



Peter's Way Tours Inc.

Proposed Itinerary Crafted Especially For

Grace Church Choir

Dr. Patrick Allen, Director of Music

BEST OF PRAGUE AND AUSTRIA

Ten-Day Choir Journey

June 16 - 25, 2012

Prague & Vienna & Salzburg

YOUR CHOIR TOUR WILL INCLUDE:

- Round-trip economy class airfare via British Airways: New York/London/Prague-Munich/London/New York.
- U.S. departure tax; Customs user fee; security tax and all airport departure taxes.
- Meeting and assistance upon departure from New York's JFK International Airport.
- Eight (8) nights' accommodations in twin rooms, with private facilities, at first-class hotels.
- Buffet breakfast daily plus seven (7) dinners, **including a special dinner with entertainment in a popular Czech restaurant.**
- Services of a Peter's Way Tours tour manager upon arrival to departure overseas.
- All sightseeing, as per the attached itinerary, including overseas arrival and departure transfers, in a private, deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach.
- Services of professional, licensed, English-speaking guide.
- Porterage of one piece of luggage, per person, at hotels throughout.
- Coordination of all Liturgies and concert(s), as per attached itinerary. All formal concerts include expert promotion, printed programs and placed posters.
- Special promotional Brochures of your choir tour printed free for distribution by you.
- Portfolio of travel documents for each participant, including a Peter's Way Tours flight packet.

Items not included in the package price:

- Health, trip cancellation/interruption or baggage insurance. All are strongly recommended. Peter's Way Tours offers a comprehensive policy at additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs, if any.
- **U.S. Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months subsequent to the return date.**
- Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.).
- Meals not specified in the program.
- Gratuities to the tour manager, guides and driver.
- Items not specifically mentioned above.

We suggest the following musical venues (subject to confirmation):

- June 18, Monday: Present a formal concert at St. Nicholas Church (Little Quarter - Mozart played organ in 1787 & Fresco of St. Cecilia "Patron Saint of Music.")
- June 21, Thursday: Noon - Informal recital at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna.
- June 21, Thursday: Present a formal concert at St. Peterskirche in Vienna.
- June 24, Sunday: Sing for the 10:00 am High Mass at Salzburg Cathedral together with the Cathedral Orchestra, **under the direction of Janos Czifra.**
- All formal concerts include expert promotion, printed programs and placed posters.

A Special Invitation to Friends & Families of
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Tentative flight schedule via British Airways from New York's JFK International Airport as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Airline</u>	<u>Flight</u>	<u>Departure City/Time</u>	<u>Arrival City/Time</u>
June 16	British Airways	#112	New York JFK /6:40 pm	-----
June 17			-----	London LHR /6:35 am
June 17	British Airways	#854	London LHR /7:55 am	Prague PRG /10:55 am
June 25	British Airways	#951	Munich MUC /12:55 pm	London LHR /2:00 pm
June 25	British Airways	#115	London LHR /3:25 pm	New York JFK /5:40 pm

Please note: Flight itinerary subject to change without notice.

- I T I N E R A R Y -

• **Day 1, June 16, Saturday: Depart USA**

Depart New York's JFK International Airport on British Airways for your overseas journey to Prague, Czech Republic via London.

Complimentary meals and beverages will be served aloft.

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• **Day 2, June 17, Sunday: PM/Arrive Prague**

Arrive at Prague International Airport, proceed through passport control, claim your luggage, and a Peter's Way Tours tour manger will meet you upon your exit from Customs. Board the motor coach and soon, you will be on your way to Prague, the "City of 100 Spires."

Check-in at hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Dinner and overnight in Prague.

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- **Day 3, June 18, Monday: AM/Highlight Tour of Prague - PM/Concert at St. Nicholas & Gala Dinner**



Breakfast at your hotel. Today will be spent getting acquainted with the magnificent city of Prague, which is undoubtedly one of the most picturesque cities in the world. The "City of 100 Spires" was spared from destruction during World War II and still contains beautiful examples of architecture. Enjoy a guided tour of Prague, including the castle district (Hradcany). Visit St. Vitus' Cathedral (used for the inauguration of Presidents and where you can find the tomb of St. Wenceslas and former rulers of the Czech Kingdom). Pass the Basilica

of St. George to visit Prague Castle. Then, stroll through Mala Strana with its amazing architectural buildings. Independent lunch.

Return to hotel to freshen up.

At 3:30 pm, you will be transferred to St. Nicholas Church for 4:45 pm – 5:45 pm rehearsal. (PLEASE NOTE: buses are not allowed to park near the church. As such, there will be approximately a 15-minute walk to the church.)

At 6:00 pm, attend a formal concert presented by Grace Church Choir. (Little Quarter - Mozart played organ in 1787 & Fresco of St. Cecilia "Patron Saint of Music.") (Subject to confirmation).

This evening, you will be transferred to a popular Czech restaurant for a gala dinner with entertainment. While dining and tasting the traditional specialties of the Czech cuisine, you can watch an enjoyable program featuring folk music, songs and dances. Overnight at hotel in Prague. (B,D)



- **Day 4, June 19, Tuesday: AM/Old City of Prague - PM/Excursion to Visit Terezin**

Breakfast at your hotel. Begin your day with a visit to the beautiful, statue-lined Charles Bridge and to the Old Town, considered one of the most preserved old cities in Europe. See over a thousand years of history as you enjoy the architecture and visit the old town square. See the famous astronomical clock that comes alive when the hour strikes and the twelve disciples appear to bless the crowd. You will also have the chance to visit the church of Our Lady before Tyn, and walk along the Prague alleys through the Powder tower to St. Wenceslas Square and the Jewish quarter. Independent lunch in the Old Town Square.

This afternoon leave on our excursion to visit Terezin. Theresienstadt (often referred to as Terezín) was a Nazi German concentration camp during World War II. It was established by the Gestapo in the fortress and garrison city of Terezín, located in what is now the Czech Republic. Emperor Joseph II named this village after his mother, Maria Theresa, of the Austrian Habsburg family. **Informal recital at the concentration camp.**

Dinner and overnight in Prague.



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- **Day 5, June 20, Wednesday: Prague - Vienna - PM/Tour of the Schonbrunn Palace**

Breakfast at your hotel.

This morning we leave Prague for Vienna (five- to six-hour bus ride), the music capital of the world, where you will stay for three days!

Vienna is the city of Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, and Strauss!

Independent lunch en route.

This afternoon, you will have an extended tour of the Schonbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Habsburgs, which was named

after the fountain that was built over a spring in the early 1600s. This castle was built by Ferdinand II in 1637 and came into its full grandiose incarnation during the reign of Maria Theresa, when she added the massive mirrors, frescoed ceilings and gigantic crystal chandeliers. Check-in at hotel.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Vienna. (B,D)



- **Day 6, June 21, Thursday: Highlight tour of Vienna - St. Stephen's Cathedral - PM/Concert at St. Peterskirche**

Breakfast at your hotel.

Begin our day with an orientation tour of Vienn. Pass by the Hofburg Palace, winter residence of the Habsburg emperors; the Capuchin Church containing the imperial vaults; St. Charles' Church, a splendid example of late Baroque architecture; and the Belvedere Palace, former residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy. Drive around the Ring, one of the most magnificent boulevards in the world, passing the Vienna Opera, Museums, House of Parliament, City Hall, and the Burgtheater.

Arrive in time for orientation visit of **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, Austria's most eminent Gothic edifice, houses a wealth of art treasures. The architectural history begins in the 12th century, the oldest remaining parts date from the 13th century: the Giant Gate (Riesentor) and the Towers of the Heathens (Heidentürme), both Romanesque in style. The South Tower (Südturm), at 448 feet, was completed in 1433 (the Viennese have given it the nickname Steffl, which also denotes the whole cathedral). During the 18th century, the cathedral was decorated with Baroque altarpieces - the panel of the main altar shows the stoning of its namesake St. Stephen, the first martyr of Christendom.

12:00 noon, **Informal 20-minute recital presented by Grace Church Choir.**

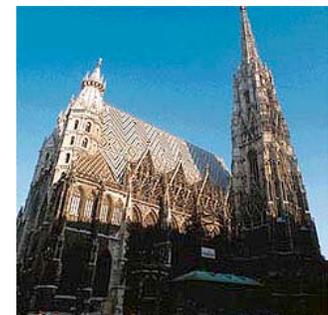
Independent lunch. Return to hotel to freshen up.

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, **rehearsal at St. Peterskirche.**

At 6:00 pm, **enjoy a concert at St. Peterskirche presented by the Grace Church Choir.**

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Vienna.

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- **Day 7, June 22, Friday: Full day in Vienna “House of Music” - Prater**

Leisurely breakfast at your hotel.

Today we visit the “House of Music” is spread out over several floors; visitors can feel, see and listen to music – a truly unique experience that you won’t want to miss. HAUS DER MUSIK is an interactive **discovery museum** located in the heart of Vienna’s first district nestled between St. Stephen’s Cathedral and the Vienna State Opera. A host of interactive installations playfully communicate openness to new things, understanding and enthusiasm in approaching music. Conduct the Vienna Philharmonic from a **virtual conductor’s podium**, and the musicians on the screen will tell you if you are up to par. Journey back in time to see the great composers of the past, such as **Mozart, Straus, Beethoven and others**. Experience the highlights from the **Vienna Philharmonic’s world-famous New Year’s Concert** in the best sound and picture quality anytime of the year.



Another fun thing to do: Visit the Prater (public park with its famous Ferris wheel - remember the Third Man?)

Dinner on your own. Overnight at hotel in Vienna.

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- **Day 8, June 23, Saturday: Melk Abbey - Salzburg**

Buffet breakfast at your hotel.

This morning, depart Vienna for Salzburg. En-route we stop at the Benedictine Abbey of Melk. Enjoy magnificent scenery along the Danube known as the Wachau, a region that is the pride of the historic preservation movement in Austria. Visit Melk, with its Abbey crowning the rocky hill overlooking the Danube. It is the best sample of Baroque architecture in Austria. Visit the Benedictine Abbey that was founded in 1702. Its Library contains over 80,000 books and 2,000 manuscripts - all on religious subjects.



Informal Recital at the Abbey church.

Late morning, continue to the Baroque city of Salzburg, a jewel set on the beautiful banks of the Salzach River, for a two-night stay (if you choose the 10:00 am Mass with the Orchestra on Sunday - choir members only. Rehearsal with Prof. Janos Czifra, director of music of Salzburg Cathedral).

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Salzburg.

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- **Day 9, June 24, Sunday: Mass at the Cathedral in Salzburg-Highlight Tour of Salzburg**

After breakfast, transfer to the Salzburg Cathedral for 9:30 am warm-up and 10:00 am High Mass Mozart's Missa Brevis in C, (KV 220 - Spatzenmesse) as sung by Grace Church Choir together with the Salzburg Cathedral Choir and Orchestra, under the direction of Janos Czfira.

After Mass, there will be a photo opportunity at the Cathedral Square. Independent lunch. This afternoon, you will have a guided tour of



Salzburg's sights along Getreidegasse, the city's pedestrian street, lined with authentic 17th and 18th Century buildings, including the house where Mozart was born. View Monchsberg with the fortress "Hohensalzburg," which overlooks the city. Built into the side of Monchsberg is the Salzburg Festspielhaus, which is home of the famous Salzburg Festival Operas. See Residenzplatz, the center square of Salzburg, dominated by the dynamic sculpture of the Residenzbrunnen, the largest baroque fountain north of the alps. The Residenz building, built in 1596, was once the palace of the Bishops. Nearby stands the Cathedral dating from 1614. Next, visit St.

Peter's Abbey, next to the cemetery portrayed in the film "Sound of Music" and where most of Mozart's religious works are premiered.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Salzburg.

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- **Day 10, June 25, Monday: Return to the USA**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Munich airport for your return flight to the USA.

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