



The Bemidji State University Singers

Bemidji, MN

CONCERT TOUR TO Germany/Czech Republic/Hungary/Austria

May 10 - May 22, 2011

Proposed Itinerary as of 3/22/11

22 March 2011

Director: Dr. P. Bradley Logan

Total Number of Participants: 43

MCPI Escort: Sean Berg

Tuesday, May 10 Minneapolis-St. Paul/En Route



Assemble at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP), Minneapolis, Minnesota and check in for your flight to Berlin, GERMANY. Two hours later depart for Berlin. Dinner and overnight on board the aircraft.

Flight itinerary:

Depart MINNEAPOLIS @ 3:10PM on Delta Airlines Flight #258

Arrive AMSTERDAM @ 6:25AM - 5/11

Depart AMSTERDAM @ 10:05AM - 5/11 on KLM Flight # 1823

Arrive BERLIN-TEGEL @ 11:20AM - 5/11

Wednesday, May 11



Berlin - Leipzig, GERMANY

Breakfast on board the plane. Arrive at Berlin International Airport (TXL). Claim your luggage and clear customs. Meet your MCP International escort outside the customs hall/baggage claim. Load coach and transfer to Leipzig. Upon arrival, check into your hotel. Time to relax after your journey.

Welcome Dinner and overnight at hotel

Overnight: Grand City Hotel Leipzig Messe - <http://www.grandcity-hotel-leipzig-messe.de/>

Thursday, May 12



Leipzig, GERMANY

Breakfast at Hotel. Following breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Leipzig.

Welcome to Leipzig

Leipzig: the Leipzig fair, a defining element of the city for centuries, has clearly left its mark on the architecture of the town center. Around the turn of the 19th to 20th century there was a huge wave of construction which swept away many of the open courtyards typical of the area and replaced them with breathtaking exhibition palaces – the current arcades for which Leipzig is so well known. Leipzig, the city of music, conjures up names like Johann Sebastian Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann.....

Enjoy a guided walking tour with licensed English speaking guides includes St. Thomas Church, where J.S. Bach is buried, and St. Nicholas Church, which played an important role in the peaceful revolution of 1989.

After the tour have the opportunity to sing an informal concert at St. Thomas church. (20 minutes)

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Grand City Hotel Leipzig Messe - <http://www.grandcity-hotel-leipzig-messe.de/>

Friday, May 13

Leipzig - Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC



Breakfast at Hotel. Following breakfast depart for Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC.



Welcome to Prague – capital of Czech Republic

Prague is the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic. This historic city of golden stone and architectural grace offers a mix of Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo treasures. Nicknames for Prague have included "city of a hundred spires" and "the golden city". Since 1992, the historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. According to Guinness World Records, Prague Castle is the largest ancient castle in the world.

We begin this afternoon in the Old City with a visit to St. Stephen's Cathedral, one of the greatest Gothic structures in Europe. St. Stephen's is rich in woodcarvings, altars, sculptures, and paintings, including one showing the scene of the double marriage between the Hapsburg, Bohemian and Hungarian dynasties in 1515 that laid the foundation of the Austrian Empire. We will continue through old Vienna, which will include the Hoher Markt, where we will see Virgin Mary's Wedding Fountain and an Art Nouveau clock, the Altes Rathaus, the former town hall, the old Chancellery of Bohemia, the Clock Museum, and St. Peter's Church.

Evening dinner cruise: 2 hour cruise along the Vltava river with dinner served in the form of a buffet, accompanied by pleasant music. You will be offered a fantastic view of the river, lined with important buildings and historic monuments.

Overnight: Hotel Duo - <http://www.hotelduo.co.uk/>

Saturday, May 14

Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC

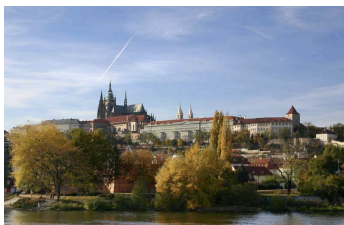


Breakfast at Hotel. Free day to explore Prague. Lunch on your own.

2:00pm Performance at St. Nicolas church, old town square (1 hour concert)

Dinner at a local restaurant

Overnight: Hotel Duo - <http://www.hotelduo.co.uk/>



Sunday, May 15

Prague - Vienna, AUSTRIA



Breakfast at Hotel.

Welcome to Vienna – the capital of Austria!

Vienna is now included into the list of UNESCO heritage of mankind because of its unique appearance. Since the 16th century, Vienna has been universally acknowledged to be the musical capital of Europe with the composer Strauss, Mozart, Schubert, Haydn, Beethoven,...

Enjoy a 1/2 day guided city tour of Vienna with a local licensed English speaking guide. You will see the historical centre, as St. Stephan's Cathedral, the Karlskirche, the State Opera, the Hofburg and the gardens of Schönbrunn Palace.

Lunch on your own.

6:00pm - participate in mass + concert at Annakirche, a very baroque and important church.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Hotel Lenas Donau - www.lenas-hotel.at

Monday, May 16



Vienna - Budapest, HUNGARY - Vienna

Breakfast at Hotel. **Following breakfast, sing at the morning prayer service at St Stephen's Cathedral .**

Following the prayer service, enjoy a Full day excursion to Budapest, HUNGARY.

Upon arrival you will enjoy a guided tour of Budapest. The first stop is on the Pest side at Heroes' Square (Millenium Monument - Vajdahunyad Castle) - Andrassy Avenue - Opera - St. Stephen's Basilica – Chain Bridge - Royal Castle Quarter (Matthias Church – Fishermen's Bastion) - Citadel (Liberation Monument) - Pedestrian Area of Pest (where tour ends).

Independent Lunch followed by free-time to explore Budapest.

This evening, return to Vienna for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Hotel Lenas Donau - www.lenas-hotel.at

Tuesday, May 17



Vienna – Melk – Cesky Krumlov, CZECH REPUBLIC

Early Morning Breakfast at Hotel. Following breakfast, depart for the marvelous Melk Abbey above the River Danube, to tour its magnificent Baroque Church, Apartments and Library, and enjoy the beautiful view from its Terrace overlooking the River Danube. Possible informal performance in the Abbey.

Following an independent lunch, continue on with a late afternoon arrival in Cesky Krumlov.

7:00pm - Performance at the Ruze baroque library (1 hour concert)

Dinner in a restaurant near the venue followed by overnight.

Overnight: Hotel Filip - <http://www.hotelfilip.com/en/>

Wednesday, May 18



Cesky Krumlov - Dresden, GERMANY

Breakfast at Hotel. Following breakfast depart for Dresden, GERMANY.

Explore Dresden with your tour manager and on your own.

Dresden is a city that was almost totally destroyed by bombs in 1945. It has been painstakingly rebuilt as a modern city. Many of the palaces and galleries in its historic center have been meticulously restored, so that today it can once again justify its old title "The Florence of the Elbe." We will visit the famous Zwinger Museum and view the Semper Opera House where both Weber and Wagner conducted.

Possible a joint concert with a local choir just 15 minutes away from Dresden

Dinner and Overnight.

Overnight: Hotel Amadeus - <http://www.hotel-amadeus-dresden.de/>



Thursday, May 19

Dresden – Wittenberg - Berlin, GERMANY



Breakfast at Hotel. Following an independent lunch, continue on to Wittenberg.



Our guided tour will begin with seeing the church where Luther posted his 95 Theses. Although the original door was destroyed in a fire, the replica has all 95 Theses in bronze, which is magnificent. Next we'll tour the Lutherhalle (Luther House) Museum. In 1508, when Martin Luther came to Wittenberg, he lived here with other Augustinian Monks. Later, Luther and his wife, Katharina von Bora, raised six children here.

Continue on to Berlin.

Dinner and Overnight.

Overnight: [Hotel Leonardo Schonefeld](http://www.leonardo-hotels.com/germany-hotels/berlin-hotels/leonardo-airport-hotel-berlin-schonefeld) - <http://www.leonardo-hotels.com/germany-hotels/berlin-hotels/leonardo-airport-hotel-berlin-schonefeld>

Friday, May 20

Berlin, GERMANY



Breakfast at Hotel. Following breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Berlin featuring such sights as the Reichstag, seat of the German Government, the impressive 21st century Potsdamerplatz, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden, the State Opera House, plus the famed border crossing site 'Checkpoint Charlie', Alexanderplatz, and the TV Tower. During the afternoon free time; we suggest a visit to the incredible Ka De We department store.

8:00 pm Performance at Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche, as part of a charity concert for the restoration of the ancient organ of the church.

Dinner and Overnight

Overnight: [Hotel Leonardo Schonefeld](http://www.leonardo-hotels.com/germany-hotels/berlin-hotels/leonardo-airport-hotel-berlin-schonefeld) - <http://www.leonardo-hotels.com/germany-hotels/berlin-hotels/leonardo-airport-hotel-berlin-schonefeld>

Saturday, May 21

Berlin, GERMANY



Breakfast at hotel.

Free-day to explore Berlin - On Your Own

Dinner and Overnight

Overnight: [Hotel Leonardo Schonefeld](http://www.leonardo-hotels.com/germany-hotels/berlin-hotels/leonardo-airport-hotel-berlin-schonefeld) - <http://www.leonardo-hotels.com/germany-hotels/berlin-hotels/leonardo-airport-hotel-berlin-schonefeld>

Sunday, May 22

Berlin, GERMANY /Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN - USA



Breakfast at hotel.

Free-time in conjunction with your flight schedule. Board coach and transfer to Berlin International Airport and check in for your return flight home, arriving the same afternoon. Welcome Home!

Flight itinerary:

Depart BERLIN-TEGEL @ 11:30AM on Delta Airlines Flight #79

Arrive NEW YORK - JFK @ 2:25PM

Depart NEW YORK - JFK @ 3:55PM on Delta Airlines Flight #2441

Arrive MINNEAPLOIS @ 6:25PM

