

LA VERNE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
CONCERT TOUR OF NORTHERN SPAIN

June 1-13, 2026

MONDAY JUNE 1: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Departure from the United States.

TUESDAY JUNE 2: SALAMANCA

¡Bienvenidos a España! Upon arrival in Madrid, meet your Encore Tour Manager and fellow travelers and journey westward to the historic city of Salamanca, known for its golden sandstone architecture and prestigious university. After checking into your hotel, take some time to unwind. Whether you choose to relax at the hotel or enjoy a gentle stroll through Salamanca's charming streets, the afternoon is yours to settle in and soak up the city's ambiance at your own pace. In the evening, join your group for a special welcome dinner—a perfect opportunity to connect with your fellow travelers over delicious local cuisine and toast the start of your unforgettable journey through Spain (D). Hotel: Exe Salamanca

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3: SALAMANCA

This morning, enjoy a guided city walk through the heart of Salamanca, a city renowned for its golden sandstone architecture and rich academic heritage. In the evening, reconvene with your fellow musicians for a rehearsal, as you prepare for your first concert performance of your tour this evening, as part of an exchange with a local ensemble!

THURSDAY JUNE 4: SALAMANCA

Today depart for the walled city of Ávila, home of St. Theresa of Avila and renowned for its remarkably preserved Medieval Walls that date back to the 11th century. Enjoy a guided tour, taking in the breathtaking views of this UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue to Segovia where you'll visit the

Alcázar of Segovia, a fortress that inspired Disney's Cinderella Castle. Return to Salamanca where this evening you'll have time for dinner on your own. (B)

FRIDAY JUNE 5: SALAMANCA

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to the historic city of Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that boasts a rich blend of Christian, Jewish, and Muslim cultural influences. Known for its stunning medieval architecture, Toledo offers a captivating glimpse into Spain's past. Enjoy a guided city walk through the winding streets, taking in the grandeur of Toledo Cathedral, the Alcázar, and the charming Jewish Quarter. This afternoon, board the bus for a trip to Valladolid, where we will rehearse with the Gospel Choir there for a joint concert this evening. Dinner in Valladolid and return to Salamanca after the concert. (B)

SATURDAY JUNE 6: BURGOS

Today you'll depart for the celebrated Ribera del Duero wine region, one of Spain's premier viticultural areas. Surrounded by rolling vineyards and historic villages, you'll enjoy a guided visit to a traditional wine cellar, where you'll learn about the region's winemaking heritage and sample some of its acclaimed vintages. A group lunch is included today. Later, check into your hotel in Burgos and have dinner on your own. (B,L) Hotel: Silken Gran Teatro

DAY 7, SUNDAY JUNE 7: BURGOS

This morning, participate in mass in the UNESCO-listed Burgos Cathedral, a masterpiece of Gothic design and the final resting place of the legendary El Cid. After lunch, embark on a guided exploration of Burgos, a city renowned for its stunning Gothic architecture and rich historical significance. (B)

DAY 8, MONDAY JUNE 8: SAN SEBASTIAN

Depart in the morning for the dynamic city of Bilbao, the beating heart of the Basque Country. Known for its blend of cutting-edge design and rich industrial past, Bilbao offers a perfect balance of old and new. Discover the city's highlights, including a visit to the world-famous Guggenheim Museum.

Designed by architect Frank Gehry, this architectural marvel houses an impressive collection of contemporary and modern art and is an icon of Bilbao's transformation. In the afternoon, continue your journey through the Basque landscape to the picturesque coastal city of San Sebastián. With its stunning beaches, Belle Époque charm, and culinary reputation, San Sebastián is a true gem. After checking into your hotel, the evening is yours to relax and soak in the seaside atmosphere. (B) Hotel: Silken Amara Plaza

DAY 9, TUESDAY JUNE 9: SAN SEBASTIAN

Discover the coastal elegance of San Sebastián at your own pace. Perhaps take time to explore the city's charming Old Town, walk along the sparkling shores of La Concha Bay, or simply relax and take in the stunning scenery. You'll have free time for lunch, perfect for sampling the region's world-famous pintxos and fresh Basque specialties. In the afternoon, regroup and prepare for your third concert performance of the tour, taking place in the San Sebastián area in conjunction with a local ensemble. (B)

DAY 10, WEDNESDAY JUNE 10: SAN SEBASTIAN

After breakfast, depart for Hondarribia, a charming Basque town near the French border. Take some time to explore the quaint streets and enjoy the local atmosphere as you enjoy lunch. In the afternoon, continue your journey to Biarritz, a beautiful French seaside town known for its stunning beaches and vibrant cultural scene. Explore the city's highlights, including the Biarritz Lighthouse and the iconic Rocher de la Vierge rock formation. (B)

DAY 11, THURSDAY JUNE 11: MADRID

Depart San Sebastián and travel to the legendary city of Pamplona, renowned for the world-famous Running of the Bulls. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided walking tour through the city's charming streets, where stories of ancient traditions, literary legends, and cultural heritage come to life. Then journey to the country's capital city of Madrid where you'll check into your final hotel. (B) Hotel: Hotel Voco Madrid Retiro

DAY 12, FRIDAY JUNE 12: MADRID

Morning tour of Madrid, with time on your own if you choose to visit the Prado art museum, home of fabulous paintings by Goya, Bosch, Rubens, El Greco, and other masters. This afternoon, prepare for your fourth and final performance of the tour! Celebrate your successful performance tour of Spain with a farewell dinner together tonight. (B,D)

DAY 13, SATURDAY JUNE 13: DEPARTURE

Transfer to the airport for return flight to the United States. (B)

Cost: \$4,139 double occupancy land only. Airfare with the group will add \$1400-1600 to the cost of the trip. You are welcome to arrange your own airfare—and Laurie is happy to help you do that. **You can register at <https://acis.com/tripsite-itinerary-route/?key=MjAyNnw3NjE1Ng=>.**

The group leader is Laurie Schreiner and our tour number is 270006.

Guaranteed price (regardless of airfare or hotel cost increases) includes all gratuities and emergency medical coverage. Additional “cancel for any reason” trip insurance is available for \$715 (\$815 for those 66 and older). A \$100 discount is given to those who sign up for autopay and the additional trip insurance. There is no surcharge for paying by credit card.

- \$200 deposit is due June 15. If you cancel before November 30, 2025 and haven’t taken out the “cancel for any reason” trip insurance, you would lose your deposit, but all other payments would be refunded.
- Payments are due August 15, October 15, and final payment is due January 15, 2026 – unless you opt for autopay, which will take out a set amount each month from your bank account or credit card. Then your final payment is due April 14, 2026.
- If you fly with the group, the airline assigns the seats, but we will work out seat assignments among our group to meet mobility concerns and to seat partners/friends together. The tour company can work with you on alternate departures and returns, but cannot do one-way flights. They will honor your Global Entry, TSA precheck, and frequent

flyer numbers and can upgrade your flight to Premium Economy or Business Class upon request.

- Single supplement is \$1320 (hotels are expensive!).
- A limited number of triple rooms are available. There is no price discount for triple rooms.

Questions? Email Laurie Schreiner at laurie.a.schreiner@gmail.com.