

PLC Music Tour September 2016

Wolfenbüttel – Berlin – Cheb - Prague



Date: **Sept 2016**

Group number: **26 + 4**

Departure date from Sydney: **4th September, 2016**

Return date: **18th September 2016**

Length: **15 days**

Tour Proposal

The September 2016 Tour takes you on a musical pilgrimage to two exciting countries - Germany and the Czech Republic.

Germany has produced more music and greater composers than any country in Europe. Early influences included the Meistersingers who introduced monophonic music and Martin Luther who helped church music develop an individual identity which gave rise to the German cantata and oratorio. From these 15th and 16th century beginnings, music developed in its highest forms under Bach, Handel, Gluck, Beethoven, von Weber, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Brahms, Wagner, Richard Strauss and scores of other great composers. **Berlin** has been the political centre of Europe off and on for centuries, and as a result has attracted all forms of music. Europe's oldest film studios find their home in Berlin as well as a huge tradition in jazz, cabaret, opera and orchestral music. We will be following this tradition as well as seeing the evidence of Germany's tumultuous political and social history of the 20th century.

The Czech Republic is culturally and historically more closely linked to Western, particularly Germanic, culture than any of its former Eastern-bloc brethren. The most popular tourist destination in the region, Prague was discovered shortly after the fall of the Iron Curtain. But the stunning medieval towns in southern Bohemia and the famous spa resorts of the west are just as approachable. **Prague** can satisfy both classical music listeners and as fans of jazz.

Focus of the tour

The focus of the tour is on the musical experiences the group will enjoy in a number of different ways – playing and performing in some of Europe's renowned performing spaces, walking in the footsteps of famous musicians, attending professional concerts in world renowned theatres, taking part in musical workshops, gaining insight into the world of music history, discovering the significance of jazz culture, reflecting on the development of musical instruments, exploring the influence of music in different cultures, enjoying the variety of music genres in different contexts, and more. Numerous musical personalities have influenced the entire world with their compositions and inventions and the students have the grand opportunity to absorb and appreciate the background of the music and great musicians in their countries of origin.

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Itinerary Overview:

4 Sept – **Dep. from Sydney**
 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Sept – **Wolfenbüttel**
 11, 12, 13, Sept – **Berlin**
 14, 15, 16 Sept – **Cheb/Prague**
 17 Sept- **Flight**
 18 Sept – **Arrive in Sydney**



Musical Tour Highlights:

The musical highlight of the tour is the musical experiences that the Big Band will savour in a number of different ways - from performances in a variety of venues - historic cathedrals and concert halls and palaces, to opportunities to attend clinics with European musicians.

- 6 days of performances and celebration at Wolfenbüttel sister school
- Perform in a concert in Berlin (venue pending audition materials)
- Attend a professional performance in Berlin
- Attend the musical “Blue Man Group” in the BlueMax Theatre (or similar)
- Participate in a masterclass with a professional German musician
- Performance at a professional venue in Prague
- Outdoor Prague Market performance
- Exchange with Big Band from Cheb (or similar)

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This is a draft tour proposal. The places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

Tour Quote

40 - 44 paying people (1 single deluxe coach) - **\$4795 (0 FOC)**

35 - 39 paying people (1 single deluxe coach) - **\$4955 (0 FOC)**

30 - 34 paying people (1 single deluxe coach) - **\$5165 (0 FOC)**

**Based on number of paying people.
Single room supplement applies.**

Quote based on **2015 flight prices, INCLUDING** airline taxes of \$182 (as of 1st June, 2015)

Quote based on the exchange rate **AUD\$1: 0.7 Euro** (as of 1st June, 2015)

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Flight from Sydney, Australia to Europe (return):

Maximum allowed weight: **20 kg**

Concert performances

Multiple in Wolfenbüttel (self-arranged)

1x Berlin

1 x Cheb (exchange concert)

1 x Prague

Master classes

1x Berlin

Accommodation, Meals, Excursions and Sights:

Wolfenbüttel

- 6 x nights self arranged

Berlin

- 3 x nights/buffet-breakfast in Berlin (3 star hotel)
- 3 x dinners/lunches at restaurant/accommodation

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- Tickets to the Blue Man Group or similar
- Tickets to a professional Jazz performance

Prague/Cheb

- 3 x nights/buffet-breakfast in Prague (3 star hotel)
- 2 x dinners/lunches at restaurant/accommodation
- Jazz Boat Dinner
- Prague Castle Admission

Professional guided tours by local experts

- Licensed English speaking guide for 4hrs musical sightseeing tour of Berlin.
- Licensed English speaking guide for 3hrs musical sightseeing tour of Prague.

Professional tour team

Airport assistant in Sydney, Australia

1 x Tour Manager 11th Sept -17th Sept

Local concert organisers and coordinators

Transfer to Wolfenbuttel on 5th September, 2016

1 x professional coach driver (on ground from the 11th Sept-17th Sept)

Concert organisation

Promoted concert including prints of posters and hand flyers, press-releases, Hayes Travel Enterprises co-ordinator who will manage moderations/translations, memory posters.

Transportation

Departure from Sydney, Australia via scheduled air service, including full meal, beverages and in flight entertainment

Motor coach (on ground from the 11th Sept -17th Sept)

Airport transfers in Europe

Not included

Tips to some restaurants, city guides and drivers (EUR 35)

Rental instruments

Travel Insurance

Increase/extra fuel and tax surcharges, if apply

Admissions as outlined in inclusions

Meals as outlined in inclusions

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Conditions

1. Hayes Travel Enterprises (HTE) requires a deposit of 10 % of the agreed anticipated cost of your trip, before any initial bookings are made.
2. HTE will require further deposits in due course before making any subsequent bookings. You will be notified of all requests for deposits, in writing.
3. HTE agrees to make all necessary arrangements to ensure that your trip is booked pursuant to the attached itinerary.
4. The airlines and other third-party providers of travel and travel related services may change their prices, details of their packages, tours, flights and other information at any time. For this reason, all prices discussed with you are subject to change without notice, and HTE reserves the right to increase the prices specified upon booking, for reasons that are beyond its control.
5. Cancellations must be made in writing and you will be responsible for any cancellation fees resulting from any partial or total cancellations, with regard to any airlines or third party providers of travel related products or services.
6. Hayes Travel Enterprises Pty Ltd, reserves the right to increase the prices specified upon booking for reasons that are beyond its control. These will be discussed with the group first.
7. Such reasons can include a modification of the service partner's rates, official rates, taxes, public charges and duties as well as foreign currency exchange rates due to modified exchange rates. This proposal was based on an exchange rate of **\$1 AUD: 0.70 Euro (as of 1st June, 2015)** The value of the tour has been fixed at this rate.
8. No liability shall be assumed for obvious errors in calculation; they can be corrected at any time.