



Preliminary Itinerary
For the
Pittsburgh Youth Philharmonic Orchestra
Tour of
Germany & Switzerland
July 13 - 22, 2018

Friday July 13, 2018 ~

Transatlantic flight from Pittsburgh to Frankfurt, Germany **dinner served enroute (D)**

Saturday July 14, 2018 ~

Frankfurt am Main - Heidelberg / Germany (B,D)

A light breakfast is served prior to landing. Arrive in Frankfurt and meet your English speaking Tours Escorts, Drivers and the motorcoaches.

Transfer to Heidelberg

After arriving in Heidelberg, you will meet your English-speaking guide for a city tour including a visit the famous castle. You will see the "Big Cask" and learn the story of the legendary wine cellar man, Perkeo.

The rest of the day will be at leisure in the old city center

Early evening - check in in your hotel

Dinner (3 course menu and tap water) and overnight.

Sunday July 15, 2018 ~

Heidelberg - Baden Baden - Offenburg (B,D)

Buffet breakfast

Transfer to Baden -Baden, the most famous spa resort in Germany.

Since the 19th century, the cultural and music life of the theater attracted not only queens, kings and emperors but also many thousand visitors from all over Europe. Musicians such as Johann Strauss, Johannes Brahms, Richard Strauss, Pietro Mascagni Wilhelm Furtwängler, Bruno Walter, Franz Liszt, Pablo Casals, Plácido Domingo and many others contribute to the fame of Baden-Baden as cultural center.

Guided tour with English speaking local guide.

Lunch on your own.

Possibility for a concert this evening in Baden-Baden

Transfer to your hotel in Offenburg area

Dinner at your hotel. (3 course and tap water) Overnight

Monday July 16, 2018 ~

Offenburg - Strassburg - Offenburg (B,D)

Buffet breakfast

Full day excursion to Strassburg, France

Once in Strassburg, you will enjoy a city tour with your English speaking local guide including the medieval Cathedral.

Lunch on your own. Taste the local specialty "Tarte Flambée" in one of the traditional restaurants

In the afternoon you will continue the city tour. You will embark one of the panoramic boats for about an hour excursion, during which you will see picturesque "Petit France" district with its timber framed buildings and pass by the European Parliament Building.

The afternoon is free for shopping

Dinner at your hotel (3 course and tap water) and overnight.

Tuesday July 17, 2018 ~

Offenburg - Schaffhausen - Luzern/Switzerland (B,D)

Breakfast buffet

Today you will continue your journey towards Switzerland through the scenic Black Forest.

After passing the Swiss border, you will make a stop in Schaffhausen and see the impressive Rhine Falls

Lunch on your own in the historic city center

Continue to Lucerne

Check in

Dinner at hotel (3 course and tap water)

Overnight in Lucerne

Remark:

As the number of middle class hotels with large capacity (i.e. capable to host groups over 100 persons) is limited in Luzern area. For this reason it might be necessary to accommodate the group in 2 separate hotels.

Wednesday July 18, 2018 ~

Lucerne (B,D)

Breakfast buffet

Meet with your local guide for a visit of the old town including the Kapelbrücke, Lucerne's landmark, the picturesque Weinmarkt square with buildings dating back to the early 16th century including the old town hall, a beautiful building in the 17th Century in the Italian Renaissance style.

Lunch on you own.

Possibility for a concert this evening.

Dinner (3 course and tap water) and overnight in Lucerne

Thursday July 19, 2018 ~

Luzern - Mt. Pilatus - Oberammergau (B,D)

Breakfast buffet

Today will begin with an excursion Mt Pilatus (7,000 feet above sea level). Enjoy the breathtaking view over Lake Lucerne and the snowy peaks of the Swiss Alps.

Lunch on your own.

In the afternoon transfer to Oberammergau in Germany

Check in

Dinner (3 course and tap water) and overnight in Oberammergau area

Friday July 20, 2018 ~

Oberammergau - Neuschwanstein - Oberammergau (B,D)

Buffet breakfast

Half day excursion to the famous Neuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria

See Neuschwanstein Castle from the best vantage points; the lake, the postcard-perfect aerial view of the equally beautiful Hohenschwangau Castle and to the waterfall gorge. This glorious dream was built in the 19th century by the famed "mad" King Ludwig II, a man intoxicated by myth and who himself became a legend. The shimmering white towers of the castle among the clouds are instantly recognizable to many and is the inspiration for Disney's Sleeping Beauty Castle

Lunch on your own.

In the afternoon there is the possibility for rehearsal and an evening concert in Oberammergau area

Dinner (3 course and tap water)

Overnight in Oberammergau

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Saturday July 21, 2018 ~

Oberammergau - Berchtesgaden - Munich (B,D)

Buffet breakfast

Transfer to Berchtesgaden where you will visit Hitler's Eagle's Nest. (6,000 feet above sea level). From the parking area you continue with special busses uphill. The last 100 m you will move in a copper elevator. Upon arrival to the Eagle's Nest a local guide will explain the dark part of the history in the Berchtesgaden area during the Nazi terror.

Lunch on your own

Afternoon transfer to Munich

Short individual free time in city center

Farewell dinner in a local restaurant in city center (e.g. restaurant Ratskeller)

Overnight in Munich

Sunday July 22, 2018 ~

Munich/USA (B,L)

Buffet breakfast - or in case of early departure, a boxed breakfast

Transfer to Munich Airport for your flight back to the USA