

Eltham Choral Society Concert Tour 2018 **Lisbon**

Newsletter No.3 Update

Our Eltham Choral Society trip to **Lisbon** next year is approaching – alright, from a distance. Our application is in with **OneStage**, who are now making the necessary arrangements and we are very much looking forward to seeing the plans materialise.

The story so far

1. We will be travelling in the late-May Bank Holiday week 2018, leaving on Wednesday, 30 May and returning on Saturday, 2 June. We will be flying by **easyJet** from Gatwick Airport, with all transfers from Eltham to the airport and from Lisbon Airport to our hotel included
2. Accommodation is being reserved at the 3* **Hotel Roma** in Avenida de Roma in Lisbon. We will be staying on a B&B basis with two sharing a room. This is a bright, modern hotel with a bar and a choice of restaurants and is in a lively residential and shopping area.

Hotel Roma has 24-hour, multilingual reception, a concierge and lift, and rooms are air-conditioned and have cable/satellite TV, hair dryers, etc. The hotel also offers a dry cleaning and laundry service, currency exchange, safe-deposit box and souvenir/gift shop.



The Baixa district and Rossio square as viewed from the Elevador de Santa Justa

3. We are planning, as usual, to perform two concerts while in Lisbon. Suggestions are that we could sing in either the **Sé Cathedral**, the **Basilica dos Martires** or the **Igreja de Sao Roque**, all rated among the finest churches in Lisbon. As all the churches are in the heart of the city, we will keep travelling to a minimum and allow the greatest possible time to explore the city's attractions.

4. As we will be travelling by **easyJet** we are only able to indicate an approximate price for the tour at the moment. Airlines fix their prices only seven or eight months prior to departure. Our present estimate is for a total cost of £625 per person based on a party of 60. The cost is inclusive of transfers to and from Gatwick Airport, all travel costs, twin/double room shared accommodation on a B&B basis, performance fees for our MD and accompanist, basic insurance and a gratuity for our courier. As usual, we hope to arrange a group meal in a local restaurant to mark the end of the tour and we hope to be able to include this within that figure. Anyone requiring a single room will have to pay a supplement of around £36 per night for the three nights. This will be expensive, so it is recommended that you find someone to share with.

It is important to note that the price is based on a party of 60 and we are very near to achieving that number. We would like to get up to 60 and it is not too late to add your name if you would like to join us.

What next?

We now require the next instalment of the cost from everyone as follows:

by the end of this term – confirmation deposit of £100 per person

at the start of the Autumn term – air fare of £220 per person

18Apr18 – final instalment of £175 per person plus any single room supplements.

We will be able to accept instalments at any stage if it is of any help to you.

We would prefer to receive payment by bank transfer if possible to Barclays Bank, sort code 20-98-57, account number 60864064. Please enter 'Tour' and your name as reference and please note that this is a specific tour account and not the account to which you may pay your annual subscriptions.

Otherwise we can accept cheques payable to Eltham Choral Society.

We also need to know **urgently** the names of anyone requiring a single room, for which a charge of £108 will have to be paid in addition to the basic tour price. And we also need the information indicated on the attached form if you have not already supplied it. Please respond AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to one of the Tour Committee named below so that the paperwork can be completed on time

Tour Committee

The committee members are:

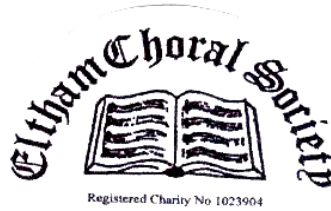
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Application

I wish to join the ECS trip to Lisbon from 30 May to 2 June 2018. I will*/will not* bring a guest,
detailed below. *Delete as applicable

Name in full _____ Voice _____

Guest name in full _____

I enclose*/I have transferred to Barclays Bank Sort Code 20-98-57, Account number 60864064*
my initial deposit of £125 per person. *Delete as applicable

I understand that, in case of my subsequent cancellation, this deposit cannot be refunded.

We also need to collect the following information for all tour members:

	You	Your Guest
Title	_____	_____
Date of Birth	_____	_____
Nationality	_____	_____
Passport number	_____	_____
Country of issue	_____	_____
Start date	_____	_____
Expiry date	_____	_____
Contact number on tour	_____	_____
Contact number at home	_____	_____