



Dates 2018, 26- 29 October

Choirs from around the world will gather to perform in front of enthralled audiences in the **XV, Cantate Barcelona Choral Festival**. They will also get the opportunity to listen to, and enjoy their equals. Over a thousand international voices will be presenting their expertise and passion for choral music.



The Catalan metropolis of **Barcelona** has its place in the premium league of European cities and is an example of the harmonious coexistence of tradition and modernity. **Barcelona**, the capital of Catalonia, is a cosmopolitan Mediterranean city incorporating Roman remains in its urban street pattern, medieval districts and the most stunning examples of Modernism and 20th century ultra-modern art.

Originally Roman, **Barcelona's** long history and economic vital city have end owed it with an impressive cultural heritage, shown in the conservation of it rich historic and artistic heritage and in the encouragement of the latest artistic trends. Its long cultural agenda will lead the visitor through museums, exhibitions, outdoor sculptures and an extensive calendar of music, theatre and dance.

The **Pueblo Espanyol** (Spanish village) was built in **Barcelona** during the international world exhibition in 1929 and represents, even today, the diversity of people and cultures of Spain. It is one of the main attractions of Barcelona, visited daily by thousands of Spanish and foreign visitors alike. The main square or **Plaza Mayor** is a special stage for concerts all year round .Here, choirs will be able to introduce their songs to an international audience. Alternatively, the gothic quarters of **Barcelona**, very close to the cathedral, with its many quaint and characteristic little plazas, is also a great place for an open air concert.

Friendship Concerts during **Cantate Barcelona** are planned so that 2 or 3 visiting choirs gather with a local host-choir, for a congenial musical exchange and get-together, an ideal occasion in which to make friends and international contacts in a friendly atmosphere.

Visit of Girona or Montserrat (on request). Girona, the city of the four rivers, a monumental enclave with a rich history. The historic center has preserved its medieval character almost intact. It deserves special mention its cathedral, begun to build around 1292 with one of the widest ships in the world and its Romanesque cloister. The visit continues in the vicinity of the cathedral where is the famous "El Call" or Jewish Quarter, one of the best preserved in Europe. Montserrat, where there is the possibility of giving a 10 minute concert (on request)

According to the legend, the image of the virgin was found in Santa Cova. Montserrat has been linked with spirituality. In addition to the monastery, the mountain has an outstanding number of small churches and emitted, some abandoned, such as Santa Cecilia, Sant Benet, Sant Joan or Sant Jeroni. The Virgin, popularly known as "la Moreneta" because of its dark color, is a Romanesque wood carving dating from the late 12th century.

A **Farewell Concert** is planned for the last evening, when all participating choirs present a song of their choice and a final common song in a concert hall. This is followed by a **farewell dinner** -a great get-together - with music and song, bringing the **Cantate Barcelona** to a festive close.

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