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TOUR SPECIFICS

1. Venues and Concert Planning

Venues: EOT has contact with thousands of venues throughout the world.

Historic Venues: Perform for local audiences drawn through EO promotion or simply for the amazing acoustic experience of the venue. Examples include national cathedrals, churches, basilicas, ancient theaters, and national monument sites.

Mission Venues: Your group will be able to minister to those less fortunate or in need by performing at orphanages, hospitals, wellness centers, retirement homes, and youth centers.

Professional Venues: Groups looking to gain international recognition will benefit from fully promoted concerts in venues including major concert halls, national parks, and cruise ships.

Auditions: Some venues will require audition tapes of your group with an accompanying bio of the group and director. EO will advise you when this is necessary.

Concert Promotion and Publicity: When needed, EO will extensively promote and publicize choir performances to maximize audience attendance.

2. Transportation and Accommodations

Air Transportation: Over ten thousand passengers travel with EO every year. Our extensive and diverse client-volume in the travel industry allows contracting with major carriers (both domestic and international) to satisfy the needs of any group from anywhere in the United States.

Ground Transportation: Ground travel will be provided by deluxe, air-conditioned motor coaches to ensure your comfort and satisfaction.

Hotel Accommodations: EO strives to assure the highest quality group travel at an affordable price and to this end EO programs lodge at First Class or Superior Tourist Class Hotels.

Meals: Standard tours include breakfast and dinner daily unless specifically excluded upon the group's request. Lunches can be provided if necessary but are usually the responsibility of the participant.

Sightseeing: Every EO Tour includes an unbelievable daily journey through the group's desired destination. EO will work with the director or group leader to ensure the correct balance of sightseeing and performance based on group needs and preferences.

Tour Conductors and Guides: You will never be alone! EO provides a "Tour Conductor" with specialized knowledge of the country or countries being visited. You will be met by your Tour Conductor upon arrival overseas and be accompanied until your return to the USA. Your Tour Conductor will be with you to assist with anything you need and help facilitate each part of your journey. Additionally, and in order to enhance your sightseeing experience, professional city guides will educate your group on specific details and points of interest in each location.



3. Sample Itineraries and Pricing

The following sample itineraries provide examples of EO programs. Please use these as a tool for developing your group travel plans; EO is able to fully plan a customized tour to any location in the world! The price of the tour will be provided at the time of the quote.

All sample tours include the following:

- Full sightseeing
- Air arrangements from NYC
(additional cities always available)
- Ground transportation and accommodations
- Breakfast and Dinner daily (lunches where noted)
- Guides and Tour Conductors
- 3-4 Concerts
- Venue promotion and rentals
- Pricing Seasons
- One free tour for every ten full paying passengers



GETTING STARTED

Request a Quote

Visit www.music.travelwithus.com for a no-obligation tour program quote.

Proposal

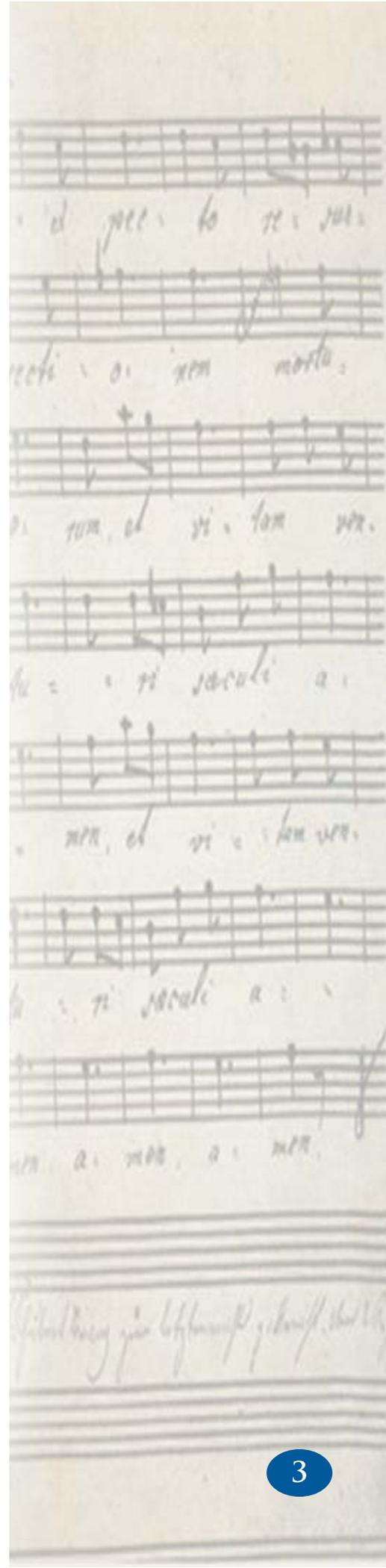
Once an itinerary has been decided upon, EO will deliver to the director a detailed proposal, outlining the program, tour specifics, and cost.

Brochures

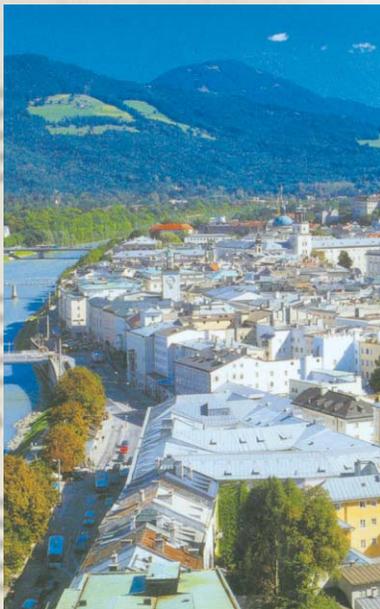
When a proposal has been accepted, EO will develop a full color brochure to aid the director in recruiting participants. The brochure will provide all the information a participant will need to know about the desired destination as well as a registration form to be sent to EO to confirm a participant's desire to join the tour. Posters can also be created if the group so desires.

Educational Opportunities Tours, Inc. Does All the Work

EO strives to alleviate all administrative headaches and pressures from the director and group leaders. EO has an extensive passenger service department that will be able to answer all the questions of the participants and an accounting department that will handle all fund transactions and financial questions about the tour from your members. We hope that this allows you as the director to relax, enjoy yourself and focus on your group's performance.



AUSTRIA



PRICING DETAILS

Pricing based on 30 full paying passengers with 1 free trip earned for every 10 full paying passengers

-Low Season
(November-March)

-Moderate Season
(April-May 15, September 16-October)

-Peak Season
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*Excludes holidays

POSSIBLE VENUES:

Karls Church
St. Stephens Cathedral
Melk Abbey
Vigau Recreational Center
Vienna Blind Institute
Informal Sing at Salzburg Dom
More upon request . . .

Venues will be determined based upon availability at time of booking.

Day 1 and 2- Depart USA and Arrive in Munich and Kufstein

Your musical adventure begins as you depart on your international flight. You will be welcomed at the airport by our representative. Get ready for an Alpine experience as you are transferred to your hotel in Kufstein, Austria. It's time to relax and prepare your voices to sing in the land of musical history.

Day 3- Kufstein and Music Rehearsal

Your musical experience will begin after breakfast at your hotel. Today, you will explore the Fortress of Kufstein and enjoy the music of the Bürgerturm organ played daily at noon. In 1931, the organ was placed in one of the castle's towers. With 4307 pipes and 46 stops, it is the world's largest open-air organ. It is played every day to commemorate the dead of both World Wars and can be heard even at a distance of 13 km.

Day 4- Kufstein, Berchtesgaden, and Salzburg

Today you will travel by boat to Herrenchiemsee, the famous Castle of King Ludwig II situated on an island in the Bavarian Sea. Later, take a short stroll through the pretty town of Berchtesgaden. This ancient market town offers some of the most breathtaking views of the Alps ever seen. Travel to Salzburg where you will see Mozart's birthplace, the old market square, the fortress, and the Salzburg Dom where Mozart and his father rehearsed.

Day 5- Sound of Music and Benefit Concert

Over 160 movies and countless television productions have been filmed in and around the city of Salzburg since World War II- one of the most famous being "The Sound of Music". Your day will be filled of beautiful images from the movie as you visit the familiar locations.

Begin your Sound of Music tour at Nonnberg Convent where Maria was a novice and where the Baron and Maria later married in 1927. Scenes from the movie made here include the opening with the nuns going to Mass and Maria coming too late. You'll see Mondsee Church that was used as the film location for Maria's wedding. You'll walk through the gardens of Hellbrunn Castle where The Sound of Music's glass gazebo has been reconstructed for the pleasure of fans who still visit after 30 years. Across the water you'll recognize the rear facade of Leopoldskron Castle as the film home of the Trapp family. It was here that Maria and the children fell into the lake from a rowboat. Get your camera ready as you travel from Lake Fuschl on the way to St. Gilgen. The scenery along the way is unmistakable for it provided the dramatic opening shots of the film. Songs from the movie will be played during the drive, setting the tone for a memorable tour.

Your afternoon will be at leisure. Tonight you will perform in a concert at the Vigau Recreational Center. The concert will benefit a Christian Foundation, "Brother and Sister in Need", that provides aid to African, Bosnian, and Austrian children.

Day 6- Salzburg and Cathedral Concert

This morning you will attend a church service at the beautiful Italian baroque Cathedral of St. Wolfgang. After the service you will perform in an afternoon concert for the congregation. You will travel to the grand city of Vienna.

Day 7- Vienna

Beautiful and romantic Vienna is the city where Mozart lived and created his greatest masterpieces. You'll drive along the grandest avenue in Vienna, the Ringstrasse, for a view of some of the city's many magnificent buildings: the Opera House, Museum of Fine Arts, Parliament, Burgtheatre, Town Hall, the University, and the Stock Exchange. Visit the Hofburg Treasury to see the crown jewels. Visit the Imperial Apartments of the celebrated Schonbrunn Palace, the splendid summer residence of Empress Maria Theresa. In Vienna's Old City, the tower of St. Stephen's Cathedral has become the symbol of Vienna. The old city offers great shopping or people watching as you enjoy relaxing in a typical Viennese Coffee House.

Day 8- Vienna Outreach and Concert

This morning you will visit the Vienna Blind Institute where you will brighten the lives of the children by performing a short program and visiting with them throughout the morning. After the provided lunch, you will have an afternoon rehearsal at the Vienna Konzerthaus in preparation for tonight's concert.

Day 9- Vienna and Concert at Karl's Church

The morning will be at leisure. After lunch you will have a rehearsal at Karl's Church. That evening you will leave your last musical mark in Vienna by performing in a concert at the historic Karl's Church. The architectural design of the church helps enhance your experience with its wonderful acoustics.

Day 10- Travel to USA

Say "Auf Wiedersehen" to the land of musical history with memories of leaving your own historic mark.

ENGLAND AND WALES

Day 1 and 2- Depart USA and Arrive in London

You will arrive in London this morning and take a drive through its historic streets. Before performing, seek to learn more about the world of the English. Passing through Trafalgar Square, you will see the Nelson monument and the National Gallery. You will also see Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Whitehall, and Hyde Park. Next, visit Westminster Abbey where most of the English kings and queens have been crowned since 1066 and where many are buried. To conclude your first day of sightseeing, experience the famous changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace (circumstances permitting).

Day 3- Winchester and Stonehenge

Today you will travel to Stonehenge. Situated in the pleasant rolling hills of Hampshire County is the city of Winchester - home of Winchester Cathedral. Known as Europe's longest Gothic church, it boasts impressive marble columns and beautifully vaulted ceilings. Not far away is Winchester's Great Hall, which houses the famous Round Table of King Arthur. Later today you will visit the prehistoric monument Stonehenge, which stands on the Salisbury Plain. It is considered the best preserved and most celebrated of the megalithic monuments of Europe. Walk around Stonehenge and try to decide for yourself the real purpose of this famous landmark.

Day 4- Bath and Cardiff, Wales

Enjoy a morning excursion to Bath, which includes a visit to the ancient Roman baths. Now that you feel British, travel to Wales and prepare for this evening's concert. Transfer to hotel in Cardiff, Wales.

Day 5- Gloucester and Stratford-Upon-Avon

You will continue your travels via Gloucester to Stratford-upon-Avon where you can visit the birthplace of Shakespeare, Ann Hathaway's Cottage, and then on to Trinity Church where he was buried. Drawing inspiration from this idyllic setting, you will perform your own masterpiece at an evening concert. Transfer to hotel in Stratford.

Day 6- London and Windsor

Transfer to London stopping at Windsor, where you will see Windsor Castle, St. George's Cathedral, and The Queen's Doll House. Transfer to hotel and remainder of day is at leisure in London.

Day 7- Greenwich and Canterbury

Enjoy a full day of sightseeing in Greenwich and Canterbury. Stop by the Royal Greenwich Observatory and stand on the Prime Meridian, which passes through the building. Also visit the Trinity College of Music, founded as a training school for church musicians. Next, travel on to Canterbury and view three UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Cathedral, St. Augustine's Abbey, and St. Martin's. Perform Evening Concert and transfer to hotel.

Day 8- Hampton Court

This afternoon you will travel to Hampton Court and visit the beautiful castle located there. A place of biblical significance, it is from here that King James ordered a new translation of the bible to unify the church and accurately communicate the message of the original Hebrew and Greek texts. Perform evening concert.

Day 9- London

Enjoy London as you have always dreamed- on your own! Ride the Underground, shop at Harrods, visit the London Zoo, Ride the London Eye, or spend the day roaming through the British Museum. Tonight, enjoy the nightlife in Regent Street or Piccadilly Circus. Or visit the lights of Leicester Square and catch a play or musical- there are hundreds to choose from!

Day 10- Return Home

Today you will end your journey and leave England with fond memories of singing around the world!



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POSSIBLE VENUES:

Bath Abbey
Holy Trinity Church
St. Paul's Cathedral
John Wesley's Chapel
St. Andrews Church of Epworth
More upon request.....

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GERMANY AND AUSTRIA



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POSSIBLE VENUES:

St. Peter's Cathedral
Cologne Cathedral
Munich Cathedral
Vigaun Recreational Center
St. Erstadt Cathedral
Informal Sing at Salzburg Dom
More upon request.....

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Day 1- Travel to Germany

Depart this evening from New York for Frankfurt and follow the footsteps of some of the world's greatest classical musicians. As you look forward to performing in the historical settings of such music greats as Mozart, board the trans-Atlantic flight and prepare yourselves for an experience of a lifetime.

Day 2- Heidelberg

Today you arrive in Frankfurt and meet the tour conductor, your guide to the vivid musical history alive here. We will depart for the epicenter of Music History during the Romantic Period, the lively city of Heidelberg. Transfer to the hotel.

Day 3- Heidelberg and Concert

As you enter the once political center of the Rhineland Palatinate, your explorations will bring you to Heidelberg Castle. Sights here include the Great Barrel, the Courtyard, and the Pharmaceutical museum. After a day of experiencing German life and culture, it is time to prepare for your evening concert. After performing you will transfer to the hotel.

Day 4- Rhine River Cruise

This morning you will board an authentic steamboat in the wine-producing city of Rudesheim, located at the source of the Rhine River. As you sail the romantic Rhine River to St. Goarshausen, enjoy the beauty of passing sites such as Oberwesel (the gothic church of Our Lady), Schonburg Castle, Bacharach, and Rheinstein. Transfer to hotel.

Day 5- Rothenburg Ob Der Tauber

Depart for the town of Rothenburg Ob Der Tauber that overlooks the sinuous course of the Tauber River. You will then boldly venture into the historic medieval crime museum. Leaving your insight into medieval crime and punishment behind, press on to modern Germany's economic and cultural center, Munich. Transfer to hotel.

Day 6- Munich and Concert

Enjoy a morning visit to Nymphenburg, the summer residence of the King of Bavaria and Prince Elector. Be amazed at the splendor of the palace, view the Cuvillies Amalienburg (small hunting lodge), and walk in the Botanical Garden. Then you will enjoy a leisurely afternoon to rest in preparation for tonight's concert. Transfer to hotel.

Day 7- Herreninsel Island (Bavaria)

This morning you will depart via boat to visit Herrenchiemsee, the famous castle of King Ludwig II. After a guided tour of the extensive grounds, you will return to Munich aboard the boat and transfer to the hotel.

Day 8- Salzburg and Concert

Today's trip will "strike a chord" with all music-lovers. Salzburg is the city where Mozart was born, lived and composed. You will visit the Cathedral and view the famous Horse Fountain, Hohen Salzburg Fortress, the Monastery, and modern Festival Hall. From across the river you can view the Leopoldskron Palace, the famous setting for The Sound of Music. With a better understanding of Mozart's life, exercise your own musical genius at an evening concert. Transfer to hotel.

Day 9- Salzburg with Leisure Time

On this final day of sightseeing, you will visit the namesake of Salzburg- the salt mills! Get up close and personal at the historic Duerrnberg Salt mine. The rest of the day will be at leisure to experience all that Salzburg has to offer. Enjoy the chance to leave a last and appreciative musical mark in this historic setting with an evening concert in Salzburg. Transfer to hotel.

Day 10- Travel Home

Depart Austria and return to the USA with musical memories to share!

HEART OF EUROPE

Days 1 and 2- Travel

Your musical journey begins as you depart from the USA and arrive in Budapest. Upon arrival you will participate in a city orientation tour. Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3- Budapest

In the morning your choir will have time to rehearse for their upcoming performances if desired. In the afternoon enjoy time to explore Budapest. Have a peaceful rest as you prepare to minister to the world through song.

Day 4- Budapest

Today you will visit the Heroes Square, the Opera House, and Parliament. Walk through the Castle district of Buda where you will see many baroque-styled castles on medieval foundations. From Gellert Hill, enjoy a breathtaking view of the city. Perform a concert at Matthias Church or a similar historic church.

Day 5- Szentendre, Eisenstadt and Vienna

Today you will leave Budapest behind and travel to Vienna. En route, you will visit the town of Szentendre and walk along the bank of the Danube while viewing baroque and rococo houses that line the streets of the town. As you continue on your way to Vienna, visit Eisenstadt. Here you will visit the Haydn museum and Esterhazy Castle. Leaving Eisenstadt behind, journey on to the grand city of Vienna.

Day 6- Vienna

Beautiful and romantic Vienna is the city where Mozart lived and created his greatest masterpieces. You'll drive along the grandest avenue in Vienna, the Ringstrasse, for a view of some of the city's many magnificent buildings: the Opera House, Museum of Fine Arts, Parliament, Burgtheater, Town Hall, the University, and the Stock Exchange. Also, you will visit Schubert's birth house and the Hofburg Treasury to see the crown jewels. Visit the magnificent Schonbrunn Palace. Illuminate the minds of the children of the Vienna Blind Institute with songs of hope. Perform in the Historic Karls Church or similar.

Day 7- Vienna and Prague

After a leisurely morning in Vienna, you will make your way to Prague. Enjoy a farewell view of Austria as you say Auf Wiedersehen and journey to the captivating city of Prague.

Day 8- Prague

Today, set out to explore the city of Prague. Visit the Strahov Monastery founded in the 12th century, with its library consisting of two baroque halls for theological and philosophical reading. From the terrace you have an outstanding view of Prague. Continue on foot to Loretto Monastery and to Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral, the largest of the Prague churches constructed over a period of six centuries. Evening concert will be performed at St. Nicholas Church or similar.

Day 9- Terezin and Prague

This morning you will visit Terezin and the Concentration ghetto/camp. The camp was originally built as a fort under the Habsburg Empire, but it was during the occupation of the Nazis that Theresienstadt became known. During the second World War, the city was transformed into a ghetto and the fort was rebuilt into a concentration camp. The old prison, now a museum, is a somber reminder of the events that took place here. Provide a moment of hope amidst those gathered in remembrance as you perform a short mission concert.

Day 10- Depart

Say farewell to the Heart of Europe and return home with cherished memories of your tour.



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POSSIBLE VENUES:

Matthias Church
Karls Church
St. Stephens Cathedral
Vienna Blind Institute
St. Nicholas Church
More upon request.....

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IRELAND



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POSSIBLE VENUES:

Christ Church
St. Mary's Cathedral
St. Mary's Church
St. Patrick's
More upon request.....

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Day 1- Depart USA

You'll depart the USA and fly to Dublin, Ireland. Once arrived, you'll be met by our representative and begin your exciting Ireland adventure.

Day 2- Arrive in Dublin

Your early morning arrival in Dublin affords you time for a guided city tour. Visit Dublin's St. Patrick's Cathedral that was dedicated in 1192. In the Old Library of Trinity College, you'll be able to view the famous Book of Kells. This 9th century manuscript is an exquisitely decorated copy of the gospels.

Day 3- Wicklow, Powerscourt Gardens, Waterford

Today you will enjoy the beautiful scenery of Wicklow County - known as the 'Garden County' of Ireland. Enjoy the outstanding beauty of Powerscourt Gardens. Continue to take in the pastoral beauty of the land as you make your way south to Waterford. You will be amazed at the craftsmanship and stunning beauty of Waterford Crystal as you tour the famed factory.

Day 4- Cobh and Blarney

In Cobh, you will visit the Heritage Center. Today you will be able to perform a mission concert from this port where, between 1845 and 1860, over 2.5 million people sailed to America. If you had an ancestor who came from Ireland to America, chances are they departed from this very place. Find your family name on the archived passenger lists and take time to view the touching letters, photographs, and other memorabilia on display. Enjoy the multimedia exhibit and the railway station that has been completely refurbished in the style of the era. Later, visit the Castle of Blarney from where the fabled Blarney Stone beckons. Legend says that those who kiss the stone acquire the gift of eloquence.

Day 5- Ring of Kerry, Killarney and Muckross Farm

Delight in some of Ireland's most spectacular scenery as you travel around the Ring of Kerry where the sea crashes into the soaring coastline. Visit the 19th century Muckross Estate where potters, blacksmiths, weavers and harness makers have workshops to display their crafts and skills. In Killarney, note the neo-Gothic churches built in the 19th century the Catholic Cathedral and St. Mary's Church.

Day 6- Galway, Limerick and Bunratty Castle

The Galway Cathedral of St. Nicholas and Our Lady Assumed into Heaven was consecrated in 1965 and is constructed in an amazing variety of architectural styles also incorporating some unusual mosaics. A hugely popular destination, even Presidents Kennedy

and Reagan have visited this cathedral. There is even a stone tablet in the garden commemorating the visit by President Kennedy. Leave your mark on this historic place as you perform a short mission concert for travelers gathered here. Travel through the enchanting Irish countryside, an ever-changing patchwork of green and dotted with ruins, to Bunratty Castle, near the town of Limerick. Bunratty is Ireland's most complete and authentic, elaborately furnished medieval castle. The Folk Park also contains more than 20 replicas of rural and urban houses, as they would have appeared in the late 19th century.

Day 7- Connemara and Kylemore Abbey

Today, travel to through the Connemara Region, famous for its rugged scenery and the Twelve Pins Mountains. Stop at beautiful Kylemore Abbey run by the Benedictine Nuns. This granite and limestone structure is one of most photographed buildings in the country. Perform an evening concert.

Day 8- Clonmacnoice and Dublin

Visit Clonmacnoice, an important monastic site and the burial place of kings. Among these fascinating ruins are the famous thousand-year-old cross and the most important collection of tombstones in the country. Explore the cathedral and some of the eight churches nearby. There are two round towers to capture your imagination as well as three high crosses, two hundred graves and the ruins of a 13th century ring-fort. But it is the 10-foot South Cross, with its Passion carvings, which best testifies to the high level of artistic craftsmanship employed here. Continue on to Dublin for an evening, of rest and relaxation.

Day 9- Monasterboice, Mellifont Abbey and Slane

On a hill outside the village of Slane, St. Patrick lit the paschal fire in 433 and proclaimed the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. A few miles away is Monasterboice where among the remnants of this 5th century monastic settlement are two of Ireland's most impressive Celtic Crosses. Now head to Mellifont Abbey, Ireland's first Cistercian monastery founded by St. Malachy of Armagh. Back in Dublin, you will have time to visit the National Museum where you will see the Chalice of Ardagh and a multitude of Christian and early Celtic treasures. This evening you will perform your final concert.

Day 10- Return to USA

Say farewell to Ireland this morning as you return to the USA with memories to share!

ISRAEL

Day 1 and 2- Depart the USA and arrive in the Holy Land

Your spiritual pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on an overnight flight. You will be welcomed to the Holy Land by our airport representative and transferred to your hotel. Be sure to rest up so you can fully prepare for this amazingly educational and meaningful experience!

Day 3- Jericho, Qumran and Bethlehem

Travel to Jericho and visit the ruins of the ancient city, which was conquered by Joshua. From Jericho, you can see the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus. Even today, the road from Jericho to Jerusalem twists for miles as it climbs from below sea level into the Judean mountains. Jesus traveled on the nearby Roman road, the setting of His parable of the Good Samaritan. Travel to Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scroll discovery, to discuss the mysterious community of Essenes who once lived on the shores of the Dead Sea. In Bethlehem, you'll visit the cave revered as the place where Jesus was born. The church, which was constructed on the site, is the world's oldest functioning church. Nearby you'll view Shepherds' Field where the Good News was first heard.

Day 4- Nazareth and the Galilee

Visit Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home. Travel to Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee. Visit the synagogue that stands on the site where Jesus taught and recall his teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom. With Bible in hand, cross the waters of the Sea of Galilee aboard a Kinneret Sailing Company boat. Along the way, participate in a special on-board worship service. At Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar, you'll learn about the "Ancient Boat", a rare example of the kind of boat in which Jesus would have sailed. Travel to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached to the people and at the River Jordan you will be reminded of His baptism at the Yardenit Baptismal Site.

Day 5- Beit Shean, Megiddo, Caesarea, and Mt. Carmel

Visit the ruins of Beit Shean, which was continuously inhabited for 5000 years and was one of the Roman cities Jesus passed on his way from Galilee to Jerusalem. Travel the ancient caravan route to Tel Megiddo where 20 different cities lie superimposed upon each other. Visit the Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at Caesarea, a center of the early Christians. Here, Cornelius became the first Gentile convert to the new religion and Paul was imprisoned before being taken to Rome for trial. At Mt. Carmel, where Elijah defeated the Baal prophets you'll visit the monastery at the top of the mountain.

Day 6- Jerusalem

Visit the Haas Promenade and enjoy a panoramic view of the city from the South. View the Old City walls and the hill called Mount Moriah where Abraham was commanded by God to offer Isaac as a burnt offering. View the Kidron Valley and the Valley of Gehenna. Stand atop the Mount of Olives as Jesus did and enjoy a remarkable view of the "Golden City" of Jerusalem, including the Temple Mount and Dome of the Rock. Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven from this very place. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension. Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane as Jesus prayed and continue on to Mount Zion where you will visit the House of the High Priest Caiaphas who imprisoned Jesus for a night. Stand in the Upper Room, revered as the place of the Last Supper and view the site of King David's Tomb.

Day 7- Jerusalem, the Old City

Visit the Southern Wall excavations of the Temple including the Teaching Steps and the Western Wall. Walk the Cardo, the ancient main street of the Old City once lined with shops, now partially restored. View the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle and sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne. Visit Herod's Antonia Fortress where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate and follow in His footsteps as you walk the Via Dolorosa, "the Way of the Cross" and stand in reverence at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Day 8- Leisure Day with Optional Masada and Dead Sea Tour

Explore Jerusalem on your own or (for additional charge) visit Masada, Herod's mountaintop fortress that became the last stronghold of the Jewish Rebellion against the Romans. Ride the cable car to the top to explore and from there, peer down upon the remains of the Roman camps and siege ramp below. If time is permitting, you'll stop briefly at the Shores of the Dead Sea for a quick dip in the salt and mineral laden waters.

Day 9- Jerusalem

Visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum. View the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. Visit and worship at the Garden Tomb, possible site of the garden of Joseph of Arimathea and experience the reality of the Resurrection. The afternoon is free for exploring or mission sites.

Day 10- Return to the USA

As you travel home, reflect on your experiences in thankfulness for your pilgrimage to the Land of Our Lord.



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Historic & Professional Venues Include:

Shreveport Gabriel Center
The Anglican St. George Cathedral
The Dormition Abbey
The Lutheran Church in the Old City
Garden Tomb
The International Center of the
Christmas Lutheran Church
Nativity Square • Shepherds' Field
Dar El Nadwa • Bethlehem University
Bethlehem Peace Center

Mission Venues:

Caritas Hospital
The Holy Family Hospital
Spanish Sisters Orphanages
Arab Orthodox Society
Hellen Keller Centre

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ITALY



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POSSIBLE VENUES:

Papal Audience
St. Peter's Mass Participation
St. Paul's Within the Walls
St. James American Church
of Florence
San Marco Basilica
Mass Participation
More upon request.....

Venues will be determined based upon availability at time of booking.

Day 1- Travel

Depart USA for your exciting journey to beautiful Italy!

Day 2- Arrive and Travel to Assisi

Once you are met by your Tour Conductor you will travel to Assisi for dinner and overnight.

Day 3- Assisi

In the morning you will visit the town of Assisi. This charming medieval town was the home of St. Francis. Just two years after his death, the large Basilica was started in his memory. At one time, the land on which the church stands was an execution ground for condemned criminals. In his humility, St. Francis asked to be buried there and it became known as the Hill of Paradise. The church contains his tomb and many great works of art. Visits to the Inferiore and Superiore Basilica, Santa Chiara Church, and St. Mary of the Angels Basilica are included. In the afternoon, the choir will have time to rehearse for this evening's concert. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

Day 4- Venice

After breakfast depart Assisi in the morning and drive toward Venice. Upon arriving in Mestre you will travel by boat to the magical city of Venice. Rising between sea and sky, this fascinating city boasts waterways and boats instead of roads and cars, encompassing 118 islands separated by more than 150 canals. You will stand in the Piazza San Marco, bordered on three sides by palatial arcades in two tiers and faced on the other by the Basilica of St. Mark, one of the world's most magnificent churches. You'll visit the Basilica with its treasure of marble and gold-background mosaics. From the square, you can see the famous Bell Tower and the Clock Tower, as well as the charming pink and white Doge's Palace. View the romantic Bridge of Sighs and much more while enjoying your free time to explore this great city. You can shop, stroll along the bridges and canals or, perhaps, indulge in a gondola ride along the Grand Canal.

Day 5- Montecatini

After breakfast, you will depart Venice and transfer to Ravenna-Montecatini. Upon arrival in Montecatini the choir will perform a concert in the afternoon in a local church or Mission Venue. The rest of the day is at leisure in one of the most famous health resorts in Italy. Situated among ancient thermal springs, this peaceful town also boasts a railway built in 1857 to connect Montecatini with the beautiful medieval hilltop village overlooking the city. This peaceful retreat was popular with classical musicians as well. Verdi, Puccini and Rossini spent time composing here. Dinner will be provided at the hotel or at a local restaurant.

Day 6- Florence

This morning you'll enjoy a day in Florence full of touring and performing. The elegant city of Florence is nestled between a line of hills and the banks of the Arno River. During your stay, you will have time to enjoy the beautiful gardens and

stroll through the open-air markets. Every street, every square and winding alley of Florence is a showcase for Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance grandeur. Among the wealth of masterpieces to be found in Florence, you'll see the Piazza della Signoria with its Neptune Fountain and Vecchio Palace, the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral which houses Michelangelo's unfinished *Pietà*, the Baptistery containing Ghiberti's famous *Gates of Paradise* and the Academy where you can view some of Michelangelo's finished and unfinished work, including the awe-inspiring *David*. Visits to the Florence Cathedral (Duomo) and Academy of the Fine Arts are included. This evening, perform a concert in the Santa Maria de Ricci cathedral or similar for the local community.

Day 7- Rome

After breakfast, you will depart Florence and transfer to Rome. Arrive in the afternoon to have lunch at leisure. History is woven through the streets and neighborhoods of Rome as in no other city. Today you'll explore the many wonders of ancient Rome when you visit the magnificent Colosseum, Mamertine Prison and the Pantheon. From the most sacred hill of ancient Rome, Campidoglio, you'll view the Forum. You'll also view the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Titus, the famous Baths of Caracalla and the Arch of Constantine. You'll see the Victor Emanuel Monument and the Monti Region, Rome's most ancient neighborhood that spreads over three of her seven hills. You will visit the Trevi Fountain and the Piazza Navona. You'll explore the romance of Rome as you climb the graceful Spanish Steps and stop at the famous Trevi Fountain. Legend says those who toss a coin into the fountain will one day return to Rome to toss another into the waters of Trevi. In the evening, the choir will perform a mission concert.

Day 8- Papal Audience and Vatican Performance

After breakfast, you will attend a Papal Audience at the Vatican. The choir will be permitted to perform one song at the Vatican. The afternoon will be at leisure. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 9- Vatican City and Ancient Rome

After breakfast, you will depart to visit the Vatican, the Eternal City! Christianity came late in her long history, conquering and changing Rome in a way few other occupying religions have. Today, you will experience the glory of Christian Rome when you visit the Vatican, home to one of the greatest museums in the world. And, of course, you'll enter St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel, where you'll view Michelangelo's frescoes which have been restored to their full, colorful glory.

Day 10- Travel Return to USA:

Say "Ciao!" to Italy and transfer to the airport for return flight home.

LONDON AND PARIS

Day 1- Travel

We depart this evening from New York for London. Appropriate meals will be served in-flight.

Day 2- London

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by your European tour leader and transferred to the city centre for a sightseeing tour of London. See highlights such as Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Tower of London, Downingstreet 10 and much more! After the tour you will have some free time at Piccadilly Circus. This bustling area lies in Central London surrounded by shops, theatres, and monuments.

Day 3- London

In the morning you will visit Windsor Castle, the summer residence of Queen Elizabeth. The extensive grounds are home to the largest and oldest continuously inhabited castle in the world. The afternoon will be at leisure to take in a few of the many attractions London offers. In the evening you will attend a musical/theatre play at the West End.

Day 4- London

In the morning you will visit the British Museum. Here you can see the famous Rosetta stone, just one piece of the collection which includes more than 13 million objects from all continents, intended to illustrate and document the story of human culture from its beginning to the present. In the afternoon you will perform your debut concert for the local people.

Day 5- London, Stonehenge, and Bath

Today you will visit Stonehenge and view the unusual and unique rock formations found here. At the largest and most well known of the European Megalith monuments, spend some time investigating for yourself as to the real purpose of the mysterious stones. Then, you will press on for an exploration of God's great wonder in the city of Bath. Here you will experience what citizens of the 18th century were able to enjoy, the natural heated pools of water called baths. While in Bath you will visit the Roman Baths and view the Ancient Temple and museum. The afternoon will be at your leisure.

Day 6- Canterbury and Paris

Depart today for Canterbury for a visit and to perform today's concert. Enjoy a stroll around this picturesque town and visit the Canterbury Cathedral. After today's local performance, say "bonjour!" to France as you arrive in Calais via the famous Chunnel.

Day 7- Paris

In the morning enjoy a sightseeing tour of "the city of lights." Travel the famed Avenue des Champs Elysees to the Arc d'Triomphe. On the way window-shop in some of the finest boutiques in the world. Continue on to Notre Dame Cathedral located in the ancient heart of the city dating back prior to Roman times. As you view the Eiffel Tower built as a showpiece for the World's Fair, keep in mind that this "temporary" structure has stood for more than 100 years and has become the most beloved symbol of the city. In the afternoon you will perform your first concert.

Day 8- Paris

Today you will visit Montmartre, the famous artist quarter and take in the spectacular panoramic views of the city. Watch as artists from around the world display their talent and become a patron of the arts as you sit for your very own portrait! You will also visit the Sacre Coeur, another 19th century church. You will have dinner in the centre of Montmartre, an area full of cafes and restaurants. In the evening enjoy a cruise on the Seine.

Day 9- Paris

In the morning you will visit Versailles, the palatial home built for Louis XIV. Tour the palace and picturesque gardens, and on Sunday the beautiful fountains are on full display. You will have the afternoon at leisure to shop, relax in a café, or take time to tour the World-famous Louvre museum, home of the Mona Lisa and thousands of other masterworks. You will have a farewell dinner in a local restaurant.

Day 10- Travel

Depart to the airport for your return flight to the US. Au revoir!



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POSSIBLE VENUES:

Bath Abbey
Holy Trinity Church
St. Paul's Cathedral
John Wesley's Chapel
St. Andrews Church of Epworth
Notre Dame Cathedral
Mass Participation
Madelaide Church
More upon request....

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NORWAY



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**Concerts in Norway can be arranged in major cities, country churches, local theatres and venues, community centers, etc.*

Day 1- Travel

Board your overnight trans-Atlantic flight.

Day 2- Arrival in Oslo, Norway

Welcome to the land of fjords, lakes, and mountains, of thundering waterfalls and gleaming glaciers, of Viking tales and long summer days. You have arrived in one of the world's most beautiful countries, inhabited by hardy, friendly people with a ready smile. Today you may want to rest or start exploring lively Oslo on your own.

Day 3- Oslo and Lillehammer

This morning you will motor north through the undulating lowland area where Norway's most fertile, arable land yields crops of barley, wheat, and oats. After a picture stop at Eidsvoll, where the country's democratic constitution was signed in 1814, proceed along lovely Lake Mjøsa. Via the ice-skating center of Hamar you reach Lillehammer, proud host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. Time here for lunch and a leisurely walk along Storgata. Lunch will be provided. In the afternoon visit the unique Maihaugen Open-Air Museum. An expert explains the rich collection of ancient Gudbrandsdal farms, sod-covered dwellings, workshops, tools, and weapons.

Day 4- Lillehammer

A spectacularly scenic day starts with a morning drive through the wide Gudbrandsdal Valley, the lush dairy and timber land of Ibsen's drama Peer Gynt. Shoot your pictures of the lonely stave church of Lom, and then climb past the tree line to 5,000 feet, where you can admire the breathtaking panoramic view from the Dalsnibba lookout above Geirangerfjord. In the afternoon enjoy a one-hour cruise on this stunningly beautiful stretch of water, past the famous "Seven Sisters" cascade and several now-abandoned farms clinging precariously to small patches of steep pastureland. Dock at Hellesylt and head south via Lake Hornindal to peaceful Olden. Lunch will be provided.

Day 5- Olden and Staley

Follow the shoreline of the innermost branch of Nor fjord to Utica, then cross the mountains to the serene Vatedalen Valley and pristine Lake Jölster. The mountain scenery gets more rugged as you approach the tunnel underneath Jostedalbreen, Europe's largest glacier. Stop at the Brevasshytta to view one of the mighty tongues which radiate from the main glacier into the surrounding valleys. Next visit Fjaerland's excellent Norwegian Glacier Museum to satisfy your curiosity about one of nature's most impressive features and watch a thrilling five-screen film. In the afternoon, you're in for a real treat. Cruise for two hours on spectacular Sognefjord. Land at Gudvangen and motor through a narrow canyon up to Staley, a lofty vantage point high above the majestic Naeröydal Valley. Lunch will be provided.

Day 6- Bergen

On the way back down to sea level, pass Tvindefoss waterfall and see the popular lakeside resort of Voss. Late morning arrival in Bergen, certainly the most picturesque of all Scandinavian towns. During your orientation tour hear about its 11th-century origins and its association with the Hanseatic League. Afternoon at leisure to stroll through the colorful fish market and the narrow lanes of ancient Bryggen, and to ride the funicular up to Mount Fløyen.

Day 7 Bergen and Telemark

Cross Hardangerfjord by ferry from Kvanndal to Utne, and take reluctant leave of the fjord area as you drive through the orchards along Sörfjord, whose tranquil splendor inspired Grieg's Morning Mood. More scenic delights are in store including thundering Latefoss, the star among waterfalls; the wild Hardangervidda mountain plateau where Fridtjof Nansen prepared for his polar expeditions, and where reindeer roam; finally watch out for traditional wooden dwellings and barns rising from blooming meadows beside the road along the northern shore of Lake Totak into rustic, unspoiled Telemark. Lunch will be provided.

Day 8- Telemark and Oslo

Look forward to a riveting guided visit to Vemork, scene of the daring sabotage action celebrated in The Heroes of Telemark. Learn all about the dramatic events of 1943, and also gain an insight into the technology of hydroelectric power generation, one of the pillars of Norway's economy. Leave the narrow Rjukan Valley via Lake Tinnsjöen, where the saboteurs sank a ferry loaded with heavy water thereby dashing Nazi hopes of winning the race for the atomic bomb. Before returning to Oslo in the afternoon, admire Heddal Stave Church, the largest of the country's remaining medieval wooden churches. Lunch will be provided.

Day 9- Oslo

Morning sightseeing in the capital features such landmarks as the National Theater, Parliament, and the Royal Palace. Stroll through magnificent Frogner Park with Gustav Vigeland's 193 extraordinary bronze and granite sculptures. Visit the modern City Hall and the Resistance Museum in the lavish grounds of Akershus Fortress. Afternoon and evening at leisure, with optional activities organized by your tour director. You may want to see relics of Norway's glorious seafaring past, including elegant Viking ships, Nansen's and Amundsen's polar vessel Fram, and Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-Tiki raft. Tonight you'll be tempted to celebrate the success of your journey with a Norwegian specialties dinner in one of Oslo's fine restaurants.

Day 10- Travel

Say goodbye with fond memories of Norway.

SCOTLAND

Day 1 and 2- Departure and Arrival in UK

Your journey begins as you depart the USA for "Bonnie Scotland". Upon arrival, you will be met by your tour guide and transferred to Edinburgh. Enjoy a visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia, which is now permanently moored in Edinburgh. With this glimpse into the royal life of leisure, begin your enchanting Scottish journey.

Day 3- Edinburgh

This morning you will begin to explore the city, which played an important part of Presbyterian heritage. Tour Edinburgh Castle, where James VI, who authorized the KJV Bible, was born. Visit St. Giles Cathedral, the High Church of Edinburgh, where John Knox was minister following the Scot's Reformation. Continue your exploration with a drive along Princes Street to the Sir Walter Scott Monument.

Day 4- Edinburgh

Once again, you will experience Edinburgh life firsthand as you visit the historic John Knox House, where the Reformer resided. Descend the Royal Mile to the Palace of Holyrood where John Knox confronted Mary Queen of Scots. Just outside Edinburgh is Haddington, where John Knox was born and raised. Although the house itself is not open to the public, you can still enjoy the Gardens of Haddington House. Today you will perform your first concert. Return to Edinburgh area for dinner and overnight.

Day 5- St. Andrews and Perth

Travel along the coastal route past picturesque fishing villages to St. Andrews, the ancient Ecclesiastical Capital of Scotland. Visit the ruins of St. Andrews Cathedral and the nearby castle with its notorious "Bottle Dungeon" where Knox and Reformers were held prisoner. You'll not want to miss a look at the famous "Old Course" of St. Andrews, renowned as the Birthplace of Golf! Today we will perform a mission concert. Continue to Perth area for overnight.

Day 6- Perth, Loch Lommond and Mull

This morning you will visit St. John's Church in Perth, where Knox preached in May of 1559 and fanned the flame of the Reformation. The beautiful countryside of Scotland will enchant you as you take the high road to Loch Lommond. Here, you will have a boat ride on this loch made famous by the song, "The Bonny Banks of Loch Lommond". Continue to Oban, where you will board a ferry to the Isle of Mull. Dinner and overnight on the Isle of Mull.

Day 7- Iona

A short ferry ride will bring you to this quiet and peaceful Isle of Iona, the resting place for many Scottish Kings. An entire day is yours to explore the rich spiritual history of Iona. As you visit the Abbey and shrine, you will begin to understand why Iona is thought of as a place of spiritual power. Throughout the centuries pilgrims have come to Iona, which is Scotland's first Christian monastic settlement. Return to the Isle of Mull for dinner and overnight.

Day 8- Inveraray and Glasgow and Concert

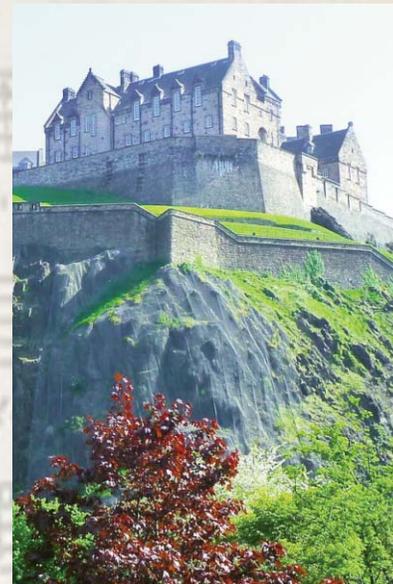
A delightful ride takes you to the famous Inveraray Castle, home of the 12th Duke of Argyll and seat of Clan Campbell. After your visit to the castle, you'll continue to Glasgow, the commercial capital of Scotland. Glasgow is well-endowed with Victorian architecture. You'll visit the Glasgow Cathedral, dedicated to St. Mungo. The cathedral was the only one on the Scottish mainland to survive the violence of the Reformation era. Dinner and overnight in the Glasgow area.

Day 9- Glasgow

This morning you will continue your tour of the city of Glasgow. In the afternoon you will perform your last concert. Remainder of day is at your leisure to enjoy the city centre with its shops and statues. Other attractions include the Gallery of Modern Art, St. Mungo's Cathedral (dating from the 14th century), and strolling along the river Clyde in beautiful, historic Glasgow Green. Dinner and overnight in the Glasgow Area.

Day 10- Travel

You'll depart for the airport and board your return flight to the USA.



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POSSIBLE VENUES:

St. Giles Cathedral
St. John's Kirk of Perth
Crathie Church
Bathgate Young People's Center
Royal School for the Blind
More upon request.....

Venues will be determined based upon availability at time of booking.

SPAIN



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POSSIBLE VENUES:

Cathedral of Seville
St. Albert Church
Basilica of St. Migual
Parroquia San Manuel y San Benito
La Alumenda Cathedral
Nuestra Senora
Kings Chapel
Iglesia de San Marcos
More upon request...

Venues will be determined based upon availability at time of booking.

Day 1- Travel

Depart the USA for a journey of a lifetime.

Day 2- Arrive in Madrid

Upon arrival in Madrid you will participate in an orientation city tour. Transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3- Madrid

After breakfast, the choir will hold its first rehearsal. After lunch, you will tour the city of Madrid. You will see Espana Square, Puerta del Sol, Cortes Square, Neptune Fountain, Prado Museum, Cibeles Square, Alcala Street, Gran Via, and the Royal Palace. After a full afternoon of sightseeing, you will return to the hotel to have dinner.

Day 4- Madrid and Avila

After breakfast the choir will drive to Avila, a wonderfully well-preserved Middle Age walled city. You will visit the Cathedral Avila. Continue to Segovia, and see the famous Roman aqueduct and visit the Alcazar and the Cathedral, Segovia. As you return to the hotel, visit La Granja to see the palace and its gardens. Return to Hotel for dinner and overnight. Tonight you will perform a concert in one of the many venues: the Basilica of St. Migual, Parroquia San Manuel y San Benito, La Alumenda Cathedral, Nuestra Senora, Kings Chapel in the Royal Palace, or the Iglesia de San Marcos for the local community.

Day 5- Toledo

Today you depart Madrid and drive to Toledo. On foot you will walk through its narrow streets and visit the cathedral, Church of St. Thomas, and the synagogue of Santa Maria La Blanca. Transfer to Granada for dinner and overnight. Perform a concert of hope and encouragement to those in need as you sing at a mission venue in Toledo. Mission audience will consist of orphanages, hospitals, blind institutes, and others...

Day 6- Granada

After breakfast you will visit the Alhambra consisting of the Moorish palace and gardens. Visit the Royal chapel and the most important renaissance cathedral of Spain. You will also visit the Generalife, the former country and residence of the sultans of Granada and then continue to Torremolinos for dinner and overnight.

Day 7- Seville

After breakfast, you will drive through the streets of the city to Maria Luisa Park, Plaza de America, and Plaza de Espana. You will visit the cathedral, La Giralda, the Santa Cruz Quarter, and the Alcazar. After your visit you will return to the hotel for dinner and prepare for your first formal concert. Perform a concert in the Cathedral of Seville or in St. Albert Church for the local community.

Day 8- Seville

After breakfast the rest of the day is at leisure to experience the wonderfully relaxing Spanish lifestyle. Enjoy local delicacies in quaint cafes, shop for souvenirs, or you may want to take in a Flamenco show. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

Day 9- Cordoba and Madrid

After breakfast, you will travel to Cordoba. Walk through its narrow, hidden and twisted little streets visiting the typical courtyards "patios", the synagogue, and the Mosque. The mosque was the first Arabic monument in Europe, which was built in the seventh century and enlarged three times during the ninth and tenth centuries, and later converted into a Catholic church in the thirteenth century. Transfer to the hotel in Madrid for dinner and overnight.

Day 10- Travel

Today you depart for the USA having left behind your musical mark in beautiful and exotic Spain!

SWITZERLAND

Day 1- Travel

Depart the US and board your overnight flight to Switzerland. Make sure to get lots of rest as you dream of your Alpine adventure!

Day 2- Arrive in Switzerland

Arrive in Zurich, Switzerland. Upon transfer to the hotel, the choir will participate in a city orientation tour. Arrive at hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3- Rehearsal and Engelberg

This morning, the choir will participate in a rehearsal. After rehearsal, become better acquainted with the delights of Engelberg as you explore this wonderful village on your own. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided visit at the Benedictine Monastery, founded in 1140. You'll see the monastery's famous pipe organ, the largest in Switzerland, and enjoy a special concert. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4- Mount Titlis

After breakfast you will perform your first concert of the tour in the Engelberg Benedictine Monastery or similar for the local community during morning mass. After the concert, enjoy a gondola ride up to Mount Titlis. Enjoy a trip up Mt. Titlis via the world's first revolving aerial cable car. It's a 45-minute journey via 3 different cable cars that take you from the green valley bottom to atop a high alpine glacier. On top, you can enjoy a walk through the ice grotto, take an inner-tube ride on the snow, or sip a cup of hot chocolate in the mountain top panorama restaurant. Later in the day, you will transfer to Lucerne for dinner and overnight.

Day 5- Lucerne

Today you will visit the city of Lucerne. The 14th century city wall, boasting nine different watchtowers, is one of the best-preserved and longest fortifications in Europe. The colorful painted panels of Lucerne's famous wooden Kappel Bridge depict the city's history. See the twin towered Jesuit Church that is one of the most handsome baroque buildings in Switzerland. For comparison, visit the Hofkirche, built in the Renaissance style, and the Franciscan Church that was built in the high Gothic style. You'll also view the sad and famous Lion Monument of Lucerne which Mark Twain called the most mournful and moving piece of stone in the world. Carved out of a sheer sandstone cliff, it depicts a dying lion, his chin sagging on his shield.

Day 6- Interlaken and Brienz

After breakfast, travel to Interlaken, the heart of Switzerland. Flower-lined streets and the surrounding mountains will be familiar postcard images to you. Also familiar will be the towering nearby peaks of the Jungfrau, Eiger and Monch. You'll travel across

incredible Swiss mountain ranges; catch glimpses of glaciers and travel through breathtaking mountains. Your journey ends at the charming town of Brienz where delicate woodcarvings are traditional and even the houses seem hand-carved. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 7- Zurich

Start your day with a drive to Zurich where you will perform a morning mission concert. After the concert enjoy a guided tour of Zurich. You'll stroll through the colorful cobblestone streets of the Old Town and see the Fraumunster and Grossmunster Minsters that face each other across the river Limmat. Return to the hotel for dinner.

Day 8- Bern and Emmental Valley

Today you will enjoy the picture perfect capital of Switzerland. With sandstone buildings, historic towers and unique fountains, Bern is one of the finest examples of medieval architecture in Europe and is listed as a World Heritage Site. The city's appearance has remained virtually unchanged for centuries. The river Aare snakes round Bern's Old Town where 6 kilometers of arcades - the longest covered shopping promenades in Europe - offer a variety of delightful restaurants, cafés and colorful markets. The city is famous for its bears, both as a tourist attraction and as Bern's Coat of Arms. The town is also famous as the place where Einstein developed his special theory of relativity and where Tobler created his world-famous Toblerone chocolate. Travel through the most beautiful Emmental Valley, home of the famous cheese. You will have a chance to enjoy a sample and learn how the famous Emmental Cheese is made when you visit a cheese factory. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9- Zurich

Enjoy a day of leisure in Zurich. There is much to see and do in this pristine city, including St. Peter's Church, a multitude of museums, and the extensive Zoological Garden. Notably, the Great Glass Hall of the Zoo Garden houses the Masoala Rainforest Ecosystem- a living study of exotic trees, plants, animals from Madagascar. Full of the beauty of the city and thankful for its many enlightening experiences, the choir will perform their final concert.

Day 10- Travel

Depart Switzerland with fond memories that are anything but neutral and return to the US.



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POSSIBLE VENUES:

Englebert Benedictine Monastery
Jesuit Church of Lucerne
Frauenkirche Zurich
More upon request...

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WESLEY HERITAGE



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POSSIBLE VENUES:

Bath Abbey
John Wesley's Chapel
Holy Trinity Church
St. Paul's Cathedral
St. Andrews Church
of Epworth
More upon request...

Venues will be determined based upon availability at time of booking.

Day 1- Travel

Board your trans-Atlantic flight and prepare for your wonderful tour following in the founding steps of John, Charles and Samuel Jr. - the Wesley Brothers.

Day 2- Arrive in England

Your Wesley Heritage travel study program begins as our representative greets you outside the baggage claim area. Your first view will be of Westminster Abbey where royalty are christened, married and buried. You will visit St. Paul's Cathedral where John Wesley often worshipped. On the day of his conversion, Wesley came here for an afternoon service and was deeply moved by the choir's anthem, "Out of the Deep Have I Called Unto Thee, O Lord". Afternoon arrival at your hotel and dinner.

Day 3- London and Birmingham

Experience the lifestyle of our British friends as you explore the vibrant town of London. You'll be impressed with the regal adornment of Buckingham Palace. Drive by the major city sites such as Marble Arch, Speakers Corner of Hyde Park, Trafalgar Square and much more. John Wesley left his mark on the town of London. You'll have a lecture at City Road Chapel, site of Wesley's home and grave. Across the street in Bunhill Fields Cemetery, Susanna Wesley is buried along with other famous personages such as John Bunyan and Daniel Defoe. You'll walk on Aldersgate Street where on May 24, 1738, John Wesley had his "Warming of the Heart" experience. You'll walk past the entrance of "Little Britain" where Charles Wesley had his conversion experience just three days earlier. In the late afternoon, you will depart for the Midlands area, where you will spend the next seven nights at a first class hotel.

Day 4- Bristol, Bath and Cheddar

In the ancient port city of Bristol, you'll have a lecture in one of Wesley's early centers of ministry, the "New Room". This is the oldest Methodist building in the world and is unusually attractive in its basic simplicity. Then visit the home of Charles Wesley, the famous hymn writer. Bath, a spa town of Roman origin, deserves its name. Since the first century, the warm waters have refreshed and healed. You'll see the unique Roman baths and enjoy this beautiful city of 18th century streets and quaint shops. Participate in a lunchtime concert at Bath Abbey for visitors assembled there. Afterwards, travel just outside of town to the area that inspired the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth". Hang on tight as you ride along a twisting, turning road cut through towering limestone cliffs. This is Cheddar Gorge, a true natural wonder that inspired A.M. Toplady to write the famous hymn "Rock of Ages".

Day 5- Coventry and Birmingham

The evening of November 14, 1940, a holocaust of bombs and fire destroyed much of Coventry. Experience the pain and the triumph of the townspeople when you visit the beautiful cathedral. The charred ruins of the old cathedral sit next to the exciting architecture of the modern cathedral. They stand together as a

tribute to the indomitable spirit of the British people. Celebrate this triumphal spirit with an afternoon concert in Coventry Cathedral. In Birmingham, you'll visit the boyhood home of Francis Asbury. Sent to America by Wesley, Asbury became the first elected bishop of the American Methodist Church.

Day 6- Worcester and Gloucester

On the banks of the River Severn stands the great sandstone Cathedral of Worcester. Worcester was home to Frances Havergal, author of "Take My Life and Let it Be", whose father was a clergyman here. You will have an opportunity to visit the Royal Worcester porcelain shops. The city of Gloucester boasts a small church that changed the world! Here you'll learn about George Whitefield, who grew up in the congregation of St. Mary de Crypt. He was at Oxford with the Wesley brothers and became an ardent member of their Holy Club. Known as the greatest orator of his day, George Whitefield's talents led him to minister in America. St. Mary de Crypt also produced Robert Raikes, founder of the Sunday School movement. Both Whitefield and Raikes had a profound influence upon Wesley. Wesley left his fellowship at Lincoln College to take over Whitefield's Bristol ministry, leading to the founding of the "New Room". He also embraced Raikes Sunday School movement. At St. Mary de Crypt, the first Women's Society was founded.

Day 7- Epworth

The quiet English countryside and green, rolling hills will delight you as you travel to remote Epworth in the Fen Country. Here Samuel and Susanna Wesley raised their brood of children in the Old Rectory while he served the Parish Church for 39 years. You'll become familiar with the upbringing and early life of John and Charles Wesley when you visit their childhood home. You'll see Memorial Church, built with contributions from around the world. Then visit St. Andrews Church at Epworth and prepare for your formal evening concert here.

Day 8- Cotswolds, Bourton-on-the-Water, Broadway, Stow-on-the-Wold

Explore the charming villages of the Cotswolds, where honey colored cottages cluster together in secluded valleys. Even the names are charming -- Stow-on-the-Wold, Bourton-on-the-Water. Complete this storybook day with an English Cream Tea or a visit to some of the quaint shops in Broadway, where the tale of Peter Pan was written.

Day 9- Stratford and Oxford

You'll glimpse life as it was in the day of William Shakespeare when you visit his birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon. Not far away, he courted his wife, Anne Hathaway, in the garden of her delightful thatched-roof cottage. You'll also drive past Holy Trinity Church, where Shakespeare is buried. Learn about the educational background of the Wesley brothers when you view Christ Church College at Oxford University.

Day 10- Travel

Say farewell as you return to the USA.

GREECE

14 DAY TOUR WITH CRUISE

Day 1 & 2- Depart USA and Arrive Greece

Your trans-Atlantic flight will take place in the evening and you will arrive in Athens on the following day. You will be met in Athens by our representative and will be transferred to your hotel for dinner and a relaxing evening.

Day 3 Athens- The architectural splendors of this ancient city are as magical as ever. Follow your guide on a journey to the world-renown Acropolis with the famous Propylaea entrance. See the Parthenon, Erechtheum, Mars Hill, the Agora (ancient market place and center of Athenian public life), the House of Parliament, Presidential Palace and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This afternoon you are free to explore Athens on your own.

Day 4- Olympos Mountains and Thermopylae Pass

Your journey continues in the shadow of the Olympos Mountains through the beautiful and historic Greek countryside. Travel via the Thermopylae Pass, whose name still stirs the modern Greek heart. Here, 400 years before Christ, 300 Spartans stood against 30,000 Persians. The heroic Spartans are said to be buried in a mound, which is still visible today.

Day 5- Amphipolis, Philippi and Neapolis

Like Paul and Silas, you'll travel to Amphipolis, where you will see the ruins of many Christian basilicas. In Philippi, visit the site where Paul was moved to preach his first evangelical sermon to women who had gathered at the river. There he baptized Lydia, a cloth merchant, to become the first Christian baptized on European soil. You'll also see a crypt dating from the Roman period, which is thought to have served as a prison for Paul. You'll see the famous Acropolis, the Market Place, Basilica and the Theatre. You will visit Neapolis (Kavalla), Greece's most picturesque mainland port. Paul landed here with his disciples, Timothy and Silas. Here you will see the Roman Aqueduct and Acropolis.

Day 6- Thessalonika and Veria

In Thessalonika, the city where Paul was accused of turning the world upside down by his preaching of Christ, and the church to which he addressed his Thessalonian epistles, you will visit St. George's Basilica, traditionally believed to be built over the synagogue where Paul preached. View the Old City Ramparts, the Galerius Arch that rises over the Via Egnatia, and the Archaeological Museum. See two of the most beautiful basilicas in the city, St. Sophia and St. Demetrius, dedicated to a distinguished member of the Roman army and a martyred Christian convert.

Day 7- Meteora and Delphi

Visit the rock forest of Meteora in western Thessaly and ponder the rough terrain through which the apostle Paul walked during his missionary journey. See the famous Byzantine monasteries perched precariously on summits of soaring, sheer-sided grey rock pinnacles. Visit one of these monasteries and enjoy learning about their history which dates back to the 14th century. Travel to scenic Delphi, the religious center of the ancient Greek world, considered by early Greeks to be the center of the world and marked by the conical stone, called the omphalos or navel. Walk the Sacra Via to the Athenian Treasury, the Theatre, and the Temple of Apollo where the oracle performed prophetic rituals. With innumerable pagan ruins surrounding your walk, capture a glimpse of the challenge the apostle Paul encountered as he sought to preach the Gospel of Christ in Macedonia. Visit the Museum where you will view many ancient treasures, the chief of which is the 5th century bronzed Charioteer, complete with even eyelashes.

Day 8- Corinth and Cenchræae

In Corinth, the city that inspired many of Paul's most familiar letters, you will visit the Archaeological Museum, the Market Place, the Bema and Temples. After a touching farewell to the people of Corinth, Paul traveled across the plain to the harbor of Cenchræae from which he embarked for Ephesus.

Day 9- Mykonos Cruise

This morning, you will board the ship and sail the blue waters of the Aegean Sea. In the evening, you will arrive at the world-famous Greek Island of Mykonos, where gleaming whitewashed buildings seem to climb atop each other to reach the azure sky.

Day 10- Ephesus and Patmos Cruise

This morning, you will arrive in Kusadasi, Turkey, and will journey to Ephesus where Paul spent three years during his ministry. The ruins of Ephesus, the marble city, have been restored much as the city was in Paul's time. You will visit the Agora and imagine where Demetrius, the silversmith, sold his silver shrines of the Greek goddess Artemis. Enter the great theater and have a worship service in the place where Paul witnessed faithfully for Christ. Not far away is the stadium where chariot races took place and gladiatorial combats were held. Tradition has it that Paul himself fought here against wild beasts. Visit the ruins of St. John's Basilica where early Christian tradition tells us the "disciple whom Jesus loved" was buried. Plus, you will see one of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World", the ruins of the Temple of Diana (Artemis). Next, set sail for Island of Patmos. Once there, you will visit the Monastery of St. John, high on the mountain overlooking the entire island. Walk down to the Grotto of the Apocalypse and the caves where the exiled Apostle John lived and was inspired by God to write the Book of Revelation as well as other letters to the early church.

Day 11- Rhodes Cruise

Fleeing Jerusalem, the crusaders known as the Knights of St. John settled on the Island of Rhodes. You will see the castles and the old city they built which still impress visitors. The knights lasted for two centuries until they plundered one too many Muslim pilgrim ships, enraging Suleiman the Magnificent who lost 50 thousand men in his successful bid to take the island.

Day 12- Crete and Santorini

HERAKLION (CRETE): 7:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Heraklion, the capital of Crete, was the center of the great Minoan Civilization that flourished in the Bronze Age and abruptly ended with the eruption of the volcano of Santorini. Enjoy an excursion to the incredible ruins of the Palace of Knossos, which was discovered in 1899 by Sir Arthur Evans and partially reconstructed. The Archaeological Museum in Heraklion displays many of the treasures found during the excavations.

SANTORINI: 4:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

The island of Santorini is one of the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands, also known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean". Enjoy an excursion to the town of Thera where whitewashed houses, open-air cafes, and glittering boutiques cling to steep cliffs accessible only by cable car or donkey.

Day 13- Athens

Disembark the ship after breakfast and choose to explore Athens on your own if you wish, or enjoy an optional one-day cruise (additional charge). Note: Your hotel room may not be ready until the afternoon.

Day 14- Depart

Leave Greece with newfound knowledge and beautiful memories and return to the United States.



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