

Adelaide Symphony Orchestra Fully Escorted Tour 20 Days



Departing 13 September 2007

DAY 1

Board Malaysia Airlines for your flight to Paris via Kuala Lumpur flying either economy or business class. Upon arrival in Paris you will connect with Air France to St Petersburg.

DAY 2

ST PETERSBURG



Arrive St Petersburg Airport —transfer by bus to the Petro Palace Hotel (15kms 1.3 hrs). St Petersburg, often referred to as the “Venice of the North ” encompasses 100 islands linked by over 600 bridges. Upon arrival at the Hotel there will be time to freshen up before being met by a local guide for an afternoon city tour . Take in the main city sights including the Peter and Paul Fortress, the site chosen by Peter the Great in 1703 as the foundation of St Petersburg and home to the crypts of the Russian Tsars. Then you will visit the battle ship Aurora, a symbol of the communist revolution in Russia. This evening you will have the chance to get to know your fellow travellers with a welcome dinner and at the same time enjoy a complimentary half bottle of wine.

DAY 3

ST PETERSBURG



Meet the tour manager for a half-day local coach city tour. The tour takes in a visit to the famous Hermitage Museum, located in the Winter Palace of the Tsars which includes the world renowned Lomonosov porcelain factory exhibit. The afternoon is spent at your leisure before joining the group for a theatre performance*. Later perhaps enjoy a meal at one of the many local restaurants before returning to the hotel.

DAY 4

ST PETERSBURG



The morning is at your leisure until you are joined by a local tour guide and take the coach to the St Petersburg pier. Once at the pier board a Hydrofoil to Peterhof , Peter the Great ' s summer palace standing at the edge of the Gulf of Finland. Dinner is once again at your leisure before you return to the Petro Palace Hotel.

* Performance details to be confirmed.

DAY 5
ST PETERSBURG



The day begins with a half day fully escorted city tour which includes a visit to the beautiful Yusupov Palace. The palace is adorned with rich decorations including paintings, carvings, marble, mirrors, crystal chandeliers, silk and exquisite furniture. You can also visit the infamous cellar to see a wax figure exhibition that depicts the murder of one of the most scandalous figures in Russian history, Grigory Rasputin. The tour also includes a visit to the Finland Rail Terminal where Vladimir Lenin arrived by train on 3 April 1917 to make the October Revolution and a chance to see the commemorative steam locomotive which brought him to the capital. The morning finishes with a one hour canal cruise. Spend the afternoon at your leisure in preparation for an evening concert* . You will need to make your own evening meal arrangements before returning to the Petro Palace Hotel.

DAY 6
ST PETERSBURG TO
HELSINKI



A coach will transport you to the train station for the train to Helsinki. Once you have freshened up at the Scandic Marski Hotel take in the main sights of Helsinki on a half day city tour. The tour includes the University library and the copper domed Kirkko Temple, a modern Lutheran church carved into a rocky outcrop surround. In the evening we will walk to the theatre to enjoy a concert * followed by a 3 course meal in one of the local restaurants before returning to the Hotel.

DAY 7
HELSINKI



Today you enjoy a full day excursion which includes a visit to the harbourside market before leaving Helsinki for Jarvenpaa, home to the classical composer Jean Sibelius. We will visit his peaceful, timber built house "Ainola" designed by the famous Finnish architect Lars Sonck. From Jarvenpaa we travel to the medieval town of Porvoo to see the main sights of the city including the Edelfelt exhibition of art, as well as paintings, sculpture, glass and ceramics by other artists at the Edelfelt-Vallgren museum**. We return to Helsinki for an evening walk to the harbour and dinner cruise through the Helsinki harbour archipelago before returning to the Hotel.

**Currently closed but reopening in 2007

DAY 8
HELSINKI TO TALLINN



Board the coach to the harbour for a fast ferry to the capital city and main seaport of Estonia, Tallinn. You arrive at Tallinn seaport in the early afternoon before taking a coach to the Baltic Hotel Wana Viru Hotel. Take time to unpack and freshen up before enjoying a 3 course meal in one of the local restaurants and returning to the hotel that evening.

* Performance details to be confirmed.

DAY 9

TALLINN



This morning you will view the main sights of Tallinn including the grand Alex Nevsky orthodox cupola cathedral. The cathedral is dedicated to Sain Alexander Nevsky who, in 1242 won the Battle of the Ice on Lake Peipus, in the territorial waters of present-day Estonia. The current Russian patriarch Alexis II, started his priestly ministry in the church. The afternoon and evening meal are at your leisure before you attend a concert * conducted by ASO Chief Conductor — Arvo Volmer.

DAY 10

TALLINN TO PARNU



Today you take a tour to the city of Parnu located south west of Tallin on the gulf of Riga. Parnu is a health resort of international stature but is also famous for the arts. We visit the art gallery and the world renowned Parnu Mudaravila therapeutic hot mud baths before transferring to the Scandic Ranna Hotel. You will then have a 3 course meal at the hotel before enjoying the evening concert*.

DAY 11

PARNU TO BERLIN

Today is a full day of travel which includes coach travel to Tallinn airport to board your flight to Berlin. Upon arrival you will be transferred to the Ambassador Berlin Hotel with the remainder of the day/evening at leisure.

DAY 12

BERLIN



Enjoy a full day coach tour which takes in the main sights of the city including, the Pergamon Museum and the East Side Gallery a 1.3km long section of the Berlin Wall representing an international memorial for freedom. This is followed by entrance into the Holocaust Museum and the original empire of the German Empire, the Reichstag building. In the evening we enjoy a classical concert* before an evening meal at your leisure.

* Performance details to be confirmed.

DAY 13
BERLIN TO
PRAGUE



Today you travel south west by coach to the city of Potsdam. The city features a series of interconnected lakes and is well known for its unique cultural landscapes, in particular the parks and castles of the world heritage site Sanssouci. We will visit Sanssouci the former summer palace of Frederick the Great , King of Prussia and then re-board the coach to Dresden, an important cultural, political and economic centre since the re-unification of Germany. You will view the main sights of Dresden before re-boarding the coach for a 2 hour journey to Prague. The evening is at your leisure . Accommodation is at the Leonardo Hotel.

DAY 14
PRAGUE



Today your half day city tour takes in the main sights of Prague including entrance to the Stahov Monastery built in 1140 and best known for its magnificent library which contains a collection of over 200,000 books. We will also visit the Prague Castle whose history stretches back to 870. The castle was once home to the offices of Czech Kings, Holy Roman Emperors and presidents of the Czech Republic. One of the biggest castles in the world at 570 metres in length and an average of 130 metres wide, it is also home to the crown jewels of the Bohemian Kingdom. The afternoon and evening meal are at your leisure before being entertained by a performance at the National Marionette Theatre.

DAY 15
PRAGUE TO
VIENNA



The group visits the town of Kutna Hora. This township owes its origins to the silver mines which can be traced back to the first part of the 13th century. Whilst there you will visit the Sedlect Ossuary a small Christian chapel with an ossuary containing approximately 40,000 human skeletons which have been artistically arranged to form decorations and furnishings for the chapel. You then visit the village of Lednice home to the chateau and the largest park and then visit the neighbouring village of Valtice which used to be the principal seat of the powerful Liechtenstein family. At Valtice you can undertake a walking tour along the Viticultural Instructional Trail which includes wine tasting. From Valtice you re-board the coach for a 1 1/2 hour journey to the Stefanie Hotel in Vienna.

DAY 16

VIENNA



Today you will take in the main sights of Vienna on a full day tour which includes entrance to Mozart 's Figaro house where Mozart lived and composed the beautiful opera "The Marriage of Figaro". You will also visit the collection of Historic Musical Instruments at the Kunsthistorisches Museum at Neue Burg. Afternoon tea includes a visit to the beautiful Hotel Sacher where you can indulge in the famous Sachertorte. This is followed by entrance into the world renowned Schoenbrunn Palace. In the evening you will tour the Wiener Prater amusement park which includes the gigantic Riesenrad "Ferris Wheel" followed by dinner and a show at a Heuriger Restaurant in Grinzing district.

DAY 17

VIENNA



Today you board the coach for a trip to Eisenstadt and visit the home and burial place of the famous classical composer Joseph Haydn. Upon returning to Vienna you will have some free time before enjoying an evening performance at the State Opera*. Overnight at the Stefanie Hotel .

DAY 18

VIENNA TO SALZBURG



In the morning board your coach to Salzburg. Upon arrival you will have time to freshen up at the Cordial Theater Hotel before you take in the sights of the Sound of Music in the afternoon. From the gardens of Mirabell Palace you will have a marvelous view of the Hohensalzburg Fortress. You will also see highlights of the Sound of the Music film and pay a visit to Mondsee to view the famous wedding church. In the evening enjoy a meal in a local restaurant before attending a concert* and returning to the Hotel.

DAY 19

SALZBURG TO MUNICH



A morning city tour takes in the main sights of Salzburg including entrance to the Residenz and Mozart 's birthplace, followed by a visit to Zauberflotenhauschen or the Magic Flute House. In the afternoon you will board your coach to Munich. That evening, in Munich you will join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a lively local restaurant before spending the night at the Europa Hotel.

DAY 20 – 22

MUNICH AIRPORT TO ADELAIDE VIA PARIS & KUALA LUMPUR

This morning you will be transferred to Munich Airport for your flight home, via Paris and Kuala Lumpur. Use of a hotel room is provided for the day in Kuala Lumpur before boarding your flight to Adelaide. Alternatively you may wish to extend your stay either in Europe or Asia — the choice is yours.

* Performance details to be confirmed.

Costing*

\$ 9174.00 per person twin share
\$ 1120.00 single room supplement

Optional Upgrade to Business Class add \$5350-00 only available on Malaysia Airlines flights

*Costing is based on a minimum of 20 passengers. A portion of the cost is converted from foreign currency and as such may fluctuate. Costs are correct as at 5/12/06

Inclusions:

- Air Travel throughout
- All accommodation
- All transfers
- Government Service Charges
- Sightseeing and touring as per the itinerary
- Continental breakfast daily and other meals as per the itinerary
- Local English speaking tour guides
- Concert Tickets

Additional Costs:

- Airport taxes/levies and fees \$700-00 approximately (as at 5/12/06)
- Visa/Courier Fee—Russia
- Travel Insurance \$190.00 per person (includes nil excess but excludes pre-existing medical conditions and age surcharge if applicable)
- Local tipping

Does not include:

- Personal expenses
- Camera/Video charges at monuments

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