

Prague Choral Celebration: A Trio of Te Deums

Festival Tour #5 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1 Sunday, June 26, 2016

Depart via scheduled air service to Prague, Czech Republic

Day 2 Monday, June 27 Prague (D)

Arrive in Prague

Meet your MCI Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel via orientation tour of Prague seeing the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, the Tyn Church, the Astronomical Clock, and the Jewish Quarter

Mid-afternoon hotel check-in

Evening dinner and overnight

Prague achieved much of its present glory in the 14th century, during the long reign of Charles IV, king of Bohemia and Moravia and Holy Roman Emperor. During the Middle Ages, Prague enjoyed a golden age - a time when Prague was larger than Paris or London! The Hapsburgs also left their artistic and architectural mark. Today, Prague is universally declared one of the most beautiful cities in Europe

Day 3 Tuesday, June 28 Prague (B,L)

Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day guided tour of Prague includes a visit to Hradcany Castle, including its St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, the Golden Lane, and the Daliborka Tower

Festival Welcome Lunch

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities

Dinner on own

Evening rehearsal

Overnight at the hotel

Day 4 Wednesday, June 29 Prague (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning rehearsal

Lunch on own

Half-day guided tour of *Musical Prague* including entrance to the Dvorak Museum in Prague. The Museum focuses on collecting, maintaining and displaying documents concerning the Maestro's life and work. Also visit Lobkowitz Palace with its large music archive containing works by over five hundred composers and musicians. The Music Archive is most celebrated for its collection of works by Handel, Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven

Dinner at a local restaurant

Evening rehearsal

Overnight at the hotel

Day 5 Thursday, June 30 Prague (B)

Breakfast at the hotel



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Morning at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities
Lunch on own
Afternoon dress rehearsal
Dinner on own
Prague Choral Celebration Finale Concert
Overnight at the hotel

Day 6 Friday, July 1 Prague / Terezin / Leipzig (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to Terezin (former fortress and Nazi Concentration Camp), including entrance to the fortress and Museum of the Ghetto. Terezin offers poignant insights for musicians because of the music written here by prisoners and also modern works such as *The Song of Terezin* by Waxman
Lunch on own
Continue to Leipzig for dinner and overnight

Leipzig has musical associations with some of the greatest composers: Bach worked and lived here a big part of his life; Mendelssohn was born and lived here; Wagner was born here (but never lived here), and nearby Halle is the birthplace of Georg Frederick Händel

Day 7 Saturday, July 2 Leipzig (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
Half-day guided tour of Leipzig includes entrance to the Bach Museum. The reconstructed Bose House stands in the shadow of the Thomaskirche. It was once the home of the Bach family and now contains the largest Bach archives in Germany, as well as many mementos of the composer
Lunch on own

Sing a recital in St. Thomas Church
Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany
Evening dinner and overnight

Day 8 Sunday, July 3 Leipzig / Halle / Berlin (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to Berlin via Halle to visit the birthplace of Händel. In addition to the composer's personal effects, the museum houses an exhibition of musical instruments and history of music in the region
Lunch on own
Upon arrival in Berlin, enjoy a Spree River Cruise. Explore Berlin's architectural treasures and experience the city's amazing transformation by boat on this 1-hour cruise on the River Spree
Evening dinner and overnight

Berlin is a vibrant, multi-faceted city steeped in culture and history. Since the fall of the Wall and the reunification of the city, Berlin has been continuously reinventing itself as a political, business and cultural center. Superb museums, sophisticated architecture, and famous landmarks offer the Berlin visitor plenty to see and do

Day 9 Monday, July 4 Berlin (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
Half-day sightseeing of the eastern sector of Berlin with its famous Unter den Linden Strasse, (iconic boulevard of linden trees), the Russian War Memorial, what remains of "the wall," and "Checkpoint Charley". Pass into the western sector to experience Kurfurstendamm Strasse, home to some of Berlin's most



luxurious stores. Also see Berlin Dom, Reichstag, etc.

Lunch on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

Day 10 Tuesday, July 5 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Berlin's airport for return flight

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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