



# **Monmouth Civic Chorus**

# 2023 Concert Tour to Northern Italy and Southern Austria Vienna

June 30 - July 11, 2023

Friday, June 30, 2023

**USA - Milan** 

Departure from EWR to Milan. Flight times will be announced shortly.

Saturday, July 1, 2023

Lago Maggiore

Arrive in Milan in the morning, transfer to Stresa at the shores of Lago Maggiore. Since the rooms will not be ready, we take you to Lake Orta where you can enjoy lunch on your own. The rest of the day is at your leisure. We have scheduled a rehearsal in the late afternoon. Dinner will be at the hotel.

**Sunday, July 2, 2023** 

Stresa

Concert

In the morning enjoy a guided tour of Stresa which includes a visit to the Borromee Islands The afternoon is at your leisure

Optional: Piedmont Food and Wine Tour

Dinner is at the hotel before tonight's concert in Stresa.

B. D

Monday, July 3, 2023

Milan

Today's excursion takes us to Milan. The guided tour includes a visit to Sta. Maria delle Grazie which is home to the Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci, the Duomo and La Scala Opera house. Free time in Milan before returning to Stresa. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Stresa – Verona – Abano Terme

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Concert

Today we leave Stresa and travel via Verona to Abano Terme. Dinner is at the hotel before tonight's concert.

B, D

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Venice

or Padova and Vicenza

If we have two busses, we will offer two excursions today: Venice

and for those who have been to Venice we offer an excursion to the lesser known but equally attractive cities of

Padova and Vicenza.

The program for this day will be determined once we know how many travelers will be on the tour and what the preferences are.

Both tours will return to Abano Terme in the late afternoon. Dinner tonight is on your own.

# Thursday, July 6, 2023

### Abano Terme – Villach - Graz

Today's travels take us north, across the border to Graz, the capital of the province of Styria aka the culinary capital of Austria. A lunch stop will be made in the Southern Austrian Lake Region of Carinthia.

Today's dinner will be in the Landhauskeller in Graz.

B, D

### Friday, July 7, 2023

**Graz** Concert

During this morning's tour, the guides will show you the historic buildings of Graz, take you up to the Schlossberg, home to the famous Uhrturm – the Uhrturm is to Graz what the Eiffel Tower is to Paris.

The afternoon is at your leisure

Optional: "Culinary Walk"

Dinner will be at the hotel before tonight's concert in Graz.

B, D

# Saturday, July 8, 2023

**Austrian Tuscany** 

Today we explore the area south of Graz, known for its excellent wines, its rolling hills and awe-inspiring landscape. This area is called the "Styrian Tuscany", you'll find out why. The day includes visits to wineries with wine tastings, tastings of local food and will end in a typical "Buschenschank". A Buschenschank can only sell their own wines and products made on the premises. Entertainment is provided by local musicians.

B,S,D

### **Sunday, July 9, 2023**

Graz – Vienna

Concert

After a leisurely breakfast we head to the last destination of the tour – Vienna. There will be time for lunch on your own in Vienna before we start the afternoon tour of Austria's capital. A late dinner will be served in a local restaurant after your last concert of the tour.

B, D

### Monday, July 10, 2023

Vienna

In the morning we continue the tour of Vienna.

The afternoon is at your leisure to explore the city on your own, visit one or more of the museums Vienna is known for, shop, chill while sipping a coffee and enjoying a pastry in one of the many Kaffehaeuser (coffee houses) Vienna is famous for.

Tonight's farewell dinner will be in a traditional restaurant, serving local food.

B,D

### **Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

Vienna - USA

Transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

Continuation of the trip to Salzburg, Prague, Budapest or a destination of your choice,

### **Options for Extensions:**

## A) Spend 2 more nights in Vienna

**July 11** Day at leisure in Vienna to visit some of the many museums

July 12 Excursion to the Danube Valley, boat ride on the Danube, Melk AbbeyJuly 13 Flight back home

# B) Salzburg

July 11 Travel from Vienna to Salzburg

July 12 Salzburg sight seeing tour afternoon at leisure

July 13 Half-day excursion to the surroundings of Salzburg

July 14 Flight home either from Salzburg or Munich

Add 1 day:

July 14 Salzburg – Munich, sightseeing of Munich

July 15 Flight home from Munich





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# **Tour Prices**

- \$ 3,625.00 per person, double occupancy
- \$ 4,315.00 single occupancy
- \$ 2,420.00 land only, double occupancy and 3,110.00 single occupancy

Travel insurance, although optional, is highly recommended.

The insurance premium is age based, please contact us for a discounted rate.

<u>Please note:</u> air taxes, fuel surcharge and any other charges and taxes related to the airline ticket **included** in the tour price. Airline taxes are subject to change until the tickets are issued. The price may change should the price for gas for the buses rise considerably.

We reserve the right to adjust the tour price, if the dollar drops in value below the stated exchange rate, up to eight weeks prior to departure, or if the number of paying and traveling passengers drops below 60.

Current rate Euro 1 = 1 USD

# **Payments & Cancelation Policy**

A deposit of \$600.00 per person is due as soon as possible to secure your space on the tour. \$100.00 of this deposit are non-refundable.

Tickets to the Last Supper and other components of the trip have to be secured very early. As soon as we receive the first deposits we will start the booking process. There is no guarantee that we will be able to obtain tickets for travelers who sign up late.

A 2nd deposit of \$1,000.00 per person is due on or before February 1, 2023

For cancellations received between **February 1 and April 30, 2023, \$1,000.00** of the 1,600.00 deposit received is refundable.

After April 30, 2023 the total deposit of \$1,600.00 becomes non-refundable.

Final payment is due on or before April 30, 2023

For cancellations received on or before **May 23**, **2023** the cancellation fee is 75% of the tour price, the airfare is non-refundable.

No refunds can be made for cancellations received after May 23, 2023.

Please contact us if you prefer a different payment schedule with more frequent payments.





# ARRANGEMENTS MCC Tour to Italy and Austria

### AIR TRANSPORTATION

Via scheduled services of United Airlines and its partner airlines from Newark to Milan and return to Newark from Vienna. The airfare is based on the currently applicable nonrefundable fare and is therefore subject to change until the tickets are issued.

### LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

<u>Transportation</u> by private, air-conditioned motorcoach as per itinerary, including all transfers, city tours and excursions.

<u>Accommodation</u> in selected moderate first class and first-class hotels based on doubleor twin-bedded rooms with private facilities.

Stesa3 nightsAbano Terme2 nightsGraz3 nightsVienna2 nights

# Meals:

Buffet breakfast daily

8 dinners including some special dinners

2 winetastings, 1 with local delicacies

Beverages are not included with the meals (other than with breakfast) and must be paid directly at the restaurants or the hotels. You will be advised in case a beverage is included with one of the special meals.

#### Sightseeing Program:

Boat Ride to and visit of the Borromee Islands

Entrance to see the Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci

Visit to La Scala, IF the schedule of the opera house allows (rehearsals .....)

Duomo/Cathedral of Milan

Guided Tour of Venice or of Vicenza and Padova

Guided Tour of Graz

Schoenbrunn Palace in Vienna

House of Music in Vienna

#### Miscellaneous:

Transfer to and from Newark Airport

Fully escorted by multilingual tour managers

**Local City Guides** 

Whispers rentals where needed - whispers are headsets that allow to hear the tour

guide clearly who is speaking into a microphone
Arrangement and Publication of 3 – 4 concerts
All taxes and service charges
Tips for the staff at the restaurants and hotel-restaurants when meals are included

# Not included are:

Any expenses of personal nature

Tips for the drivers, guides, local guides and housekeeping at the hotels

Fees for visas and other travel documents, if needed

Travel Insurance – we highly recommend that you purchase travel insurance. Please ask us for more details since the insurance premium is age based.