

“NAMASTE FRANCE”

The Embassy of India in Paris is organizing a grand Festival of India, **“Namaste France”** from **7-12 April, 2023** at the prestigious **‘La Seine Musicale’** located on an island in the River Seine on the edge of the city Paris. The venue features two concert halls with 4000 and 1000 seats, respectively, and spaces for multiple events.

2. Under one roof, the festival features over 100 artists and artisans from India and several from France who will come together for music and dance concerts, a live craft bazaar, cuisine, book discussions, exhibitions, yoga and wellness, workshops, “Bollywood” dance workshops with Mumbai-based choreographers and a gala dinner, with a culinary and cultural feast.

3. Concerts include the first European performance of the 50th-anniversary world tour of the legendary fusion band *‘Shakti’*, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and his sons, three-time Grammy Award winner Ricky Kej, Bhakti music, Vedic chants combining with Gregorian chants as well as Hindustani and Carnatic classical dance and music. A troupe from Singapore will bring alive the temples of Angkor Wat through dance, music and digital recreation of the temples.

4. The seated gala dinner on 11 April for 500-600 will feature a menu prepared by a Bangalore-based Indian chef, with international experience, and a collaborator in France. In conjunction with the festival, the Embassy is also organising a large business summit on 11 April, at Hotel Intercontinental le Grand.

5. The craft bazaar will bring together 20 artisans from India.

6. **Further details are available at www.festivalnamastefrance.fr.**