

The Youth Orchestra, Chinese Youth Corps of New York

2006 Celebrate Mozart Orchestra Festival with performances in Austria and the Czech Republic

Preliminary Itinerary (9 nights / 11 days)

Wednesday June 28, 2006

Departure from New York City via scheduled airline service to Munich, Germany. Enjoy full meal/beverage service and in-flight entertainment during this trans-Atlantic flight.

Thursday June 29, 2006 Salzburg

Munich airport arrival assistance. Meet MCI Tour Managers who assist group to awaiting chartered motorcoaches for a transfer to Salzburg. Stop en route for a transfer by boat to the island Herreninsel to visit King Ludwig II's castle, a replica of Versailles. Continue on to Salzburg for dinner and overnight accommodations.



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.



Friday June 30, 2006 Salzburg

Morning guided tour of Salzburg including Mirabel Palace & Gardens, Mozart Square, the Dom (Cathedral), University Church, the Mozarthaus (birthplace) and a cable car ride up to the Fortress (for an unparalleled view of the city below). Afternoon at leisure or additional sightseeing. Dinner in the hotel.

Saturday July 1, 2006 Salzburg

Morning tour to see Schloß Leopoldskron and to visit Hellbrunn Schloß, with entrance to the castle itself and the trick fountains. Both of these castles were prominently used in the movie "The Sound of Music." Also visit the parish church in nearby Hallein, the home and tomb of Franz-Xaver Gruber, composer of the famous carol "Silent Night, Holy Night." Afternoon at leisure. *Evening concert as part of the 2006 Celebrate Mozart Orchestra Festival at the University Church (or similar).*



Sunday July 2, 2006 Vienna

Transfer to Vienna via Mondsee (church was site of "The Sound of Music" wedding), Melk (with entrance to the world-famous Abbey), and Dürnstein (Richard the LionHeart was imprisoned here). Check-in to Vienna hotel for dinner and overnight.



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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.



Monday July 3, 2006 Vienna

A morning guided tour of *Historical Vienna*, includes the Ringstraße, Parliament Building, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Kärtnerstraße, the State Opera, Rathaus, Stadtpark (to see the Strauß Statue) and entrance to Schönbrunn, the magnificent Palace built by the Hapsburgs in imitation of Versailles. ***Orchestral workshop with Prof. Dallinger (or similar) at the Music University of Vienna. Evening concert at the Orangerie Schönbrunn (or similar) as part of the 2006 Celebrate Mozart Orchestra Festival.***

Tuesday July 4, 2006 Prague

Half-day guided tour of *Musical Vienna*, including entrance to Mozart's "Figaro" House and 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. Afternoon transfer to Prague.



Prague is one of the most enchanting cities in Europe. It was under Charles IV during the 14th century that Prague briefly became the seat of the Holy Roman Empire — virtually the capital of Western Europe — and acquired its distinctive Gothic imprint. Prague escaped serious wartime damage and is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Europe today. Mozart claimed that no one understood him better than the citizens of Prague, and he was only one of several great masters who lived or lingered here.

Wednesday July 5, 2006 Prague

Full day excursion to Kutná Hora. This city was once Prague's chief rival in Bohemia for wealth and beauty. Today it is still undeniably beautiful with an intact Gothic and baroque townscape. The town owes its illustrious past to silver, discovered here during the 12th century. Sightseeing includes St. Barbara's Cathedral (Kutná Hora's masterpiece and a high point of the Gothic style in Bohemia), Mintner's Chapel, Little Castle (once part of the town's original fortifications), Vlassky dvur (an Italian Court - the old mint), St. James Church and other highlights. Return to Prague for dinner and overnight.



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Thursday July 6, 2006 Prague

A morning guided tour of Prague includes the Charles Bridge, St. Nicholas Church, Old Town Square, Municipal House, St. Agnes Convent, the Jewish Quarter and Hradcany Castle, including St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Royal Palace.



Friday July 7, 2006 Prague

A guided tour of *Musical Prague* includes entrance to Mozart and Dvorak Museums. *Evening concert in Prague as part of the 2006 Celebrate Mozart Orchestra Festival.*

Saturday July 8, 2006 Depart for home

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



Orchestral concert in the Orangerie in Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna



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