

2017 Choral Singing Courses

Pousada de Guimarães
Braga, Portugal



Helicon Arts is delighted to announce two fantastic singing holidays for 2017, taking place at the stunning Pousada de Santa Marinha, a restored 12th-century monastery in the historic town of Guimarães, northern Portugal. With original cloisters and set in 18 acres of private botanical gardens with a superb pool, the Pousada is the ideal setting for a great week of music-making, relaxation and discovering the best that this fantastic region has to offer.

The Braga region is a treasure trove of historic towns and beautiful countryside – not to mention local gastronomic delights. We will experience the best that this fascinating region has to offer, including an excursion to Porto, a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Braga, and a tasting in one of the region's finest wineries.

The courses will offer an uplifting and rewarding singing experience, alongside a varied programme of social and cultural activities.

SECULAR CHORAL COURSE

11-18 August 2017

Mary King *artistic director*

This course will be our fifth led by renowned vocal coach, writer and broadcaster Mary King (C4's Operatunity, Musicality). We'll be singing a lighter selection of choral music, including classical, jazz, popular, folk, and musical theatre, ending the week with a public performance in a prestigious local venue.



SACRED CHORAL COURSE

19-26 August 2017

Neil Ferris *artistic director*

Directed by dynamic and inspiring conductor Neil Ferris, the repertoire for this course will focus on sacred choral works from ancient to modern for SATB choir, and will build up to a public concert at the end of the week in central Guimarães. Alongside rehearsals with the full choir, participants are offered small group and individual singing tuition.



FIND OUT MORE

All our holidays are fully inclusive of tuition, accommodation, meals, activities, excursions and airport transfers. Call us or visit our website for further information.