

# American Celebration of Music in Germany



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# Willkommen!



Germany has produced more music and greater composers than any country in Europe. Early influences included the Meistersingers who introduced polyphonic music and Martin Luther who helped church music develop an individual identity which gave rise to the German cantata and oratorio. From these 13th and 14th century beginnings, music developed in its highest forms under Bach, Handel, Gluck, Beethoven, von Weber, Brahms, Wagner, Mahler, Strauss and scores of other great composers.

The American Celebrations of Music is a special annual performance program, co-sponsored by local governments, music associations, community organizations, and tourist boards around the globe. In many countries this has developed into a prestigious, recognized, year-long concert series festival. Recognition of this festival facilitates greater access to performance venues, official publicity, generally very successful concert arrangements, and the ability to touch local cultures in a way that may not be done through other affiliations. This equates to more meaningful musical and emotional experiences for participating performance ensembles.



The American Celebration of Music in Germany will offer these unique performance opportunities for groups who want to experience the history and life of this gifted musician. Participants will have concert experiences in churches, concert halls, music academies, universities, and other festival settings. This is not only a sharing of music but a grand opportunity to absorb and appreciate the background of the music of German composers on their own turf. Museums, exhibitions, concerts, and churches all illustrate the challenges and development of music and composition.

Imagine your musicians performing in a venue associated with Mendelssohn, Luther, Bach, Handel, Brahms or Pachelbel! The musical experience is enhanced by other sensory experiences and the fact that Germany boasts incredible scenery, art, architecture, and a rich history. Berlin, Munich, Heidelberg, Rothenburg, Cologne, Leipzig, Dresden, Weimar and other major cities illustrate the diversity of experiences that await festival participants.



# Sample Tour

## Day 1

Departure via scheduled airline service to Berlin, Germany.

## Day 2 Berlin / Dresden (D)

Arrive in Berlin. Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for a transfer to Dresden hotel. Welcome Dinner.

## Day 3 Dresden (B D)

A morning guided tour of Dresden includes the world-famous Zwinger Palace with its Old Masters Gallery, the Cathedral, and the Neustadt Quarter. *Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany.*



## Day 4 Meissen / Leipzig (B D)

Transfer to Leipzig. Stop in Meissen, which lies 15km northwest of Dresden at the junction of the Triebisch and the Meisa with the Elbe. Visit a porcelain factory before continuing on into Leipzig. Upon arrival in Leipzig, enjoy a guided tour of Leipzig which includes the Former Town Hall, St. Nicholas Church, 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), the Bach Museum, Augustusplatz, and the Battle of the Nations Monument.



## Day 5 Leipzig / Halle (B D)

A morning *Musical Heritage Tour* includes a visit 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. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. *Performance in Leipzig as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany.*



## Day 6 Leipzig / Berlin (B D)

Transfer from Leipzig to Berlin. Afternoon guided tour of Berlin, including Unter den Linden, Kurfürstendamm, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Berlin Dom (Cathedral), and entrance to the Reichstag, the Imperial Parliament, a huge and elegantly proportioned Neo-Renaissance palace. Then explore Berlin's magnificent architectural treasures and experience the city's amazing transformation by boat on a one-hour cruise on the River Spree. Float from Berlin's historic city center, the Nikolai District, past the Berlin Dom and the Museum Island, all the way to brand new Chancellery, the seat of the German government, and the House of Culture.



## Day 7 Berlin (B D)

Morning sightseeing includes a visit to Charlottenburg Palace. With the Berlin Municipal Palace destroyed, Charlottenburg Palace is now Berlin's best example of the architectural passions and skills of the Prussian kings. The Palace and park are open to the public. In addition to the Historical Apartments, the Palace houses the Museum of Prehistory and the Gallery of Romanticism from the New National Gallery. Other features of interest in the park are the Schinkel Pavilion, the Belvedere and the Mausoleum. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. *Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany.* Farewell Dinner.



## Day 8 Depart for Home (B D)

Transfer to Berlin's International Airport for the return flight. Return home in the evening of the same day.

# Standard Performance Tours in Germany

**Tour #1** (6 nights / 8 days) – FORMER EAST GERMANY  
2 nights in Dresden, 2 nights in Leipzig and 2 nights on Berlin

**Tour #2** (6 nights / 8 days) – THE ROMANTIC ROAD  
2 nights in Heidelberg and 4 nights in Munich

**Tour #3** (7 nights / 9 days) – FORMER EAST GERMANY AND PRAGUE  
3 nights in Berlin, 2 nights in Dresden and 2 nights in Prague

**Tour #4** (8 nights / 10 days) – EXTENDED ROMANTIC ROAD  
1 night in Heidelberg, 3 nights in Würzburg, 2 nights in Augsburg and 2 nights in Munich

**Tour #5** (8 nights / 10 days) – BAVARIA, BLACK FOREST & PARIS  
3 nights in Munich, 2 nights in Heidelberg, 3 nights in Paris

These and all our other Standard Tours can be viewed on our website at [www.musiccelebrations.com](http://www.musiccelebrations.com)

*Music Celebrations International would also be happy to create a custom tour to meet your specific wishes and interests.*

*What others have said -*

*"I have just been thinking back over our tour to Germany and Austria this past summer and wanted to take a minute to thank you for the terrific job you and your staff at Music Celebrations did for us, again. They were simply first rate in every regard. I've been traveling with ensembles to Europe since 1961 and have considerable experience with travel organizations but I can truthfully say Music Celebrations International is the most professional organization I have worked with."*

**- Dr. William Silvester, All American Youth in Concert, New Jersey**

*"The Alabama Boychoir and Girls Chorus spent a week touring Germany and Austria. Undoubtedly, it will be a lifelong memory for them, largely due to the management of Music Celebrations. The concert venues were some of the finest in Europe and the publicity for the concert in Vienna brought an audience that more than filled Karlskirche. In addition to excellent performance experiences, Music Celebrations chose hotels that were very comfortable. In all, I was more than pleased with the work that Music Celebrations did for us and plan to contract with them again next year!"*

**- Karen Nicolosi, Alabama Boychoir & Girls Chorus**

*"From the moment we step on the plane until we arrive home I can relax because MCI takes care of everything. I wouldn't consider using another travel agency as we are spoiled by the ease of working with MCI! From the office staff to the amazing tour guides, the level of professionalism is of the highest quality. Bravissimo, MCI!"*

**- Ellen Palmer McCurdy, Orchestra Director, Arizona**



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## A SHORT LISTING OF POTENTIAL VENUES

### BERLIN

Berliner Dom  
Auenkirche  
Heiligkreuzkirche  
Passionkirche  
Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

### DRESDEN

Lukaskirche  
Dreikonigskirche  
Freuenkirche

### LEIPZIG

Thomaskirche (Bach's church)  
Nikolaikirche  
Lukaskirche  
Peterskirche

### MUNICH

Frauenkirche  
Nymphenburg Palace  
Peterskirche  
Heiliggeistkirche

### HEIDELBERG

Herz Jesu Kirche Leimen  
Providence Church  
Heiliggeistkirche