

Sacramento Choral Society American Celebration of Music in Austria, Slovenia, & Croatia

June 16 – 25, 2019 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1 Sunday, June 16, 2019

Departure via scheduled air service to Munich, Germany

Day 2 Monday, June 17 Munich / Salzburg (D)

Arrive in Munich

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for transfer to Salzburg

Enjoy a guided tour upon arrival 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)

Late afternoon check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner included, followed by overnight

Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace, is a delight from the first sight of the outline of the Hohensalzburg Fortress, the symbol of the power of the prince-archbishops. The city's picturesque streets with their wrought-iron signs, its spacious squares with sculptured fountains and the noble architecture of its buildings inspired by bishops with a passion for construction, leave memories which linger for years

Day 3 Tuesday, June 18 Salzburg (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Morning time at leisure

Lunch on own

Afternoon Rehearsal

Performance at University Church in Salzburg as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria*

Evening dinner included, and overnight

Day 4 Wednesday, June 19 Salzburg / Bled (B,L,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Burg Hochosterwitz for a visit. 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

Burg Hochosterwitz Lunch included

Continue to Bled for hotel check-in

Evening dinner included, and overnight



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Day 5 Thursday, June 20 Bled (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel
Morning at leisure to enjoy the beautiful setting of Bled
Lunch on own
Afternoon at leisure for shopping and sightseeing
Evening dinner included, and overnight

Day 6 Friday, June 21 Postonja Caves / Porec / Ljubljana (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to Ljubljana via Porec and Postojna Caves
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
Lunch on own
Continue on to Ljubljana for evening dinner included, and overnight

Day 7 Saturday, June 22 Ljubljana (B,D)

Breakfast included 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
Lunch on own
Afternoon at leisure in Ljubljana for shopping and sightseeing
Afternoon Rehearsal
*Performance at St. Nicholas in Ljubljana as part of the American Celebration of Music in Slovenia**
Evening dinner included, followed by overnight

Day 8 Sunday, June 23 Ptuj / Maribor / Zagreb (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to Zagreb via Ptuj and Maribor
Lunch, on own
Stop in Ptuj for a visit. 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
Next, stop in 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
Continue on to Zagreb for evening dinner included, and overnight

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

Breakfast included at the hotel
Meet a guide after breakfast at your hotel in Zagreb, then head for the first stop of the day, The Green Horseshoe, a picturesque complex of parks and green space in the heart of the city. Continue to 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 Rehearsal

Performance at Zagreb Cathedral as part of the American Celebration of Music in Croatia*

Evening Farewell Dinner included, and overnight

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

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to Zagreb's International Airport for return flight

****Subject to confirmation***

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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