Grand Rapids Youth Symphony Orchestra On Tour in Austria and the Czech Republic JUNE 15 - 23, 2016 Directed by John Varineau



Mozart memorial, Vienna

Anticipated Concert Schedule

Friday, June 17

Evening concert in Vienna

Sunday, June 19

Evening concert in Salzburg

Tuesday, June 21

Evening concert in Prague

ITINERARY June 2016

(Items in capital letters are places you will visit. Meals included: B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)

15, Wednesday

Depart

It's time! Time to board a bus for Chicago and start our concert tour. In Chicago we check in for the nonstop flight to Vienna. Europe here we come! #YOLO (D-in-flight)



St. Stephens Cathedral, Vienna

16, Thursday

Vienna, Mödling

Welcome to Vienna! Did you know the snow globe was accidently invented here? The inventor Erwin Perzy was trying to make a special surgical lightbulb. This fun fact may not come up on the CITY PANORAMIC TOUR but you will get to drive along the RINGSTRAßE, seeing sights such as the Hofburg Palace, the New Town Hall and the State Opera. After an independent lunch, you'll learn about Empress Elizabeth, called Sisi, and her unusual life in the Austrian Court. The visit to the HOFBURG PALACE'S ROYAL APARTMENTS and the SISI MUSEUM brings the history of Sisi and her family to life. You then head to the nearby town of Mödling to check in at the hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner. (B-in flight, D)

17, Friday

Vienna, Mödling

Be sure to eat a hearty breakfast, as you'll be doing a lot of walking today. Leaving the hotel, you head back to Vienna for a WALKING TOUR OF THE OLD TOWN, a guided visit of ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL, and a visit to MOZART'S HOUSE. Then, after lunch you'll have some free time to explore. Mid-afternoon you head back to the hotel for an early dinner. Then change into concert dress, get your instrument and leave for the planned evening concert. (B, D)

Hello | Goodbye

GERMAN: Hallo | Auf Wiedersehen

CZECH: ahoj | sbohem



Tour Cost

\$3,864 per person from Grand Rapids, based on double occupancy



Salzburg Cathedral

18, Saturday

St. Florian, Mondsee, Salzburg

Winding our way through the Alps, our first stop is at St. Florian where we find the Augustinian monastery of the same name. Throughout the years, the monks at ST. FLORIAN'S MONASTERY have been dedicated to art, music and their faith—we appreciate this today as you have a guided tour through these sacred spaces. Walking through this beautiful place, it is easy to understand why Austrian composer Anton Bruckner chose to work here. Afterward. head to Mondsee to see the church where scenes from the Sound of Music were filmed. Once in Salzburg, we head (if time permits) to MIRABELL GARDENS for a chance to stretch our legs and see another of the locations from that classic sing-along film. From there we make our way to the hotel. After check-in we gather for our group dinner. (B, D)

19, Sunday

Salzburg

This morning we take a GUIDED TOUR OF SALZBURG. Our walk takes us through the treasured part of town, passing St. Peter's Monastery with its iron-gated cemetery. We visit the BIRTHPLACE OF WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART and stop to see SALZBURG CATHEDRAL. Then step back 400 years in time, as the newly opened DOM QUARTIER MUSEUM showcases the historic grandeur of Salzburg's Baroque era. (Its halls had previously been closed to the public for the last 200 years.) After an early dinner, a concert is planned at the Kollegien Church or other concert venue. (B, D)



Český Krumlov

20, Monday

Český Krumlov, Prague

On your way to Prague, the lunch stop is in ČESKÝ KRUMLOV. This Czech town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once in Prague, you check in at the hotel and have an early dinner. Then the group sets out to watch the sunset from the Bridge Tower on the Old Town end of CHARLES BRIDGE. Since today is the summer solstice, a little magic happens. As the sun sets over the cathedral, the last rays appear precisely where the remains of St. Vitus are buried. #photooftheday Some say this is coincidence, others think it was deliberate, as the Charles Bridge has additional astrological/numerical merit. The first stone of this bridge was set at precisely 5:31 a.m. on July 9, 1357. The significance of this date is that, when written formally, the date reads 1-3-5-7-9-7-5-3-1 (year, date, month, time). Then if there is interest you can walk up to the Prague Castle for an illuminated nighttime view of the city below. (B, D)

Getting Around

Bring comfortable walking shoes. Once in the city, sightseeing is done on foot; plan to be walking an average of 2-5 miles per day.



Where's the bathroom? GERMAN: Wo is die Toilette? CZECH: kde je toaleta





Charles Bridge, Prague

21, Tuesday

Prague

Known as the "golden city of a thousand spires," the capital of the Czech Republic is a handsomely preserved medieval city. Today a GUIDED TOUR OF PRAGUE takes us to many of its historic places. In OLD TOWN SQUARE see the Astronomical Clock, shop the artisan booths across from the CHARLES BRIDGE, and marvel at the size of PRAGUE CASTLE. A performance is planned this evening at the Czech Music Museum. (B, D)

Passport Formalities

You'll go through passport control twice on this tour. The first time is when you arrive in Vienna at the start of the tour, the second in Chicago when you return to the U.S.



22, Wednesday

Brno. Vienna

After breakfast, you leave Prague for Brno (pronounced bur-No), the second-largest city in the Czech Republic. If the group is in town before 11 a.m., the first stop will be in Freedom's Square to see the city's unusual astrological clock. Daily this clock drops one marble out of one of its four openings. Many locals come to the clock on a regular basis to see if they can add to their marble collection. Then, after a break for lunch, a local guide will join you for a TOUR OF THE CITY'S UNDERGROUND NETWORKS. On this tour you'll visit the LABYRINTH UNDER THE CABBAGE MARKET, where local business and families kept their goods, the MINTMAKER'S CELLAR, where coins were produced, and the OSSUARY UNDER ST. JAMES CHURCH, an underground cemetery. Leaving town, Špilberk castle watches over the city from its hill. We then continue our drive, crossing back into Austria, and head to a hotel near the airport. This evening we gather for a farewell dinner. (B, D)



St. James Church, Brno (courtesy beentree)

23, Thursday

Return

This morning we transfer to Vienna Airport for our return flight. Once in Chicago, we go through custom formalities before boarding the bus back to Grand Rapids. (L-in-flight)

Tour includes

- Airport transfers from Grand Rapids to Chicago
- Round trip air transportation from Chicago to Vienna
- Land transportation by deluxe airconditioned motorcoach
- Accommodations in tourist-class and superior tourist-class hotels
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- European tour manager
- Sightseeing and admission fees in accordance with the itinerary
- Tipping and taxes on all tour services, including tipping to the tour manager, motorcoach driver, local guides and all hotel, government and airport taxes



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The cost of your tour includes:

Airport transfers round trip from Grand Rapids to Chicago will be provided by motorcoach.

Air transportation round trip from Chicago to Vienna with any regularly scheduled air carrier, based on a nonrefundable/nonchangeable fare, which requires a minimum of 10 passengers traveling round trip together. Tickets are issued 45 days prior to departure. All current airlines taxes, security fees and fuel surcharges are included. Note that these items cannot be guaranteed until tickets are issued.

Secure flight information. The requirement to collect date of birth, gender, and full name are federally mandated by the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight Program. While disclosure of this information is voluntary, if it is not provided, participants may be denied boarding. TSA's privacy policy, as well as additional details, can be found at tsa.gov using the keywords Secure Flight. Witte Travel & Tours (Witte) takes all reasonable steps to safeguard the privacy of all information collected from its clients.

Frequent flyer points are not guaranteed in connection with group airfares. Some airlines may limit group airfare credits to 25% to 50% of the frequent flyer points that apply to individuals while others do not offer any credits for group airfares.

Hazardous Materials. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in your luggage or on your person. A violation can result in five years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives and radioactive materials. For more information, examples and special exceptions, visit: http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items.

Land transportation. A deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach is used for transfers, excursions, and travel between cities. Because motorcoach travel is restricted in many European cities, sightseeing is often done on foot or via public transportation.

Accommodations in tourist- and superior tourist-class hotels based on two students sharing a room with private facilities. Adult directors and chaperons will be accommodated in twi n-bedded rooms. The supplement for single accommodations is \$350. If you register alone but want a roommate, we will do our best to assign one. If a single room must be assigned to any member of the group for any reason, even if it is at the last minute or while on tour, we will need to charge the single supplement. Changes in rooming arrangements requested by the participant 45 or fewer days prior to departure may result in additional charges.

Meals. Breakfast daily and dinners as indicated in the itinerary. Dinners do not include beverages.

A multi-lingual tour manager to accompany the group from arrival in Vienna until departure. The tour manager may be assisted by local guides as needed.

Sightseeing and admission fees in accordance with the itinerary.

Tipping and taxes are included for all services, including the tip for the tour manager and motorcoach driver.

The tour cost does not include passports, airline luggage fees if charged, porterage of luggage, optional travel protection plan including luggage and trip cancellation coverage, optional excursions, independent meals, and any other items not mentioned as included.

Insecticide Disclosure. Some countries require that aircraft be treated with insecticides prior to flight or while occupied. For a list of the countries with insecticide requirements, go to http://airconsumer.dot.gov/spray.htm.

Optional travel protection. Witte recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan. For your convenience, Witte Travel offers a travel protection plan designed by Travelex Insurance Services. This travel protection can be purchased at any time prior to making the final payment for your tour. The

pre-existing medical conditions exclusion will be waived if you purchase the protection plan within 14 days of the initial trip deposit, provided you are medically fit to travel at time of purchase. Tours over 30 days are not eligible for coverage. The plan cost for the travel protection plan that applies to your tour will be noted in your brochure and on the registration form. It may be necessary to increase the trip cost insured on the travel protection plan if you purchase additional services and/or upgrade any arrangements. This could increase the plan cost of the travel protection plan. The plan cost for this travel protection plan is non-refundable after a 10 day review period. The travel protection plan does not cover any travel arrangements not made by or purchased from Witte.

Schedule of Coverages

Maximum Benefit Amount (up to the limits shown below)

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100% of Insured Trip Cost
150% of Insured Trip Cost
\$750 (\$150/day)
\$750
\$2,000
\$50,000
\$750
\$250,000
\$25,000
ces*Included

Prior to purchasing, you may request a copy of the Description of Coverage, which includes a summary of the plan details on benefits, coverage, limitations and exclusions of the protection plan. The Description of Coverage will be included in the confirmation packet of those travelers who purchase this travel protection. *Travel Assistance & Concierge Services are provided by the designated provider listed in the Description of Coverage. Maximum trip length allowed is 120 days. Rates are subject to change. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Transamerica Casualty Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio; NAIC#10952.

Documentation: U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport. If you already have a passport, check its expiration date now since the countries visited on this tour require passports to be valid for at least three months beyond the traveler's intended return date. If your passport is due to expire earlier, you will need to obtain a new one. If you do not have a passport or need a new one, apply as soon as possible. If you plan to visit other countries on your own, contact Witte for any special requirements. All non-U.S. citizens should contact Witte for their special requirements. We will check the requirements for non-U.S. citizens at the time they register and again approximately 45 days prior to departure. Witte is not responsible for any changes in requirements for non-U.S. citizens that occur after our final check.

Minor children traveling internationally without both parents are encouraged to carry a notarized note signed by both parents stating that they have permission to travel without one or both of them. Although this is not a requirement, it will save time if questions arise while clearing customs.

Luggage allowance. You may take one suitcase with a maximum size of 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) and weight of 50 lbs. You may also carry a purse, a camera and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum size of 45 linear inches and weight of 15 lbs. These size and weight restrictions conform to most airlines' requirements. Hand luggage does not fit in the overhead bins on the motorcoach. There may be room for it in the storage compartment under the coach or by an empty seat on board. If not, it will need to be placed on the floor in front of your feet. You will be responsible for your own luggage throughout the tour so don't bring more than you can comfortably lift and carry. Backpack-style and over-the-shoulder luggage is recommended.

Tour cost. The tour cost is based on a group of 45 passengers, current tariffs for air and land arrangements, and on an exchange rate of \$1.20 to \$1.00.

Please note that these travel arrangements are subject to possible price increases due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or

government. You may be charged additional sums by Witte to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets, and/or smaller group size. Before passing on an increase, Witte will use its best efforts to minimize the amount. If it is necessary to increase the tour cost, participants will be advised at final billing and provided with a summary of the contributing factors. Your signature below indicates consent to any post-purchase price increases.

Reservations and payments. To make reservations on this tour, complete the Registration Form and return it as indicated. Reservations cannot be accepted over the telephone. Payments are due as follows:

Deposit of \$500 per person with Registration Form by November 15. Reservations may be accepted after this date, provided space is still available.

Payment of \$1,100 per person by January 20

Payment of \$1,100 per person by March 17

Balance due on receipt of final invoice sent approximately 30 to 45 days prior to departure

If you are registering for the tour after one of the above payment dates, increase your deposit amount accordingly so your account will be up to date. Please note that checks returned due to insufficient funds are subject to a \$30 service fee.

Credit card payments. Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit cards are accepted for the deposit and scheduled payments. The deposit charge is processed shortly after receipt of your registration form. Subsequent payments are charged per the payment schedule.

Cancellations and refunds. Witte must receive notice of cancellation in writing. Penalties are per person and will be based on the date of receipt, as follows:

More than 90 days before departure	\$ 200
Between 90 and 46 days before departure	\$ 400
Between 45 and 31 days before departure	\$ 2,245
30 or fewer days before departure	- No Refund

The service fee noted under "Special Flight Arrangements," the nonrefundable portion of any special arrangements made on behalf of the canceling participant, and the cost of travel protection, is also added to the above penalties. Cancellation insurance is available. Allow four to six weeks for processing of refunds. Note that payments made by check are refunded by check to the person or organization that made the payments, and payments charged to a credit card are credited back to the same credit card.

Membership. Witte reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a member of the tour and to expel from the tour any participant whose conduct or condition is incompatible with the interest of the group.

Land-only participants. If you wish to make your own flight arrangements, contact Witte for the land-only cost at least 90 days prior to departure. Participants who make their own flight arrangements are strongly encouraged to coordinate their flight schedules with the group's flight schedule and to use the same airports. The group's airport transfers on the arrival and return days will be timed to the group's flight schedule. Land-only participants may need to arrange for their own airport transfers. Contact Witte for information and costs on options for private transfers. Witte cannot be responsible for any inconveniences to land-only participants resulting from changes in the group's flight schedule. Participants who change their status to land-only less than 90 days prior to departure may be subject to penalties imposed by the airlines.

Domestic flight connections. Note on your registration form if you would like to fly to and from the international departure city. You will be contacted with schedule options and costs. **Witte must receive requests for connecting flights at least 45 days prior to departure.**

Special flight arrangements. Note on your registration form if you would like to extend your stay and/or depart from and/or return to another city. The number of passengers who can deviate from the group's flight schedule is restricted. You will be contacted to let you know if the arrangements you requested are possible and to advise you of schedule options and costs. Upon confirmation of your special arrangements, a nonrefundable service fee of

\$75 per person will be added to your account along with any additional air or land costs that may apply. In the event of cancellation, the service fee and any nonrefundable portion of special air or land arrangements made for you will be added to the penalties noted under "Cancellations and Refunds." Witte must receive requests for special flight arrangements at least 45 days prior to departure.

Special meal requests and food allergies. Note special meal requests and food allergies on your registration form. Witte cannot be responsible if special requests are not met but we will pass them on to the airlines, hotels and restaurants. If you have dietary restrictions or food allergies, be sure to carry your medications with you at all times. Also, discuss your special needs with your tour personnel and ask the wait staff about the foods you are served.

Mobility Concerns. Sightseeing on Witte tours almost always includes walking. Visits to historical places often mean climbing stairs and walking on uneven surfaces or cobblestones. Handicap accessibility is not always available. Witte tour personnel are not able to provide attendant services. Tour participants with special needs are strongly encouraged to travel with someone who can assist them. Consult your physician if you have any concerns about your ability to participate.

Time away from the tour. Advise Witte in writing at least 45 days before departure if you plan to spend some time away from the tour. Wherever possible, you will be credited for missed hotel nights.

Final tour documents—including itinerary, hotel list, passenger list, flight schedules with departure instructions, and luggage tags—are sent about 10 days prior to departure. Flight tickets are usually made available at the airport at check-in time.

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REGISTRATION FORM

GRAND RAPIDS YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: ON TOUR IN AUSTRIA AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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Registration and deposits are due by November 15 Register online at

Or return this form to Witte Travel & Tours 3250 28th Street SE

Enclose your deposit of \$500 per person made payable to Witte Travel or complete the attached credit card payment form. If you are purchasing Optional Travel

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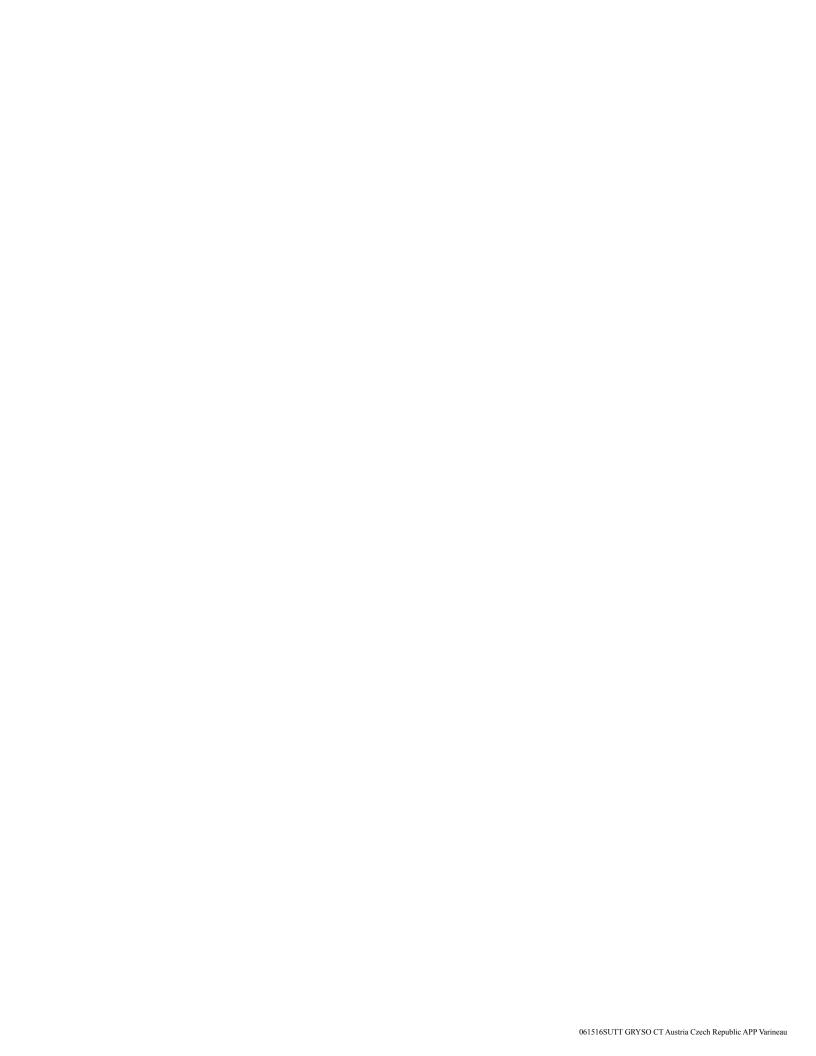
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To request special land arrangements (car rentals, hotels, rail, etc.), include a note and we'll contact you.	

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