



Music Celebrations International
Concert Tours With Integrity

American Celebration of Music in
England

Newark High School Orchestra

November 2 – 8, 2026



Day One: Monday, November 2, 2026



- Morning or afternoon departure from Columbus (CMH) via scheduled airline service to London, England

Day Two: Tuesday, November 3



- Morning arrival in London
- Meet your full-time local MCI Tour Manager, who will remain with you for the duration of your time in England. Board your awaiting chartered motorcoach
- Visit Stonehenge, a world-famous archaeological wonder, is located on the Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire, England. This ancient monument is renowned for its enigmatic circle of massive standing stones, each weighing several tons, arranged in a prehistoric architectural marvel. Believed to have been constructed over multiple phases between 3000 BCE and 2000 BCE, Stonehenge has captivated the imagination of people for centuries. The primary feature is the outer ring of large sarsen stones, each standing upright and topped with lintels, creating a circular formation. Stonehenge attracts millions of visitors annually, drawing them into the enigma of its construction and purpose. The visitor center provides information about the monument's history, theories about its origin, and the broader archaeological context
- Lunch, on own
- Transfer to Bath/Bristol for late afternoon hotel check-in. Enjoy a short orientation tour of the area
- Welcome Dinner included, and overnight



Bath, England

Built for pleasure and relaxation, beautiful Bath has been a wellbeing destination since Roman times. The waters are still a big draw, both at the ancient Roman Baths and the thoroughly modern Thermae Bath Spa, which houses the only natural thermal hot springs in Britain you can bathe in. Immerse yourself in Bath's remarkable collection of museums and galleries, and enjoy year-round festivals, theatre, music and sports. Bath's stunning honey-coloured Georgian architecture is straight from a Jane Austen novel - highlights include the iconic Royal Crescent and the majestic Circus



Day Three: Wednesday, November 4



- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Enjoy a morning visit to the Roman Baths. The pools, pipes, and underfloor heating are remarkable demonstrations of the ingenuity of Roman engineering. Also visit the neighboring Abbey Church, renowned for the lofty fifteenth-century vault of its choir. Stroll through Bath's elegant Georgian streets, admire the sweeping crescents and terraces, and don't miss the iconic Pulteney Bridge spanning the River Avon, lined with charming shops, markets, and cafés
- Lunch, on own
- Enjoy some free-time for additional sightseeing of the Bath/Bristol area
- ***Newark High School Orchestra afternoon or evening concert at the Bath Abbey as part of the American Celebration of Music in England****
- Dinner included, and overnight

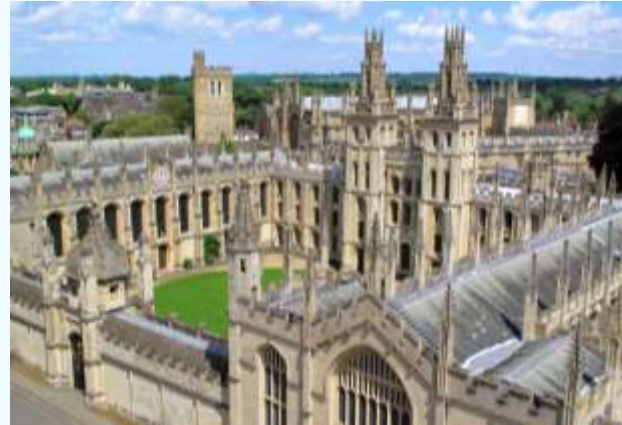


Performance

Bath Abbey

Bath Abbey, a stunning example of Gothic architecture, has been a center of Christian worship for over 1,200 years and is one of England's most magnificent churches. Known as the "Lantern of the West" for its beautiful stained glass and light-filled interior, the Abbey has long been a space where music and faith meet. Its rich choral tradition and exceptional acoustics make it an inspiring venue for orchestras and choirs alike. Performing here allows ensembles to become part of a living musical heritage in the heart of historic Bath.

Day Four: Thursday, November 5



- Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
- Transfer to London via a visit to historic Oxford
- Explore Oxford and visit Christ Church College. Renowned for its majestic architecture, rich literary heritage, and its iconic role as Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films, Christ Church is a must-see for tourists. Among Oxford's largest colleges – the largest if you include its meadow – it boasts the university's most impressive quad, a superb art gallery, and even a cathedral. Founded in 1525 by Cardinal Wolsey, it later became home to Lewis Carroll, whose adventures with the dean's daughter inspired Alice in Wonderland
- Lunch, on own
- Continue to London with afternoon hotel check-in
- Dinner included, and overnight



Oxford, England

The famous university city of Oxford is found North West of London, on the north bank of the River Thames. Oxford University is the oldest in England, dating from around 1200. The city itself was developed in Saxon times around the 8th century nunnery, now Christ Church, and still maintains its original street plan and parts of its city walls



Day Five: Friday, November 6



- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Enjoy seeing some of London's highlights, featuring iconic landmarks such as Whitehall, Trafalgar Square with Nelson's Column, and Buckingham Palace, where you may witness the Changing of the Guard. Discover beloved Harry Potter filming locations, including the Millennium Bridge from Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince and the enchanting Leadenhall Market, which inspired Diagon Alley. Finally, visit Platform 9¾ at King's Cross Station for a magical photo with the trolley disappearing into the wall!
- Lunch, on own
- ***Newark High School private clinic in London with conductor and educator, maestro Thomas Blunt****
- Enjoy some free afternoon time for additional London sightseeing and/or shopping
- Dinner included, and overnight



Clinic

Thomas Blunt

Thomas Blunt is an accomplished and versatile conductor and educator whose career spans world-class theaters and concert halls worldwide, with a repertoire ranging from Bach to contemporary works. A Cambridge and Royal College of Music graduate, he was the first British participant in the Allianz International Conductors' Academy and currently serves as Principal Conductor of the Coro da Orquestra Sinfônica do Estado de São Paulo. Known for his expertise, he has conducted productions for Glyndebourne, the Royal Danish Opera, Welsh National Opera, Opéra national du Rhin, and Konzert Theater Bern, among others. His symphonic work includes engagements and conducting assignments with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, and additional professional orchestras in Europe, the U.S., and South America. Blunt has collaborated with renowned conductors such as Vladimir Jurowski, Edward Gardner, Iván Fischer, and Bernard Haitink, and continues to build an international reputation through education, performances, premieres, and festival appearances.



London, England

Established 1,250 years ago, London became an important Roman city. It was resettled by the Saxons in the fifth century, after the end of the Roman occupation. London has been scourged by the plague (1665) and was almost destroyed by the Great Fire (1666). World War II's "Blitzkrieg" tore up the city considerably. She stands today as a monument to perseverance, culture, excitement, history, and greatness



Day Six: Saturday, November 7



- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Take a guided cruise on the River Thames. View all the most famous sights of London while learning rich historical facts about the city and the River. As the cruise sets sail along the River Thames, passengers are immediately treated to a panoramic feast of London's architectural wonders. The city's skyline unfolds, revealing a seamless blend of historic and modern structures lining the riverbanks. Tower Bridge, an unmistakable symbol of London, stands proudly with its two majestic towers and intricate bascules, creating a dramatic entrance to the cruise. The Houses of Parliament and the iconic Big Ben (now officially known as the Elizabeth Tower) also come into view, standing proudly along the river. Throughout the cruise, enjoy fascinating insights into the history and significance of the landmarks, enhancing the cultural experience
- Lunch, on own
- Afternoon at leisure for shopping and sightseeing
- ***Newark High School Orchestra shared/exchange concert with a local student ensemble at St Paul's Covent Garden in London as part of the American Celebration of Music in England****
- Farewell Dinner included, and overnight



Performance

St. Paul's Covent Garden

St. Paul's Church, often called "The Actors' Church," is a beloved historic landmark in London's Covent Garden. Designed by Inigo Jones and completed in 1633, it was the first new church built in London after the Reformation and has long been associated with the city's vibrant theater community. Known for its intimate yet resonant acoustics, St. Paul's has hosted countless musical performances, from chamber ensembles to choirs. Performing here places visiting musicians in the heart of London's cultural district, surrounded by centuries of artistic tradition.



Day Seven: Sunday, November 8



- Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
- Morning to the London Airport for return flight home
- Arrive home to Ohio, the same day as your departure from London

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Tour Inclusions



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Airline Transportation

Music Celebrations International (MCI) has contracts with all the major airline carriers. MCI has a dedicated “Air Department” that negotiates group contracts, with the goal to book the best fares for the best schedules, while trying to keep everyone on the same flight.

With the air industry continually changing policies, air schedules, fleet sizes, and dealing with unpredictable weather, the services the MCI Air Department provides has proven invaluable.



Airline Transportation



28 Airlines, offering more than 18,500 daily flights to 1,330 airports in 192 countries





Airline Transportation



The oneworld alliance brings together a vast network of airlines around the world.

Covering 155 countries and 850 destination airports



Airline Transportation

20 member airlines giving you access to 1,074 destinations worldwide

SkyTeam Partners





Tour Managers & Guides

An experienced, proven, full-time, multi-lingual Tour Manager will be with the group 24/7 (for those who have travelled before you know what a difference a quality Tour Manager can make to the outcome of your tour). MCI Tour Managers are the best.

Excursions on your tour will be guided by licensed, professional guides. Guides are selected based upon experience, referral, knowledge, and ability to deal with people.

Entrances to sites are included in the MCI proposal. At MCI, we feel it is necessary to include these entrances to ensure the cultural and historical aspects of the Tour.



— Coach Transportation

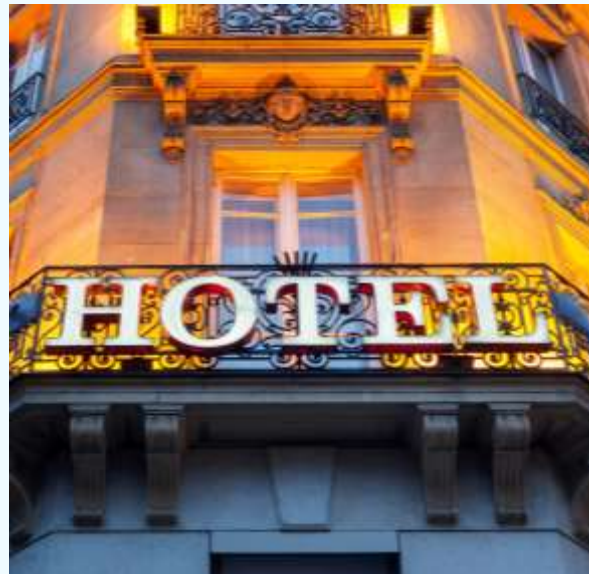
We understand that comfort and safety is important when you travel. We go out of our way to make sure that your private, deluxe coach will be of the highest quality to ensure that the bus is in excellent working condition. MCI contracts with the most reputable companies (based on feedback we have received from tour groups on equipment and drivers) that service your destination.





Accommodations

We use superior tourist-class (3 & 4 Star) hotels chosen for location, reputation, cleanliness, and quality service. Prices included in the proposal are based on **double occupancy** rooms with private facilities.



Meals

Two meals a day are included in the proposal.
Breakfast at the hotels are typically buffet style.

3-course dinners are included at a mix of your hotel
and local restaurants.

We use restaurants that are clean, safe, and have a
great reputation for working with groups, and to
keep your group well fed.

MCI works closely with restaurant personnel to
make accommodations for those travelers with
dietary restrictions and/or requests.



Performances

Our separate Performance Department is staffed by experienced musicians and travel agents who have an excellent, almost instinctive understanding of the special needs and considerations of music directors and their performing groups.

For every venue, we consider:

- Acoustics
- Size of staging area
- Rehearsal space, changing rooms
- Availability of toilets
- Details of organs, pianos, local orchestras, rental instruments, chairs, stands, lights, tables, etc.

Promotion is important for the success of a concert and MCI promotes concerts through newspapers, radio, and posters.





Thank You!

**Music Celebrations International
looks forward to providing the
Newark High School Orchestra
with a truly memorable musical
and cultural England tour
experience of a lifetime!**



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