

American Celebration of Music in Germany & Poland

Standard Tour #5 (8 nights / 10 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 transfer to the hotel via a panoramic tour of Berlin's highlights. Also, explore Berlin's magnificent architectural treasures and experience the city's amazing transformation by boat on a 1-hour cruise on the River Spree

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

Half-day guided tour of Berlin, including Unter den Linden, Kurfürstendamm, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Berlin Dom (Cathedral), Reichstag, the Imperial Parliament, a huge and elegantly proportioned Neo-Renaissance palace and entrance to the Holocaust Memorial Museum

Lunch on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping, or other activities

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4

Berlin / Leipzig

(B,D)

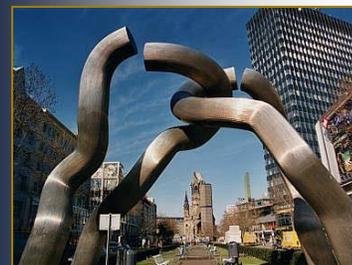
Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Leipzig. 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 was once the home of the Bach family and now contains the largest Bach archives in Germany

Lunch on own

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Evening dinner and overnight



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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 / Dresden / Wroclaw** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Wroclaw

Stop en route in Dresden for a guided tour of this "Florence on the Elbe" including the Cathedral, the Neustadt Quarter, Semperoper, and entrances to the newly rebuilt Frauenkirche and the world-famous Zwinger Palace with its Old Masters Gallery

Lunch on own

Continue on to Wroclaw for dinner and overnight

Wroclaw (formerly Breslau, belonging to Germany) is the capital of Silesia and Poland's fourth largest city. It is a city with a fascinating and complex history. It dates to the 10th century, when the Ostrow Tumski islet on the Odra became a fortified Slav settlement. There are now some 100 bridges spanning the city's 90-kilometer network of slow-moving canals and tributaries, giving Wroclaw its particular charm. Indeed, after Venice and St. Petersburg, Wroclaw is the city with the third-largest number of bridges in Europe. Wroclaw's greatest architectural attractions are its many brick Gothic churches

Day 6 **Wroclaw** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day sightseeing in Wroclaw includes the breathtaking Aula Leopoldina at Wroclaw University, Old Town Square, Piasek Island (with its Church of St. Mary on Piasek, the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, and the Church of the Holy Cross)

Lunch on own

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Evening dinner and overnight

Day 7 **Wroclaw / Auschwitz / Krakow** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Auschwitz to take a tour of the famous Nazi camp. The death camp at Oswiecim, known as Konzentrationslager Auschwitz, was in fact a complex of camps, the largest Nazi death factory, where four million people, mostly Jews, perished. Auschwitz consisted of several units, including the largest one at Brzezinka [Birkenau]. Of the millions of people brought there in the period between 1940 and 1944, only 60 to 70 thousand utterly emaciated victims were alive at the time of liberation of the camp. At present, the National Museum of Oswiecim is situated on the site of the former camp

Lunch on own

Continue to Krakow for dinner and overnight

Krakow (Cracow), seat of Poland's oldest university and once the nation's capital (before relinquishing the honor to Warsaw in 1611) is one of the few Polish cities that escaped devastation during World War II. Today Krakow's fine towers, facades, and churches illustrating seven centuries of Polish architecture, make it a major attraction for visitors. Listed by UNESCO in 1978 as one of the 12 great historic cities of the world, Krakow represents a great repository of Polish history, art and architecture



Day 8**Krakow****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

A guided sightseeing tour of this ancient capital of Poland, a royal city on the Vistula, lying at the foot of Wawel, a limestone hill on whose peak rises a splendid royal palace and the Cathedral of Sts. Stanislaw and Waclaw. Start with the Royal Castle and Cathedral on the Wawel Hill, which was remodeled according to the new Renaissance taste in the beginning of the 16th century. It is the place where Polish kings were crowned and buried. Afterwards, drive to the Old Town with the Main Market Square and its magnificent houses and palaces. In the middle of the square is the Cloth Hall, built before 1349 but altered in the 16th century, with many shopping stalls inside. Also visit the Church of St. Mary, located right on the Main Market Square

Lunch on own

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Evening dinner and overnight

**Day 9****Krakow / Wieliczka****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Excursion to Wieliczka to see the underground world of the oldest Salt Mine in Europe. Admire the gorgeous underground world of salt lakes, galleries and chapels created by many generations of Polish miners. See up to 20 excavated chambers on 3 levels, full of beautiful statues carved from salt as well as the Salt Works Museum

Lunch on own

For choirs only: sing a recital in the Saint Kinga Chapel

Return to Krakow for an afternoon at your leisure in Old Market Square

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

**Day 10****Depart for home****(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Krakow'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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