

Join the MYO Choral and Orchestral programs on an exciting concert Grand Tour to Europe including Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Vienna and Budapest.

Begin the tour in Berlin; the capital city of Germany. See the Brandenburg Gate, remnants of the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie and the Reichstag.

Travel to Dresden, a city devastated to ashes by bombing at the end of WW II and now rebuilt as a memorial city.

Visit Prague, situated on the Vltava River (Moldau). It was once home to composers Bedřich Smetana and Antonín Dvořák.

On to Vienna, once the music capital of Europe and the Hapsburg Empire. Conclude the tour in Budapest, Hungary on the banks of the beautiful Danube River.

Perform five concerts throughout the tour and return from Europe with memories to last a lifetime!

THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL PROGRAMS *A GRAND TOUR TO EUROPE*

**BERLIN | DRESDEN | PRAGUE
VIENNA | BUDAPEST**

July 3-16, 2018

Estimated Tour Pricing: \$4,495*
per person including current air tax/fuel surcharges

***Discount Price for Payment by Check**
(\$4,675 Full Price for Payment by Debit/Credit Card)

Note: The pricing above is good-faith estimate. Final pricing will be communicated when 2018 group air space is in inventory and has been secured. We will have a final price in place at the time registration opens for the tour on September 1, 2017.

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EUROPE

PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

- Day 1 Tuesday, July 3, 2018** **Depart from New York-JFK**
Depart on your transatlantic flight to Berlin, Germany with a possible connection in Frankfurt, Germany. **Inflight**
- Day 2 Wednesday, July 4, 2018** **Arrival | Berlin**
Morning arrival in Berlin. Meet your tour managers. Enjoy a guided city-tour including the renovated Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, the famed Kurfürstendamm and the Jewish Quarter. Check in to the hotel. Welcome dinner. **Inflight B/D**
- Day 3 Thursday, July 5, 2018** **Berlin**
Morning rehearsal for MYO. Afternoon visit to the great Pergamon Museum on the Museum Island in the Spree River. Admire the Pergamon Altar and Market Gate of Miletus. Free afternoon for group pursuits such as seeing the iconic bust of Nefertiti on display in the Neues Museum. Perform the first concert of the tour. **B/D**
- Day 4 Friday, July 6, 2018** **Berlin | Dresden**
Dresden was known as the *Florence of the Elbe* before its tragic destruction in the final months of World War II. A local guide will show you the newly renovated *Church of Our Lady*, the *Semperoper* and the *Zwinger*. Visit to the Royal Palace and the priceless *Green Vault* collection of dazzling “objets d’art,” brought together by the various sovereigns of Saxony. Possible evening concert. **B/D**
- Day 5 Saturday, July 7, 2018** **Dresden | Terezin | Prague**
After breakfast, depart for Prague. Our first stop is at Terezín, a WW II Nazi Concentration Camp. After our visit, we continue to Prague where you get settled into the hotel. Evening dinner at a traditional Czech restaurant. **B/D**
- Day 6 Sunday, July 8, 2018** **Prague**
Today we explore the Old Town of Prague. A guided walk starts at the Wenceslas Square and continues to the Old Town Square where you see the *Tyne Church*, *Astronomical Clock*, *Jan Hus Memorial* and the famous *Charles Bridge*. Perform a concert in the St. Nicholas Church or Czech Music Museum. **B/D**
- Day 7 Monday, July 9, 2018** **Prague**
Sightseeing continues today at the Prague Castle area high above the city. See the Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and the nearby Golden Lanes, formerly filled with shops of gold and silversmiths. In the Old Town, walk through the old Jewish Quarter. Prague was home to composers Bedřich Smetana and Antonín Dvořák and both are buried in the Vysehradsky Hrbítov Cemetery. Enjoy an evening dinner cruise on the (Vltava) Moldau or attend a concert. **B/D**
- Day 8 Tuesday, July 10, 2018** **Prague | Wachau Valley | Vienna**
Depart for Vienna, music capital of Austria. En route we travel to the Wachau Valley of the Danube River, one of the most beautiful sections and famous for its many vineyards. Make a lunch stop at the Dürnstein Castle and then continue to Vienna. Get settled into the hotel and have dinner in the Old Town. **B/D**
- Day 9 Wednesday, July 11, 2018** **Vienna**
Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour where you see the *Ringstrasse* with the glittering *State Opera House*, *Imperial Palace*, *State Apartments*, *National Library* and the *Hofburg Chapel*, where the Vienna Boys’ Choir sings. Enjoy free time to explore and shop on the Stephansplatz. Check in to the hotel. Enjoy dinner in the Old Town at the Augustiner Keller Restaurant. Possible concert in St. Stephen’s Cathedral of Vienna. **B/D**
- Day 10 Thursday, July 12, 2018** **Vienna**
Tour the *Vienna State Opera House*. Its conductors represent the elite of the music world--Gustav Mahler, Richard Strauss, Herbert von Karajan and Lorin Maazel. Later visit *Schönbrunn Palace*, the former summer home of the Hapsburg Family that ruled Austria for centuries. Enjoy free time followed by a special Heurigen dinner with music at the Restaurant Mayer. It is on the Pfarrplatz near Grinzing just outside of Vienna. **B/D**
- Day 11 Friday, July 13, 2018** **Vienna | Eisenstadt | Budapest**
We leave Austria today for Budapest. Our first stop is in Eisenstadt to visit the *Esterházy Estate* and the *Haydn Hall*. Continue to Budapest and check in to the hotel. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at a local Etterem followed by an evening sightseeing cruise on the Danube River. **B/D**
- Day 12 Saturday, July 14, 2018** **Budapest**
Guided sightseeing tour of Budapest this morning. Passing by the Parliament, cross the Danube on the *Margaret Bridge* and drive to the *Royal Castle* on the Buda side, where we see the *Fishermen’s Bastion* and the *Matthias Church*. Have time in the afternoon for lunch and souvenir shopping. Enjoy dinner and perform the final concert of the tour in the beautiful *Esztergom Basilica* or *St. Stephen’s Cathedral*. **B/D**
- Day 13 Sunday, July 15, 2018** **Budapest**
You have the entire day to enjoy Budapest. Venture out in small groups and explore the city on foot or using public transportation. Visit the Great Market Hall. The unique Széchenyi Thermal Baths are fun if you enjoy swimming and there is excellent souvenir shopping on Andrássy Avenue and on the pedestrian-only Váci Street. Tonight, enjoy a special farewell dinner with Hungarian music on the banks of the Danube at *Borkatakomba Etterem*. **B/D**
- Day 14 Monday, July 16, 2018** **Budapest | Return to JFK**
Travel to the Budapest Airport where you check in for the return flights to the United States. Make a connection in Frankfurt before flying non-stop to New York-JFK. Clear U.S. Customs and arrive home in the afternoon. **B/Inflight**

TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from New York (JFK) to Berlin/Budapest
- Transportation by deluxe motor coach in Europe
- Professional tour manager/guide on each motor coach
- Local guides in Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Vienna, and Budapest
- 12-nights hotel in twin occupancy at 3&4 star hotels
- Breakfast buffet daily at the hotels
- Dinner daily at a mix of hotels and local restaurants
- Sightseeing as outlined in the tour itinerary
- Admissions as required per the itinerary
- 5-Concert performances with local promotion
- Gratuities to guides | drivers | local escorts
- Travel Guard Group Protection Plan Insurance
- Online tour registration
- Individual billing for each traveler
- Payment by debit/credit card pricing options
- Possible shadow tour for family members of tour participants
- Land-only options for students extending their stay in Europe
- Complete set of travel documents

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ONLINE REGISTRATION

Tour registration will open September 1, 2017 and will close on January 5, 2018. Registration will be through an online portal and a link will be published on the MYO website prior to September 1, 2017. Final tour pricing will be published at this time for your review before committing to the tour.

ESTIMATED TOUR PRICING

\$4,495 PER PERSON (PAYMENT BY CHECK)

**\$4,675 PER PERSON (PAYMENT BY DEBIT/CREDIT CARD)
ROOMING IN TWIN OCCUPANCY**

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

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| January 5, 2018 | \$250* |
| February 1, 2018 | \$1,500 |
| March 1, 2018 | \$1,500 |
| May 1, 2018 | Final Balance Due |

CANCELLATION POLICY:

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| Deposit to January 5, 2018 | No cancellation fee |
| January 6, 2018 to February 1, 2018 | \$250 cancellation fee |
| February 2, 2018 to March 1, 2018 | \$500 cancellation fee |
| March 2, 2018 to May 1, 2018 | \$1,000 cancellation fee |
| May 2, 2018 to departure | No Refund |

Note: Once registered for the tour, you may wish to consider the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. Our recommended supplier is Travel Guard, but you are free to purchase it from any vendor that suits your needs. Please be advised that "cancel for any reason" policies and those for pre-existing medical conditions often need to be purchased within 14-days of depositing on the tour with most providers. Visit www.travelguard.com for information.

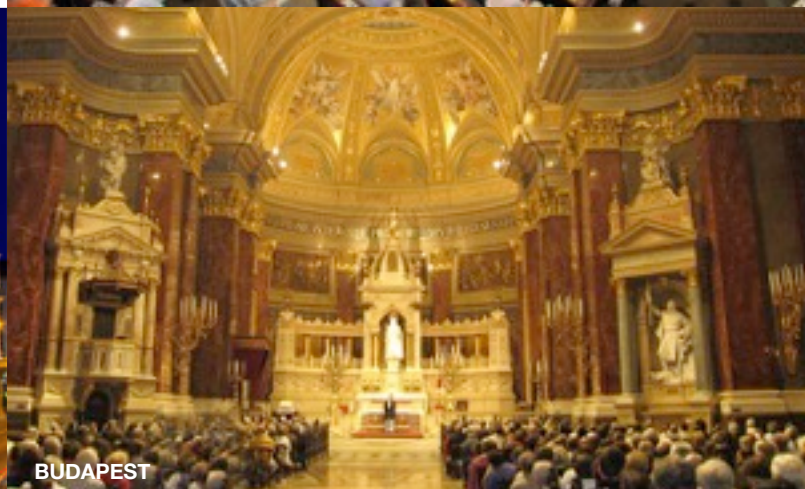
*A deposit made payable to GrandTours will be due at the time of registration by check or by debit/credit card per your preferred payment method selected during registration. The deposit will confirm your participation.



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