

Texas Youth Orchestra & Choir American Celebration of Music in the Netherlands, Germany & Austria

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Custom Tour #4 (11 nights/13 days)

Day 1 Monday, July 9, 2018

Depart from Dallas via scheduled air service to Amsterdam, Netherlands

Day 2 Tuesday, July 10 Amsterdam (B,D)

Arrive in Amsterdam

Meet your MCI Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel via a visit to De Zaanse Schans Park, which is beautiful area full of unique windmills, shops and museums

Also enjoy a canal cruise and take in the beauty of Amsterdam

Mid-afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

Although Amsterdam is the capital of the Netherlands, it is not the seat of government. The town is built on the banks of the Ij and the Amstel. It is a port city of great character and charm, with its network of canals resembling a spider's web, its tall narrow brick houses with richly ornamented gables, numerous cultural events and museums

Day 3 Wednesday, July 11 Amsterdam (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a half-day tour of Amsterdam, Holland's 700-year old capital. The tour includes a visit to the Anne Frank House and the Rijks museum, renowned for its Dutch Masters, particularly Rembrandt's "Night Watch".

Lunch, on own

Afternoon excursion to Volendam and Marken with a local guide, where you will find windmills, traditional Dutch clothing, and wooden shoes

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Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4 Thursday, July 12 Amsterdam / Cologne (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Cologne

Lunch, on own

Take a guided tour of Köln that includes viewing the Old Town and its Altes Rathaus (old city hall), and the famous Cathedral (entrance included). The Cathedral, the heart of the City of Köln, is 144 meters long, 86 meters wide and with 157-meter-tall spires. It took a mere 632 years to build and has the largest facade of any church in the world - over 7000 sq meters!

Also visit the Wallraf-Richartz Museum. The museum contains 700 years of



art history and has one of the world's leading collections of medieval painting, and the widest collection of impressionist and neo-impressionist art in Germany

Evening dinner and overnight

Köln (Cologne) is an old cathedral city on the Rhine (which is spanned by eight bridges within the city limits) and is one of the most important traffic junctions and commercial centers in western Germany. It is the see of an archbishop and a university town, with several higher educational establishments in addition to its University

Day 5 Friday, July 13 Cologne / St. Goarshausen / Bonn (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to St. Goarshausen for a Rhine River Cruise

Lunch, on own

Continue to Bonn for a visit to the Beethoven's birthplace and Museum. The house at Bonngasse No. 20, in which Beethoven was born in 1770, is the family's only residence in Bonn which is still maintained and still in its original condition. Since 1893, it has been accommodating a museum presenting the biggest Beethoven collection in the world. Here you will discover new or little known facts about the famous composer.

Return to Cologne

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Evening dinner and overnight

Day 6 Saturday, July 14 Cologne / Rothenburg / Munich (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Munich via Rothenburg. Officially known as Rothenburg ob der Tauber, this medieval town (one of the oldest on the Romantic Road), takes every visitor right back to the middle of the 16th Century. See the Town Hall, St. Jakobskirche, etc.

Lunch, on own

Continue to Munich

Evening dinner and overnight

Munich is ideally located in southern Germany near the Alps. It is a first-class cultural center and is a flourishing economic zone. 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

Day 7 Sunday, July 15 Munich / Dachau (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

A guided tour of Munich includes the Marienplatz (with its famous Glockenspiel), Frauenkirche, Hofbräuhaus, 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, after centuries of enhancements, it now bears a strong resemblance to Versailles Palace

Lunch, on own

Transfer to Dachau to visit the former Nazi concentration camp (see an English film in Dachau)

Return to Munich for dinner and overnight



Day 8 Monday, July 16 Munich (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning sightseeing includes entrance to Deutsches Museum. The German Museum for Master-Works of Science and Technology in Munich is the world's largest museum of technology, covering an area of more than 59,800sq.yds and displaying some 17,000 exhibits. The collections are constantly being expanded by the addition of the latest technological developments. The Museum has an extensive collection of historic musical instruments as well

Lunch, on own

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Evening dinner and overnight

Day 9 Tuesday, July 17 Munich / Garmisch-Partenkirchen (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Garmisch-Partenkirche via the Neuschwanstein Castle (made famous by the Walt Disney model in Anaheim), built by the infamous Ludwig II (including entrance and uphill transport)

Lunch, on own

Upon arrival in Garmisch-Partenkirche, hike the beautiful Partnach Gorge

Evening dinner and overnight

Garmisch-Partenkirchen makes a handy base for excursions to Ludwig II's palaces, including nearby Schloss Linderhof and the lesser-known Jagdschloss Schachen, as well as Oberammergau and even, at a push, Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau castles

Day 10 Wednesday, July 18 Garmisch-Partenkirchen / Innsbruck (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning excursion to Innsbruck for a guided tour which includes the Golden Roof, St. James' Cathedral, Wilten Basilica, the "Jewel of the Alps", and entrance to the incredible Maximilian Mausoleum in the Hofkirche featuring the imposing bronze statues of various Hapsburg saints and family

Lunch, on own

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Evening dinner and overnight

Day 11 Thursday, July 19 Garmisch-Partenkirchen / Salzburg (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Salzburg via the Bavarian Alpine town of Berchtesgaden which towers high above the valley floor to visit the Eagle's Nest. The so-called Eagle's Nest teahouse was intended as a 50th birthday present for Adolf Hitler to serve as a retreat, and a place for him to entertain visiting dignitaries. Its challenging construction – including the road leading to it, Germany's highest - was completed in about 13 months.

Lunch, on own

Continue to Salzburg

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 12 Friday, July 20 Salzburg (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel



Enjoy a guided tour of Salzburg including Mirabell Palace and Gardens, Mozart Square, the Dom (cathedral), University Church, entrance to the Mozarthaus (Mozart's birthplace) and a cable car ride up to the Fortress (for an unparalleled view of the city below)

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping and other activities

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Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

Day 13 Saturday, July 21 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Munich's airport for return flight

****Subject to confirmation***

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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