

NORTHWEST CHAMBER CHORUS CONCERT TOUR OF GERMANY AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC, JUNE/JULY 2024

Suggested Itinerary January 10, 2023

Day 1

IN FLIGHT

Check in at Seattle airport
Depart on flight(s) to Berlin

Day 2

BERLIN

Arrive at Berlin airport
Clear Immigration and Customs and meet your courier
Transfer by coach to the hotel and check in
More than any other great city, Berlin symbolizes both the division and the unity of Germany and Europe. The capital of Weimar Germany, then the headquarters of the Third Reich, pulverized by Allied bombs then split by the Wall, and now once again restored as capital, Berlin pulsates with memories of the past and hopes for a happier future
Dinner in a restaurant

evening

Day 3

BERLIN

morning

Breakfast in the hotel
Guided sightseeing tour, during which you will see the Reichstag, The Brandenburg Gate, the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche, the Philharmonie and Unter den Linden
Lunch independent
At leisure
Dinner independent

afternoon
evening

Day 4

BERLIN

morning

Breakfast in the hotel
Excursion by coach to Potsdam, including entrance to Schloss Sanssouci
The Hohenzollerns built a series of palaces in Potsdam, to the west of the capital, in beautiful parkland along the various arms of the River Havel. The most famous is Frederick the Great's rococo Sans-Souci Palace with its terraced vineyard garden and superb park
Lunch independent
Rehearsal
Concert (in the Nikolaikirche?)
Dinner independent

afternoon
evening



Berlin, Germany



Day 5**LEIPZIG**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Depart by coach for Leipzig (c. 2.5 hrs) Lunch independent on arrival <i>Having always been an important commercial center, Leipzig's cultural position was assured when Johann Sebastian Bach was appointed the city's musical director in 1729. Richard Wagner was also born here, and studied at the University. Mendelssohn directed the Gewandhaus Orchestra and founded the Conservatory of Music</i>
afternoon	Guided walking tour, which will include such famous sights as Leipzig University, the Gewandhaus, the Alte Rathaus and the Thomaskirche, where Bach was organist (entrance and informal recital included?)
evening	Check in to the hotel Dinner in a restaurant

Day 6**LEIPZIG**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel At leisure Lunch independent
afternoon	Transfer by coach to Grimma? Rehearsal
evening	Concert (in the Frauenkirche?) Dinner independent

Day 7**DRESDEN**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Depart by coach for Dresden (c. 1.5 hrs) <i>Before World War II, Dresden was one of the showplaces of Europe, but nearly all of its magnificent architecture was destroyed in the Allied bombing raids of February 1945. Many buildings have been painstakingly reconstructed, and the process still continues. The ruins of the Frauenkirche have now been restored to their former glory</i> Guided walking tour on arrival Lunch independent
afternoon	Check in to the hotel
evening	Dinner in a restaurant



Day 8

DRESDEN

morning Breakfast in the hotel
At leisure

afternoon Lunch independent
Transfer by coach to Radebeul?
Rehearsal

evening **Concert** (in the Friedenskirche?)
Dinner independent

Day 9

PRAGUE

morning Breakfast in the hotel
Depart by coach for Prague (c. 2.5 hrs)
Lunch independent on arrival
Prague is truly a golden city, a Renaissance jewel set in the heart of central Europe. From the extravagant medieval streets of Mala Strana to the baroque extravagance of the churches in the new town and on to the exquisite Jugendstil decoration of the major concert halls, Prague is a paradise for anyone who appreciates beauty in cities

afternoon Check in to the hotel

evening Dinner independent

Day 10

PRAGUE

morning Breakfast in the hotel
Guided walking tour, during which you will see Prague Castle and St Vitus Cathedral, the Lesser Town, the Charles Bridge and the Old Town
Lunch independent

afternoon At leisure

evening Dinner independent

Day 11

PRAGUE

morning Breakfast in the hotel
At leisure
Lunch independent

afternoon Rehearsal

evening **Concert** (in St Saviour's Church?)
Farewell dinner cruise on the Vltava River

Day 12

HOME

morning Breakfast in the hotel
Transfer by coach to the airport and check in
Depart on flight(s) to Seattle
Arrive at Seattle airport

*NB: driving times are estimates, based on normal road conditions,
and do not include allowances for meal or rest stops*

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Quotation January 10, 2023

Based on current exchange rates (\$1 = €0.9503) and prices, and assuming the following numbers of paying participants plus complimentary places (land and air), the price per person for this itinerary is:

<u>Number paying plus number free:</u>	<u>35+1</u>	<u>40+1</u>	<u>45+1</u>
LAND PRICE ¹ in EURO	€ 2,211	2,103	2,016
Land equivalent in US Dollars at the current exchange rate	\$ 2,327	2,213	2,121
Current Estimated Airfare ²	\$ 975	975	975
Current Air Taxes and Fuel Surcharges	\$ 572	572	572
TOTAL	\$ 3,874	3,760	3,668

Single supplement: €672

1. The land price quoted is contingent on ACFEA making all air arrangements.

2. Please note that the airfare quoted is an estimated rate based on rates for 2023 and is subject to change. The airfare cannot be confirmed until a deposit is paid to the airline. Taxes and surcharges are subject to change until the time of ticketing.

This price includes the following:

- Coordination of 5 performances, consisting of concerts and informal performances. Concerts will be promoted by means of the production of posters and fliers, announcements in the free press, releases to the media, and the notification of local groups and music organizations
- 10 nights of accommodation in tourist class hotels, sharing twin rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast daily plus 4 dinners
- Guided sightseeing tours of Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden and Prague
- Paid entrances to Schloss Sanssouci and the Thomaskirche
- Transportation by air-conditioned motorcoach throughout the land portion of the tour
- The services of one ACFEA courier throughout the land portion of the tour
- Air transportation by scheduled carrier from Seattle to Berlin, returning from Prague to Seattle, based on a peak-season, midweek departure and return
- Pre-departure briefing and assistance at airport check-in for the group by ACFEA staff
- Password admittance to *Tour Central*, ACFEA's tour management website
- All taxes, tips and service charges normally payable for services included above, except discretionary tips to couriers

Not Included:

- Passport and visa fees, if applicable
- Beverages other than coffee and tea with breakfast, and water with dinner
- Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, which is highly recommended; brochures will be made available
- Checked baggage fees, if applicable
- Performing rights fees, if applicable
- Instrument rental, excess baggage or air cargo fees

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