



American Celebration of Music in

# Germany

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An exclusive concert series for performance ensembles



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# An Exclusive Concert Series



**G**ermany has produced more music and greater composers than any country in Europe. Early influences included the Meistersingers who introduced polyphonic music and Martin Luther who helped church music develop an individual identity which gave rise to the German cantata and oratorio. From these 13th and 14th century beginnings, music developed in its highest forms under Bach, Handel, Gluck, Beethoven, von Weber, Brahms, Wagner, Mahler, Strauss and scores of other great composers.

**T**he American Celebrations of Music is a special annual performance program, co-sponsored by local governments, music associations, community organizations, and tourist boards around the globe. In many countries this has developed into a prestigious, recognized, year-long concert series festival. Recognition of this festival facilitates greater access to performance venues, official publicity, generally very successful concert arrangements, and the ability to touch local cultures in a way that may not be done through other affiliations. This equates to more meaningful musical and emotional experiences for participating performance ensembles.

**T**he American Celebration of Music in Germany will offer these unique performance opportunities for groups who want to experience the history and life of this gifted musician. Participants will have concert experiences in churches, concert halls, music academies, universities, and other festival settings. This is not only a sharing of music but a grand opportunity to absorb and appreciate the background of the music of German composers on their own turf. Museums, exhibitions, concerts, and churches all illustrate the challenges and development of music and composition.

**I**magine your musicians performing in a venue associated with Mendelssohn, Luther, Bach, Handel, Brahms or Pachelbel! The musical experience is enhanced by other sensory experiences and the fact that Germany boasts incredible scenery, art, architecture, and a rich history. Berlin, Munich, Heidelberg, Rothenburg, Cologne, Leipzig, Dresden, Weimar and other major cities illustrate the diversity of experiences that await festival participants.

# Sample Tour

## Berlin / Halle / Leipzig / Potsdam

### Day One

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- Departure via scheduled airline service to Berlin, Germany

### Day Two: Berlin

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- Arrive in Berlin
- Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for a transfer into Berlin
- Take a panoramic introductory tour of Berlin's highlights and a Spree River Cruise (explore Berlin's magnificent architectural treasures and experience the city's amazing transformation by boat on a one-hour cruise on the River Spree) en route
- Late afternoon hotel check-in
- Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

### Day Three: Berlin

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- 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, and the world famous Pergamon Altar (decorated with a series of friezes showing battles and scenes from the lives of legendary historical figures). We will also see what remains of "the wall," and "Checkpoint Charley" as we pass into the western sector to experience Kurfurstendamm Strasse, home to some of Berlin's most luxurious stores. Also see Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Berlin Dom, Reichstag, etc.
- Lunch on own
- Possible afternoon clinic or school exchange
- **Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany**
- Evening dinner and overnight

### Day Four: Berlin / Halle / Leipzig

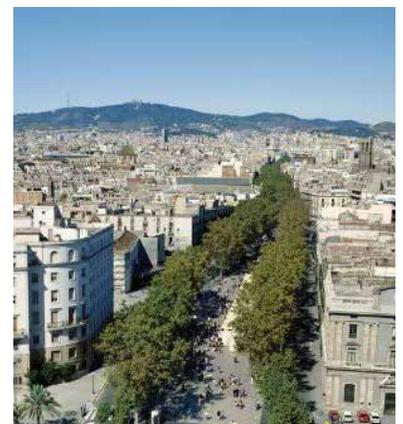
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- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Leipzig via Halle to visit the birthplace of Händel. In addition to the composer's personal effects, the museum houses an exhibition of musical instruments and history of music in the region
- Lunch on own
- Evening dinner and overnight

### Day Five: Leipzig

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- A guided tour of Leipzig includes entrance to St. Thomas Church (famous because Bach was the organist and choirmaster here, and it is the home of the St. Thomas Boys Choir, one of the most famous in the world). Also visit 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
- Optional afternoon In the Footsteps of Composers tour including Schumann House, Wagner Memorial, Leipzig Opera House, St. Nicholas School, St. Nicholas



Church, Old City Hall, Mendelssohn House, etc.

- **Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany**
- Evening dinner and overnight

## Day Six: Leipzig / Potsdam / Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Return to Berlin via Potsdam. A few miles west of Berlin, Potsdam was chosen at the beginning of the 17th Century as the official residence of the Electors of Brandenburg. Under Friedrich Wilhelm, and his son, Frederick the Great, Potsdam became the "Prussian Versailles." Enjoy a tour of Potsdam including entrance to San-Souci Palace and Neues Palace
- Lunch on own
- Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

## Day Seven: Depart for home

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Berlin's airport for return flight

*These and all other Standard Tours may be viewed on our website at [www.musiccelebrations.com](http://www.musiccelebrations.com). Fully-customized tours may also be created to meet your specific needs and interests.*



*"I have just been thinking back over our tour to Germany and Austria this past summer and wanted to take a minute to thank you for the terrific job you and your staff at Music Celebrations did for us, again. They were simply first rate in every regard. I've been traveling with ensembles to Europe since 1961 and have considerable experience with travel organizations but I can truthfully say Music Celebrations International is the most professional organization I have worked with."*

*-Dr. William Silvester, All American Youth in Concert, New Jersey*



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## Standard Performance Tours in Germany

### **TOUR #1** (5 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS)

3 nights in Berlin, 2 nights in Leipzig

### **TOUR #2** (5 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS)

5 nights in Munich with excursions to Dachau, Neuschwanstein, an Salzburg

### **TOUR #3** (6 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS)

2 nights in Dresden, 2 nights in Leipzig, 2 nights in Berlin

### **TOUR #4** (7 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS)

2 nights in Berlin, 2 nights in Dresden, 3 nights in Prague

### **TOUR #5** (8 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS)

3 nights in Munich, 2 nights in Heidelberg, 3 nights in Paris

## Potential Performance Venues

### **BERLIN**

Berliner Dom  
Auenkirche  
Heiligkreuzkirche  
Passionkirche  
Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

### **DRESDEN**

Lukaskirche  
Dreikönigskirche  
Freuenkirche

### **LEIPZIG**

Thomaskirche (Bach's church)  
Nikolaikirche  
Lukaskirche  
Peterskirche

### **MUNICH**

Frauenkirche  
Nymphenburg Palace  
Peterskirche  
Heiliggeistkirche

### **HEIDELBERG**

Herz Jesu Kirche Leimen  
Providence Church  
Heiliggeistkirche