Music Lovers’ Study Tour to Central Europe
Austria, Czech Republic & Germany

July 31 – August 13, 2012  14 Days
Optional extra day/night in Berlin, August 13-14

Hosted by Pat Kreuziger and Carolyn Nordquist
DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

TUE 31 JUL  Depart U.S.  Depart Minneapolis/St. Paul and connect with the transatlantic, overnight flight to Europe. (Meals in-flight)

WED 01 AUG  Arrive Munich/Salzburg  Upon arrival in Munich, meet your driver and motorcoach. Travel through the Alps to Hitler’s mountain top retreat, the Eagle’s Nest, then continue to Salzburg. Gather for a welcome dinner this evening. (Meals in-flight, D)

THU 02 AUG  Salzburg  Salzburg is defined by its music, although it is humbly sprung from the salt mining industry. Embark on a morning walking tour featuring Salzburg’s favorite son, Mozart; his birthplace is situated in the heart of the busiest little street, the Getreidegasse. Enter the yellow house and see sets from his operas as well as his violins, clavichord and the hammer-klavier on which he composed “The Magic Flute.” Walk through Mirabel Gardens and see sights from the Sound of Music. The afternoon is at leisure before attending one of the Salzburg Music Festival events. (B)

FRI 03 AUG  Salzburg/Vienna  Depart for Vienna, stopping at the dramatic 900-year-old baroque Melk Abbey perched on sheer cliffs high above the Danube River. Continue to Vienna, the cultural heart of Europe, where you will visit the Pasqualethaus where Beethoven lived and worked for eight years, the apartment where he finished writing the “Blue Danube Waltz,” and Schubert’s birth house. Check in at your hotel for overnight. (B)

SAT 04 AUG  Vienna  Immerse yourself in the rich musical tradition of Vienna today. Tour the grand City Opera House, where famous conductors like Mahler, Strauss and Maazel (subject to availability). Also tour the Mozarathaus and magnificent Schönbrunn Palace where Mozart astounded and delighted the court with his talent at the age of six. Later this afternoon drive to the Vienna suburb of Heiligenstadt to visit the apartment where Beethoven lived and worked for eight years, the apartment where he finished writing the “Blue Danube Waltz,” and Schubert’s birth house. Check in at your hotel for overnight. (B)

SUN 05 AUG  Vienna/Prague  This morning visit Eisenstadt, where Franz Joseph Haydn served the court of the powerful Estermayer family. See some of his manuscripts and memorabilia in his modest home/museum, and visit his final resting place in the Bergkirche. Then drive to Prague to visit the Czech Republic, Prague, the “City of Spires.” This evening enjoy a traditional Czech dinner and folklore show. (B, D)

MON 06 AUG  Prague  After breakfast, tour Prague, including a visit to Hradcany—the Prague Castle and its massive complex including palaces, churches and museums. You’ll have a walking tour of the castle areas and visit Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. Cross over the lovely pedestrian-only Charles Bridge, lined with statues and ornate lampposts to visit the Old Town and see the famous 15th century astronomical clock. Explore the Smetana Museum, which is dedicated to the life and work of the great Czech national composer. This evening you may want to attend one of Prague’s many cultural events. (B)

TUE 07 AUG  Prague/Dresden  Cross from the Czech Republic into Germany en route to Dresden this morning. During WWII, Dresden was virtually destroyed; the city was later restored to splendid reconstruction. In 2002, Dresden was swept by floodwaters and has once again come back. Upon arrival embark on a locally guided walking tour visiting the Semper Opera House (subject to availability) and the Zwinger Palace Museum. Also visit the Kreuzkirche whose boy choir was founded more than 750 years ago; and the Frauenkirche, the cathedral that was destroyed during the fire bombing in Dresden in 1945 and was rededicated in 2005. Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

WED 08 AUG  Dresden/Eisenach  Travel to Weimar for a tour of the Liszt Museum where the composer and pianist resided in 1848 and again from 1869 to 1886, writing such key works as the “Hungarian Rhapsodies” and the “Faust Symphony.” Nearby visit Buchenwald Concentration Camp. Between 1937 and 1945, altogether 250,000 persons from all countries of Europe were imprisoned in Buchenwald. The number of victims is estimated at approximately 56,000. Johann Joachim Se- bastian Bach was born in 1685 and where Martin Luther attended parish school as a youth. (B, D)

THU 09 AUG  Eisenach  Begin the day with a tour of Wartburg Castle; it was here that Martin Luther hid and translated the New Testament from its original Greek into common German. Then take a walking tour through town with a visit to Georgenkirche, the church where Bach and his family were organists from 1665-1797, and the Bach House with a concert of J.S. Bach’s music performed on historic instruments. The afternoon and evening are free for independent activities. (B)

FRI 10 AUG  Eisenach/Leipzig  Journey to Leipzig for a locally guided tour that will focus on this “city of music” and highlight J.S. Bach and his museum, across from the Thomaskirche where he is buried. Visit the Nikolaikirche, the center of the peaceful demonstrations that brought about the Fall of the Berlin Wall, and view the famous Gewandhaus concert hall from the outside. Schedules permitting, attend either an organ concert or vespers at the Thomaskirche. Dinner this evening will be at Auerbach’s Keller, mentioned in Goethe’s “Faust.” (B, D)

SAT 11 AUG  Leipzig/Berlin  This morning drive to Potsdam for a locally guided visit of Sanssouci Palace, built in the 18th century by Frederick the Great. This retreat was built in a lovely setting to provide the King of Prussia with a relaxing hideaway from the demands of Berlin. C.P.E. Bach served the King’s court from 1738-1768 and his father, Johann Sebastian, wrote “The Musical Offering” based upon a theme created by the King and offered to him during a visit to Sanssovic. Continue to Berlin for hotel check-in. (B)

SUN 12 AUG  Berlin  Embark on a tour of the city. In the West, see the memorial along the famous Kurfurstendamm Street (Kudamm) – Kaiser Wilhelm Gedachtniskirche (Memorial Church), which represents the horrors of war and the promise of the future. Pass by the Brandenburg Gate, once the symbol of the division of West and East, and now of unified Berlin. See the beautifully renewed Berliner Dom. Visit the Berlin Wall Memorial where a remaining section of The Wall helps tell the story of divided Berlin. View some of the primary venues where notable such as the Berlin Philharmonic perform. This evening gathering for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

MON 13 AUG  Return to U.S. or Extend  Transfer for flight departure and return to the U.S. this same day. Or extend your stay in Berlin for an extra day/night of individual exploration. (B, Meals in-flight)

Code:  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  Itinerary subject to change.  Special visits subject to confirmation.
TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of $400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of $1000 is due January 5, 2012. Final payment is due May 25, 2012. For credit card payment Accolades accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance prior to departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to March 27, 2012 - $100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits including Salzburg Festival tickets; March 28 – July 16, 2012 – Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; July 17, 2012 or after – No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than March 28, 2012. A minimum fee of $175 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a $50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required thirty days of tour departure will be charged a $50

WHAT’S INCLUDED?

- **AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul via an ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Twelve nights accommodation in superior tourist and first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities.
- **MEALS:** Breakfast daily and seven dinners as outlined in the itinerary.
- **GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- **SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees and 70 Euro ticket for the Salzburg Festival included.
- **PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- **EXPERT GUIDES:** Experienced English-speaking local guides.
- **TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes and fuel surcharges (currently $200 per person).
- **ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including handy high visibility bag tags, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

PRE-EXISTING medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when insurance is purchased at the time of reservation/deposit. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174

Items Not Included:

- Tour Gratuities. For your convenience, $97 will be billed at the time of final invoicing.
- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption is not included and highly recommended. Please refer to the Travel Insurance section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

COST SUMMARY

$5999*

• Group Flights From Minneapolis/St. Paul
• Airport Taxes ($200).......................................................... $0
*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Gratuities ($97).......................................................... $0

Not Included

Optional Individual Supplements

Single Room.......................................................... $429

In addition to base tour cost. Very limited availability. Single room supplement for extension is an additional $39.

Costs:

- The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul (other cities available), double occupancy, airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements for extension are on a request basis only. Not all bookings have been made and all space/rates are subject to availability at time of booking.

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RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#120702 • OR CLIP AND MAIL

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(Name as it appears on passport)

1. ___________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________
   First Name  MIddle Name      Last Name

2. ___________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________
   First Name  MIddle Name      Last Name

Address (no P.O. boxes) ____________________________________________________________  Tel. (Day) ____________________  (Eve.)__________________

City________________________  State_________  Zip Code____________  Email________________________

Roommate____________________  ☐ I will pay the supplement for a single room.  ☐ Sign me/us up for the Berlin extension.

Flight Arrangements (please check one)

☐ I will take the group flights from Mpls/St. Paul.
☐ I will need assistance with flight arrangements from_____________________airport to join the group.
☐ I will make all of my own flight arrangements.  Please contact Accolades for land-only rates.

Deposit/Travel Insurance (please check one)

☐ Please reserve________space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:
   $ ____________________________ per person inclusive of travel insurance.
   $ ____________________________ per person without travel insurance.

☐ We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre-existing waiver.

Please make checks payable to Accolades Tours G#120702

☐ I have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

☐ Signature  ☐ Signature

Date  ☐ Date

Form of Payment

☐ Check

☐ Charge my deposit(s) to Credit Card #

Exp____________________  Security Code____________________

Name as it appears on credit card: ___________________________
Travel insurance is included as an option with the initial tour deposit and is highly recommended. Accolades offers a competitive policy from an independent company. By purchasing insurance at the time of the tour deposit, you can be covered for events that may cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip, e.g., pre-existing medical conditions (certain restrictions apply). If you decline travel insurance at the time of reservation, you may purchase it within 14 days with the pre-existing conditions waiver. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174.

**ACCOLADES TRAVEL INSURANCE INCLUSIONS**

- Trip Cancellation: up to Tour Cost*
- Trip Interruption: up to 150% of Tour Cost**
- Travel Delay: $750
- Missed Connection: $300
- Baggage: $1,000
- Baggage Delay: $200
- Medical Expense: $50,000
- Evacuation/Repatriation: $500,000
- Political Death: $10,000
- ID Theft Resolution Services: Included
- Assistance Service: Included

* a maximum of $6500 per person  
** a maximum of $9750 per person

Cost of this optional Accolades Travel Insurance is $262 per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered.

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For more information, contact:

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