



## 2017 Germany/Czech Republic Tour

Join Bel Canto Chorus June 12-21, 2017 for an eight day, ten night tour of Germany and Czech Republic including stops in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, and Prague. In the following pages, you will find an itinerary detailing the wonderful trip that has been planned. For those of you who join us as a singer, we will be performing three concerts with orchestras during the trip. The following works have been chosen to perform at these concerts:

- *Requiem* by John Rutter
- *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (A mighty fortress is our god)*, BWV 80 by Johann Sebastian Bach

There will be rehearsals scheduled in late May and early June in the Milwaukee area, including one retreat weekend (7:30-10:00 pm Friday rehearsal & 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Saturday rehearsal), to which guest singers are invited (and expected) to attend. The exact days and times will be announced at a later time.

For those joining us as non-singers, just enjoy the trip detailed in the itinerary!

We are offering a land only trip with double occupancy for \$2,700 (or single occupancy for \$3,200). Please fill out the included Land Only Registration Form and return to Bel Canto Chorus, 158 N Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202 along with your deposit no later than November 4, 2016 (mailings must be received by this date).

We have also arranged for a group air package if you do not want to find your own airfare. Please fill out the included Additional Group Air Registration Form as well and return along with your Land Only Registration Form and deposit no later than November 4, 2016.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at 414-481-8801 or email [info@belcanto.org](mailto:info@belcanto.org) for more information.

### Land Only Terms & Conditions.

- The land package price is based on the currency rates effective October 2016 and is subject to adjustment by the tour company at the final payment date.
- The following items are included in the listed land tour prices:
  - Local, modern, deluxe motor coach transportation within Europe upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
  - Accommodations at 3 & 4-star hotels in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, and Prague.
  - Daily breakfasts and four (4) dinners (as noted in the tour itinerary). Please note that breakfast is not included on the day of arrival.
  - Concert arrangements for 3 concerts, including all necessary rehearsals.
  - Entrance fees for Spree River Cruise, Wittenberg Schlosskirche, Luther House and Museum, Händel Museum, St. Thomas Church, Bach Museum, Zwinger Palace, Terezin Concentration Camp, Hradcany Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, Dvorak Home, and Lobkowitz Palace.
  - Tips to hotel personnel (including meals).
  - \$2,000,000 Music Celebrations International Tour Liability Insurance coverage.
- The following items are **NOT** included in the listed land tour prices:
  - Round-trip airfare transportation.

- Cost of obtaining a passport. **A valid passport that will not expire within six months of travel is required for US citizens.**
- Drinks at dinners.
- Daily lunches and dinners not included in the final itinerary.
- Individual travel insurance.
- Tips to guides and drivers.
- Choral music and concert dress.
- The itinerary for this trip is tentative, and is subject to change as tour planning proceeds.
- A **3% order charge** will be added to all credit card payments.
- Cancellation schedule:
  - \$200 of initial deposit non-refundable.
  - Beginning February 15, 2017, 10% of tour cost non-refundable.
  - Beginning March 15, 2017, 25% of tour cost non-refundable.
  - Beginning March 20, 2017, 50% of tour cost non-refundable.
  - Entire cost non-refundable beginning May 5, 2017
- The effective date of cancellation is the date that the notice of cancellation is received in writing at the Bel Canto Chorus Administration Office or via email at [info@belcanto.org](mailto:info@belcanto.org).
- Anyone who submits a Registration Form after the first payment date of November 4, 2016 may be subject to additional surcharge due to higher fares and/or more expensive hotel rooms.

#### **Group Air Terms & Conditions**

- The group air flight price is based on the currency and tax rates effective October 2016 and is subject to adjustment by the airline at the final payment date.
- Cancellation of Group Air fully refundable through February 8, 2017. All cancellations received after this will not receive a refund.
- The effective date of cancellation is the date that the notice of cancellation is received in writing at the Bel Canto Chorus Administration Office or via email at [info@belcanto.org](mailto:info@belcanto.org).
- Final price of air, hotel, and bus fees will be communicated prior to the January 15, 2017 due date.
- Seats are assigned at airport check-in.
- Name changes after the name list is due (April 28, 2017) are permitted for a fee of \$157 per passenger.
- The following items are included in the listed Group Air prices:
  - The flights listed on the registration form.
  - Hot dinner and continental breakfast aboard the departure flight from Chicago to Dublin.
  - Hot lunch and an evening snack aboard the return flight from Dublin to Chicago.
  - Complimentary water and soft drinks aboard flights.
  - An overnight hotel stay in Dublin at a hotel located in the Dublin airport.
- The following items are **NOT** included in the listed Group Air Prices:
  - Checked baggage fees. Currently there is no charge for the first checked bag and 1 carry-on bag per person. Please check the Aer Lingus website for more information as the trip approaches.
  - Alcoholic drinks during flights.
  - Meals other than those provided complimentary in-flight.
  - Long-term parking while traveling.
  - Individual travel insurance.
- A **3% order charge** will be added to all credit card payments.
- **Changes from Land & Air Package to Land Only Package (and vice versa) will be allowed until February 1, 2017.**

# Bel Canto Chorus

## American Celebration of Music in Germany & Czech Republic

June 12 – 21, 2016 (8 nights/10 days)

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**Day 1 Monday, June 12, 2016**

Depart via scheduled air service to Berlin, Germany

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**Day 2 Tuesday, June 13 Berlin (D)**

Arrive in Berlin

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for a transfer into Berlin

Take a panoramic introductory tour of Berlin's highlights and a Spree River Cruise (explore Berlin's magnificent architectural treasures and experience the city's amazing transformation by boat on a one-hour cruise on the River Spree) en route

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

*Berlin is a vibrant, multi-faceted city steeped in culture and history. Since the fall of the Wall and the reunification of the city, Berlin has been continuously reinventing itself as a political, business and cultural center. Superb museums, sophisticated architecture, and famous landmarks offer the Berlin visitor plenty to see and do*

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**Day 3 Wednesday, June 14 Berlin (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day sightseeing of the eastern sector of Berlin with its famous Unter den Linden Strasse, (iconic boulevard of linden trees), the Russian War Memorial, what remains of "the wall," and "Checkpoint Charley" as we pass into the western sector to experience Kurfurstendamm Strasse, home to some of Berlin's most luxurious stores. Also see Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Berlin Dom, Reichstag, etc.

Lunch on own

*Afternoon rehearsal\**

**"C"** *Concert with orchestra in Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany*

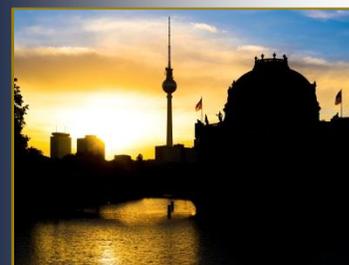
Evening dinner, on own and overnight

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**Day 4 Thursday, June 15 Berlin / Wittenberg / Halle / Leipzig(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Wittenberg for a guided tour including the Schlosskirche. It was to the wooden doors of this church that Luther nailed his 95 "Theses" in October 1517. The original doors were destroyed by fire during the Seven Years War; the present bronze doors, bearing the Latin text of the Theses, were installed in 1858. In the church is the tomb of Melanchthon and Luther, and on the columns of the nave are life-size figures of Luther, Melanchthon and other Reformers



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Lunch on own

Continue to Halle to visit the birthplace of Händel. In addition to the composer's personal effects, the museum houses an exhibition of musical instruments and history of music in the region

Then it is off to Leipzig for dinner and overnight

*Leipzig has musical associations with some of the greatest of all composers: Bach worked and lived here a big part of his life; Mendelssohn was born and lived here; Wagner was born here (but never lived here), and nearby Halle is the birthplace of Georg Frederick Händel*

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**Day 5      Friday, June 16                      Leipzig                      (B)**

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Breakfast at the hotel

A guided tour of Leipzig includes entrance to St. Thomas Church (famous because Bach was the organist and choirmaster here, and it is the home of the St. Thomas Boys Choir, one of the most famous in the world). Also visit the Bach Museum. The reconstructed Bose House stands in the shadow of the Thomaskirche. It was once the home of the Bach family and now contains the largest Bach archives in Germany, as well as many mementos of the composer

Lunch on own

***Concert with orchestra in Mariakirche in Halle as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany\****

Evening dinner, on own and overnight

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**Day 6      Saturday, June 17                      Leipzig / Dresden                      (B)**

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Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Dresden. Dresden, nicknamed the "Florence of the Elbe", has an exceptional artistic and architectural heritage. A guided tour includes the world-famous Zwinger Palace with its Old Masters Gallery, the Cathedral, and the Neustadt Quarter

Lunch on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities

Evening dinner, on own and overnight

*Dresden - thanks to an exceptional artistic and architectural heritage (Dresden has been nicknamed the "Florence of the Elbe"), it has become one of the most popular and important tourist centers in Germany Electors Augustus II and III built the magnificent Baroque Zwinger, the Japanese Palace, Hofkirche and assembled outstanding collections of paintings and objets d'art. Today, Dresden's museums, its opera (Semper-Oper), the Staatskapelle and the Staatsoper orchestras enjoy a worldwide reputation*

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**Day 7      Sunday, June 18                      Dresden / Terezin / Prague                      (B,D)**

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Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Terezin (former fortress and Nazi Concentration Camp for children), including entrance to the fortress and Museum of the Ghetto. Terezin offers poignant insights for musicians because of the music written here by prisoners

Lunch on own

Continue to Prague for dinner and overnight







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## Land Only Registration Form

Please submit one form per person

Traveler Information			
Name (as appears on passport):			
Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Phone:	Email (mandatory):	Voice Part:	
Dietary restrictions, allergies, or other special conditions we should be aware of:			
Emergency Contact			
Name of a person not traveling with you:			
Relationship:			
Daytime Phone:	Evening Phone:		
Tour Selection			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Double Occupancy \$2,700</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Single Occupancy \$3,200</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Room with:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Please help me find a roommate			
Payment Plans:			
<b>Due 11/4/16</b>	\$ 700		\$ 700
<b>Due 1/15/17</b>	\$1,000		\$1,250
<b>Due 3/1/17</b>	\$1,000		\$1,250
First Payment Type			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check made payable to <b>Barnum Travel – BCC Germany</b> returned with this form			
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (circle one, AMEX not accepted):      VISA                      MASTERCARD                      DISCOVER (a 3% order charge will be added to all credit card payments)			
Card Number:			Amount:
Exp. Date:	CVV:	Signature:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I authorize charging this card on the above payment plan dates for the indicated amounts			
Terms and Conditions			
I have read and understood all of the Land Only terms and conditions and fully accept them.			
Signature:			Date:



## 2017 Germany/Czech Republic Tour Additional Group Air Registration Form

Please submit one form per person

### Departure Flights

- Monday, June 12, 2017 Aer Lingus Flight EI 122 from Chicago – O'Hare to Dublin, Ireland (overnight flight)
- Tuesday, June 13, 2017 Aer Lingus Flight EI 330 from Dublin, Ireland to Berlin, Germany

### Return Flights

- Wednesday, June 21, 2017 Aer Lingus Flight EI 645 from Prague, Czech Republic to Dublin, Ireland
- Overnight hotel stay in Dublin
- Thursday, June 22, 2017 Aer Lingus Flight EI 123 from Dublin, Ireland to Chicago – O'Hare

Traveler Information			
Name (exactly as appears on passport):			
Passport Number:			
Passport Exp. Date:	Country Issuing Passport:	Birthdate:	
Special Needs for Air Travel:			
Travel Selection			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Air Only w/Dublin Hotel <u>Double</u> Occupancy (\$1,167.43 + estimated \$108/person)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Air Only w/ Dublin Hotel <u>Single</u> Occupancy (\$1,167.43 + estimated \$215)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Room with:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Please help me find a roommate			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Add Round Trip Bus from Milwaukee to Chicago (estimated \$55)</b>			
Payment Plans:			
<b>Due 11/4/16</b>	\$100		\$100
<b>Due 1/15/17</b>	Remaining Balance		Remaining Balance
First Payment Type			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check made payable to <b><u>Barnum Travel – BCC Germany</u></b> returned with this form			
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (circle one, AMEX not accepted):			
	VISA	MASTERCARD	DISCOVER
(a 3% order charge will be added to all credit card payments)			
Card Number:			Amount:
Exp. Date:	CVV:	Signature:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I authorize charging this card on the above payment plan dates for the indicated amounts			
Terms and Conditions			
I have read and understood all of the Group Air terms and conditions and fully accept them.			
Signature:			Date: