

Shasta High School Choir

2008 American Celebrations of Music in Austria and Germany preceded by a visit to the Czech Republic

Itinerary #2 (10 nights/12 days)

Monday, June 9, 2008

Depart from San Francisco via scheduled air service, including full meal, beverage service and in-flight entertainment. The destination is Prague, Czech Republic.

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

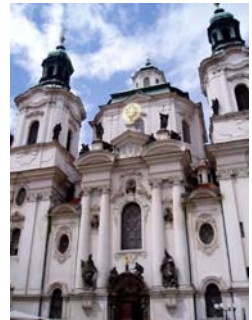
Arrive in Prague. Meet you MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the Prague hotel, visiting Terezin en route. A tour of Terezin (the infamous Nazi concentration camp for children), includes entrance to the fortress and Museum of the Ghetto. **Possible recital at Terezin.** Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight.



Prague's position at the crossroads of Europe has made it a magnet for foreign traders since before recorded history. By the early 10th century it had developed into a thriving town. Prince Wenceslas, Charles IV (Holy Roman Emperor), Jan Hus (Reformer), the Hapsburg Emperors all contributed to Prague being center stage in the Middle Ages. At one time Prague was Europe's most magnificent city - larger than Paris or London. Today, Prague is on the threshold of a new era, following the "Velvet Revolution" of 1989. It is again becoming one of the most beautiful and popular cities on the continent and is regarded as the "Paris of Eastern Europe".

Wednesday, June 11, 2008 Prague

Morning guided tour of Prague that includes seeing the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square with its Tyn Church and the Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quarter, and also visiting Hradcany Castle, including its St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, the Golden Lane, and the Daliborka Tower. **Afternoon concert in St. Nicholas Church in Old Town Square.**



Thursday, June 12, 2008 Prague

Enjoy a half-day tour of Musical Prague including a visit to Bertramka, the villa that houses the Mozart Museum. On display at the Bertramka Museum are all available memorabilia of Mozart,



namely personal keepsakes, musical instruments, manuscripts, letters, period pictures, engravings, prints and other documents testifying to Mozart's close relationship to Prague and to distinguished personalities of the then affluent Czech culture, have been gathered in this exhibition. Then enjoy an afternoon cruise on the Vltava River. The cruise offers fantastic views of the river, lined up with exquisite historic monuments such as the Rudolfinum, Charles Bridge, Prague Castle, the National Theatre and more (lunch included).

Friday, June 13, 2008 Prague / Eisenstadt / Vienna, Austria

Transfer to Vienna via Eisenstadt. Everything in Eisenstadt reminds one of the brilliant composer Haydn. Entrance is included to Esterhazy Palace with its Haydn'saal, where many of Haydn's works were premiered, and also to Haydn's House, which is now a museum. **Possible recital at Haydn'saal in Esterhazy Palace.** Continue through to Vienna for overnight.

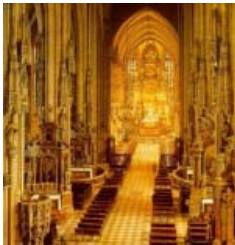




Vienna is still considered the music capital of the world. It is a city of refined tastes, grace, style and unmatched artistic accomplishments. For a thousand years, Vienna was the capital of the far-flung Holy Roman and Hapsburg empires. Though its people and ways have changed, Vienna has retained its imperial monuments, not as reminders of past glories, but as living symbols of its present freedom.

Saturday, June 14, 2008 Vienna

Half-day guided tour of Historical Vienna includes the Ringstraße, Imperial Palace, State Opera, Town Hall, Burgkapelle (venue for the Vienna Boys Choir), Palace Stables, Strauß Monument, and Schönbrunn Palace, built by the Habsburgs in imitation of Versailles.



Sunday, June 15, 2008 Vienna

Short morning recital in St. Stephen's Cathedral. Enjoy a Half-day guided tour of Musical Vienna including entrance to the Beethoven house at Heiligenstadt, and visit also the Collection of Musical Instruments in the Hofburg, which displays the history of musical instruments as well as personal instruments of composers such as Haydn, Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, Strauß, Brahms, Mahler and many others.

Monday, June 16, 2008 Vienna / Salzburg

Transfer to Salzburg via Melk (entrance to the world-famous Abbey and *possible short recital*) and Mondsee (its church was site of the "Sound of Music" wedding).



Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace, is a delight from the first sight of the outline of the Hohensalzburg Fortress, the symbol of the power of the prince-archbishops. The city's picturesque streets with their wrought-iron signs, its spacious squares with sculptured fountains and the noble architecture of its buildings inspired by bishops with a passion for construction, leave memories which linger for years.



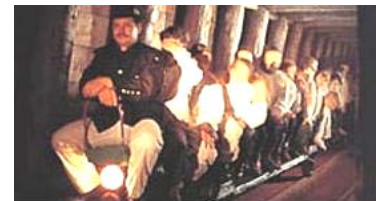
Tuesday, June 17, 2008 Salzburg

Enjoy a morning guided tour of Salzburg including Mirabel Palace and Gardens, Mozart Square, the Dom Cathedral, University Church, the Mozarthaus (Mozart's birthplace) and a cable car ride up to the Fortress (for an unparalleled view of the city below). *Possible short recital in Salzburg Dom.*

Wednesday, June 18, 2008 Salzburg / Munich, Germany

Morning excursion to the Salt Mines in Hallein. The tour entails a walk through underground galleries, with a presentation in a cave showing the different techniques used in the extraction of salt and the descent on slides (toboggans). Also visit the parish church in Oberndorf, the home and tomb of Franz-Xaver Gruber, the composer of the famous carol *Silent Night, Holy Night*. Afternoon transfer to Munich.

Munich, the Bavarian capital, is ideally located in southern Germany near the Alps. It is a first-class cultural center and the most flourishing economic zone in the southern part of the country. Munich's cultural wealth, its special atmosphere - a blend of gaiety, tolerance and respect for tradition - and the beauty of the surrounding countryside have combined to make it one of the most appreciated of German cities.



Thursday, June 19, 2008 Munich

An afternoon guided tour of Munich includes the Marienplatz (with its famous Glockenspiel), Frauenkirche, Hofbräuhaus (best-known of all German beer halls), the English Gardens, and entrance to Nymphenburg Palace. Nymphenburg Palace was the summer residence of the Bavarian sovereigns, begun in 1664 in the style of an Italian palazzo, but with centuries of enhancements, it now bears a strong resemblance to Versailles Palace near Paris. *Possible recital in the Frauenkirche or Burgersaalkirche.* Farewell Dinner.



Friday, June 20, 2008 Depart for home

Transfer to Munich's International Airport for return flight to USA. Arrive home in the evening of the same day.

