

Houston Symphony Chorus
60th Anniversary Tour
Annotated Itinerary
May 24-June 3, 2007

Thu May 24 Depart Houston, Various Flights

Fri May 25 Arr Prague in afternoon, Various Flights

Clear Immigration and Customs and meet your couriers
Transfer by coach to the hotel and check in
evening Dinner in the hotel

Hotel Pyramida

This is a modern and recently renovated on the hill behind the castle (on the “small side” – Mala Strana). It is walking distance to the castle and cathedral, and a short tram ride to Wenceslas Square and other attractions across the river.

<http://www.hotelpyramida.cz/pyramida/page.aspx?content=uvod>

Sat May 26 Prague

Breakfast in the hotel

PRAGUE At leisure

Lunch independent

4.00 pm Rehearsal

7.30 pm Concert in the Church of St Simon and St Jude, as part of the
Prague Spring Festival : Brahms: Requiem (two piano version)

This baroque church near the center of Prague is now a concert hall used by the Prague Symphony Orchestra. W.A. Mozart and J. Haydn are among the famous composers who played its organ.

<http://www.expats.cz/prague/czech/churches/churchofstsimonjuda>

<http://lava.ds.arch.tue.nl/GALleRY/prahA/f18.html>

To learn more about the internationally-regarded Prague Spring Festival, look at their program, and notice that other international performing groups on this year's festival include the San Francisco Symphony and the Academy of St. Martin's in the Fields!

http://www.festival.cz/en/program.php?id_program=84&akce=prehled&typ=datum&hodnota=2007-05-26&menu=1

Dinner independent

Sun May 27 Prague

Breakfast in the hotel

PRAGUE 9.00 am Guided walking tour

Lunch independent

afternoon At leisure

evening Dinner independent

Mon May 28 Prague to Budapest

morning Breakfast in the hotel

Depart by coach for Budapest (c. 8 hrs)

Lunch independent en route

afternoon Arrive in Budapest and check in to the hotel

evening Dinner independent

Hotel Hungaria

This is a Best Western hotel in the heart of Budapest that features the works of contemporary Hungarian artists in its public rooms. "The hotel is only a few minutes walk to all major shopping and business centres and the historical old downtown with the tourist attractions worth visiting."

<http://www.danubiushotels.com/en/budapest-hotels/best-western-hotel-hungaria-budapest>

Tue May 29 Budapest

morning Breakfast in the hotel

BUDAPEST 9.30 am Guided sightseeing tour

Lunch independent

evening Dinner independent

Wed May 30 Budapest

morning Breakfast in the hotel

BUDAPEST 10.00 am Rehearsal with orchestra and soloists (1.5 hours)

Lunch independent

afternoon At leisure

7.30 pm Concert with the Budapest Concert Orchestra in the Ferenc

Liszt Conservatoire Vaughan Williams: Dona Nobis Pacem

We are performing on the subscription series of the Budapest Concert Orchestra, a group that is, coincidentally, also celebrating its 60th season!! You can find out more about this group on its web page: http://www.mavzenekar.hu/zenekar_en.htm

We are performing in the very beautiful Art Nouveau building, the Liszt Conservatory. The following web site has some stunning pictures of the ornately decorated hall and some of its public spaces: <http://www.lfze.hu/hp/dokumentumok/fotoalbum/index.html>

9.30 pm Dinner in Stefánia restaurant

Thu May 31 Budapest to Vienna

morning Breakfast in the hotel

VIENNA Depart by coach for Vienna (c. 4 hrs)

Lunch independent en route
afternoon Arrive in Vienna and check in to the hotel
evening Dinner independent

Hotel Ananas

An Art Nouveau hotel with modern conveniences in central Vienna.

http://www.talkingcities.co.uk/vienna_hotels/vienna_hotel_ananas.htm

Fri Jun 1 Vienna

morning Breakfast in the hotel
VIENNA Guided sightseeing tour
Lunch independent
afternoon At leisure
evening Dinner independent

Sat Jun 2 Vienna

morning Breakfast in the hotel
VIENNA At leisure
Lunch independent
1.30 pm Rehearsal with orchestra (3 hours)
8.30 pm Concert with orchestra in the Stephansdom
Brahms: Requiem

This concert is one of two annual fundraising concerts to benefit St Stephen's Cathedral, so the Cathedral hosts promise a full house for our concert. Get a panoramic view of the inside and outside of this splendid cathedral, and just imagine the acoustics!

http://www.vrvienna.com/iview_quicktime/source/st_stephens_inside.html

http://www.vrvienna.com/iview_quicktime/source/st_stephens_outside2.html

Farewell dinner in a restaurant

Sun Jun 3 Vienna to Houston

morning Breakfast in the hotel
HOME Transfer by coach to the airport and check in (various times)

Arrive Houston Sun afternoon

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