



JOIN GTYCS' SYMPHONY ON AN EXCITING INTERNATIONAL CONCERT TOUR TO GERMANY, POLAND & HUNGARY INCLUDING THE CITIES OF BERLIN, WROCLAW, KRAKOW, ZAKOPANE AND BUDAPEST.

BEGIN THE TOUR IN BERLIN WHERE YOU SEE THE BRANDENBURG GATE, CHECKPOINT CHARLIE, REMNANTS OF THE BERLIN WALL AND THE INFAMOUS REICHSTAG. ATTEND A CONCERT AS PART OF YOUR STAY.

TRAVEL TO POLAND WITH VISITS TO WROCLAW, KRAKOW, WIELICZKA AND AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU.

JOURNEY TO ZAKOPANE, A RESORT MOUNTAIN TOWN NESTLED IN THE HIGH TATRA MOUNTAINS ON THE BORDER OF POLAND AND SLOVAKIA.

CONCLUDE THE TOUR IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, SITUATED ON THE BANKS OF THE DANUBE RIVER. JOIN GTCYS' SYMPHONY ON THE CONCERT TOUR OF A LIFETIME!

**ON THE ROUTE OF KINGS
AND EMPERORS
GREATER TWIN CITIES
YOUTH SYMPHONIES**

Mark Russell Smith, Artistic Director & Symphony Conductor
Megen Balda, Executive Director

**BERLIN | WROCLAW | KRAKOW
ZAKOPANE | BUDAPEST**

JUNE 14-24, 2018

*Estimated Tour Price:
\$3,695-\$3,895 per person*

The price range listed above is a good-faith estimate until 2018 air and land reservations are available for booking. A final price will be communicated to all potential participants before registration opens in September. Students will have until October 15th to register for the tour.

GRANDTOURS

855 VILLAGE CENTER DRIVE #333
SAINT PAUL, MN 55127
T: 651.756.8885 F: 651-756-1327
WWW.GRANDTOURSINC.COM
INFO@GRANDTOURSINC.COM



TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Day 1 Thursday, June 14, 2018 Depart the U.S.A.
Depart on your transatlantic flight to with connections to Berlin, Germany. Meals: Inflight

Day 2 Friday, June 15, 2018 Arrival Berlin
Morning arrival in Berlin. Meet your local tour managers. Enjoy a guided city-tour including the renovated Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, and the famed Kurfürstendamm. Check in to the hotel with time to get settled. Enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. Inflight B/D

Day 3 Saturday, June 16, 2018 Berlin
Begin the day with a morning rehearsal at the hotel or in a local venue. Break for lunch and then tour the Pergamon Museum, located on the Museum Island in the Spree River. Free afternoon for group pursuits. Tonight have dinner in small groups and attend an evening concert in Berlin. B

Day 4 Sunday, June 17, 2018 Berlin | Wroclaw
Depart from Berlin for the Polish city of Wroclaw, the capitol of Lower Selesia. The main square features colorful Baroque and Renaissance houses that line it on all sides. Walk to dinner at a local restaurant and then perform an evening concert in a local venue such as the St. Elizabeth or St. Marie Madeleine Church. B/D

Day 5 Monday, June 18, 2018 Wroclaw | Krakow
Leave Wroclaw as you journey to Krakow. En route visit the sobering former Concentration Camps at Auschwitz/ Birkenau. A local guide will provide a compelling tour in small groups. Continue to Krakow, a picturesque city on the Vistula River. Check in to the hotel. Walk to *Rynek Glowny* where you can get dinner in small groups. B

Day 6 Tuesday, June 19, 2018 Krakow
The morning is spent enjoying this picturesque city on the Vistula River. Tour the *Stare Miasto*, where its two main features are the *Wawel Castle* and stunning *Rynek Glowny* (Main Square). In the afternoon travel out of Krakow into the countryside to the village of Zakliczyn. Here we visit the *Krysztof Penderecki Center for Music* and perform an evening concert (TBC). Return to Krakow. B/D

Day 7 Wednesday, June 20, 2018 Krakow | Zakopane
Morning visit to the medieval salt mine at Wieliczka. The mine is a UNESCO World Heritage site and you will be amazed as you descend into this vast underground labyrinth. Continue into the High Tatra Mountains and the picturesque town of Zakopane. Perform an evening concert. Dinner with local Highlander folk music. B/D

Day 8 Thursday, June 21, 2018 Zakopane | Budapest
Cross the High Tatras into Slovakia as you travel through the sweeping plains of Hungary. Arrive at the Danube Bend (Dunakanyar), a string of small riverside towns just north of Budapest. The delightful towns along the snaking Bend are beautifully situated on the river. The final destination today is Budapest, Hungary's cultural capital often referred to as the "Paris of the East." Check in to your centrally located hotel. Get dinner on *Váci utca* (Váci street). B

Day 9 Friday, June 22, 2018 Budapest
Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Budapest which shows you the *Parliament, Hero's Square, Thermal Baths, and St. Stephen's Basilica*. Cross the Danube and drive to the *Royal Castle* on the Buda side of the river. See the *Fishermen's Bastion* and *Matthias Church*. Evening concert in *Basilica Esztergom* or *St. Stephen's Basilica*. B/D

Day 10 Saturday, June 23, 2018 Budapest
You have the entire day to enjoy Budapest. Venture out in small groups and explore the city. Some may wish to visit the *Great Market Hall*. The unique *Szechenyi Thermal Baths* are fun if you enjoy swimming and you can rent swimsuits. Others may wish to see the *Hungarian National Museum or State Opera House*. Conclude the tour with a festive dinner at *Etterem Borkatakamba* with Hungarian/Gypsy music and dance! B/D

Day 11 Sunday, June 24, 2018 Budapest | U.S.A.
Early departure from the Budapest to the United States. Clear U.S. Immigration and Customs on arrival. Evening arrival in Minneapolis. B/Inflight

TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from Minneapolis to Berlin/Budapest
- Transportation by deluxe motor coach in Europe
- Professional tour manager/guide on each motor coach
- Local guided tours in Berlin, Krakow, Budapest
- 9-nights hotel in twin occupancy at 3&4 star hotels
- Breakfast buffet daily at the hotels
- 6-Group dinners as outlined in itinerary
- Sightseeing as outlined in the tour itinerary
- Admissions as required per the itinerary
- 3-4 concert performances with local promotion
- Gratuities to guides | drivers | local escorts
- Travel Guard Group Protection Plan Insurance
- Online tour registration
- Manage My Tour Web Page for each traveler
- Payment by debit/credit card option (4% fee)
- Complete set of travel documents
- Land-only options available if extending

