

LAS CABALGATAS D'ESPAÑA



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D'España

INFORMATION GUIDE

All the information you need for taking part in Las Cabalgatas D'España





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LAS CABALGATAS D'ESPAÑA

For many years performance in Spain and particularly at the Cabalgata des Reyes in Madrid has been amongst our most sought after performance tours. Madrid strictly limits the number of US Marching Bands that may appear annually in its 5th of January night time Parade. Only one, or at most two, groups are allowed to take part. We therefore have developed two further programmes to add to our Madrid offering both of them featuring participation in quite remarkable Cabalgatas de Reyes. Firstly, we offer one band each year the opportunity to lead the Parade in the historic city of Toledo, the former capital of Castille. The second offering is an equally spectacular opportunity. This is to take part in the oldest Cabalgata des Reyes in Spain, in the fabulous city of Seville. So we are now able to offer three Cabalgata de Reyes all of which are truly exceptional.

Madrid, with its rich history, stunning architecture, and vibrant culture, offers an enchanting experience for young musicians. Often regarded as a city brimming with musical heritage. Madrid provides a captivating opportunity to immerse oneself in its ambiance. Don't miss the chance to explore this captivating city and indulge in its musical delights.

Toledo, a city draped in ancient walls and imbued with timeless charm,



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invites young musicians to embark on a captivating musical journey. Explore the labyrinthine cobblestone streets where melodies intertwine, and witness the seamless fusion of centuries-old history and artistic inspiration. From the majestic Alcazar to the resplendent Cathedral, Toledo's architectural marvels set the stage for musical exploration. Allow Toledo's spirit to awaken your creativity, transporting you to a realm of musical enchantment nestled in the heart of Spain.



Seville, a city of endless passion and flamboyant allure, casts a spell on young musicians seeking an extraordinary musical adventure. With its intoxicating blend of vibrant traditions, sultry rhythms, and rich cultural heritage, Seville is a symphony of sensations waiting to be discovered. Lose yourself in the mesmerizing rhythms of flamenco, stroll along the enchanting streets adorned with breath-taking architecture, and immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere that pulses through every corner.





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CABALGATA PERFORMANCES

The Cabalgata de Reyes is a traditional parade with floats carrying the wise men and takes in practically all Spanish cities and villages. The three Magi, Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthazar, ride through the streets, as their pages collect children's letters to the kings and also throw candy to children. The cavalcade usually includes dancers, musicians, as well as other assistants to the kings.

The first Cavalcade in Spain is documented from 1855 in Barcelona, and the longest-standing cavalcade is in Alcoi, where it has been celebrated since 1866.

It is celebrated every January 5 (the day preceding the feast of Epiphany) in the evening. In Spain, after greeting the kings at the cavalcade in town, children are supposed to go home and go to bed early. They clean and put out their shoes, and the following morning, find the gifts of the Magi, in and around their shoes. Paper cut-outs are usually also put out to adorn the scene, and the children usually put out cookies and some brandy or other drink for the kings to sit and enjoy themselves for a moment before moving on to the next house, as well as a bucket of water for their camels.

According to this tradition, the children who have behaved badly during the previous year receive coal rather than candy. Although they might get coal candy.

Additional performance opportunities are available in both interior and exterior venues for concert bands, orchestras and choirs throughout your performance tour programme if you wish.





DESTINATION EVENTS – ABOUT US

Destination Events Ltd is a well-known event organiser in Europe which has teamed up with the Spanish cities of Madrid, Toledo and Seville to allow selected musical bands to perform in their Cabalgata Parades.

Destination Events boasts a supremely accomplished, experienced and dedicated team of staff. They are expert not only in the production of world class events, but also in the delivery of superb hospitality arrangements and educational touring experiences for performers in their events. Meet key team members by visiting our [Destination Events website](#).

Destination Events has found an excellent partner in the Youth Music of the World organisation. With a dedicated team of experts and consultants, Youth Music source groups who are worthy to be considered for invitation to the Cabalgada in Madrid, Toledo & Seville. Meet key members of the Youth Music team by visiting our [Youth Music website](#).

PASSPORTS & VISAS



Before embarking on an international flight to Europe you must have a valid passport. The passport should have an expiry date of at least six months after the date of your return to the United States. If you need to secure a passport for the first time, please ensure that you do so as soon as possible. Allow an absolute minimum of eight weeks to secure your passport.

Holders of full USA passports (American Citizens) do not need a visa to enter Spain.

Holders of non-USA passports may need a visa to enter Spain. The Schengen area covers 26 countries ('Schengen States') without border controls between them, these include Spain. Schengen visas allow free passage through the Schengen zone. [Click here](#) for more information on which passport holders require a visa and how to obtain one.

On occasions, to secure a visa, you will need a letter from Destination Events to confirm that you are a member of a performing group in the event and that you will be entering and leaving any Spanish region on specific dates and that accommodation is provided for you whilst you are there. Destination Events can supply such a letter, but need a minimum of 10 days' notice. Some visa applications can take several months so, if you do not have or are not eligible to have a full US passport, check if you need a visa and make your application as early as possible.

Non-American citizens staying in the USA on a Green Card should also check with the Department of Homeland Security to ensure that they will be able to re-enter the USA without difficulty after their visit overseas. [Click here](#) to visit the website.

We are committed to helping any group members who need assistance in the visa process.

PASSPORTS & VISAS continued

From mid 2025 over 1.4 billion people from over 60 visa-exempt countries are required to have a travel authorisation to enter most European countries. This is called **ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System)**. ETIAS is linked to a traveller's passport, and it is valid for up to three years or until the passport expires. If you get a new passport you will need a new ETIAS.

With a valid ETIAS travel authorisation, you can enter the territory of these European countries as often as you want for short-term stays- normally for up to 90 days in any 180-day period. However, it does not guarantee entry. When you arrive, a border guard will ask to see your passport and other documents and verify that you meet the entry conditions.

You can fill out the application form using either the official **ETIAS website** or the ETIAS mobile application. Applying for the ETIAS travel authorisation costs 7 euros, though some travellers are exempt from paying this fee.

You will receive an email confirming the submission of your application which will include your unique ETIAS application number: make sure you keep this number for future reference.

Once your application has been processed, you will receive another email informing you about its outcome.

When you get your ETIAS travel authorisation please make sure your name, passport number and other information is correct: if there is any mistake, you will not be allowed to cross the border.

If your application is refused, the email will provide the reasons for this decision. It will also include information about how to appeal, details of the competent authority, as well as the relevant time limit to appeal.





GETTING YOU TO SPAIN

Youth Music's staff and consultants at Performance Travel Ltd (PTL) are experts in arranging air travel from the USA to Rome for groups invited to perform in Rome New Year*.

It is a complicated business arranging air travel for what are often very large groups. PTL work tirelessly to secure the best blocks of seats with the best airlines and the most convenient schedules for performing groups.

For travelling American groups we use a mixture of British and European airlines. There are not a huge amount of direct non-stop services to Rome but there are some flights from major US gateways with American Airlines, Delta and United Airlines. Where possible we try to make use of these services*. However, more often than not you can expect an intermediary European stop en route to Rome from most US gateways. This arrangement allows us to make use of the extensive flight network of such carriers as Air France/KLM, Lufthansa/Swiss and British Airways. We try to ensure the stop en route is in the USA, allowing morning arrival times into Rome.

The service on all airlines in coach (economy) is much the same. You get a free main meal and drinks soon after take-off and maybe a small snack meal before landing. All flights booked by PTL allow you one item of checked luggage. You receive a 'carry on' as well – the sizes and weights allowed vary airline to airline. All airlines booked by PTL offer a good range of inflight entertainment.

We deal with the transportation of instruments and musical equipment in a very special and super convenient way.

Check out our airlines:

[Iberia](#)

[American Airlines](#)

[British Airways](#)

[Delta Airlines](#)

[United](#)

[Air France/KLM](#)

*Using the services of PTL to book your flights is not obligatory, but is recommended.



TRANSPORTING YOUR INSTRUMENTS & EQUIPMENT TO SPAIN

One of the most beneficial and appreciated elements included in the Destination Events portfolio and provided as part of the Youth Music programme to Spain, is the hassle free way that musical instruments and equipment are transported to Spain and back to the USA.

- ★ Larger instruments* and essential equipment** are collected from your home base in the USA (school, college, university, or rehearsal centre) 15 working days before your departure and air freighted to Spain.
- ★ Everything is delivered to your hotel in Spain just before you arrive and is placed in a secure storage facility exclusive to your group.
- ★ When all performances are complete, your consignment will be collected from your hotel and air freighted back to the USA and then delivered to your home base 15 days after your return from Spain.

What do you have to do?

- ★ Complete a detailed and precise 'equipment and instrument' manifest from our template.
- ★ Ensure you have hard/durable cases and boxes for your consignment.
- ★ Pack and label your consignment accordingly.

It's so easy – let our Logistics Director, Joe Bone, tell you how.



* Smaller instruments - piccolos, flutes and trumpets - as well as uniforms, should be taken by individual performers in their checked luggage or as hand luggage.

** For concert performers we provide timpani, a limited number of pit instruments, string basses etc. without charge and so these items do not need to be transhipped.

ACCOMMODATION



Take a look at some of the hotels in our portfolio:

Madrid:

- ★ [Rafaelhoteles Atocha Madrid](#)
- ★ [NH Collection Madrid Eurobuilding](#)

Toledo:

- ★ [Sercotel Alfonso VI](#)
- ★ [Hotel Beatriz](#)

Seville:

- ★ [NH Collection Seville](#)
- ★ [Novotel Seville](#)

Las Cabalgatas D'España programmes makes sure that everyone has a great place to stay.

The hotels used are very carefully selected and regularly checked by staff to ensure that their standards are maintained.

All hotels used are categorised as superior first class. Standards of decor, furnishing and housekeeping are always high.

Most participants are accommodated two per room (two beds or one Queen or King bed). Most of the hotels can offer limited numbers of three bedded rooms.

- ★ All bedrooms have private bathrooms (some with tubs and showers and some with walk in showers only).
- ★ All rooms have flat screen TV's, direct dial phones and hair dryers.
- ★ All hotels offer complimentary Wi-Fi.
- ★ All rooms have mini fridges (minibars destocked).
- ★ All hotels offer meeting room facilities to our groups.
- ★ All hotels provide a locked and secure room for the storage of musical instruments and equipment.



MEALS

Las Cabalgatas D'España programmes makes sure that participants don't go hungry.

Breakfast is included every day*. A buffet breakfast is offered to all groups in their hotel. Juices, fresh fruit, yogurts, bread and pastries, ham and cold meats, cheeses, plus hot items including eggs, bacon and sausages. Hot drinks will include coffee, hot chocolate and hot teas.

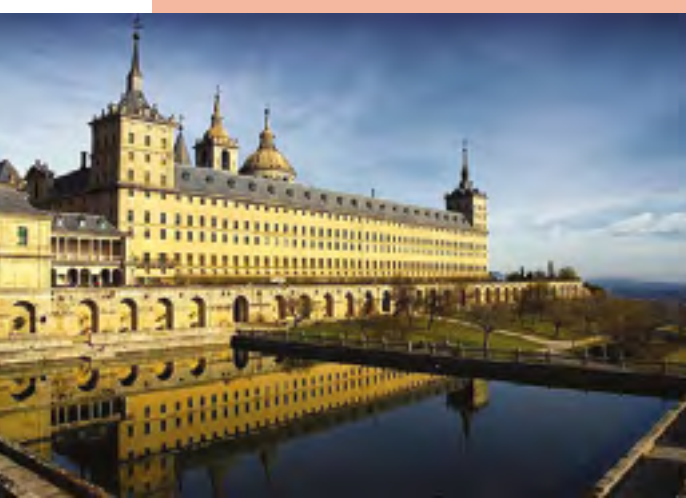
Lunch is independent, the programme will be organised to make sure you are in areas with plenty of cafés and restaurants at lunch time.

Dinner is included every day. For some days this is a prearranged buffet or plated meal served in a banqueting room at the hotel. On other days, dinner will be organised in typical and historic restaurants serving local specialities.



* Breakfast is not included in the hotel on the day of arrival. There will have been an offering of a very light breakfast or snack on the plane before it lands. Breakfast is included at the hotel on the day of departure. If early flight time on departure day a packed breakfast will be prepared for you.

SIGHTSEEING IN MADRID



Las Cabalgatas D'España programmes make sure that all participants are taken to visit and tour the most historic and cultural parts of the cities they visit.

Sightseeing is carried out using excellent motor coaches and interesting and interactive bilingual guides.

Madrid City Tour: a guided coach and walking tour of Madrid around the famous Gran Via, with its magnificent buildings and shops including the great avenues of Alcala and Castellana. Pass through the great Plazas of Espana, and the world famous Plaza Major, and have the chance to see the finale area of the Cabalgata de Reyes in Plaza de la Cibeles outside the Madrid City Hall.

Museo del Prado: a guided tour of the museum where you will see original paintings from some of the most famous artists, including: El Greco, Velasquez, Rubens, Goya and Bosch, and maintains the art collection of Fernando VII and other Spanish Royals.

The Royal Palace: a guided tour of the Royal Palace the official residence of the Kings and Queens of Spain. The palace is made up of 3,000 rooms some of which used to receive the most important heads of state and celebrities. The impressive building made mainly of marble and white stone is filled with works of art, porcelain, armour and tapestries. Make sure to see the opulent apartments of Charles III in particular his dressing rooms. Also the huge State Dining Room created by Alonso XIII and the Royal Pharmacy is also definitely worth a quick look!



SIGHTSEEING IN MADRID continued

Almudena Cathedral: located next door to the Royal Palace. The Almudena Cathedral is the Catholic Cathedral of Madrid. Completed only in 1993. It has a neo-gothic interior filled with modern art, statues and stained glass.

Santiago Bernabeu Stadium: a guided tour of The Santiago Bernabéu Stadium football stadium home to Real Madrid since 1947. With a current seating capacity of 83,168, it has the second-largest seat capacity in Spain. The stadium has hosted the final of the UEFA Champions League on four occasions: in 1957, 1969, 1980, 2010.





SIGHTSEEING IN TOLEDO

Toledo City Tour: a guided tour of Toledo city centre. Famous for its rich history and the co-existence of Christian, Islamic and Jewish cultures the tour will take you to see the exterior of both the 13th Century High Gothic Cathedral in Toledo, as well as to the Synagogue of Santa Maria La Blanca famous for its rich stucco decoration.

Damasquinado Factory: a guided tour of this factory famous for producing stunning swords. You will be able to see the metals being laid into one another to form knives, armour and jewellery. Different iron sculptures can also be found, with 'Don Quixote de la Mancha' being particularly popular.



Toledo Cathedral: A guided tour of the Primatial Cathedral of Saint Mary of Toledo, otherwise known as Toledo Cathedral. The Roman Catholic cathedral is one of the three 13th-century High Gothic cathedrals in Spain and is considered, in the opinion of some authorities, to be the magnum opus of the Gothic style in Spain. The structure of the building is greatly influenced by the French Gothic style of the 13th century, but adapted to Spanish taste. It was begun in 1226 under the rule of Ferdinand III, and the last Gothic contributions were made in the 15th. It is built with white limestone from the quarries of Olihueles, near Toledo.

The Toledo Synagogue: A guided tour of the Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca a museum and former synagogue in Toledo. Erected in the late twelfth or



SIGHTSEEING IN TOLEDO continued

early thirteenth century, it is disputably considered the oldest synagogue building in Europe still standing. The building was converted to a Catholic church in the early 15th century. The synagogue is located in the former Jewish quarter of the city, between the Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes and the Synagogue of El Transito. It is one of three preserved synagogues constructed by Jews in a Mudéjar or Moorish style under the rule of the Christian Kingdom of Castile.



SIGHTSEEING IN SEVILLE



Seville City Tour: a guided tour of Seville city centre known for its rich history, cultural heritage and stunning architecture. The tour will pass by: Alcaraz of Seville a UNESCO World Heritage site, Plaza de Espana, the Cathedral of Seville, the Parque de Maria Luisa, with lush gardens and picturesque ponds and the Archive of the Indies, another UNESCO World Heritage site.

Cathedral of Saint Mary: is an important Roman Catholic cathedral. It was registered in 1987 by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. It is one of the largest churches in the world as well as the largest Gothic church. Seville Cathedral was the site of the baptism of Infante Juan of Aragon in 1478, only son of the Catholic Monarchs Ferdinand II of Aragon and Isabella I of Castile. Its royal chapel holds the remains of the city's conqueror.

Santa Cruz Quarter: is the primary tourist neighbourhood of Seville, and the former Jewish quarter or Juderia. When Ferdinand III of Castile conquered the city, he concentrated the city's Jewish population, in this neighbourhood. After the Alhambra Decree expelled the Jews from Spain, the neighbourhood went downhill. In the 18th century, the neighbourhood underwent a major process of urban renewal, including the conversion of a former synagogue into the current Church of Saint Bartholomew.

Day trips can be arranged on request, our programmes are famously known to include tailored tours to nearby location, to explore in depth what Spain has to offer.

Some of the cities which are possible to sightseen are: Alcalá, El Escorial, Granada, Ronda & Segovia,



UNIQUE SERVICE

We have been organising educational performance travel programmes for a long time and have developed what we consider to be the very best team of professionals to ensure that your programme in Spain is as memorable as it can possibly be.

A little earlier we looked at the great Destination Events team who organise the event and your hospitality arrangements. If you want to take another look just [click here](#).

Likewise, you are in really good hands with the Youth Music/Performance Travel teams in the USA and Spain. Again if you want a reminder of who they all are just [click here](#).

So you have great people taking care of you, but what else makes our service so special?

- ★ Our Group Organiser's Guide. An absolutely invaluable manual detailing every step that we need you to take to prepare for your group's participation. This guide is delivered to you electronically six months before you travel. Regular updates are sent as modifications and improvements are made.
- ★ Site inspection. It is imperative that every group is represented by its leader/s on a fixed date site inspection programme. On this site inspection there are a series of venue tours, hotel tours, sightseeing and meetings that prepare you for leading your group.

IMPORTANT EXTRAS

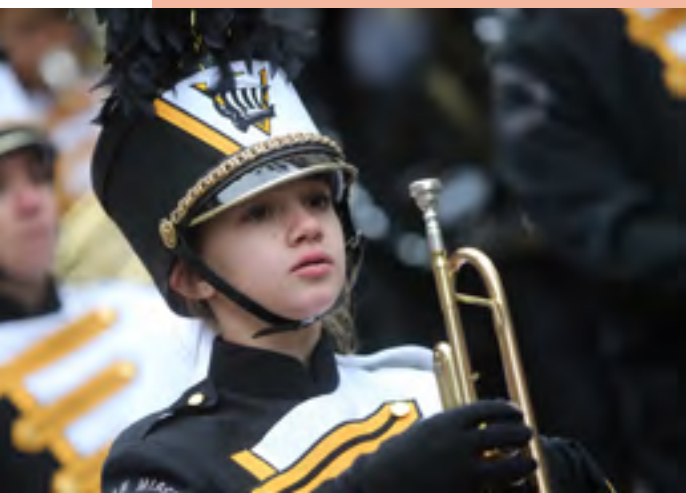
FOR PERFORMERS

All performers are presented with a specially struck medal to acknowledge their participation.

FOR SUPPORTERS

The Programmes welcomes family members, friends, alumni and supporters of all performing groups and offers them the same arrangements as for the performers.





SECURITY & PEACE OF MIND

A comprehensive travel insurance policy is included for everyone on the performance tour programme.

Coverage includes:

- ★ cancellation (in some eventualities)
- ★ medical and emergency expenses
- ★ personal accident
- ★ baggage
- ★ delayed baggage

This protects the vast majority of the performance tour cost should you be forced to cancel for a significant number of reasons.



COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICY



EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE

effected with
certain UNDERWRITERS AT LLOYD'S, LONDON
for DESTINATION EVENTS LIMITED
on behalf of Insured Persons being American students and adults
and members of the Youth Music of the World Performer Club
whose names are on file with B.D.B. Ltd, 40 Lime Street, London EC3M 7AW

This document is to notify the Member named below (the "person") that the following insurance has been effected with certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London (not incorporated) (the "Underwriters") for the Period of Coverage specified below under the Contract number 950900716 specified below (the "Contract") issued to Destination Events Limited, in respect of each event.

The New Year Day Parade and Festival - London, The London International Choral Festival, La Grande Parade de Paris Champs Elyse and the Rome Festival, from 26th December 2016 to 7th January 2017.

Any other events organised by the trading name Youth Music of the World - Destination Events Limited during the period 2016-2017.

The insurance is provided under the Contract number 950900716 and is in accordance with the terms of the Contract number 950900716, details of which are contained herein.

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WHERE DO YOU GO FROM HERE?

Youth Music's Directors of International Participation, along with their consultants, are constantly scouring the Americas for groups we would like to invite to take part.

If you are contacted by a member of the Youth Music team and are interested in going a step further, then Youth Music will ask to put your name before the steering committee for approval. If you secure this approval, Destination Events will write to tell you that you have been accepted for invitation.

You will then enter into negotiations with Youth Music who will produce for you a document entitled 'Offer of Performance Tour'. This encapsulates your discussion with Youth Music, listing out the dates that you would travel and the gateway you would travel from, the number of places we can offer you, an exact listing of performance, hospitality and educational touring features, a price and a payment schedule. The final page of this document requests that you secure signatures from all relevant parties that you may accept the offer.

Once accepted, the offer document is returned to Youth Music/Performance Travel, who then create a contract based on the contents of the offer. Once you have signed and returned the contract you will then be contacted to set up a date for the presentation of the official invitation. This will be undertaken during a visit to your group in the USA by one of the Senior or Principal Members of Destination Events and Youth Music. You are not deemed invited and the contract is invalidated, if you do not receive the official invitational visit.



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