais Garnier (old Paris Opera House). The program is, "*A Tribute to Jerome Robbins*" (Music of Chopin, Ravel, Muhly).



## Sunday, May 9, 2010

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel and your day at leisure. Dinner on own.

Pre-performance talk by Carl Grapentine, followed by a performance of *Les Contes D'Hoffmann (Tales of Hoffman)*, by Offenbach at the Bastille (new opera house).

*The Tales of Hoffmann (Les Contes d'Hoffmann)* is a fantastic three-act opera composed by Jacques Offenbach based on stories by E.T.A. Hoffmann. It was premiered at the Opéra Comique in Paris on February 10th, 1881. The settings are Nuremberg, Paris, Munich and Venice in the early 19th century.

*The Tales of Hoffmann* is the last and most ambitious work by Offenbach. His characteristic wit and sparkle seem to have left him. The linking idea of the ardent lover seeing the object of his desire everywhere and thwarted by his evil genius, is a kind of self-mockery that appealed to Offenbach.

## Monday, May 10, 2010

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel and your final day at leisure. Tonight, we'll say farewell to the "city of lights" on our Seine River Dinner Cruise as we float along the riverbanks for an unforgettable night in Paris. As we dine, we'll admire the floodlit monuments, architecture and historic sights of this magical city.

## Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Early morning breakfast at our hotel. Our private motorcoach will transfer us from our hotel to Charles De Gaulle Airport for our flight back to Chicago O'Hare.



### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Airfare from Chicago to Paris & Private Motorcoach transfers
- 8 Days / 6 Nights Program
- 6 Nights Accommodations at 4-star Hotel Du Louvre ([www.hoteldulouvre.com](http://www.hoteldulouvre.com))
- Three (3) Performances & Private Motorcoach Transfers
- Organ Recital at La Trinite Church
- 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner Cruise
- Private Lectures by Carl Grapentine
- Travelex International escort

Custom pre- and/or post- extensions to your tour are available upon request.

**\$4,850** per person (based on double occupancy) plus \$395 group travel insurance

**\$ 5,800** per person (based on single occupancy) plus \$395 group travel insurance

A minimum of 18 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

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### SPECIAL OFFERS:

- Register by December 15, 2009 to receive a \$ 75 early registration bonus per person.
- Past WFMT/Travelex International tour participants will receive an additional \$75 discount.