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# Waunakee First Presbyterian Church Choir Concert Tour to Germany and Austria June 13-26, 2013

7/19/12

(B) = Breakfast (D) = Dinner

# Thursday June 13 Depart for Dusseldorf, Germany

Assemble at First Presbyterian Church and board your private coach for Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

On arrival check in for Lufthansa flight #437, nonstop service to Dusseldorf, Germany.

5.35 PM Flight #437 departs. Dinner is provided by the airline.

## Friday June 14 (D)

## Arrive in Dusseldorf, transfer to Cologne

Breakfast on board the aircraft.

08.45 AM Arrive in Dusseldorf. Meet your professional Cultural Tour Consultants tour manager. Board your

private deluxe coach and depart for Koln.

On arrival meet your local professional guide and begin a walking tour of the city center (included).

Cologne (Köln), the largest city in the Rhineland, is so rich in antiquity that every time a new foundation is dug, the excavators come up with archaeological finds. Today there is much to see from every period

of the city's 2,000-year history -- from the old Roman towers to the modern opera house.

The tour will end at your hotel for check in.

Evening A welcome dinner is provided tonight at or near your hotel.

NOTE: Activities today pending flight schedule

Köln Marriott (contact information on last page)

## Saturday June 15 (B) Cologne

Morning Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning is at leisure.

Afternoon

\*Today you may perform a full concert after the noonday prayer service or take part in morning worship services in the Koln Cathedral. Begun in 1248, the construction of this Gothic masterpiece took place in several stages and was not completed until 1880. Over seven centuries, successive builders were inspired by the same faith and a spirit of absolute fidelity to the original plans. Apart from its exceptional intrinsic value and the artistic masterpieces it contains, Cologne Cathedral testifies to the enduring strength of European Christianity.

The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure in Koln.

Evening Independent dinner.

Köln Marriott (contact information on last page)

## Sunday June 16 (B,D)

Koln, Palaces of Augustus and Falkenlust, Cochem (Rhine Cruise)

Morning

Breakfast at the hotel.

Board your private deluxe coach in the morning and depart for Bruehl.

On arrival you'll have time for an independent lunch before beginning your tour of the palaces of Augustus and Falkenlust, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Set in an idyllic garden landscape, Augustusburg Castle (the sumptuous residence of the prince-archbishops of Cologne) and the Falkenlust hunting lodge (a small rural folly) are among the earliest examples of Rococo architecture in 18th-century Germany.

Continue on to Cochem where you'll board your 5 day/4 night Rhine cruise.

Dinner and overnight onboard the ship.

#### Onboard cruise

## Monday June 17 (B,L,D)

#### Cochem (depart 11.30 AM)- Alken (arrive 2.30 PM, depart 5.30 PM) — Koblenz (arrive 8.30 PM)

Morning

After breakfast on the ship you may choose to join the optional tour of Cochem (optional excursions are not included and can be booked and paid onboard the cruise) or alternately explore the town on your own.

Return to the ship for lunch and to depart for a cruise on the Moselle to Alken. Here you can join the optional tour of Thurant Castle or enjoy the atmosphere on the ship (optional excursions are not included in the tour cost and can be booked and paid onboard the cruise).

As you enjoy dinner on the ship, you'll cruise towards Koblenz, arriving early evening.

#### Onboard cruise

## Tuesday June 18 (B,L,D)

## Koblenz (depart 8.00 AM) - Boppard (arrive 10.30 AM, depart 1.30 PM) - Rudesheim (arrive 6.00 PM)

Morning

Enjoy breakfast onboard as we cruise to Boppard. You'll have time to visit the small wine village independently before returning to the ship for lunch and to continue on to Rüdesheim.

Today you'll cruise through the middle Rhine Valley a UNESCO world Heritage site. You'll cruise the most scenic portion of the Rhine passing castles, vineyards, villages and the famous Loreley Rock.

Dock in Rudesheim. Independent time to take the cable car for a fabulous view and explore the town independently. Optional visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments (optional excursions are not included and can be booked and paid onboard the cruise).

Evening

This evening is free to explore Rudesheim or enjoy the life onboard ship.

#### Onboard cruise

## Wednesday June 19 (B,L,D)

#### Rudesheim (depart 02.00 AM) - Mainz (arrive 6.00 AM, depart 12.30 PM) - Cruise to Strasbourg

Morning	After an overnight cruise, you'll arrive early in Mainz where you can enjoy the morning in the city independently. You might choose to join the optional guided tour of Mainz and visit to the Gutenberg Museum (optional excursions are not included and can be booked and paid onboard the cruise).
Afternoon	Depart Mainz and cruise through the afternoon and evening, enroute to Strasbourg.
Evening	Tonight you'll enjoy a festive farewell dinner onboard, followed by an evening of dancing and entertainment.

#### Onboard cruise

# Thursday June 20 (Joint Performance or worship service) (B,D) Strasbourg (arrive 05.30 AM) – Rothenburg – Bamberg

Morning

You'll arrive very early in Strasbourg. Breakfast onboard before departing your ship.

Board your coach and transfer to the city center where you'll begin a short walking tour of the city.

Depart for Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the best preserved medieval city in Europe, still surrounded by its 13th century town walls. (3 hour drive)

On arrival, you'll have the day at leisure to independently explore the town. Enjoy some free time this afternoon in Rothenburg to shop at the famous Kathe Wohlfahrt Christmas store or visit the Criminal Museum.

Independent dinner. Depart for Bamberg. (2 hour drive)

**Evening** 

A Welcome dinner will be requested with a local church or choir in Bamberg.

Check into your hotel for overnight.

Best Western Hotel Bamberg (contact information on last page)

# Friday June 21 (B) Bamberg

Morning

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today is set aside for a mission project in Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Bamberg's fascinating historical townscape has developed over more than a 1,000 years. At the centre of this world heritage town is the largest preserved old quarter in Europe. Around 2,400 listed buildings and the centuries-old garden quarter make up the town's unique cultural heritage. The façades of its buildings are richly decorated in fascinating detail with spectacular ornamentation. Bamberg is also sinonomous with beer, enjoying more brewerys than Munich!

\*This evening you may perform a full concert or joint concert with a local choir (pending confirmation).

**Evening** 

Dinner and beer tasting is provided in Bamberg.

Overnight at the hotel.

Best Western Hotel Bamberg (contact information on last page)

## Saturday June 22 (B,D) Bamberg, Nuremberg, Salzburg

Morning

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast, board your coach and depart for Nuremberg.

On arrival, you'll have time at leisure to explore the city. \*An informal concert will be requested in San Lorenz Cathedral.

Meet your local guide and begin a walking tour of the city. You'll see many of Nürnberg's most important buildings, including some of the finest churches in Germany, now restored or reconstructed. The old part of the city, the Altstadt, lies mainly within a pedestrian zone. You'll see the ruins of the ramparts that once surrounded the city as well as more modern sites, such as the Justice Palace, where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946 (pending scheduling). When this city celebrated its 900th birthday in 1950, the scars of World War II were still fresh. Nürnberg was once a masterpiece of medieval splendor, but that legacy was lost in the ashes of war. With the exception of Dresden, no other German city suffered such devastation in a single air raid. On the night of January 2, 1945, 525 British Lancaster bombers rained fire and destruction on this city, the ideological center of the Third Reich.

Afternoon

Board your coach and depart for Salzburg.

**Evening** 

Tonight you will attend a Sound of Music dinner theater or Mozart dinner concert in the Stiftskeller St. Peter.

Overnight at your hotel in Salzburg.

Castellani Parkhotel Salzburg (contact information on last page)

# Sunday June 23 (B) Salzburg (worship service)

Morning

Breakfast at the hotel.

\*Participation in worship services or informal singing at the Salzburg Cathedral or St. Michael's Cathedral in Mondsee (Sound of Music Wedding Church) will be requested.

Framed by mountains, crowned by the Hohensalzburg Fortress and divided by the turquoise Salzach River, the Salzburg landscape is pure drama. Salzburg has been an endless source of inspiration to the prince-archbishops who created its mighty baroque churches and palatial Residenz and to famous son Mozart, whose symphonies regularly headline the Salzburg Festival. It's served as a comely backdrop for movies like The Sound of Music.

Afternoon The remainder of the day is at leisure in Salzburg.

Evening Independent dinner.

Castellani Parkhotel Salzburg (contact information on last page)

# Monday June 24 (B) Salzburg to Garmisch

Morning

Breakfast at the hotel.

Board your coach and depart for an excursion to the Salzkalmmergut lakes district. You'll stop in St. Gilgen, Mondsee and St. Wolfgang. You'll travel through some of the most spectacular scenery in Europe.

\*Informal singing will be requested at venues in the Salzkalmmergut lakes district.

Continue on to Garmisch and check into your hotel.

Independent dinner.

Quality Hotel Königshof (contact information on last page)

## Tuesday June 25 (B,D) Garmisch

Morning

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today is a full day at leisure for last minute shopping and sightseeing in Garmisch.

The coach departs this morning for an excursion to Neuschwanstein and Linderhof castles. (entrance NOT included)

Other options around Garmisch include a trip to the summit of the Zugspitz or an independent trip to Oberammergau. These will be booked on public excursions through the Tourist Office in Garmisch and are not included in the tour price.

Tonight you'll enjoy a festive farewell dinner at the Gasthaus Fraundorfer to celebrate your final night in Europe.

Quality Hotel Königshof (contact information on last page)

# Wednesday June 26 (B) Garmisch to Munich to Chicago

Transfer to the Munich Airport and check in for Lufthansa flight #434, nonstop service to Chicago.

3.35 PM Flight #434 departs.6.20 PM Arrive Chicago.

Board your private coach and depart for Waunakee.

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

### June 14-16 - Cologne, Germany

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<u>June 16-20 - Rhine cruise</u> CrosiEurope MS Douce France

#### <u>June 20-22 - Bamberg, Germany</u> Best Western Hotel Bamberg

Luitpoldstraße 7 96052 Bamberg Tel: ++49 (0) 951-510900

#### <u>June 22-24 – Salzburg, Austria</u> Castellani Parkhotel Salzburg

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#### <u>June 24-26 – Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany</u> Quality Hotel Königshof

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