

BELLEVUE HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND CHOIR NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CHORAL FESTIVAL

May 25 – 29, 2017 (4 nights / 5 days)

Day 1 **Thursday, May 25, 2017** **(D)**

Arrive in Washington, D.C.

Meet your Tour Manager, who will escort the group through the duration of the tour

Sightseeing may include a panoramic tour of Historic Washington, D.C.

Check into the hotel

Choir: Festival welcome dinner and introductions

Choir: Evening Festival Chorus Rehearsal

Band: Dinner at a local restaurant

Band: Evening walking tour of the Lincoln, Korean, Vietnam, and WWII Memorials and the Washington Monument

Overnight at the hotel

Day 2 **Friday, May 26** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Choir: Morning Festival Chorus rehearsal

Band: Visit the Marine Annex, home of “The President’s Own” Marine Band and see the official landmark John Philip Sousa Statue

Lunch, on own

Participate in a special Festival Wreath-Laying Ceremony to honor veterans (band will accompany the choir)

Choir: Take a walking tour of the Lincoln, Korean, World War II, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, and Vietnam Memorials, as well as the Washington Monument

Band: Visit the Library of Congress, National Archives Building, and walking tour of Capitol Hill

Dinner at a local restaurant

Choir: Evening Festival Chorus Rehearsal

Band: Visit the Marine Barracks for the official Evening Parade in resplendent Full Dress Marine uniforms (pending confirmation)

Overnight at the hotel

Day 3 **Saturday, May 27** **(B,L,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Choir: Festival Chorus Dress Rehearsal at the Kennedy Center

Band: Tour the Smithsonian Museums

Choir: Box lunch provided at the Kennedy Center Café

Band: Lunch, on own



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1:00pm *National Memorial Day Choral Festival Performance in the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (band will attend as audience)*
Spend the remainder of the afternoon enjoying performances at the Kennedy Center Open House Festival
Dinner at a local restaurant
Take an evening walking tour of the Marine Corps Iwa Jima Memorial and the Thomas Jefferson Memorial
Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 4 Sunday, May 28 (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
Visit Mount Vernon
Visit Ford's Theater, where Lincoln was shot, and the Peterson House, where Lincoln passed away
Lunch, on own
Band Performance in the National Memorial Day Concert Series (choir will attend as audience)
Dinner at a local restaurant
Attend the *National Memorial Day Concert* on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, featuring a performance by the National Symphony Orchestra (no reserved seating)
Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 5 Monday, May 29 Memorial Day (B,L)

Breakfast at the hotel
Check out of your hotel
Spend the morning touring the Smithsonian Institution Museums
Band: Transfer to the band pre-parade staging area, box lunch is provided
Choir: Transfer to the choir pre-parade staging area, box lunch is provided
2:00pm Choir: Festival Chorus Performance at the National Archives Building for the Opening Ceremonies of the National Memorial Day Parade on Historic Constitution Avenue
Band: Band performance in the National Memorial Day Parade on Historic Constitution Avenue (choir will watch in the audience)
Following the parade, depart for home

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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