

Music Educational Travel

GERMANY, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC

These countries in the core of Europe offer enough culture, beauty and excitement to tour individually or combined one or more with its neighbor.

Austria blends scenic wonders with cultural icons of science, history, literature, and of course, music. There is no other country that has made such enormous musical contributions to the world or had such an enduring influence on the international musical scene as has Austria over the course of its long and distinctive history. From the Alps to Imperial Vienna, you will find the best of what Europe has to offer.

From the northern cities Hamburg and Berlin to Bavaria in the south, Germany offers the best of what is modern, together with its historic past, seen in the over 2000 medieval castles, 30 UNESCO sights and memorials to this century's strife. Come to Germany to delight in its cities, relax in a café and celebrate the classical musical heritage of Brahms, Beethoven, Schumann, Mendelssohn and Wagner.

The diversity of the landlocked, mountainous country is the essence of Switzerland and gives the country its unique identity. There are four official languages and cultures - German, French, Italian and Roman Switzerland, and a mix of traditional and contemporary elements. It is best known for its financial institutions, fine cheeses and chocolate, watch making industry, for its scenery and an excellent network of public traffic. And every year, thousands converge on Lake Geneva to Montreux, the first name in jazz festival.

The modern Czech Republic was born on January 1st, 1993, when the Czechoslovak Federal Republic split into two independent states, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The cultural character of Czech cities, villages and spa towns has always been a source of inspiration to visitors. The capital Prague has miraculously survived wars and revolutions. There are splendid examples of all types European architecture. In 2004, the Czech Republic celebrated more than sixty anniversaries of outstanding Czech composers such as Antonín Dvořák, Bedřich Smetana, Leoš Janáček, Bohuslav Martinů, and Josef Suk.

Workshops & MasterClasses

Austria offers your performing group the opportunity to participate in an educational music workshop program especially designed for choirs and other performing groups. The program consists of lectures in music history, music theory, and performance studies and is taught by faculty members of the University of Music in Vienna, as well as by members of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra at the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna, one of the largest and most prestigious Universities of Music and Dramatic Arts in the world. Each Workshop program is designed to offer your performing group, be it an instrumental or vocal ensemble, the opportunity to expand its repertoire and enhance its performance skills.

The Music Workshop will include five days of master classes, with six hours of lessons daily, including time for individual rehearsals. The pieces to be performed during a

final concert in a prestigious Viennese concert venue will be coordinated with your teachers and performed together. The Music Workshop includes visits and excursions to private homes, palaces, museums and concert halls related to famous composers, as well as fascinating music history lectures.

Places of interest:

State Opera House; Musikverein; Schönbrunn Palace; Figarohaus; Heiligenstädter Testamenthaus; Höldrichsmühle in Vienna Woods; Hofburg Palace

CONCERT TOURS TO GERMANY

9 nights / 10 days

Concert Tour for Choirs, bands, orchestras and folk dance groups; combined with homestay programmes and contact to local German Music Groups.

Arrive at your choice of German airport; welcome by a representative - transfer to homestay center (4nights): A small friendly town where local families will offer their hospitality; reception by major; three concerts in schools, youth centers, civic halls or open air; Visits to places of interest in the area; farewell party - continue with Round Trip (5nights): towns and places of interest in the area (area depends on the airport you are using for departure); including city tours; visits to castles, museums and art galleries; two concerts during round trip - transfer to airport and departure.

Tour cost inclusions:

Full board accommodation in German families; half board accommodation in youth hostels or youth centers (multi-bedded); arrangements and round trip. Number of nights in brackets; return airfares from Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, airport departure tax, customs fees and travel insurance.

CONCERT TOURS TO THE RHINIE VALLEY

7 nights / 8 days

Met on arrival - proceed to Cologne (3nights): city tour of Cologne; visit to Beethoven's birthplace in Bonn; one concert - continue to Bad Honningen or Rudesheim (4nights) Visit to Koblenz, Rudesheim and the Loreley Rock; Rhine Cruise; two concerts - transfer to the airport

Tour cost inclusions:

Accommodation in youth hostels or youth centers (2-6 beds per room); showers on every floor; half board; concert arrangements for three indoor or outdoor performances; bus and courier throughout; Rhine cruise. Number of nights in brackets; return airfares from Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, airport departure tax, customs fees and travel insurance.

THE CLASSIC MUSIC TOUR TO GERMANY, AUSTRIA & SWITZERLAND

13 nights / 14 days

Arrive Frankfurt airport; meet representative - proceed via Rothenburg to Nuremberg (1night): sightseeing - continue to Vienna (3nights): along the Danube River, sightseeing in the imperial city of Vienna, where many famous composers lived (Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Stauss); excursion to Vienna Woods; concert - continue to Salzburg (1night): through the Sound of Music Country; concert; city tour of Salzburg; Visit to the Mozarthaus - on to Bavaria, overnight in Munich (2nights): sightseeing and concert in the area; visit to Neuschwanstein Castle - concert and accommodation in a small Bavarian town (1night) - proceed via Liechtenstein to Switzerland, you will stay in Lucerne (3nights): sightseeing Alpine scenery - on to the Black Forest (1night); visit picturesque Black Forest Open Air Museum; concert - spend your last day in the Rhine Valley (1night): 2-3 hour Rhine cruise; farewell evening - transfer to Frankfurt airport.

Tour cost inclusions:

Accommodation in tourist class hotels; twin with private facilities; half board; coach transportation; sightseeing; city tours; Rhine cruise; English Speaking escort; arrangements of concerts; Number of nights in brackets; return airfares from Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, airport departure tax, customs fees and travel insurance.

BAVARIA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

7 nights / 8 days (Mid July)

For Choirs, bands, orchestras and folk dance groups.
Festival: Youth music groups from all over the world will have the opportunity to participate and demonstrate their talents in public performances. Bavaria together with its local youth groups and local music groups will welcome the foreign visitors in their homes trying to make their stay enjoyable, successful and full of new impressions. For one week they will enjoy Barvarian hospitality. The participating groups will have the chance to meet fellow young musicians from Germany and from other countries, have an exchange of musical experience and last but not least will enjoy an international youth meeting to be remembered for long.

Tour cost inclusions:

Full board accommodation with families or in youth hostels; all necessary coach transfers; arrangements for concerts; social events; representative throughout; return airfares from Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, airport departure tax, customs fees and travel insurance.

Amateur groups can perform at market squares, in parks, at civic centres, schools, churches and spa town halls in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy etc.

GERMANY, CZECH REPUBLIC, AUSTRIA

7 nights / 8 days

Met on arrival at Munich Airport; proceed to Rothenburg (2); tour with the night watch man; one concert – continue to Prague (2); guided tour of historic sights; one concert – continue to Vienna (3); visit Schoenbrunn castle; guided tour of State Opera; one concert in Vienna or area – proceed to Salzburg (2); guided tour of Melk abbey en route; city tour of Salzburg; guided tour of Hallein salt mines; one concert in Salzburg or area – transfer to Munich airport.

Tour cost inclusions:

Accommodation in 3 star hotels with half board; bus transportation throughout; city tours; concert arrangements for indoor and outdoor performances; maximum of four concerts;

Number of nights in brackets; return airfares from Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, airport departure tax, customs fees and travel insurance.