

American Celebration of Music in Germany & the Czech Republic

Tour #2 (7 nights / 9 days)

Day 1

Departure via scheduled airline service to Berlin, Germany

Day 2

Berlin

(D)

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) enroute

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome 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 3

Berlin

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Possible afternoon Clinic/Workshop

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" 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

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4

Berlin / Wittenberg / Halle / Leipzig (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Wittenberg for a guided tour including the Schlosskirche. It was to the wooden doors of this church that Luther nailed his 95 "Theses" in October 1517. The original doors were destroyed by fire during the Seven Years War; the present bronze doors, bearing the Latin text of the Theses, were installed in 1858. In the church, is the tomb of Melanchthon and Luther, and on the columns of the nave are life-size figures of Luther, Melanchthon and other Reformers

Lunch, on own



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Continue to 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
Continue to Leipzig for dinner and overnight

Leipzig has musical associations with some of the greatest of all 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 5 **Leipzig** **(B,D)**

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

For Choirs Only: Sing a Recital in Thomaskirche

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.

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Evening dinner and overnight

Day 6 **Leipzig / Dresden / Terezin / Prague (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Dresden. Dresden, nicknamed the "Florence of the Elbe", has an exceptional artistic and architectural heritage. A guided tour includes the world-famous Zwinger Palace with its Old Masters Gallery, the Cathedral, and the Neustadt Quarter

Lunch, on own

Continue to Terezin (former fortress and Nazi Concentration Camp for children), including entrance to the fortress and Museum of the Ghetto. Terezin offers poignant insights for musicians because of the music written here by prisoners

Continue to Prague for dinner and overnight

Prague achieved much of its present glory in the 14th century, during the long reign of Charles IV. 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 7 **Prague** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning guided tour of Prague that includes seeing the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, the Tyn Church, the Astronomical Clock, and the Jewish Quarter. Also visit the Castle District, where entrance is included to Hradcany Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, the Golden Lane, and Daliborka Tower

Lunch, on own



Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in the Czech Republic

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 8

Prague

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day tour of *Musical Prague* including entrance to the Lobkowitz Palace to view original scores and manuscripts by Beethoven, including his 4th & 5th symphonies

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

Day 9

Depart for home

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Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Prague'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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