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Concert Tour to Germany

Perform in the Rhine Valley, Bonn, Weimar, and meet German musicians for a joint concert in the Taunus region

Day 1: Arrive Frankfurt airport. Meet your tour manager and your bus driver for transfer by private bus to Worms. Check into your hotel. Welcome dinner at your hotel.

Day 2: Morning walk to explore the city center of *Worms*. There are lots of beautiful sights to discover in Worms: the Romanesque Cathedral, Europe's oldest

Jewish cemetery, the synagogue in the old town, the world's biggest Reformation monument (Luther Monument), the Hagen statue on the Rhine promenade, Herrnsheim Palace and Park and much more. Depart for *Remagen*. Travel along the picturesque UNESCO World Heritage *Upper Middle Rhine Valley*, a region which features a unique landscape that has become part of German cultural history, with picturesque views, castles, churches and local scenes of great artistic and historic significance. Lunch at Brauhaus Remagen. Rehearsal at local church. Welcoming address by the Mayor of the city of Remagen. Afternoon concert. Continue to *Bonn* for dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 3: Breakfast at the hotel. Meet with member of the *Beethoven House* to learn about Beethoven's life in Bonn. Bonn is the birthplace of the world-famous composer Ludwig van Beethoven. Ludwig van Beethoven was born in December 1770. In 2020, celebrations will be held to commemorate the 250th anniversary of his birth. Ludwig van Beethoven's birthplace is of great importance for people throughout the world and the main attraction in the musical city of Bonn. The museum presents the largest Beethoven collection in the world. Its impressive authentic documents combined with new media bear witness to Beethoven's life and compositions. Guided walking tour of Bonn in the footsteps of its most famous son. Lunch at local restaurant. Rehearsal at local church. Dinner at your hotel. Concert and welcoming address by a member of the *Beethoven Society*. Return to your hotel for overnight.

Day 4: After breakfast check out. Depart for *Weimar* with lunch stop in *Eisenach*. Visit the *Bach-Haus*. Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach on 21 March 1685. He spent ten years of his childhood there, received his first music lessons and sang in the school choir and in the Church of St. George. Throughout his life, he described himself as "Isenacus". The Bachhaus is one of the largest musician's museums in Germany. Every hour there is a short concert on five Baroque keyboard instruments. Installations such as the "Walkable Composition" make Bach's music a complete experience. Continue to Weimar. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

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Day 5: After breakfast take a guided walk through the city of Weimar. Goethe and Schiller, Bach and Liszt, Modernism and Bauhaus: that's Weimar. UNESCO has granted the houses of Goethe and Schiller, the parks and gardens, the magnificent castles, and the worldfamous Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek the status of World Heritage Sites. A number of composers have made Weimar their adopted home over the last few centuries. From 1708 to 1717, Johann Sebastian Bach shaped Weimar's music scene and reputation as a city of musicians. In 1848, Franz Liszt moved to the Altenburg as "Hofkapellmeister". One of the most famous piano virtuosos of his time, composer Johann Nepomuk Hummel spent almost twenty years in Weimar, and Richard Strauss in turn underwent a period of development and maturation in Weimar. Lunch at local restaurant. Rehearsal at Stadtkirche St. Peter und Paul (Herderkirche). The Late Gothic Church was built between 1498 and 1500. The main attraction is the winged altar which was started in 1552 by Lucas Cranach the Elder and completed by his son. Of interest is also the Luther Shrine which shows Martin Luther as a monk, as Squire George and as a teacher. Martin Luther often preached in this church, Johann Sebastian Bach often played here and two of his sons were christened here. Johann Gottfried Herder was general superintendent and vicar at the Town Church. Dinner at the hotel. Concert at Herderkirche.

Day 6: After breakfast check out. Depart for Frankfurt area with lunch stop in *Alsfeld*. Go for a walk through the historical center. Previously surrounded by an oval shaped city wall with 4 gates, the medieval town of Alsfeld is still characterised by a wealth of half-timbered buildings, which stand alongside simple residential buildings and monumental civic constructions. The narrow, twisting streets and passages open out into courtyards and squares presenting the most delightful and unique features to be found in Hesse. Lunch at local restaurant. Check into your hotel in the *Taunus* region. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 7: After breakfast meet with German music group members for exchange and joint concert rehearsal at a local church. Lunch together with the local musicians. Joint concert and friendly get together afterwards. Overnight at your hotel.

Day 8: Day excursion to *Heidelberg*. Visit to Heidelberg Castle. Nestled in the hill 300 feet above the city of Heidelberg stands the breath-taking Heidelberg Schloss (castle). The castle is a combination of several buildings surrounding an inner courtyard. Each building highlights a different period of German architecture. The castle has a history almost as old as the city itself. The first parts of the castle were constructed around 1300. From either the Great Terrace or the gardens, one has an amazing view of Heidelberg, the Neckar River, and the Neckar valley far into the Rhine plain. Farewell dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 9: After breakfast check out of your hotel and get transferred to Frankfurt airport for your return flight.

*** Program can be adapted to your wishes. Music Festival participation can be arranged. All services are subject to availability at the time of booking.

