

**Blackstone Valley Chorale
2008 Tour to BUDAPEST AND VIENNA
With extension program in VIENNA**

Final Itinerary

**Day 1
Sat June 28**

USA to BUDAPEST

Depart Boston for Budapest.

**Day 02
Sun June 29**

BUDAPEST

11.20 am **Arrive Budapest**
Meet your guide **Ulrike DANNINGER** and bus driver.
Transfer per private deluxe motor coach to Hotel



Budapest offers breathtaking Old World grandeur and a thriving cultural life. Situated on both banks of the Danube River, the city unites the colourful 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.

14.00 pm Check-into your hotel
15.00 pm start chorus rehearsal at Glass Hall of Hotel Budapest
18.00 pm end of rehearsal
19.00 pm dinner at hotel restaurant
Overnight Budapest (1)

**Day 03
Mon June 30**

BUDAPEST

8.00 am Breakfast at hotel
9.00 am start your half-day city tour of Budapest.

Explore **Buda** and **Pest**, and see the **Buda Castle**, the **Fisherman's Bastion**, the **Hungarian Parliament** and **Heroes square**

11.30 am end of city tour of Budapest.

- 12.00 am Lunch on own arrangements - time for shopping at Vaci Utca
- 14.00 pm meet and transfer to rehearsal at the seat of the orchestra
- 15.00 pm start rehearsal with soloists and chorus
- 18.00 pm end of rehearsal
- 18.15 pm transfer back to hotel
- 19.00 pm Dinner at hotel restaurant

Overnight Budapest (2)



Day 04
Tue July 01

BUDAPEST

- 8.00 am Breakfast at hotel
- 9.00 am transfer to Liszt Academy
- 10.00 am dress rehearsal in the Liszt Academy with orchestra, chorus and soloists
- 13.00 pm end of rehearsal
- 13.15 pm lunch on own arrangements
- 15.00 pm return transfer to hotel at leisure
- 18.00 pm transfer from Hotel to Liszt Academy
- 18.30 pm arrive Liszt Academy
- 19.30 pm Opening Concert performance at **THE FRANZ LISZT ACADEMY ROBERT PAGE FESTIVAL SINGERS** in co-operation with **BLACKSTONE VALLEY CHORALE, Budapest Concert Orchestra, Soloists conducted by Robert Page**
- 21.45 pm transfer from Liszt Academy to local Restaurant
- 22.00 pm Dinner at Grand Hall of Restaurant Stefánia
- 23.30 pm return transfer to hotel

Overnight Budapest (3)

Day 05
Wed July 02

BUDAPEST

- 8.00 am Breakfast at hotel
 - 9.00 am shuttle transfers available
At leisure in Budapest
 - 19.00 pm transfer from Hotel to Restaurant
 - 20.00 pm Dinner at Citadella Restaurant
 - 22.00 pm return transfer to hotel
- Overnight Budapest (4)

Day 06
Thu July 3

BUDAPEST TO VIENNA

- 8.00 am Breakfast at hotel
- 9.00 am Depart for Vienna
Arrive **Vienna** around lunch time
Lunch on own arrangements



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.

- 14.00 pm Start your City tour of Vienna with your local guide and see **Ring Avenue**, the **Hofburg Palace**, the **Opera House**, **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, **Mozart's "Figaro House"**, **City Hall** and **Schoenbrunn Palace**.

Enjoy a possible visit to the central cemetery (Honorary tombs of famous composers like **Beethoven, Gluck, Schubert, Johann Strauss Father and Son, Lanner and Brahms**).

- 17.30 pm check in hotel
- 19.00 pm transfer to local restaurant
- 19.30 pm Heurigen Dinner provided
- 21.30 pm return transfer to hotel

Overnight Vienna (5)



Day 07
Fri July 4

VIENNA

- 8.00 am Breakfast at hotel
- 9.00 am shuttle transfers available
At leisure in Vienna - time for shopping
- 12.00 am lunch provided at local restaurant
- 13.00 pm return transfer to hotel from Albertina Platz
- 13.30 pm arrive hotel
- 14.00 pm Budapest Concert Orchestra arrives in Vienna and starts set-up
- 14.30 pm transfer from Hotel to St. Stephans Cathedral
- 15.30 pm start sound check
- 16.30 pm end of sound check
- 16.45 pm return to hotel
at leisure at hotel
- 19.00 pm transfer from Hotel to St. Stephans Cathedral
- 20.30 pm Evening Concert performance at **ST. STEPHANS CATHEDRAL**
ROBERT PAGE FESTIVAL SINGERS in co-operation with
BLACKSTONE VALLEY CHORALE, Budapest Concert
Orchestra, Soloists conducted by Robert Page
- 22.15 pm Reception with St. Stephans Cathedral representatives
- 23.00 pm transfer to hotel

Overnight Vienna (6)

3 DAY EXTENSION PROGRAM VIENNA
Exclusively for the Blackstone Valley Chorale
5 - 8 July 2008

Day 08
Sat July 5

VIENNA

- 08.30 am Breakfast at hotel
- 10.00 am Depart hotel
- 11.00 am Arrive University of Music and start rehearsal
- 13.00 pm End of rehearsal and lunch on own arrangements in the City Center
- 14.30 pm Check-into your hotel
- 15.30 pm transfer to Concert Venue
- 16.45 pm Arrive Concert Venue and start rehearsal
- 18.00 pm Host choir arrives concert venue
- 18.45 pm End of rehearsal
- 19.00 pm **JOINT EVENING CONCERT TOUR PERFORMANCE BY THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY CHORALE CONDUCTED BY ANDREW CLARK IN BERNDORF/ VEITSAU WITH CHORGEMEINSCHAFT BERNDORF/ VEITSAU**
- 20.00 pm Dinner Reception with host choir and other invited musical groups and friends
- 21.30 pm Return transfer to hotel

Overnight Vienna (7)

Day 09
Sun July 6

VIENNA

- 07.00 am Breakfast at hotel
- 08.00 am transfer to Michaelerkirche
- 08.45 am Start of Rehearsal
- 09.45 am End of Rehearsal (timing to be reconfirmed by the church)
- 10.00 am **SUNDAY MASS PERFORMANCE BY THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY CHORALE CONDUCTED BY ANDREW CLARK AT THE MICHAELERKIRCHE**
- 11.00 am Time for individual sightseeing and at leisure return transfer to hotel

Overnight Vienna (8)

Day 10
Mon July 7

VIENNA/ EISENSTADT

08.00 am Breakfast at hotel

09.30 am Morning at leisure in Vienna



12.00 pm Departure for the province **Burgenland** (bring concert attire and music)

Arrive in **Rohrau** - see the birthplace of the world-famous composers Joseph and Michael Haydn, the **Haydn Museum**. Then continue to **Eisenstadt** - where Joseph Haydn lived for 30 years. Eisenstadt is the capital as well as the cultural and educational center of the province of Burgenland. This charming Baroque town - its buildings influenced by the Prince Esterhazy dynasty - is Austria's smallest and youngest provincial capital. Eisenstadt had its heyday in the 18th century when it was ruled by Prince Nikolaus Esterhazy. See the **Esterhazy Palace** where Haydn conducted the court orchestra almost every evening, stop at **Raiding**, the birthplace of Franz Liszt and then, continue south to Bad Tatzmannsdorf.

17.30 pm Arrive in Bad Tatzmannsdorf

17.45 pm Start of Rehearsal

19.15 pm End of Rehearsal

19.30 pm **EVENING CONCERT TOUR PERFORMANCE BY THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY CHORALE CONDUCTED BY ANDREW CLARK AT THE PFARRKIRCHE BAD TATZMANNSDORF**

20.45 pm Farewell dinner provided at local Heuriger restaurant in Bad Tatzmannsdorf

22.00 pm End of Farewell dinner and return to Vienna

Overnight Vienna (9)

Day 11
Mon July 8

VIENNA to BOSTON

04.30 am Pick up your Breakfast-Box and Check-out of the hotel

05.00 am Transfer to Vienna International Airport for your return flight back to the USA

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