

Lancaster Community Band

Presents

2012 European Tour

July 17 – August 1, 2012

\$2,540 per person, double occupancy from Chicago
(airline fuel surcharge additional)



This is an exclusive travel program offered by Lancaster Community Band and InterTrav

Day by Day Itinerary

Tues., July 17 – CHICAGO/EN ROUTE

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We depart Chicago's O'Hare International Airport this afternoon by scheduled service of Air France on the overnight transatlantic flight to Paris, France.

Wed., July 18 – PARIS/HEIDEN

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As the sun begins to rise on the French coast we arrive in Paris and continue by connecting flight to Frankfurt, Germany. On arrival, we'll meet our local host representatives and travel to the city of Heiden in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. Heiden lies on the edge of the Munsterland between the Teutoburg Forest and the River Lippe. It is a land of hedged fields, beechwoods, and farmhouses; of moated castles and country houses; of cathedrals and village churches; and friendly inns.

Thurs., July 19 thru Sun., July 22 – HEIDEN

To Be Advised

Mon., July 23 – HEIDEN/LEIPZIG

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Early this afternoon we say farewell to our friends in Heiden and travel east towards the Thuringian Forest, a highland area of spruce, beech and oak forests on our way to Leipzig, one of Germany's leading commercial towns, and a center of culture and learning.

Tues., July 24 – LEIPZIG

(B)

This morning, sightseeing of Leipzig will introduce us to a classic city of books, fairs and music. Our sightseeing will focus on the Old Town and begin in the Augustusplatz, the heart of musical Leipzig. We'll see the Opera House, the second oldest in Germany, and the Gewandhaus Concert Hall. Then we'll pass St. Nicholas Church and Old Stock Exchange that is today used for fairs and festivals, before stopping in Market Square. We'll visit the Altes Rathaus, one of the earliest examples of an architectural style typifying town hall design during the German Renaissance, and end our tour following a visit to the 13th century St. Thomas Church, home to the burial place of the great composer Johann Sebastian Bach, and in more recent times the venue for the famous St. Thomas Choir performances.

The afternoon is free to explore Leipzig on our own. Leipzig's art treasures, museums and collections have always played an important role in the city's history. Begin at Coffe Baum, where the seats of famous regulars such as Robert Schumann can still be seen in the historic bar. Then set out for a visit to the Deutsche Bucherei, the German National Library, the Mendelssohn House, commemorating the composer's life and work, and be sure to visit the Bach Museum.

Wed., July 25 – LEIPZIG/PRAGUE (Pilsen)

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Today we depart Leipzig and travel across the Bohemian countryside to Pilsen. Founded by King Wenceslas II in 1295, Pilsen is home to some of the world's best-known breweries and we'll enjoy a lunch and a tour of the Plzensky Prazdroj Brewery. Afterward, we'll set our sites on the Czech Republic capital city of Prague. Built on seven hills and spanning the Vltava River, the Czech Republic's "Golden City of the Hundred Spires" is one of the world's most impressive capital cities.

Thurs., July 26 – PRAGUE

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A leisurely day will begin with a tour of Prague that will take us past Strahov Stadium before we stop to visit the city's most distinctive landmark, St. Vitus's Cathedral. A walk around St. Vitus's will take us back through a thousand years of history. Afterward, we'll continue down to the Mala Strana and walk across the magnificent Charles Bridge, built in 1357, that connects the Mala Strana to the Old Town. Until 1741, the Charles Bridge was the only crossing

over the Vltava River. Today, Prague's most familiar landmark is the pedestrian bridge offering locals and visitors alike a virtual outdoor museum of no less than 30 religious statues. Our tour will come to an end in the Old Town Square where we'll view the superbly preserved medieval astronomical clock and its moving figures of the apostles, as well as the magnificent houses that surround the square.

The afternoon is free to explore Prague on our own. Historic Prague's three districts include the Lesser Quarter, the Old Town and the New Town. The Lesser Quarter is located on the left bank of the Vltava River at the foot of the majestic Hradcany Castle. Free of traffic and ringed with historic buildings, Prague's Old Town ranks among the finest anywhere. The adjacent New Town, now the commercial center, was originally planned and laid out around three large central market-places, most notably Wenceslas Square.

Fri., July 27 – PRAGUE/VIENNA (Kutna Hora)

(B,D)

This morning we depart Prague and travel to the ancient silver mining town of Kunta Hora. The town originated as a small mining community in the second half of the 13th century when rich deposits of silver were found. Upon discovery, the king took over the licensing of the mines and Kunta Hora later became the second most important town in Bohemia. Our visit will include a walking tour of the medieval town and a visit to the Italian Court, Kunta Hora's former Royal Mint, which once produced the Prague groschen. We'll also see a wonderful example of Bohemian Gothic when we visit the Church of St. Barbara with its three massive and tent-shaped spires rising above a forest of flying buttresses. Afterward, we'll visit the ghoulish, but fascinating, 12th century Gothic Ossuary Chapel at Sedlec. The site holds 40,000 sets of bones arranged in the shape of gigantic bells and cherubs. However, the main draw is a chandelier made out of all the bones of the human body.

This afternoon we'll travel across Southern Moravia on our way to Vienna, Austria. As we'll soon find out, no other city in Western Europe has a more romantic old-world flavor than Vienna.

Sat., July 28 – VIENNA

(B)

Today we will enjoy a sightseeing tour through the "City of Waltzes" that will feature the Hofburg Quarter. This part of Vienna is one of the capital's most fashionable and lively areas, both during the daytime and at night, when the former palace rooms serve as theater and concert halls. Our tour will take us along the stately Ringstrasse and highlight the opulent façade of the Neues Rathaus, Parliament, the Burgtheater, and University of Vienna, as well as the grandeur of the Hofburg Complex, a permanent reminder of the glory of the Habsburg Empire. Our tour comes to an end following a visit to the magnificent Gothic Cathedral of St. Stephen's. Largely destroyed during World War II, the cathedral has been restored to its former glory by the efforts of the entire nation and is today the very soul of the city.

Vienna is a compact city and most of its sights are contained within a small area. Boasting an astonishing array of monuments, palaces, parks and museums, not to mention shopping and coffee houses, the afternoon is at leisure to explore the city on our own.

Pending scheduling ... Be sure to take in a performance of the Vienna Boys Choir, one of the oldest and best known boys' choirs in the world. In the course of its 500-years history, many prominent composers have worked with the choir, including Mozart, Salieri, and Bruckner. Exceptional in every way, the Vienna Boys Choir at the Hofburgkapelle is a must for music lovers of all ages.

Sun., July 29 – VIENNA/SALZBURG (Wachau Valley & Salzkammergut) (B,D)

This morning we depart Vienna and travel to the carefully cultivated vineyards of the Wachau Valley where we'll stop to visit the village of Durnstein, the best-known village in the valley thanks to the legend of King Richard the Lionheart. We'll see the ruins of Kuenringer Castle where Richard the Lionheart was reputedly held prisoner, and stroll through the medieval cobblestone streets that reveal a wealth of old burgher houses, wine taverns and quaint 16th and 18th century townhouses. Afterward, we're headed to Salzkammergut to relive the story of the von Trapp family which was filmed as the "Sound of Music" in the Salzburg area. We'll begin in the beautiful village of St. Gilgen on the Mondsee with a visit the Collegiate Church where the film-wedding of Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer took place. Then we'll travel along the shores of Lake Fuschl before stopping at Hellbrun Castle to see the gazebo where Liesl and Rolf sang "I am 16 going on 17", and finish with a visit at the Palace of Leopoldskron which was used as the Trapp family home. Our day will come to an end as we travel to historic Salzburg, an enchanting city built on the banks of the Salzach River.

Mon., July 30 – SALZBURG (B)

The city's charm is apparent in its picturesque streets full of wrought-iron signs, noble architecture and highly decorated fountains and this is where we'll begin our day. An introductory tour will start on the right bank of the Salzach River where we'll see the grounds of Mirabell Palace and the Mozart Conservatoire before crossing over into the Old Town. Here we'll see the 15th century Altes Rathaus and take in the sites along the romantic Getreidgasse. Next, we'll see both the Collegiate Church and the Franciscan Church as we make our way to the Residence Square, home to the medieval bishops' residence. Our tour will come to an end following a visit to Salzburg Cathedral and 12th century Benedictine St. Peter's Abbey, seen frequently in the "Sound of Music".

Tues., July 31 – SALZBURG/MUNICH (B,D)

Today we depart Salzburg and travel to Munich, a cheerful and vivacious city boasting magnificent architecture from Bavaria's royal past. We'll begin our tour by driving past the Karolinenplatz with its Obelisk and the nearby Koenigsplatz, surrounded by buildings such as the Glyptothek and the State Gallery. Then we'll set off on foot from Karl's Gate, the west entrance to the Old Town. Here we'll explore the streets around the Marienplatz, taking in the Burgersaal, St. Michael's Church, and the imposing Frauenkirche, with its landmark dome-topped towers. We'll also see the beautiful New City Hall with its famed glockenspiel and brightly colored figures displaying a medieval tournament and dance, before stopping off in the Viktualienmarkt, a large square that has been the city's main marketplace for the last 200 years. The afternoon is free to explore the city at our leisure.

Tonight we end our vacation in grand style with an evening of dinner and entertainment at the Hofbrauhaus. The special atmosphere can be felt in every corner of the beer hall as guests from all countries of the globe come to experience the heart and hospitality that is the Bavarian way of life.

Wed., August 1 – MUNICH/CHICAGO (B,I)

Early this morning we depart Munich Airport in preparation for our return journey home. No better time to celebrate the beginning of new friendships and reflect on memories to last a lifetime!

***** WELCOME HOME *****

RESERVATION APPLICATION

Please detach and return to:

Lancaster Community Band
c/o Marty Busch
244 W. Pine St.
Lancaster, WI. 53813

Telephone: 608-723-4869
InterTrav: 800-624-8338

Please reserve _____ places for me/us on the Lancaster Community Band Tour. Enclosed is my/our check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$250 deposit per person), plus \$ _____ (\$130 per person) to purchase the optional Travel Insurance Program.

Please make checks payable to: **INTERTRAV CORPORATION.**

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
(PLEASE PRINT FULL FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST NAMES - IDENTICAL TO PASSPORT)

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
(PLEASE PRINT FULL FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST NAMES - IDENTICAL TO PASSPORT)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ (_____) _____
Area Code Home Area Code Business

Names of other persons I/we are traveling with _____

I desire single room accommodations (subject to availability) at the supplementary charge of \$280.

PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF THE INFORMATION (PHOTO) PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WITH YOUR RESERVATION

The Tour Price Includes:

- Economy-class air transportation by scheduled service of Air France including meals and light beverages served in-flight according to airline schedules.
- Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying Tour Escort.
- Accommodations in first-class hotels
- European-style buffet breakfast each morning and meals as detailed in the Day by Day Itinerary.
- Sightseeing as detailed in the Day by Day Itinerary including applicable entrance fees.
- Luggage handling and portage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotels.
- Airline taxes of \$260 per person and taxes for included ground services.

Note: While visiting Heiden, arrangements will be made and are the responsibility of Lancaster Community Band; accommodations, meals and services are not included in the tour price quoted.

The Tour Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees; checked luggage fees; gratuities to the motor coach drivers, Tour Escort and local guides; luggage handling at airports; personal and baggage insurance; meals other than those stated above; drinks with meals other than breakfasts; **and airline fuel surcharge of \$420 per person.**

TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations and payments are accepted by personal and bank checks. **YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR THE BALANCE OF PAYMENT DUE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012.**

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 30 persons and includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of November 4, 2011. In the event of a marked increase or decrease in foreign currency or in tariff rates, the cost is subject to revision.

TOUR PRICING: This is a package tour in which special group airfares and land tour costs have been combined in the most advantageous way. Should you wish to deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, or take the land tour only this will eliminate the advantages of the package tour price. There will be a service charge of \$100 per person for altering the airline itinerary, plus any additional charges assessed by the airlines.

TRIP CANCELLATION, BAGGAGE AND MEDICAL INSURANCE: You have been given the option of purchasing trip cancellation, baggage and medical insurance at the time you sign-up for the tour. The insurance program does not cover cancellation for non-medical reasons. The insurance includes: Trip Cancellation Insurance up to the full price of the tour cost; Trip Interruption up to 150% of the tour cost; Trip Delay - \$750; Emergency Accident/Sickness Medical Expense - \$50,000; Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation of Remains - \$250,000; Baggage and Personal Effects - \$1,500; Baggage Delay - \$400; and Accidental Death and Dismemberment - \$25,000. **The insurance premium is non-refundable if you cancel from the tour, and is based on a minimum participation of 10 travelers.**

CANCELLATION: Your \$250 per person deposit is non-refundable. For cancellation within 59 days of departure, in addition to the \$250 per person charge, there may be additional cancellation charges from the airline, hotel(s), or ground service companies up to the full value of your tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone and must be sent in writing to: InterTrav Corporation, 203 State Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174, emailed to: info@intertravcorp.com or faxed to: 630-584-1573.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: Your tour requires a valid passport. If you do not already have your passport, or it will expire before the return date of the tour, we suggest you apply for it immediately. No visas are required for your tour.

AIRLINE TICKETING: For ticketing purposes legal first, middle, and last names are required (identical to your passport). Once airline tickets have been issued and if a ticket requires a name change because of incorrect information supplied to our office, the client is responsible for any applicable airline charges.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING PRICING: The tour price as quoted is based on tariffs in effect for estimated 2012 prices as of November 4, 2011. Tour prices do increase every year, and it is therefore possible that increases could occur after the printing of this brochure in advance of your tour's departure. InterTrav Corporation will do everything possible to avoid an increase in the tour cost. However, should increases occur in airfares, hotel prices, and/or coach transportation costs, they will be added to the tour cost and passengers will be notified accordingly.

RESPONSIBILITY

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