15 Days: June 16 – June 30, 2020
$ 5,336 USD per guest, double occupancy
$350 deposit due by January 15, 2020

Choral Practice Before Departure June 15 & 16, 2020

A trip designed for singers who want to be part of a choral group performing multiple concerts while seeing some beautiful sites in Central Europe. There will be rehearsals for the choral group prior to leaving on the trip.

If you have a spouse or significant other that would like to go on the trip they are welcome to do so. Since this is a performing trip, there needs to be at least one person in each pair who is participating in the choral group.

Tour Includes
- Return air travel
- Historic accommodations
- 13 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners
- Professional Tour Manager
- Deluxe motor coach transportation, including arrive/depart transfers
- All taxes and service charges

NOT INCLUDED: Collette’s Travel Protection Plan is an additional $295. Visitors are required to have travel/health insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. You can also purchase travel insurance from another company of your choice.

Tour Personnel
Conductor: Associate Professor, Dean Luethi ‘97, Washington State University
Pianist: Janet (Osterberg) Anderson ‘07, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin
Coordinator: Professor of Music, Sarah Meredith, UW–Green Bay

Requirements for the Choir
1. Live audition with Professor Meredith or a three- to four-minute digital recording of your singing sent to Professor Meredith (meredits@uwgb.edu).
2. At least one-year previous choral experience in the last couple of years.
3. Commitment and ability to prepare the selected choral musical selections before the first rehearsal on June 15th, 2020, held on the UW–Green Bay campus. There will be two choral rehearsals before leaving on the trip — one on June 15 (time TBA) and the morning of June 16 before leaving for the flight to Europe.
Tours and performances in

- Prague, Czech Republic
- Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic
- Bayreuth, Germany (tour)
- Wroclaw, Poland (tour)
- Bydgoszcz, Poland

To book the tour or if you have any questions please contact:

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Travel Considerations

- Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single occupancy is an additional $1,600.

- Triple accommodations are not available.

- Tickets to the National Theatre or State Opera won't be available until 60 days prior. Venue will be confirmed upon schedule release and availability.

- To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

- IDENTIFICATION: Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

- IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

- IMPORTANT: Visitors are required to have travel/ health insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. The health insurance must cover medical services abroad. The minimum coverage of the insurance has to meet the Czech Republic standards for tourist travel. These standards can be found by contacting the Czech Republic Embassy in the US. If you have purchased the Collette Travel Protection Plan for an additional $295, your coverage meets this requirement. If you opted not to purchase Collette’s travel protection, you will be required to have proof of your own coverage for the minimum insurance requirement applicable at the time of your travel to that country.
Day 1: Overnight Flight
Your journey through Central Europe, aland offairytale castles, poignanthistory and welcoming culture, begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Prague, Czech Republic - Tour Begins
Say hello to Prague, the city of a hundred spires. Cobblestonestreets meet medieval buildings and modern architecture, providing a fairytale blend of all things old and new. Gather with fellow travelers at a welcomed dinner and enjoy traditional Czech culture at a folklore show in one of Prague’s popular restaurants. Today dinner will be included.

Hotel: Eurostars Thalia Hotel, Prague

Day 3: Prague
Feel the magic and wonder of Prague. Get a sense of this storybook city on a panoramic tour. Explore the “Castle District,” including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and the majestic Prague Castle. Visit Lobkowicz Palace, home to the largest and finest art collection in the Czech Republic spanning over 600 years of family history. The priceless collection also encompasses one of Central Europe’s finest libraries of rare books and a musical archive that includesscores by Mozart, Beethoven and Gluck. After a delightful lunch, gather in the palace’s elegant Baroque concert hall for a mid-day Classical music concert featuring the likes of Mozart, Bach, Dvorák and Smetana. Later, take in the iconic, statue-lined Charles Bridge, a picturesque structure stretching over the Vltava River. Today breakfast and lunch will be included.

Day 4: Prague
Visit Prague’s Old Jewish Quarter to see its historic Jewish Museum, located in a former hospital. You’ll also spend time in Europe’s oldest Jewish cemetery, founded in 1478. In the evening, hear melodies drift through the air at a music event at either the National Theatre or the State Opera*. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 5: Prague
The day is at leisure to discover Prague on your own. Later, join a local expert to discover the city through its cuisine on a food tour, featuring craft brews and contemporary tapas. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 6: Prague
Today is your first choir performance of the trip. Enjoy free time throughout the day. Today breakfast will be included.
Day 7: Prague - Karlovy Vary  Goodbye Prague and hello to the hills of Bohemia as you make your way to Karlovy Vary. One of the Czech Republic’s most famous spa towns, it is home to hot springs and famous film locations as the quintessential Bohemian village. Visit the Moser Crystal factory, producing world renowned glass used in everything from local boutiques to European palaces. Explore the factory and museum and glimpse into the city’s past with lunch at Becherplatz, located on the former site of the 170-year-old distillery. 
Today breakfast and lunch will be included. 

Hotel: Grandhotel Ambassador, Karlovy Vary

Day 8: Karlovy Vary – Bayreuth, Germany – Karlovy Vary  Cross the border into Germany and spend the morning at the Richard Wagner Museum, the restored former home of the great German composer. The house goes by the name of Wahnfried and was first constructed in the late 1800s. This afternoon, delve into the history of traditional herbal liqueur at the Jan Becher Museum and enjoy a tasting with an expert guide. End your day with dinner at a local restaurant. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 9: Karlovy Vary  Take part in the second choir performance of your trip. With free time to further explore Karlovy Vary, perhaps you will spend time at the town’s famous hot springs or relax at a spa. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 10: Karlovy Vary – Wroclaw, Poland  Make your way to the ancient city of Wroclaw. Upon arrival, enjoy free time to make the most of your afternoon. Be sure to go in search of the many “dwarfs” hidden on the streets of the city! Regroup in the evening for an enjoyable dinner in a local restaurant. Today breakfast and dinner will be included. Hotel: Sofitel Wroclaw Hotel, Wroclaw
Day 11: Wroclaw – Bydgoszcz Spend your morning journeying to Bydgoszcz. Discover a city where picturesque canals weave along Baroque buildings, classical theatres, and unique restaurants. Make the most of an evening at leisure. Today breakfast will be included. **Hotel:** Focus Hotel Premium Pod Orlem, Bydgoszcz.

Day 12: Bydgoszcz Get acquainted with the city on tour of Bydgoszcz’s main sights. Visit the Exploseum, an underground ammunition plant utilized by the Nazis in WWII. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you please. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 13: Bydgoszcz Enjoy your third and final choir performance today. As your last European show, make the most of this memorable event. Enjoy free time throughout the day. Perhaps you will pop into one of the city’s many museums, or spend time in a riverside café. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 14: Bydgoszcz Get a clean look at the local culture at the Museum of Soap and History of Dirt, which delves into the timeline of suds from the 14th century up until modern day. Make the most of a free afternoon to explore the city at your leisure. Later, toast to the end of your European adventure with a memorable farewell dinner with your fellow travelers. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 15: Bydgoszcz - Tour Ends. Your tour comes to a close today. Today breakfast will be included.