

## Wauwatosa West High School Orchestra Performance Tour of Germany and Austria March 2024

## Proposed Itinerary – 8 Day Tour

Day One Depart U.S.A.

**Departure** Depart from Chicago today for your performance tour of Germany and Austria.

Day Two Arrive Munich

Arrival Arrive in Munich and claim your luggage. Meet your Gateway Tour Manager and your

English-speaking European guide, who will be with you for your entire tour to handle travel

and performance arrangements.

Munich City Tour Your tour of Munich includes visits to see sites such as the Olympic Park, the Marienplatz,

the 14th-century Frauenkirche with its two onion-shaped domes and the enchanting puppet

figures of the landmark Glockenspiel.

**Welcome dinner** A festive welcome dinner is included this evening at the world-famous Hofbräuhaus

restaurant.

MealsDinnerOvernightMunich

Day Three Munich

**Transfer** Travel into the Bavarian Alps today for your visit of Neuschwanstein Castle. The journey

will take 2 hours without stops.

**Neuschwanstein** Step into the magical world of Neuschwanstein Castle, built on the ruins of "Vorder und

Hinterhohenschwangau." This majestic castle brings back memories of children's fairy tale stories. A breathtaking sight in the Pollat River gorge, the castle was well equipped with revolutionary (at that time) technical devices. Your guide will lead you through the massive

structure explaining the fascinating history as you go.

**☐ Promoted Concert** Perform a promoted concert in Munich or the surrounding area.

Promoted concert venues may include school or community auditoriums, concert halls, churches or outdoor stages. Concerts may be independent, comprise part of a concert series, benefit a local charity or include a local ensemble. Typical lengths range from 45-90 minutes. Audiences are attracted through promotion. Promotion varies by location and may include posters and flyers, event listings, invitations and press releases to radio

stations and newspapers.

Meals Continental breakfast; dinner

Overnight Munich



<u>Day Four</u> <u>Munich – Salzburg</u>

**Transfer** Depart Munich and travel to Salzburg. The journey will take 3 hours including a comfort

stop.

**Dachau** Visit Dachau, a Nazi German concentration camp located on the grounds of an abandoned

munitions factory near the medieval town of Dachau, with a local guide. Opened on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1933, Dachau was the first regular concentration camp established by the National

Socialist (Nazi) government. This site is preserved as a museum and memorial.

Salzburg, where W.A. Mozart was born and raised, holds to its musical traditions even today,

as witnessed by the Mozart tunes that ring from the Glockenspiel.

Meals Continental breakfast, dinner

Overnight Salzburg

Day Five Salzburg

**Breakfast** A continental breakfast is included at your hotel.

Salzburg City Tour Walk along the cobblestone streets to the Town Square, dominated by the Salzburg

Cathedral. See the sites like the Residenz, the Mozarteum, and Mirabell Gardens where, in "The Sound of Music," Maria and the children danced around the statue of Pegasus while singing "Do-re-mi." Finish your tour by riding a funicular up to the imposing Hohensalzburg

Fortress for the most magnificent views of the city.

Apfelstrudel

**cooking class** Apfelstrudel, or apple strudel, is a traditional Viennese strudel that's popular in Central

Europe. Learn to make this popular dish and enjoy lunch after mastering the art of strudels.

**Promoted Concert** Perform a promoted concert in Salzburg or the surrounding area.

Meals Continental breakfast

**Overnight** Salzburg



<u>Day Six</u> Salzburg – Vienna

**Transfer** Depart Salzburg and travel to Vienna, making stops for visiting tourist sites along the way.

Melk Abbey Visit Melk Abbey, a historic Benedictine abbey and one of the world's most famous monastic

sites. It is located above the town of Melk on a rocky outcrop overlooking the river Danube. It has the rare distinction of surviving as an active Benedictine monastery continuously since its foundation. Particularly noteworthy sites are the Baroque Church with ornate sculptures

and frescos and the impressive library with countless medieval manuscripts.

Vienna Vienna is the capital of Austria. Schubert, Beethoven and Strauss are among the many

composers who found inspiration in this beautiful city on the Danube. In 2001, the entire

city center was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Meals Continental breakfast

Overnight Vienna

<u>Day Seven</u> Vienna

**Breakfast** A continental breakfast is included at your hotel.

Vienna City Tour See and hear about the stunning architecture along the Ringstrasse (Ring Road) encircling the

central district of Vienna. Marvel at the grandeur of St. Stephen's Cathedral and the

Karlskirche.

Schönbrunn Palace Visit Schönbrunn Palace, former summer residence of the royal Habsburg family. Lavishly

furnished rooms have been beautifully preserved, and the expansive gardens are breathtaking.

**Heurigen Dinner** Tonight's festive dinner will be at a "heurigen," a traditional Viennese wine tavern with

strolling musicians.

Meals Continental breakfast; dinner

**Overnight** Vienna

Day Eight Depart Vienna – Arrive U.S.A.

**Departure** Transfer to the airport for your return journey. You will arrive in the United States later this

afternoon.

Meals Continental breakfast

This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. Performance venues may be subject to availability and/or acceptance.