

Sacramento Choral Society

American Celebration of Music in the Baltics & Finland

June 23-July 2, 2017 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1 Friday, June 23

7:30am Depart San Francisco via United Airlines Flight #408
3:31pm Arrive in Dulles
6:05pm Depart Dulles via Lufthansa Airlines Flight #419

Day 2 Saturday, June 24 Riga (D)

8:00am Arrive in Frankfurt
10:15am Depart Frankfurt via Lufthansa Airlines Flight #890
1:15pm Arrive in Riga
Meet your MCI Tour Managers, Ieva Kalcheva and Aija Tamsone, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoaches
Transfer to the hotel via orientation tour of Riga's highlights enroute
Late afternoon check-in to the Radisson Blu Latvia Conference & Spa Hotel
7:00pm Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight at your hotel

Day 3 Sunday, June 25 Riga (B)

Breakfast at the hotel
9:00am Morning combined walking tour and bus tour through Riga visiting the old town, surrounded by a water channel, with the famous Dome cathedral, St. John and St. Peter churches, the Freedom Monument, National Opera, Parliament, Castle and the cozy spacious squares, remarkable Art Nouveau district
Lunch, on own
2:00pm Afternoon excursion to Jurmala, a beautiful Latvian resort, situated at the Baltic Coast and known for its splendid wooden architecture. Free time to enjoy the Baltic Sea, and wandering around the streets
7:00pm Return to Riga for dinner, on own
Return to your hotel for overnight

Day 4 Monday, June 26 Riga (B)

Breakfast at the hotel
9:00am Morning excursion to ethnographic open air museum, which represents different regions of Latvia through the last three centuries
Lunch, on own
3:00pm Arrive at the Guild Hall for set-up and rehearsal
Rehearsal with the Latvian Music Academy (2 hours)
6:30pm Concert in the Great Guild Concert Hall with the Latvian Music Academy as part of the American Celebration of Music in Latvia
Evening dinner, on own
Return to your hotel for overnight



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Day 5	Tuesday, June 27	Riga / Tallinn	(B,L)
	Breakfast at the hotel		
	Hotel check-out and load motorcoaches		
9:00am	Morning transfer to Tallinn. On the way, stop in Gauja National park, surrounded by hilly river banks and sandy caves. Visit the 13th century Turaida castle, built under the order of Teutonic knight and Riga's bishop		
12:30pm	Lunch included at Restaurant Kungu Rija		
	Continue to Tallinn		
	Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities		
	Dinner, on own		
	Check-in to the Park Inn by Radisson Meriton Conference & Spa Hotel		
	Overnight at your hotel		
Day 6	Wednesday, June 28	Tallinn	(B)
	Breakfast at the hotel		
8:30am	Morning excursion to Lahemaa National Park. Visit the ethnographical village in Altja, together with the coastal villages of Vosu and Kasmu. To get the most of your day, visit the famous Palmse manor, an intact manor ensemble dating back to the end of the 18 th and the beginning of the 19 th century		
	Lunch, on own		
2:00pm	Afternoon visit to KUMU art museum, a new type of modern multifunctional art building that contains exhibit halls, lecture hall offering diverse facilities, and an educational centre for young visitors and for art lovers. Also pass the beautiful Kadriorg park with its palace, the seaside area to have a look at the Russalka monument and the Tallinn Song Festival grounds		
	Evening dinner, on own and overnight at your hotel		
Day 7	Thursday, June 29	Tallinn	(B)
	Breakfast at the hotel		
9:00am	Morning walking tour through Tallinn visiting the upper (Toompea fortress and Parliament, Orthodox and Lutheran cathedrals, panoramic viewpoint) and lower (Town Hall square, Merchant Guild Houses) parts of the old town		
	Lunch, on own		
	Transfer to the Estonia Concert Hall		
3:00pm	Arrive at the Estonia Concert Hall for set-up and warm-up		
3:30pm	Rehearsal with the Estonian Youth Symphony Orchestra (2 hours)		
6:30pm	<i>Concert in Estonia Concert Hall with the Estonian Youth Symphony Orchestra as part of the American Celebration of Music in Estonia (1.5 hours)</i>		
	Evening dinner, on own and overnight at your hotel		
Day 8	Friday, June 30	Tallinn / Helsinki	(B,L)
	Breakfast at the hotel		
	Hotel check-out and load motorcoaches		
9:30am	Transfer to the port of Tallinn to board your ferry to Helsinki		
1:00pm	Lunch included in the city center of Helsinki		
2:30pm	Afternoon excursion to Järvanpää to visit Ainola, the home of the famous Finnish composer Sibelius. Ainola stands on the scenic shores of Lake Tuusula. Continue to Villa Kokkonen, dedicated to another Finnish composer Jonas Kokkonen. It is a unique residence where nature and human everyday life is blended together with two forms of art - music and architecture		
	Evening dinner, on own		
	Check-in to the Scandic Park Hotel for overnight		



Day 9 Saturday, July 1 Helsinki (B,D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:30am Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Helsinki including seeing the most splendid places: Lutheran Cathedral by the Senate Square, the Uspensky Cathedral, the Governmental Palace, the University of Helsinki, Sibelius Monument (a huge steel structure resembling a set of organ pipes symbolizing the music of the greatest Finnish composer), and the famous "Rock Church"
Lunch, on own
Return to Helsinki
- 3:00pm Arrive at Finlandia Concert Hall for set-up and warm-up
- 3:30pm Rehearsal with the Sibelius Academy Orchestra (2 hours)
- 6:00pm *Concert in Finlandia Concert Hall with the Sibelius Academy Orchestra as part of the American Celebration of Music in Finland***
- 8:00pm Evening Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant
Return to your hotel for overnight

Day 10 Sunday, July 2 Depart for home (B)

- Group 1 – Box breakfast from the hotel
- Group 1 – Hotel check-out and load motorcoach
- 4:00am Group 1 – Transfer to Helsinki's International Airport for return flight
- 6:35am Group 1 – Depart Helsinki via Lufthansa Airlines Flight #855
- 8:10am Group 1 – Arrive in Frankfurt
- 10:30am Group 1 – Depart Frankfurt via Lufthansa Airlines Flight #454
- 12:55pm Group 1 – Arrive in San Francisco

OR Continue onto the Extension Tour Itinerary

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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