

CVMVC CHOIR MUSIC TOUR 2011

My note earlier this year with a proposal to tour in Bratislava and Vienna in 2011 produced a good response and I have now put together a package which requires payment of a deposit to finalise.

Previously I mentioned the possibility of participating in a local festival but the dates of this have been changed and it is not now practical.

The proposed dates are 28th May to 1st June 2011 and the itinerary is as follows:

Day 1

Depart Amersham/Chesham by coach to Heathrow for morning scheduled flight.
Arrival Vienna Airport, meet your bilingual tour escort and your Slovak coach, transfer to Bratislava and check in to hotel **PARK INN DANUBE**, Central Bratislava
Optional: dinner at the hotel or in a local restaurant

Day 2



Breakfast at the hotel
Morning at leisure to explore Bratislava centre
Guided sightseeing tour of Old Bratislava with 3 licensed English-speaking guides (ca 2-4 hours) on foot
Lunch independent
Rehearsal in Franciscan Church
***Evening concert in Franciscan Church, Bratislava**
Optional: dinner at the hotel or in a local restaurant

Day 3



Breakfast at the hotel
Morning depart for the Cerveny Kamen Castle, visit of the castle
Depart for Modra, visit of the Ceramics factory in Modra
Lunch independent
Depart for Pezinok
Pezinok, famous as a historic wine-growing town nestling in the foothills of the Lesser Carpathian range
Afternoon rehearsal in the Church
***Evening concert in Pezinok Church**
Optional: Dinner in famous Matysak restaurant with possible wine tasting
Return to Bratislava

Day 4



Breakfast at the hotel
Check out
Depart for Vienna (60 km, 1 hour drive)
City tour of Vienna with a local English-speaking guide
(2 hours walk or 3 hours bus)
Lunch independent
Check in to the **AUSTRIA TRENDHOTEL ANANAS******, Vienna
Transfer by coach to Schoenbrunn Palace
***Afternoon concert at Schoenbrunn Palace in the private chapel – not normally open to the public**
Return to your hotel by coach
Optional: transfer to a local restaurant/city centre
Optional: Dinner in a local restaurant
Optional: transfer back to your hotel

Day 5

Breakfast at the hotel,
Free day in Vienna
Late afternoon transfer to Vienna Airport by coach
Scheduled flight to Heathrow
Coach transfer to Amersham/Chesham

Hotel info:

<http://www.bratislava.parkinn.sk/>

<http://www.austria-trend.at/hotel-ananas/en/>

The cost of this package is £580 pounds per person and to secure your place(s) a deposit of £100 per person is required now. This is to pay the deposit for the ground arrangements in Bratislava/Vienna and also to secure the group booking for the scheduled flights. There is a single supplement for “non choir” guests of approx. £140.

The price of the ground arrangements is fixed in euros. As you are doubtless aware there have been some fairly dramatic fluctuations in currency rates recently. The pound is at the moment some 20% stronger against the euro than at the beginning of the year. To guard against future fluctuation we can buy euros now and to do this we will need a further payment of approximately £200 per person shortly. We very strongly recommend this course of action otherwise you could be asked for a much higher payment next year.

The balance will be due 2 months before departure.

We have checked the price of this package against those offered by other tour operators and it is very good value for money. You will be travelling by scheduled airline and staying on a bed and breakfast basis in good hotels which I have inspected or stayed in. Most importantly, the 3 concert venues are all excellent and the opportunity to sing in the schlosskapelle at Schoenbrunn should be a spectacular finale.

<http://www.schoenbrunn.at/en/things-to-know/tour-of-the-palace/palace-chapel.html>

A couple of people mentioned that they might wish to stay longer independently in Vienna. Now is the time to confirm if you wish to do this.

To secure the air fares I have been quoted I need to confirm them quickly. Scheduled airlines now run computerised booking systems akin to the “budget airline” systems. Tickets become available 12 months before the departure date and the earlier tickets sold are the lowest priced.

Will you please therefore return the attached form to me by 22 June with deposit to secure your place(s). You might be able to choose to join us at a later date but the price is likely to have increased!

To Roger Smith

Please reserve me _____ places on CVMVC 2011 music tour.

Full Names
(as on passport)

I enclose deposit of £ _____ (£100 per person) payable to CVMVC

Telephone number _____

Email _____