



Pemigewasset Choral Society

OTTAWA

Canada's stunning Capital City

June 28 - July 2

Join us for a special concert tour celebrating friendship and music with our northern neighbor! Nestled at the confluence of three picturesque rivers, Ottawa is one of the world's most beautiful capitals. Located on the provincial borders of Ontario and Quebec, it is a city in which both English and French cultures are deeply rooted. The result is a delightful North American city with a distinctive European charm and flair.

Canada's capital offers the perfect combination of beauty, history, entertainment and culture.

DAY 1: Sunday, June 28

Morning

Travel and relax in style aboard your modern motorcoach. Enjoy movies, camaraderie and fun along the way. We will stop for lunch on your own.

Late-Afternoon

Upon arrival in Ottawa, there will be a brief orientation tour, followed by check-in to your 4-star hotel. Your hotel is centrally-located and within walking distance of many of the city's sights, restaurants, and shops. Tonight, enjoy an included, welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2: Monday, June 29

Morning

After an included breakfast, depart with your local guide for a morning sightseeing tour. Highlights include a tour of Parliament Hill and the Changing of the Guard ceremony, the Ottawa River; and the Rideau Canal, Ontario's first UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its dramatic staircase of locks. You'll see the famous embassies, the residence of the Prime Minister and magnificent parks and gardens. The tour concludes with a visit to RCMP's Rockcliffe stables. The red coats and sleek horses of the RCMP are internationally recognized as a Canadian symbol of pride and justice.

Enjoy lunch on your own at the bustling ByWard Market, Canada's oldest, continuously-operating farmers market – with up to 175 outdoor vendors selling local fruits and vegetables, plants and flowers, as well as arts and crafts, surrounded by blocks of unique shops and restaurants.

Afternoon

Your afternoon is free for further exploration and activities. Ottawa is home to a wealth of outstanding national museums, art galleries and historic monuments. Suggestions include the National Art Gallery, Royal Canadian Mint, Canadian War Museum or the Aviation Museum. Perhaps stop by the Chateau Laurier for its legendary high tea or stroll Canada's oldest pedestrian mall, Spark Street, perfect for shopping or a leisurely break at an outdoor café. If more adventure is what you seek, hikers and bikers can choose from hundreds of trails that traverse the city. Rent a canoe, kayak or paddle boat at Dow's lake and cruise the Rideau Canal or take a river-rafting expedition.

Evening

Tonight's performance is a shared concert, with Canadian choruses, arranged by *Arts Bureau for the Continents* as part of *Unisong*.

Unisong was created 12 years ago involving choristers representing every Canadian province. Adult and youth choirs travel to Ottawa and rehearse with the National Arts Centre Orchestra, under a guest conductor, for 3 performance, *en masse*, in the National Arts Centre on Canada Day. PCS will have an opportunity to perform and mingle with the participating Canadian groups.

Rehearsal time and performance venue TBA. Light dinner included. (B, D)

DAY 3: Tuesday, June 30

Morning

Your morning is at leisure in preparation for PCS Lobby Concert at the National Arts Centre. This concert is part of the *Unisong* Festival tradition and will involve all Canadian choir participants, each providing 15-20 minute performances.

Mid-Afternoon

Later join the members of some of the Canadian choruses for a sightseeing cruise on the Ottawa River. Enjoy majestic views, only seen from the riverbanks, of Parliament Hill, The Rideau Falls, and 24 Sussex Drive.

Evening

Tonight enjoy an included dinner. (B, D)

DAY 4: Wednesday, July 1: Canada Day

Enjoy the Canada Day festivities throughout the city. There will be parades, street performers, concerts and other activities to celebrate Canada's Independence Day.

Afternoon

Visit the Canadian Museum of Civilization, Canada's most famous museum. The building itself is a striking architectural masterpiece. Inside you'll be visually and intellectually challenged with over 1,000 years of human history in the Western Hemisphere. Displays include a reconstructed archaeological dig and numerous galleries that depict Canada's cultural and artistic heritage.

Evening

Dinner is on your own. From your special reserved seats, enjoy the Canada Day concert with the *National Arts Centre Orchestra* and the *Unisong* choirs. Later, walk to Parliament Hill for continued entertainment culminating with fireworks over Parliament Hill. (B)

DAY 5: Thursday, July 2

After an included breakfast, depart Ottawa for Montreal. Upon arrival you'll receive a brief orientation tour followed by free time. Enjoy lunch at one of the many cafes and browse through the quaint shops in the Old Town. Tour Notre Dame Basilica, visit a museum or take a horse-drawn carriage ride. We will depart for NH mid-afternoon arriving Plymouth early evening. (B)

PLEASE NOTE: *Itinerary order is subject to change based on final concert arrangements.
Concert #3 and venue TBA.*



General Information

COST: (based on 50 participants)
\$995 per person (double occupancy)
\$1325 per person (single occupancy)

INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR:

- Round-trip motorcoach transportation
- 4 Nights (4*) hotel accommodations/taxes
- Daily Breakfast & 3 Dinners
- Ottawa local hosts
- Ottawa guided tour & sightseeing
- Ottawa River Cruise
- Canadian Museum of Civilization
- Montreal sightseeing & visit
- Concerts & concert-related activities
- Services of a Plymouth Travel Tour Director
- Fun, surprises and more.

CANCELLATIONS:

All cancellation notices must be in writing to Plymouth Travel. The cancellation fees are as follows:

<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Prior To</u>	<u>Cancellation Fees</u>
From enrollment	Feb 17, 2009	\$0
From Feb 18	April 27, 2009	\$250
April 28, 2009	Departure	no refunds

(Name changes and substitutions are allowed anytime prior to departure).

OPTIONAL TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION:

Optional cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Participants are urged to review their insurance requirements with their personal insurance agent or consider the Access America (AM) policy available from Plymouth Travel. AM provides coverage for cancelled and interrupted trips, medical costs, travel accidents and lost/stolen baggage. To review coverage options and to receive a no obligation price quote, call Plymouth Travel at 603-536-2403 or visit the AM web-site at www.accessamerica.com. So that Plymouth Travel can assist you in the event of a claim, when ordering online, please include F034456 in the Travel Agent ID field where requested.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL TO CANADA BY MOTORCOACH

As of June 1, 2009, United States citizens traveling to Canada by motorcoach must present a valid passport at the border. These rules are subject to change. PCS will be advised of any updates.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Plymouth Travel Incorporated, herein referred to as PTI, and the Pemigewasset Choral Society (PCS) act only as an agent on behalf of its tour patrons in arranging transportation, accommodations, sightseeing and other services. They are not responsible for deficiencies on the part of hotels, restaurants, airlines, cruiselines or any other company providing tour inclusions. PTI/PCS nor any of its representatives shall not become liable or responsible in any way in connection with means of transportation or other services for any loss, injury or damage to, or in respect of, person or property however caused or arising. We reserve the right to change any arrangements herein set forth should conditions necessitate, offering substitutes of equal value, or to cancel any scheduled tour. PTI/PSC are not responsible for delays, extra expenses or any other inconveniences to passengers due to weather conditions, other "Acts of God," and acts of terrorism.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS:

Initial Deposit: \$150/person by Dec. 8, 2008

2nd Payment: \$300/person by Feb. 18, 2009

Balance Due: April 28, 2009

Make checks payable to Plymouth Travel.

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR:

- Meals where not specified
- Gratuities for bus driver and local guides
- Items of a personal nature
- Optional travel insurance