

In the Footsteps of J.S. Bach

Sunday, May 14, 2017: DEPARTURE DAY

Today, board the transatlantic flight to Europe. (The flight is not included in the tour. Please contact Goodspeed & Bach regarding your flight options).

Monday, May 15, 2017: MUELHAUSEN

Willkommen in Europa! After clearing customs, meet your trip director and fellow St. Bart's parishioner William Fulton before boarding your luxury motorcoach. Drive across the former East German border where your first destination will be Muehlhausen. Johann Sebastian Bach was organist at the Divi Blasii Church between 1708 and 1709. Join St. Bartholomew's organist, William Trafka as he performs at the church's magnificent organ. Afterward, we'll travel to the hotel in Eisenach, the birthplace of Bach. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
Overnight Eisenach

Tuesday, May 16, 2017: THE WARTBURG

This morning, our destination is the 12th century Wartburg Castle, the site of monumental historic and cultural events. Stop in the tiny room where Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German. Visit the Singers' Hall, setting of and inspiration for Wagner's Tannhäuser. In the afternoon, join William Fulton as he takes you through Eisenach's old town. Take time to visit the Georgenkirche, where Bach was baptized. Later, the curator of the Bachhaus, Germany's only museum devoted to the great composer, will be expecting us. Enjoy a private demonstration of Baroque instruments played by a master musician.

Meals Included: Breakfast
Overnight Eisenach

Wednesday, May 17, 2017: ARNSTADT/ DORNHEIM/ERFURT

This morning, visit the town of Arnstadt where on August 9, 1703, J.S. Bach was appointed organist of the Neue Kirche. Your host, master organist Gerhard Preller, will guide us through the history of organ music in his church. In nearby Dornheim, stop into the parish chapel where Johann Sebastian married Maria Barbara on Oct. 17, 1707.

Continue to Erfurt for a guided city tour and savor the architectural delights of this town, known in the Middle Ages as the "German Rome."

The most famous student of Erfurt University was Martin Luther. Linger on the exceptionally beautiful Kramer Bridge. Return to Eisenach for the evening.

Meals included: Breakfast ~ Overnight Eisenach

Thursday, May 18, 2017:WEIMAR/BUCHENWALD

This morning, check out of the hotel and visit the city of Weimar, one of the great cultural sites of Europe, home to such luminaries as Bach, Goethe, Schiller, Liszt and Herder. Bach's position in Weimar marked the start of a sustained period of composing keyboard and orchestral works.

Later in the day, we have the option of exploring the dark side of German history. Only a few miles from Weimar, the Ettersberg forest concealed one of the largest concentration camps of the Hitler regime for eight years. Established in 1937 for the internment of political opponents, Buchenwald was subsequently used for Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals and other targets of the Nazi regime. Continue on to Leipzig. Dinner is planned at a local restaurant this evening.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner - Overnight Leipzig

Friday, May 19, 2017: LEIPZIG

Today, explore the second-largest city in Eastern Germany, one of Europe's most significant musical cities. Goethe, who was a student in Leipzig, called it 'Little Paris'. Stand before the Nikolaikirche, where in 1989, thousands of East Germans stood to protest the totalitarian regime, spawning the collapse of East German Communism. Spend time in the beautifully restored Thomaskirche, the Gothic Church where J.S. Bach was Kantor and where his remains lie before the altar.

Meals Included: Breakfast - Overnight Leipzig

Saturday, May 20, 2017: NAUMBURG

Today, depart for nearby Naumburg to visit its Dom (cathedral) and St. Wenzel Church with its important organ. The late Romanesque, early Gothic cathedral is one of Germany's most significant historic structures. The most impressive aspect of its interior is the renowned medieval sculptures in the west choir. The burghers' answer to the prince-bishop's cathedral was the imposing Stadtkirche St. Wenzel. In August 1743, the Naumburg City Council contracted Zacharias Hildebrand of Leipzig, a student of the great Gottfried Silbermann, to build a new organ. On September 27, 1746, J.S. Bach and Silbermann examined the finished organ and certified Hildebrand's work as excellent.

As with the Bachkirche's instrument in Arnstadt, this organ has been fully restored since the collapse of the communist government.

Meals Included: Breakfast ~ Overnight Leipzig

Sunday, May 21, 2017: DRESDEN

Today, we visit Saxony's beautiful capital, Dresden. Our tour includes the broad Altmarkt, which is surrounded by the 18th century Kreuzkirche, the reconstructed Rathaus, and the 18th century Landhaus. Stand before the glorious Lutheran Frauenkirche, rebuilt from the ruins left by World War II. Nearby is the Semper Opera House, justifiably one of Germany's best-known and most important theaters, and the Zwinger Palace containing the Gallery of Old Masters.

Meals Included: Breakfast ~ Overnight Leipzig

Monday, May 22, 2017: KOETHEN/WITTENBERG

Today, depart for Koethen. The young Prince Leopold appointed Bach, then 32 years old, to be the court's musical director. Here, he composed the Brandenburg Concertos, among other secular works.

In the afternoon, travel to Lutherstadt Wittenberg and visit the Palace Church where, exactly 500 years before, Martin Luther began the Reformation by nailing his 95 Theses on the door. Afterward, travel to the capital city of Berlin in time for dinner at your hotel.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner ~ Overnight Berlin

Tuesday, May 23, 2017: BERLIN

Since its days as the capital of Prussia's flute-playing King Frederick the Great, Berlin has been a center for European music and culture as well as a witness to some of history's darkest moments. Feel free to go out on your own or join William at some of the highlights of Germany's dynamic largest city.

Meals Included: Breakfast ~ Overnight Berlin

Wednesday, May 24, 2017: Departure

Today after breakfast check out and depart for the USA.

Meals Included: Breakfast

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BACH TOUR REGISTRATION

May 14 ~ 24, 2017

Deadline to register: Feb. 1, 2017

Please reserve ___ place(s) for the following individuals

NAME (s) as it appears on your passport, passport number and expiration date: **Month/day/Year**

D.O.B. _____ Passport # _____ Exp. _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Phone(days) _____

Email _____

Travel companion Passport Name, # and exp. date

D.O.B. _____ Passport # _____ Exp. _____

Travel preferences (please check all that apply)

___ Double room occupancy

___ I would like a single room (additional cost)
space is limited

___ Dietary request gluten free, vegetarian etc.

___ I would like Goodspeed & Bach to arrange my flights

___ I will make my own flight arrangements

I (we) have read the itinerary and terms and conditions as found above and also available on www.goodspeedandbach.com and agree to abide by all the stipulations contained therein. Travel protection is highly recommended and available from Goodspeed & Bach, Inc.

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

Please make tour checks payable to

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LAND TOUR INCLUSIONS

3 nights Eisenach, 4 nights Leipzig, 2 nights Berlin

Daily buffet breakfast (9)

Dinners in Eisenach (1) Leipzig (1) Berlin (1)

Bi-lingual Goodspeed & Bach Trip Director William Fulton throughout the trip

Organ demonstrations by William Trafka in many of the Bach churches

All touring in a modern air-conditioned coach with professional driver

Guided visits of Eisenach, Erfurt, Weimar, Leipzig and Dresden

Entrances & Visits:

- Wartburg Castle
- Bachhaus in Eisenach
- Bach Church Arnstadt
- Buchenwald visit
- St. Nicholas Church
- St. Thomas Church
- St. Wenzel Evangelical-Lutheran Church
- Koethen Castle & Museum
- Town & Castle Church in Wittenberg

LAND TOUR COST based on 15 travelers*

In Double Occupancy: **\$2,889*** per person

Single room supplement rate: **\$369**

***price will increase if group falls below 15**

****a portion of the trip's proceeds will benefit Mid-Manhattan Performing Arts but is not considered a tax-deductible contribution according to IRS regulations.**

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED:

Gratuity for Goodspeed & Bach tour director, coach drivers and local guides.

Beverages such as coffee, tea, soda, wine or beer with group dinners

Flights to Europe

Travel insurance: highly recommended and available from Goodspeed & Bach, Inc.

Any items not mentioned above.

TOUR DEPOSIT SCHEDULE

\$250 deposit per person to confirm space on the tour

90 days prior to departure: \$750 per person

Final payment due: 65 days prior to departure

TOUR BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Deposit of \$250 per person is refundable if written notice of cancellation is received before 120 days prior to departure.

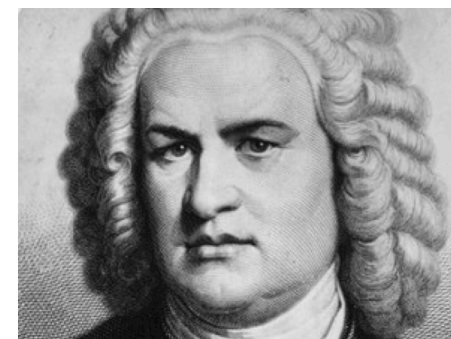
119 days prior to departure: \$250 is non-refundable

89 days prior to departure: \$750 is non-refundable

65 days prior to departure: **NO REFUND**

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**with William Trafka &
William Fulton
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Johann Sebastian Bach
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