Nordic choir Companion Tour of Germany and Czechia for Alumni, Parents, and Friends

May 28 - June 8, 2018 - 12 Days

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

MON 28 MAY Depart U.S.
Depart Minneapolis/St. Paul and connect in Atlanta with your transatlantic flight via Delta Air Lines. (Meals in-flight)

TUE 29 MAY Arrive Frankfurt/Eisenach
Upon arrival in Frankfurt, meet your European tour manager and driver for the transfer to Eisenach, where Martin Luther attended parish school as a youth and where Johann Sebastian Bach was born in 1685. Check in at your hotel and have time to refresh before a welcome dinner at the hotel. Steigenberger Thüringer Hof (Meals-in-flight, D) www.steigenberger.com/nl/hotels/alle-hotels/duitsland/eisenach/steigenberger-hotel-thueringer-hof

WED 30 MAY Eisenach
Take a walking tour through town with a visit to the Cotta house where Luther lodged as a schoolboy, and the Bach Haus where the young J.S. Bach lived. Tour Wartburg Castle; it was here that Luther retreated after returning from the Worms debate where he translated the New Testament from its original Greek into common German. Enjoy lunch while touring. Tonight attend a Nordic Choir recital in Eisenach. Steigenberger Thüringer Hof (B, L)

THU 31 MAY Eisenach/Leipzig
Hotel check-out and departure to Erfurt. On July 2, 1505, during a violent thunderstorm, Martin Luther vowed to become a monk. On July 17, Luther walked through the gates of Erfurt's Augustinian monastery to enter monastic life. Tour the cathedral where Luther was ordained a priest. Enjoy a stroll on the unique medieval Merchants' bridge (Krämerbrücke). Continue to Leipzig, city of Bach and books. After hotel check-in gather for dinner at Auerbach's Keller, which was mentioned in Goethe's "Faust." Radisson Blu Hotel (B, D) www.radisson-leipzig.com/

FRI 01 JUN Leipzig
Enjoy a half-day guided tour of the city center of Leipzig. Over the centuries, Leipzig has been known as the center of commerce and trade fairs, especially in publishing. Its many publishing houses and libraries still attest to this tradition. During the tour visit Market Square and see the beautifully restored commercial buildings. Enter the Thomaskirche, where Bach was organist for 27 years and where Luther preached in 1539. The afternoon is free for individual exploration - perhaps visit the Bach Museum, the Mendelssohn House or the famed Gewandhaus. There will be a group dinner followed by a Nordic Choir concert in Leipzig. Radisson Blu Hotel (B, D)

SAT 02 JUN Leipzig/Wittenberg/Berlin
Depart Leipzig for Lutherstadt Wittenberg, home of Martin and Katie Luther for 36 years. Take a locally guided tour of the town including visits to the Castle Church, where Luther posted his 95 Theses; St. Mary's Church, where he preferred to preach; and the Luther House - in this former Augustinian monastery Luther lived as a monk, but later it was given to him for his family home. The Luther House is now the world's largest museum for the history of the Reformation. There will be time on your own for lunch and individual exploration. Attend a Nordic Choir recital in Wittenberg. Continue to Berlin for hotel check-in and dinner. Park Inn by Radisson Berlin Alexanderplatz (B, D) www.parkinn.com/hotel-berlin

SUN 03 JUN Berlin
Attend worship during which Nordic Choir will sing. Enjoy a tour of Berlin this afternoon. In the West, see the memorial along the famous Kurfurstendamm Street (Kudamm) – Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche (Memorial Church), which represents the horrors of war and the promise of the future. In the East, see the Brandenburg Gate, once the symbol of the division of West and East and now of unified Berlin. Drive past the Reichstag building (German parliament) to a remaining portion of the wall that separated East and West Berlin during the Cold War until the fall of Communism in 1989 and view Checkpoint Charlie. Following a group dinner, attend a Nordic Choir concert. Park Inn by Radisson Berlin Alexanderplatz (B, D)

MON 04 JUN Berlin/Dresden
Hotel check-out and transfer to Dresden, which was raised from the ashes of WWII destruction and returned to great beauty. Enjoy a city tour with a local guide including a visit of the Frauenkirche (Church of our Lady) - this massive baroque-style church was rebuilt from a huge heap of rubble between 1994 and 2005. After the tour check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D) Marriott Hotel Dresden www.maritim.de

TUE 05 JUN Dresden
Start the day with a visit to the Zwinger Palace, begun in 1709 and one of the world’s finest baroque masterpieces. There will be a guided visit of the impressive Gallery of Old Masters to see masterpieces by Raphael, Vermeer, Rembrandt, Dürer, and more. Enjoy time to explore the city on your own; perhaps tour the famed Semper Opera House. Attend a Nordic Choir concert in Dresden. Marriott Hotel Dresden (B)

WED 06 JUN Dresden/Prague
After hotel check-out transfer to the Czech capital Prague. Meet a local guide for a walking tour with visits to the Prague Castle District. In the evening enjoy traditional Czech foods and entertainment. Hotel Beseda (B, D)

THU 07 JUN Prague
This morning tour Josefov, the Old Jewish Quarter that houses Europe’s oldest synagogue and cemetery. A children's museum here shows artwork by the children who were housed in Terezin concentration camp outside of Prague. Attend a concert of Nordic Choir today. The afternoon is at leisure to explore and discover the historic center on your own. Celebrate during a farewell dinner cruise on the Moldau (Vltava) River or folklore dinner with traditional Czech foods and entertainment. Hotel Beseda (B, D)

FRI 08 JUN Return to U.S.
Transfer for flight check-in and departure. Arrive home this same day enriched with your journey of music, faith, and discovery. (B, Meals in-flight)

Code: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner
Itinerary subject to change and confirmation.
TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of $400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of $1000 is due January 23, 2018. Final payment is due March 23, 2018. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to January 22, 2018 - $100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; January 23 – March 23, 2018 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; May 14, 2018 or after – No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than March 23, 2018. A minimum fee of $175 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a $50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

WHAT’S INCLUDED?

- **AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul via Delta Air Lines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Ten nights accommodation in superior tourist and first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- **MEALS:** Breakfast daily, one lunch and eight dinners as outlined in the itinerary.
- **GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- **SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- **PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- **EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Frankfurt through departure from Prague.
- **GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, $72 per person has been included).
- **TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently $384 per person).
- **ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessories, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

COST SUMMARY

**$4499**

Group Flights From Minneapolis/St. Paul
Tour Gratuities ($72)……………………………… Included
Airport Taxes ($384)………………………………… Included

*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement
Single Room (in addition to base tour cost)……….. $765

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of September 2017, a minimum of 25 travelers, and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only.

Items Not Included
- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional travel protection: trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. Please refer to the Travel Protection section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#180510 • OR CLIP AND MAIL

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(Name as it appears on passport)

1. □ Male □ Female Date of Birth________________ Month/Day/Year
   First Name ___________ Middle Name ______ Last Name ____________

2. □ Male □ Female Date of Birth________________ Month/Day/Year
   First Name ___________ Middle Name ______ Last Name ____________

Address (no P.O. boxes) ___________________________________________ Tel. (Day) ___________ (Eve.) ___________
City __________________ State________ Zip Code________________ Email_________________________________________

Roommate_________________________________ I will pay the supplement for a single room.

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

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**FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)**

☑ I/We will take the group flights from Mpls./St. Paul.
☑ I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from __________________ airport to join the group.
☑ I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.

Please contact GTD for land-only rates.

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**DEPOSIT/TRAVEL PROTECTION (please check one)**

☐ I/We will pay the supplement for a single room.

☐ I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature ______________________ Date ___________

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**COSTS (please check one)**

☑ Check
☑ Charge my deposit(s) to Credit Card #__________exp__________________________
☐ Other ____________________________

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**Security Code_____________________

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**Name as it appears on credit card:** __________________________

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**Iowa Seller of Travel #1075**
**GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION**

Travel protection is optional, but we encourage all travelers to purchase a plan. GTD offers an extensive and competitively priced plan from Travel Insured International. Travel protection can help provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. If you decline coverage at the time of reservation, you may purchase it later, but the Pre-existing Conditions Waiver is available only if the plan is purchased within 14 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174. Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

**EXCLUSIONS & LIMITATIONS**

Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions. The Plan Document will be provided to you upon purchase of the plan. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions. Review the Plan Document for complete terms, including benefits, conditions, limitations and exclusions that apply. The Plan Document will be provided to you upon purchase of the plan. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions.

**CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY**

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**NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:**

Please be assured that GTD continually monitors travel industry developments (strikes, etc.) as well as world events. If any such matters affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed there was not a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect for this destination; please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors: http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html

For more information, contact:

**GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS**

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Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is $248 per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. Travel protection is non-refundable fourteen days after you purchase a plan.

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Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane, an act of declared or undeclared war; participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition or participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; participating in bodily contact sports, skydiving or parachuting, hang gliding, or bungee cord jumping; piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft being intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Certificate. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment, due to loss or damage (including death or injury) and any associated cost or expense resulting directly from the discharge, explosion or use of any device, weapon or materiel employing or involving chemical, biological, radiological or similar agents, whether in time of war or peace, and regardless of who commits the act and regardless of any other sequence thereto.

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