

Arizona Masterworks Choral & Friends

Concert Tour of Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Austria 2006

Day 1 Sun May 21st

Phoenix, AZ to Krakow & Salzburg

The ARIZONA MASTERWORKS CHORALE departs Sky Harbor International Airport, Phoenix, AZ on United Airlines and Austrian Airlines for Krakow, Poland.

The FRIENDS CONTINGENCY departs Sky Harbor International Airport, Phoenix, AZ on United Airlines and Austrian Airlines for Vienna, Austria. (bus transfer to Salzburg)

For flight details please check your flight ticket

Beverages, dinner and breakfast will be served on board.



Day 2 Mon May 22nd

Krakow & Salzburg

2.35 pm ARIZONA MASTERWORKS CHORALE in Krakow:
arrive Krakow on your Austrian Airlines flight OS597
You will be met at Krakow International airport by your professional English-speaking tour guide *Mr. Ondra Strejcek* (phone: +420-777-210971) and your driver, both experienced in concert touring.
Board your deluxe air-conditioned touring coach and start first orientation tour of **Krakow**

Renaissance arcades, enchanting onion domes, Baroque spires, storybook streets, and Leonardo da Vinci's sublime painting Cecilia Gallerani -- little wonder the stunning beauty of this 1,000-year-old city and its sights attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors annually. Kraków (Cracow), seat of Poland's oldest university and the former capital of Poland, is one of the few Polish cities that escaped devastation by Hitler's armies during World War II. UNESCO listed Kraków as a World Heritage site in 1978 for its historic buildings and sites.

Lunch on your own
Transfer to hotel
Check-in hotel **MONOPOL**

At leisure, time to overcome jet lag.

6.00 pm Welcome dinner provided at hotel

7.00 pm Rehearsal at hotel (seminar room)
Overnight Krakow (1)

THE FRIENDS CONTINGENCY in Salzburg:

8.40 am arrive Vienna on your Austrian Airlines flight OS94
You will be met at Vienna International airport by your professional English-speaking tour guide *Ms Zuzka Milkova* phone: +420-608524563 and your driver, both experienced in concert touring.

9.45 am Board your deluxe air-conditioned touring coach and transfer to Salzburg
Stop en route for lunch on your own

3.00 pm Arrive **Salzburg - The stage of the world!**
Art lovers call Salzburg the Golden City of High Baroque; historians refer to it as the Florence of the North, or the German Rome; and music lovers know it as the Festival City -- birthplace of Mozart and home of the world-famous Salzburg Festival.

Check-in hotel *NEUTOR*

6.00 pm At leisure, time to overcome jet lag.
Welcome dinner provided at local restaurant *Wartenberg* (walking distance from hotel)
Overnight Salzburg (1)



Day 3 Tue May 23rd

Krakow & Salzburg

8.00am The ARIZONA MASTERWORKS CHORALE in Krakow

Breakfast at hotel

9.00am meet your local guide at the hotel and start your guided city tour.
See the Market Square, the 14th-century Jagiellonian University, St. Mary's Church, and Wawel Royal Castle.

12.00 pm Lunch provided at local restaurant

Afternoon at leisure

5.00 pm Depart bus for concert-venue

5.30 pm begin sound check

6.00 pm end of sound check

7.00pm **EVENING CONCERT TOUR PERFORMANCE (#1) BY THE ARIZONA MASTERWORKS CHORALE CONDUCTED BY MARY ANN DUTTON AT THE ST. KATHARINA CHURCH IN KRAKOW**

Dinner on your own
Transfer back to hotel
Overnight Krakow (2)

THE FRIENDS CONTINGENCY in Salzburg:
8.00 am Breakfast at hotel
9.00 am meet your local guide and start your guided city tour of Salzburg including a visit to Mozart's birthplace (entrance not included).
12.00 am Lunch provided at local restaurant *Stieglkeller*
Afternoon at leisure
Dinner on your own
Overnight Salzburg (2)

Day 4 Wed May 24th

Krakow & Salzburg to Prague

The ARIZONA MASTERWORKS CHORALE and the FRIENDS CONTINGENCY
7.00 am Breakfast at hotel
8.00 am Depart for Prague
Lunch on your own en route
Both groups arrive in **Prague** in the late afternoon

Prague, the city of hundred spires is the living soul of the Czech Republic. Prague has been a junction of European trade routes and a political and social center for centuries.

As history passed through Prague it left indelible marks everywhere, as well as the influence of many cultures that had met in Prague during past times. This beautiful mixture of many styles from Romanesque and Baroque to Art Nouveau, Cubist and contemporary styles together with the Jewish Quarter and innumerable entertainment opportunities has created the unforgettable atmosphere and made Prague one of the most surprising places in the world to visit.

The historic heart of Prague, due to its extraordinary character, is on the UNESCO list of World Monuments.

6.00 pm Check-in hotel *EMMY*
Dinner provided at hotel (AMC)
7.00 pm Dinner provided at hotel (FRIENDS)
at leisure
Overnight Prague (3)



Day 5 Thu May 25th**Prague**

- 8.00 am Breakfast at hotel
- 9.00 am Meet your local guide and start city tour including **Prague Castle**, walking tour of the **old town**, **St. Vitus Cathedral**, and the **Charles Bridge**.
- 12.00 pm Lunch provided at local restaurants at *Strahov*
- 11.30 am Orchestra rehearsal # 1: Maestro Massaro rehearses The South Bohemian Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra České Budejovice (without chorus) at Kulturní dům Barikádníků in Prague
- 1.30 pm end of orchestra rehearsal
- 2.00 pm Rehearsal of Orchestra, Soloists, and Chorus at Kulturní dům Barikádníků in Prague
- 4.00 pm end of rehearsal
evening at leisure.
Dinner on your own
- 7.00 pm optional: Aida Performance on May 25 at the National Theatre in Prague – please order your tickets online:
www.ticketsonline.cz/prague-aida/
bus transfers to/from the National Theatre will be provided (no cost)
Overnight Prague (4)

Day 6 Fri May 26th**Prague**

- 8.00am Buffet breakfast at hotel
- 9.00 am Transfer to Prague city-center
- 12.00 pm Lunch provided at two different local restaurants
At leisure
- 3.00 pm return transfer from city-center to hotel
- 6.00 pm depart hotel for concert-venue
orchestra set-up
- 7.00 pm start sound check
- 7.30 pm end of sound-check
- 8.00 pm **EVENING CONCERT TOUR PERFORMANCE (#2) BY THE ARIZONA MASTERWORKS CHORALE & FRIENDS, DISTINGUISHED SOLOISTS, AND THE SOUTH BOHEMIAN CHAMBER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CONDUCTED BY MAESTRO MASSARO AT THE ST. NICOLAS CHURCH IN PRAGUE**

9.30 pm end of concert
Dinner on your own
Transfer back to hotel
Overnight Prague (5)



Day 7 Sat May 27th

Prague to Ceske Budejovice

8.00 am Buffet breakfast at hotel

9.00 am Depart Prague, travel through the rolling Bohemian and Moravian countryside to **Ceske Budejovice**.

The South Bohemian capital was founded by the Bohemian King Premysl Otakar II in 1265 on the confluence of the Rivers Malše and Vltava (Moldau) as a royal city.

2.00 pm Lunch on your own en route.
Arrive Ceske Budejovice
check in hotel ZVON
Afternoon at leisure

6.45 pm depart to concert venue (walking distance – hotel and concert venue are situated on main square
orchestra set - up

7.00 pm start sound check

7.30 pm end of sound-check

8.00 pm **EVENING CONCERT TOUR PERFORMANCE (#3) BY THE ARIZONA MASTERWORKS CHORALE & FRIENDS, DISTINGUISHED SOLOISTS, AND THE SOUTH BOHEMIAN CHAMBER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CONDUCTED BY MAESTRO MASSARO AT THE ST. NICOLAS CHURCH IN CESKE BUDEJOVICE**

9.30 pm end of concert and return to hotel

9.45 pm Dinner provided in two different restaurants in hotel Zvon
Overnight Ceske Budejovice (6)



Day 8 Sun May 28th

Ceske Budejovice to Budapest

- 7.00 am Buffet breakfast at hotel
- 8.00 am Depart for Budapest
Lunch on your own en route
Arrive **Budapest** in the afternoon

Budapest offers breathtaking Old World grandeur and a thriving cultural life. Situated on both banks of the Danube River, the city unites the colorful hills of Buda and the wide, businesslike boulevards of Pest. Much of the charm of a visit to Budapest lies in unexpected glimpses into shadowy courtyards and in long vistas down sunlit cobbled streets. Although some 30,000 buildings were destroyed during World War II and in the 1956 Revolution, the past lingers on in the architectural details of the antique structures that remain.

Check-in hotel *MERCURE BUDA*
start guided city tour of Budapest
Explore **Buda** and **Pest**, see **Buda Castle**, **Fisherman's Bastion**, **The Hungarian Parliament** and **Heroes square** with local guide
Time for shopping at Vaci Utca

- 7.00 pm Dinner provided at hotel (AMC and Friends)
Overnight Budapest (7)

Day 9 Mon May 29th

Budapest to Vienna

- 8.00 am Buffet breakfast at hotel
- 9.00 am Depart for Vienna
Arrive **Vienna**

Vienna, one of the great capitals of Europe was for centuries home to the Habsburg rulers of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Today the empire is long gone, but many reminders of the city's imperial heyday remain, carefully preserved by the tradition-loving Viennese.

From the late 18th century on, Vienna's culture -- particularly its music -- was famous throughout Europe. Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Strauss, Mahler, and Bruckner all lived in the city.

And at the tail end of the 19th century the city's artists and architects -- Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele, Oskar Kokoschka, Josef Hoffmann, Otto Wagner, and Adolf Loos among them -- brought about an artistic revolution that swept away the past and set the stage for the radically experimental art of the 20th century.

- Lunch on your own
- 2.00 pm Check-in hotels *PARKHOTEL SCHÖNBRUNN* (AMC) and *KAVALIER* (*FRIENDS* contingency)
- 3.00 pm Start your City tour of Vienna with **Ring Avenue**, the **Hofburg Palace**, the **Opera House**, **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, **Mozart's "Figaro House"**, **City Hall** and **Schoenbrunn Palace** (entrance included) with local guide.
Possible visit to the **Central Cemetery** (honorary tombs of famous composers like **Beethoven**, **Gluck**, **Schubert**, **Johann Strauss Father and Son**, **Lanner** and **Brahms**).
Time at leisure
- 6.00 pm Dinner provided at 2 different local restaurants
Overnight Vienna (8)



Day 10 Tue May 30th Vienna

- 8.00 am Buffet breakfast at hotel
- 9.00 am Transfer to city-center
time for shopping and individual sight seeing
Lunch on your own.
- 1.00 pm Enjoy the **lecture "Focus on the 250th Birthday of Mozart,"** presented by a member of the **Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra** at Stephanie-Saal on **St. Stephan's Square**.
- 2.00 pm end of lecture
- 3.00 pm transfer back to hotel
- 6.00 pm depart hotels for concert-venue
orchestra set - up
- 7.00 pm start sound check
- 7.15 pm end of sound-check
- 7.30 pm **EVENING CONCERT TOUR PERFORMANCE (#4) BY THE ARIZONA MASTERWORKS CHORALE & FRIENDS, DISTINGUISHED SOLOISTS AND THE SOUTH BOHEMIAN CHAMBER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CONDUCTED BY MAESTRO MASSARO AT THE KARLSKIRCHE IN VIENNA**

- 9.00 pm end of concert
board buses immediately after conclusion of the concert
- 9.30 pm Farewell dinner provided at local Heurigen (2 groups)
- 10.45 pm transfer back to hotels
Overnight Vienna (9)

Day 11 Wed May 31st

Vienna to Phoenix, AZ

- 6.30 am Buffet breakfast and check-out
- 7.30 am Transfer to Vienna International Airport
- 10.30am Flight departure OS93 to Washington
For flight details please check your flight ticket

Welcome home!

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