

A SPECIAL INVITATION

MUSIC, MINISTRY & MISSIONS EASTERN EUROPE

JULY 25-AUGUST 3, 2012—VIENNA, SALZBURG, PRAGUE
Hosted by **PHIL BARFOOT**



HIGHLIGHTS:

- **MINISTRY CONCERTS** in VIENNA and SALZBURG, Austria and PRAGUE, Czech Republic
- **TOUR** beautiful SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE in Vienna, Austria
- **EXPERIENCE** the EAGLE'S NEST, a 50th birthday present for Adolf Hitler designed to be a retreat for him and a place to entertain visiting dignitaries.
- **ENJOY** a 2-hour dinner cruise along the VLTAVA RIVER in Prague, offering fantastic views of the river lined with important buildings and historic monuments
- **TAKE IN** the historical centre of Vienna, Austria, seeing such sights as ST. STEPHAN'S CATHEDRAL, the KARLSKIRCHE, the STATE OPERA, and the HOFBURG
- **FOLLOW** the classical Prague tour with visits to PRAGUE CASTLE, ST. VEIT'S CATHEDRAL, the CASTLE DISTRICT with GOLDEN LANE, CHARLES BRIDGE, and the OLD SQUARE with the POWDER TOWER and ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK
- **VISIT** and tour Salzburg, Austria, known as the city of MOZART

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DAILY ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25: DEPARTURE

Depart the U.S. for overnight flight to Vienna, Austria.

THURSDAY, JULY 26: VIENNA

Morning arrival into Vienna. Embark on a guided city tour of Vienna with a local English-speaking guide. You will see the historical centre, such as St. Stephan's Cathedral, the Karlskirche, the State Opera, the Hofburg and Schönbrunn Palace. The historic centre of Vienna is rich in architectural Ensembles, including Baroque castles and gardens, as well as the late 19th century Ringstraße lined with grand buildings, monuments and parks. Vienna developed from early Celtic and Roman settlements into a Medieval and Baroque city, the capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Since the 16th century, Vienna has been universally acknowledged to be the musical capital of Europe. **Late afternoon check-in to the hotel followed by a rehearsal.** Welcome dinner in the hotel this evening.



FRIDAY, JULY 27: VIENNA

After breakfast we board our coaches for a visit Schönbrunn Palace. This romantic tour of the imperial apartments, which will take you on a journey through the centuries, starts behind a massive door at the top of the Blue Staircase. It begins in the west wing of the palace, with the apartments of Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife, Elisabeth, which are furnished in 19th-century style, and continues through the state rooms in the central wing. From there the tour proceeds to the richly-appointed

apartments once occupied by Maria Theresa. The Franz Karl Apartments, which were occupied by Emperor Franz Joseph's parents, Archduchess Sophie and Archduke Franz Karl, conclude the tour. On the ground floor are the Gisela Apartments, the Goess Apartments and the Crown Prince Apartments with their frescoes by Johann Bergl. Schönbrunn Palace was not only an imperial residence and the setting for countless festivities, but also a place where famous artists and craftsmen from many different epochs created interiors of great beauty. All the rooms in the palace have their own stories to tell, stories on the margins of great historical events which are indicative of the lifestyle, atmosphere and world view of the imperial era. This afternoon, you'll have some time on your own to eat lunch and explore Vienna on your own. **This evening we'll perform our first concert (Location TBA).**

SATURDAY, JULY 28: SALZBURG

Depart our Vienna hotel this morning for a picturesque drive through Austria to Salzburg, most famous as the city of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. After some free time for lunch in Salzburg, take a tour of this magical city of music including Mozart's birthplace, Salzburg Castle, Maribell Palace and Gardens (famous singing spot for the Von Trapp Family!). Check into our hotel. Enjoy this evening on your own in beautiful Salzburg!



SUNDAY, JULY 29: SALZBURG

Take a short drive to Obersalzberg where a bus and elevator will bring you to the Eagle's Nest, a 50th birthday present for Adolf Hitler from his personal secretary and head of the Nazi Party, Chancellery Martin Bormann; the Eagle's Nest was designed to be a retreat for Hitler and a place to entertain visiting dignitaries. At the end of the bus ride, you will walk through a marble-lined tunnel 400 feet into the heart of the mountain. There you will ride the original brass elevator 400 feet straight up into the Eagle's Nest building at the top of the mountain. There you will be able to walk around the grounds at 6017 feet altitude and enjoy the spectacular scenery. **Wrap up today with an afternoon/evening concert at the Salzburg Cathedral as well as some more free time in Salzburg.**

MONDAY, JULY 30: PRAGUE

Full free day in beautiful Salzburg to do more sightseeing on your own!

TUESDAY, JULY 31: PRAGUE

Depart our Salzburg hotel this morning and board our coach bound for Prague. Prague is the capital and the largest city of the Czech Republic. This historic city of golden stone and architectural grace offers a mix of Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, and Rococo treasures. Nicknames for Prague have included "city of a hundred spires" and "the golden city". Since 1992, the historic center of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. According to Guinness World Records, Prague Castle is the largest ancient castle in the world. After check-in, meet your coach and transfer to the pier for an evening dinner cruise: a 2-hour cruise along the Vltava River with a dinner buffet and pleasant music. You will be offered a fantastic view of the river lined with important buildings and historic monuments. After the cruise, transfer back to hotel.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1: PRAGUE

We begin our sightseeing after breakfast following the classical Prague tour with visits to Prague Castle, St. Veit's Cathedral, the Castle district with Golden Lane, Charles Bridge, and the Old Square with the Powder Tower and Astronomical clock. St. Veit's Cathedral is the seat of the Archbishop of Prague. The full name of the Cathedral is St. Vitus, St. Wenceslas, and St. Adalbert Cathedral. Located within Prague Castle and containing the tombs of many Bohemian kings, this cathedral is an excellent example of Gothic architecture and is the biggest and most important church in the country. **Noon concert in a local cathedral.** Afternoon at leisure in Prague.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 2: PRAGUE

After breakfast enjoy today on your own to enjoy and explore Prague, the "city of golden stone." Special farewell dinner tonight!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3: DEPARTURE

Morning departure for Prague airport and return flights to the U.S.



WHAT'S INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR?

1. **Transportation** by motor coach or other transportation as listed in the itinerary.
2. **Concert/Educational/Cultural Arrangements** are provided as authorized by local and national and authorities. As such, the performance venue and schedules are subject to their discretion. Sightseeing and cultural activities are scheduled around these significant arrangements. *(HI is not responsible if inclement weather, local political situations, or changes made by the host concert site are cause for the last minute cancellation or change of a concert.)*
3. **Accommodations** at 3/4-star hotels. The price is based on double/triple occupancy, all rooms with private facilities.
4. **Breakfast provided each morning;** lunch and dinner specified in the day-by-day itinerary (drinks not included).
5. **Sightseeing excursions** as outlined in the day-by-day itinerary. Guides are also selected based upon experience, referral, knowledge and ability to deal with people.
6. **Assistance** from HI staff as requested. Members of the HI staff will be with the group throughout the Tour. We will also have a global cell phone for transcontinental use in case of emergencies.
7. A pre-departure **HI Travel Packet** is available to each participant containing useful information about travel preparation, destination information, useful packing and cultural conditioning suggestions as well as insights and travel documents.
8. A **Printed itinerary** is given to each individual listing hotel addresses, local contact phone numbers, and HI staff contact procedure.
9. **Individual health insurance coverage** is included in ALL HI projects covering each individual (see summary of coverage below).
10. **Tour Management** is conducted by HI working directly with local agencies to establish objectives, develop itineraries, and coordinate all items related to the Tour.

Summary of Coverage

Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$100,000/Person
(Reduced to \$10,000 for those under age 12 or over age 70)	
Disability Income, for 1 st through 100 th months, Accident 1,000/Month	
For 101 st through 200 th months, Accident	\$500/Month
For Sickness 50 Month Benefit	
3 Month Waiting Period.....	\$250/Month
Medical Expense, \$100.00 Deductible.....	\$10,000
Note: \$2,500 of this benefit can be used to meet eligible medical expense incurred in the U.S.	
Emergency Evacuation	\$100,000
Family Coordination and Repatriation of Mortal Remains.....	\$25,000
Medical Assistance (24 Hour Telephone Service)	
For Assistance with Worldwide Medical Emergencies	Included
Property (Baggage) Insurance	
\$100.00 Deductible.....	\$2,500
Aggregate Limit	\$2,000,000

Additional optional health and accident, baggage, and trip cancellation insurance is available. Call Margie at 678.398.7007 for more information

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR

1. US Passport or process of obtaining a passport.
2. Domestic travel to U.S. point of international departure.
3. Meals not specified in itinerary.
4. Tips to guides, drivers.
5. Airfare.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q Can my friend, spouse, or other family members go?

A Yes! If they live in a different part of the US we will work with them in arranging their air connection to the international points of departure.

Q Will there be a guide with us during the entire trip?

A Yes! Not only will there be a professional guide with the group, Harmony International staff will be accompanying the tour every step of the way.

Q What if a health situation arises during the trip?

A As part of your tour package we have included a FULL health and emergency package covering your child in the event of a medical situation.

Q What will the trip cost?

A The final cost of the trip will be determined by the international point of departure from the U.S. to Vienna, Austria and the return to the U.S. from Prague, Czech Republic. The price will be broken down into periodic payments, making it easier to budget and raise financial support.

Q Will we be able to make payments using a Credit Card?

A Yes. We accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

Q What if my entire group does not want to participate?

A This choir will be comprised of multiple choirs ranging from full to partial groups. Because of this, there is no need for your full choir to participate in order to be involved in this project.