# A Musical Tour to Germany, Austria & the Czech Republic

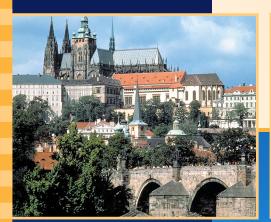


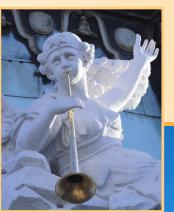
Designed for St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Cary, NC

Under the Musical Direction of Mr. Wayne Cusher Director of Music and Liturgy

> Spiritual Director: Msgr. John A. Wall Pastor Emeritus

10-Days: June 10 to 19, 2014





<u>Full Package: Air & Land</u> \$3,199 Discount Price (pay by check or cash) or \$3,398 Standard Price (pay by credit card) From Charlotte (CLT) plus \$645 in airport taxes, security fees and current fuel surcharges and \$150 in tips.

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Choir of St. Michael the Archangel

## AN INVITATION TO JOIN US

Dear Friend,

I invite you to join me, along with the choir and community of St. Michael's, in discovering the life and spirit of two of Europe's most alluring and picturesque countries, none other than Germany and Austria! We have planned our 10-day journey from Tuesday, June 10 to Thursday, June 19 of 2014.

The beauty of this land, the centuries old gothic cathedrals, the warm hospitality of the people, and the promise of new friends will combine to make this one of your life's most treasured memories. The peace and joy of this journey will refresh your everyday for a long time to come. Just imagine the inspiration you'll receive when attending Mass at Salzburg Cathedral where the choir will sing and we will all participate in the liturgy. The experienced people at Catholic Travel Centre have arranged this visit for us.

Our time together will be filled with prayer, song, laughter and friendship. As you can see in the itinerary, all of our senses, especially our spiritual sense, will be especially enlivened on this tour. Our journey is filled with great sights. We'll be enticed by sounds of celestial music from these cultures; the smells and tastes of the delicious local foods and wines. In touching the past and the present of humanity's work and its praise of God, we will experience the journey of all to His Kingdom. This promises truly to be the experience of a lifetime, and I'm so glad we'll be able to celebrate this together as a community.

As you would guess, we expect a tour like this to fill quite quickly, so please do not delay in securing your space. For that reason, I encourage you to sign up very soon.

May you always be blessed by the goodness of the Lord.

See you on the bus!

Wayne Cusher

# Our Daily Itinerary

**TUES, JUNE 10, DAY 1: DEPART USA:** We board our motor coach in the St. Michael's parking lot, en route to the Charlotte Airport, where we board our non-stop flight to Munich, with complimentary meals and beverages served aloft. Motor coach transportation is included in our tour price.

Note: Persons wishing to make their own airline arrangements and meet up with us in Munich are welcome to purchase the Land Only package.

WED, JUNE 11, DAY 2: ARRIVE MUNICH & VISIT OF THE CITY / GARMISCH: We arrive at Munich airport and meet our Catholic Travel Centre tour manager, who will accompany us daily. Our walking tour of Bavaria's capital includes the historic glockenspiel on the Marienplatz and the revered twin-towered Fraunkirche (Church), the most familiar landmark of old Munich. We enjoy a welcome lunch at the historic Hofbräuhaus (beer hall). Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart lived just around the corner from this beer hall in the late 18th century and is claimed to have written the opera IDOMENEO after being fortified for the task by several visits here! In February 1920, Adolf Hitler used the beer hall as the venue for proclaiming the theses of his National Socialist program. After our festive lunch, we board our motor coach and continue to our accommodations in the alpine Bavarian village of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Dinner awaits us at our lodging. (L, D)

THURS, JUNE 12, DAY 3: GARMISCH: EXCURSION TO NEUSCHWANSTEIN & OBERAMMERGAU: After breakfast this morning, our motor coach will take us amidst green meadows and snow-capped mountains to Neuschwanstein, one of the fairy-tale castles built by Mad King Ludwig II. With its turrets and mock-medievalism, and interior styles ranging from Byzantine through Romanesque to Gothic, the castle is a real fairy-tale fantasy come true. We continue on to the charming village of Oberammergau, known for the Oberammergau Passion Play and beautiful wood carvings.

The story of Oberammergau is one of faith and began with a miracle. In the 1600's "The Black Plague" swept through Europe, striking down one in every three people. The people of Oberammergau prayed to be spared, vowing that they would present a play depicting the Life and Passion of Jesus Christ every 10 years. True to their pledge, the plays have only been interrupted by the two World Wars. After some time at leisure for lunch on our own, we return to Garmisch for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

### FRI, JUNE 13, DAY 4: GARMISCH / EAGLE'S NEST / LAKE KONIGSEE CRUISE / SALZBURG: This morning

after breakfast we depart Garmisch to visit Kehlsteinhaus, better known as Hitler's retreat, the Eagles Nest. We journey through spectacular scenery along the Konigsee River Valley and the Bavarian Alps. This afternoon we enjoy a cruise on Lake Konigsee, a thin fjord-like lake that hooks itself around the Watzmann, Germany's second highest mountain. Lake Konigsee is known the world over for its emerald green water and unique mountain landscape. We'll cruise silently across the lake on electric-powered boats and hear the famed Konigsee echo. We continue on to the peninsula of St. Bartholomew with the unmistakable red onion domes atop its ancient pilgrimage church. We continue on to Austria passing by Ettal Monastery and the Zgupiszte peaks into the Tirol Valley and to Salzburg. Dinner awaits us at our hotel. (B, D)

#### SAT, JUNE 14, DAY 5: SALZBURG: VISIT OF THE CITY:

We begin our visit today at the Mozart Gerburtshaus (House of Mozart). The Mozart family lived on the third floor of the "Hagenauer House" at Getreidegasse 9 for twenty-six years, from 1747 to 1773. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born here on January 27, 1756. The building is named after the merchant and toy dealer, Johann Lorenz Hagenauer, who owned the building and was a friend of the Mozart family. The International Mozarteum Foundation first installed a museum in Mozart's Birthplace in 1880. It has been systematically remodeled and enlarged over the decades and has become a cultural venue that draws thousands of visitors from around the world each year.

Next we enjoy a guided tour of Salzburg's leading sights, including Monchsberg with the fortress "Hohensalzburg," which overlooks the city. Built into the side of Monchsberg is the Salzburg Festspiedlhaus, home of the famous Salzburg Festival Operas. We see the 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, we visit St. Peter's Abbey, next to the cemetery portrayed in the film *The Sound of Music* and where most of Mozart's religious works were premiered. We take some time for lunch on our own before choir rehearsal this evening.

Tonight, we dine at the oldest restaurant in Europe, Stiftskeller St. Peter while listening to the music of Mozart. We enjoy a delicious three course candlelit dinner, prepared as it would have been in the 17th and 18th centuries, while local opera singers and musicians perform some of Mozart's finest work. We return to our hotel for the evening. (B, D)

SUN, JUNE 15, DAY 6: SALZBURG: SING MASS AT SALZBURG CATHEDRAL / MELK ABBEY / VIENNA: This morning, after breakfast, we transfer to the 17th Century Salzburg Cathedral where our choir will sing the 11:30am Mass. After Mass, we depart for Melk Abbey, enjoying lunch on our own en route. The Baroque style structure is surrounded by a gorgeous town with Renaissance homes and winding streets reminiscent of the Middle Ages. The Abbey is the setting for Umberto Eco's 'The Name of the Rose.' Among the treasures housed here are paintings, sculptures, and decorative art from the 9th to 15th centuries. A magnificent library contains over 2,000 volumes from that era. A brilliant organ and skeletons dressed in luxurious costumes kept in glass coffins are among the other things to see here. After our visit, we board our waiting motor coach and make our way to our hotel in Vienna, where dinner awaits us. (B, D)

MON, JUNE 16, DAY 7: VIENNA: VISIT OF THE CITY PLUS INFORMAL CONCERT: After breakfast at our hotel, we begin our day with a visit to Schoenbrunn Palace, the most celebrated baroque estate of the Austrian Empire. The gardens and elaborately decorated rooms rival Versailles. At noon, we transfer to St. Stephen's Cathedral, Austria's most eminent Gothic edifice. Here our choir has a rehearsal for our 12:45 informal concert. After our concert we enjoy a tour of the Cathedral.

We take some time for lunch on our own, before continuing with a sightseeing tour of the city. Through the tour, we will gain an overall impression of the most significant historical sights of Vienna. Our local guide will show us the Ringstrabe with its magnificent buildings, such as the State Opera House, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Natural History, the City Hall, the Hofburg, the Parliament, the University, as well as the Votive Church. Dinner is on our own this evening to explore the local restaurant scene or to attend the cultural event of our choosing. Our tour manager will have suggestions. (B)

*Note: We can arrange an optional one hour cruise on the Danube River for a supplement of \$25 per person based on a minimum of 25 persons. Your tour manager will have more information.* 

**TUES, JUNE 17, DAY 8: VIENNA / BRNO / PRAGUE:** This morning, after breakfast, we depart Vienna for Prague. Prague is known as the "Golden City"– so named because of its distinct gold-domed buildings. Situated on the Valtava River, Prague ranks as one of the most beautifully preserved cities in Europe.

We stop in Brno for a visit to the Capuchin Church of St. Peter and Paul. After our visit, we continue on to Karlstejn Castl, an awe-inspiring 14th century fortress to rival any in Central Europe. We will have plenty of time to visit the local shops and absorb the ambience in this, one of Europe's most 'in' cities. We arrive at our hotel in Prague for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

WED, JUNE 18, DAY 9: PRAGUE: VISIT OF THE CITY:

Most of the city is situated around the always bustling Wenceslas Square with the statue of St. Wenceslas. The square was the site of the massive anti-Communist protests in November 1989, in the final days of the Velvet Revolution. This morning we will begin with a visit of St. Vitus Cathedral followed by a walking tour of the Old Town, the historic heart of the city. This neighborhood includes the Renaissance Town Hall, with its animated 14th century astronomical clock, as well as Castle Square. The famous Charles Bridge, lined on both sides by religious statues, leads us out the Old Town into the Mala Strana (Little Quarter). We view the Church of Our Lady Victorious, where we see the famous statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague. Nearby is the Church of St. Nicholas, one of the city's finest. The church, completed in 1752, has a stunning gilded interior. Gold-capped marble-veneered columns frame altars packed with statuary and frescoes. The balance of the day is at leisure. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner and a folklore show at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**THURS, JUNE 19, DAY 10: RETURN TO THE USA:** This morning we transfer to the Prague airport for our return flight to the USA. (B)

Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary, either due to changes in airline schedules, cruise schedules, or for other reasons. All Masses are subject to local church schedules and to substitution with alternate Mass sites if churches mentioned are not available.

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To make your reservation, simply complete the enclosed registration form and submit along with \$400 payment (mailed to the address shown on the bottom of the registration form). You will receive General Information (including How to Obtain a Passport), an invoice, and further information from Catholic Travel Centre via mail, usually within two weeks of our receipt of your deposit. Please submit your registration form early, as all space is available on a first-come basis only. Registrations are processed in the order they are received by Catholic Travel Centre.

#### YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

Price includes airfare based on non-refundable, economy class group fares on regularly scheduled IATA carrier from Charlotte (CLT), accommodations in First Class Hotels, or best available hotel (all with private facilities), sightseeing, and meals per itinerary (B, L, D) and is based on a minimum of 40 fully paying passengers in the group. Airport taxes & security fees, tips, and optional travel protection plan will be shown separately on your invoice. No visa required for USA citizens - only a valid passport. Please see 'Registration Form' and 'Terms & Conditions' for more details.

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#### **FINAL PAYMENT**

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. This payment should be sent directly to Catholic Travel Centre. Instructions will appear on your invoice.

#### LOCAL CONTACT

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Enclosed please find my \$400 per person deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the "Terms and Conditions" in the accompanying brochure. I agree to submit full payment 90 days prior to departure.

Please print in BLOCK LETTERS your complete Last Name, First Name and Middle Name as they appear on your PASSPORT.

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#### **Departure Information** (please check one)

#### **FULL PACKAGE from Charlotte (CLT)**

**LAND ONLY PACKAGE**: I understand I am responsible for making my own air arrangements to Munich and from Prague and will meet the group at our accommodations at the first hotel in Garmisch on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

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#### **<u>DISCOUNT PRICE</u>** (applies for payment by check or cash)

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