

Sacramento Choral Society

American Celebration of Music in Austria, Slovenia, & Croatia

June 16 – 25, 2019 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1	Sunday, June 16		
2:55pm	Depart San Francisco via Lufthansa Flight #455		
Day 2	Monday, June 17	Munich / Salzburg	(D)
10:45am	Arrive in Frankfurt		
12:15pm	Depart Frankfurt via Lufthansa Flight #104		
1:10pm	Arrive in Munich		
	Meet your MCI Tour Managers, Jared Fuerst, Esther Duffles and Ruth Barosch, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoaches		
	Transfer to Salzburg		
	Check-in to the Wyndham Grand Salzburg Conference Center Hotel		
7:00pm	Evening Welcome Dinner at your hotel and overnight		
Day 3	Tuesday, June 18	Salzburg	(B)
	American buffet breakfast at the hotel		
9:00am	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 or other activities		
	Return to the hotel to change into concert clothes		
5:30pm	Arrive in concert dress to the University Church for rehearsal with orchestra and soloists (70 minutes)		
6:40pm	Break to allow audience in		
7:00pm	<i>Performance at University Church in Salzburg as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria (1 hour)</i>		
8:00pm	Clear space and depart for dinner (30 minutes)		
	Evening dinner, on own		
10:00pm	Return to your hotel for overnight		
Day 4	Wednesday, June 19	Salzburg / Kranjska Gora	(B,L)
7:00am	American buffet breakfast at the hotel		
	Hotel check-out and load motorcoaches		
8:00am	Transfer to Burg Hochosterwitz		
12:30pm	Lunch at Burg Hochosterwitz		
	Visit Burg Hochosterwitz fortress. This fairytale fortress (it claims to be the inspiration for the castle in Sleeping Beauty) drapes itself around the slopes of a hill, with 14 gate towers on the path up to the final bastion. These were built between 1570 and 1586 by Georg Khevenhüller, the then owner, to protect against Turkish invasion		
	Continue to Kranjska Gora, a beautiful ski town		
	Check-in to the Hotel Kompas		
	Dinner at your hotel and overnight		



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Day 5	Thursday, June 20	Bled / Kranjska Gora	(B,D)
	American buffet breakfast at the hotel		
	Transfer to Bled		
	Full-day at leisure to enjoy the beautiful setting of Bled		
	Lunch, on own		
	Evening dinner, on own, in Bled		
9:00pm	Return transfer to Kranjska Gora for overnight		
Day 6	Friday, June 21	Postojna Caves / Porec / Ljubljana	(B,D)
	American buffet breakfast at the hotel		
	Hotel check-out and load motorcoaches		
8:00am	Transfer to Ljubljana via Postojna Caves and Porec		
	Visit Postojna Caves		
	Continue to Porec for lunch, on own		
	Enjoy a stop in Poreč for an enchanting taste of Croatia's Adriatic seacoast. Here we will visit the monumental and ancient Byzantine Basilica of St. Euphrasius, with mosaics that date from as far back as the third century		
	Continue on to Ljubljana		
	Dinner at a local restaurant		
	Check-in to your assigned hotel in Ljubljana (See hotel information page) for overnight		
Day 7	Saturday, June 22	Ljubljana	(B,D)
	American buffet breakfast at the hotel		
	Enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour of Ljubljana. The old town is dotted with shops and numerous outdoor cafes and restaurants. Stroll along the riverside promenade and visit the bustling and colorful open-air market. Also visit Ljubljana Castle		
	Lunch, on own		
	Afternoon at leisure in Ljubljana for shopping and sightseeing		
	Arrive at St. Nicholas for rehearsal with orchestra and soloists		
	Break to allow audience in and change into concert clothing		
8:30pm	<i>Performance at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Ljubljana as part of the American Celebration of Music in Slovenia (1 hour)</i>		
	Dinner at a local restaurant		
	Return to your hotel for overnight		
Day 8	Sunday, June 23	Maribor / Ptuj / Zagreb	(B)
	American buffet breakfast at the hotel		
	Hotel check-out and load motorcoaches		
	Transfer to Zagreb via Maribor and Ptuj		
	Visit Maribor for free time. Maribor, the 2012 European Cultural Capital and the 2013 European Youth Capital. Maribor is pleasantly small and set in the wonderful natural surroundings of Pohorje on the one side and wine growing hills on the other, with the river Drava winding its way through it. The city is full of lively streets and squares, where history and tradition mix with dynamism		
	Visit Ptuj for lunch (on own) and free time. Rising gently above a wide valley, Ptuj forms a symphony of red-tile roofs best viewed from across the Drava River. One of the oldest towns in Slovenia, Ptuj equals Ljubljana in terms of historical importance. Ptuj has a compact medieval core, with its castle, museums, monasteries and churches		



Continue on to Zagreb
 Check-in to the Hotel International
 Dinner, on own
 Return to your hotel for overnight

Day 9 Monday, June 24 Zagreb (B,D)

American buffet breakfast at the hotel
 Half-Day guided tour of Zagreb, including the Mirogoj Cemetery, where the graves are scattered between quiet walking paths and leafy trees that make this a favorite place to stroll. Next, drive into the town center, then stretch your legs on a walking tour of the city's historic sites. You'll see Ban Jelacic, which has long been the heart of Zagreb's bustling society, then continue to the Cathedral of the Assumption, the tallest building in Croatia

Board the Funicular Railway to the Upper Town, where you'll find the fortified Lotrscak Tower, the Baroque Church of St. Catherine, the Croatian Parliament, and St. Mark's Church, whose colorful roof has become a symbol of the city. Descend back into the Lower Town via the Stone Gate, which shelters a small chapel to the city's patron saint, then finish the tour in Zagreb's main square, close to shops, restaurants, and attractions

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or hotel activities

Arrive at the Assumption Cathedral for sound-check

Break to allow audience in and change into concert clothing

8:00pm *Performance at Zagreb Cathedral as part of the as part of the American Celebration of Music in Croatia (1 hour)*

Walk to dinner

Evening Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant

Return to your hotel for overnight

Day 10 Tuesday, June 25 Depart for home (B)

Group 1 & 2 – Boxed breakfast from the hotel

Group 1 & 2 – Hotel check-out and load motorcoaches

Group 1 & 2 – Transfer to Zagreb's International Airport for return flight

6:40am **Group 1** – Depart Zagreb via Lufthansa Flight #1405

8:15am **Group 1** – Arrive in Frankfurt

10:20am **Group 1** – Depart Frankfurt via Lufthansa Flight #454

12:45pm **Group 1** – Arrive in San Francisco

7:45am **Group 2** – Depart Zagreb via Croatia Airlines Flight #410

9:15am **Group 2** – Arrive in Frankfurt

10:20am **Group 2** – Depart Frankfurt via Lufthansa Flight #454

12:45pm **Group 2** – Arrive in San Francisco

OR continue onto the Extension Tour

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. © Music Celebrations International



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