

Music Capitals of Europe Tour: Vienna, Prague, Berlin & Stockholm

Plus Visits to Bratislava, Dresden, Leipzig and Wittenberg
January 24 - February 8, 2019



The Gustavus Choir
Dr. Gregory Aune, Conductor

Program Highlights & Inclusions

Travel on international flights from Minneapolis/St. Paul to Vienna on Delta/KLM, returning from Stockholm with intra-Europe flight from Berlin to Stockholm, including current fuel surcharge and taxes.



Stay 14 nights in moderate Four-Star hotels, centrally located in shared occupancy. Supplement for single accommodations available.



Savor local cuisine with 24 meals included: buffet breakfast daily, eight dinners and two lunches.



Explore Europe with a professional, licensed tour manager and local guides throughout itinerary and use of audio headset system. Local guides in Vienna, Bratislava, Prague, Leipzig, Berlin and Stockholm.



Enjoy the comfort of traveling in a private, deluxe motorcoach for all transfers and touring throughout the itinerary.



Relax in the knowledge entrance fees are included for inside visits and activities described in itinerary along with the gratuities for tour manager, local guides, motorcoach drivers and hotel/restaurant staff.

*Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear its
music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?*

Alumni, family, and friends of Gustavus Choir are cordially invited to join as companion travelers with our student singers, this January 24 - February 8, 2019, for the **Music Capitals of Europe Tour: Vienna, Prague, Berlin, and Stockholm**, with additional visits to Bratislava, Dresden, Leipzig, and Wittenberg. This will mark Dr. Gregory Aune's final international choir tour as maestro. If you are a Gustavus Choir alum, an additional component of the tour package will be the opportunity to perform selected repertoire with the Gustavus Choir during the concert program. Pending overall response, and at the conductor's discretion, a limited number of participants who are not choir alumni may be offered the opportunity to sing with the Alumni Choir. Come travel with the Gustavus Choir on a musical tour which will echo in your soul for years to come.

The interest in this unique travel opportunity has been high and early registration is strongly recommended.

Customized Program Itinerary

Thursday, January 24 MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL DEPARTURE. Depart Minneapolis-St. Paul late-afternoon on Delta Air Lines flight to Amsterdam or Paris.*

Friday, January 25 VIENNA ARRIVAL. Morning arrival in Amsterdam or Paris, connecting to a KLM Royal Dutch Airlines or Air France flight to Vienna. Welcome from European tour manager and an awaiting private motorcoach for a panoramic tour with local guide along the Ringstrasse prior to check-in at [Archotel Wimberger](#). Welcome dinner this evening. (D)

Saturday, January 26 VIENNA. Morning guided tour featuring "An Introduction to the Hapsburgs" and their influence on the arts in Vienna. Tour the [Kunsthistorisches Museum](#) and walk-through of the Hofburg area, former palace of the House of Hapsburg, followed by a visit to the [Imperial Treasury](#). Attend concert performance this evening of the Gustavus Choir. Dinner on own. (B)

Sunday, January 27 VIENNA. Morning departure by private motorcoach for a guided tour of the city, highlighting its music and composers, including the [Zentralfriedhof](#), Vienna's famous cemetery where many of the composers are buried. Visit Beethoven's [Pasqualati Haus Wien](#) and [Mozarthaus Vienna](#). After enjoying a group dinner, attend an evening musical performance by a local ensemble. (B,D)

Monday, January 28 VIENNA/BRATISLAVA/PRAGUE. Morning departure on the drive to Prague with an interesting en route stop in Bratislava for a guided walking tour and group lunch. Attend concert performance of the Gustavus Choir in Bratislava's St. Martin's Cathedral. Continue to Prague, arriving at the [Jurys Inn Prague](#) to get settled for a three-night stay. Dinner on own. (B,L)

Tuesday, January 29 PRAGUE. Wear comfortable shoes for full-day walking tour with a local guide of Prague's [Old Town Square](#) featuring the [Astronomical Clock](#), the beautiful Gothic [Church of Our Lady Before Tyn](#) and the baroque [Church of St Nicholas](#). Continue across the [Charles Bridge](#) to the imposing [Prague Castle](#), where [St. Vitus Cathedral](#), the [Golden Lane](#) and the Royal Garden await. Enjoy group dinner at local restaurant prior concert performance by the Gustavus Choir. (B,D)

Wednesday, January 30 PRAGUE. Full day for individual exploration. Dinner on own. (B)

Thursday, January 31 PRAGUE/DRESDEN/LEIPZIG. Morning departure traveling into Germany and the city of [Dresden](#). During a visit of this historic city on the Elbe River, enjoy a group lunch and orientation tour including attending the noon-time organ service at the [Frauenkirche](#). Continue to Leipzig and arrive at the [Seaside Park Hotel](#). Attend Gustavus Choir concert performance this evening at Nikolaikirche Leipzig. (B,L)

Friday, February 1 LEIPZIG. Morning visit to [Thomaskirche](#) and [Bach Museum](#). Informal a cappella concert at Bach's Tomb, followed by organ recital by Chad Winterfeldt. Afternoon guided walking tour viewing the Bach Memorial, Gewandhaus Concert Hall and Leipzig Opera. Before a group dinner at a local restaurant, attend the Friday Motet at Thomaskirche (performance by St. Thomas Boy's Choir pending schedule). (B,D)

Saturday, February 2 LEIPZIG/BERLIN. Leave Leipzig this morning for Germany's capital, Berlin. Upon arrival, enjoy a panoramic orientation tour including [Brandenburg Gate](#), [Holocaust Memorial](#), [Postdammerplatz](#), Opera House, [Kurfurstendamm](#), [Unter den Linden](#), [Berlin Synagogue](#) and Checkpoint Charlie. The tour ends at Museum Island for free time for independent visit to one of the museums (entrance fee additional cost). Begin a three-night stay at the [Park Inn Alexanderplatz](#) and group dinner this evening. (B,D)

Sunday, February 3 WITTENBERG EXCURSION. Morning 90-minute drive to Wittenberg for a guided walking tour visiting the [Luther House](#), [Castle Church](#) and [City Church](#). Late afternoon Choral Evensong at the Castle Church followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Evening return to Berlin. (B,D)

Monday, February 4 BERLIN. Day of exploration in Berlin with late morning informal sing at the [Domkirche](#). Drive around this fascinating city with a local guide visiting the Berlin Opera House, which opened in 1747 under King Frederick II, who reigned during the Berlin's golden age for music. See other historical sites of former East Berlin, including [Alexanderplatz](#), [Radio Tower](#), [Karl Marx Allee](#) and [East Side Gallery](#). Charity concert by the Gustavus Choir at Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church this evening. (B)

Tuesday, February 5 BERLIN/STOCKHOLM. This morning, transfer to Berlin airport for flight to Stockholm with connection in either Amsterdam or Paris. Upon arrival in Sweden's capital, transfer to [Birger Jarl Hotel](#) for a three-night stay. Evening for independent exploration. Dinner on own. (B)

Wednesday, February 6 STOCKHOLM. Discover Stockholm on a guided panoramic tour ending with a walking tour of [Gamla Stan](#) and the [Royal Palace](#). Concert performance of the Gustavus Choir this evening, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Thursday, February 7 STOCKHOLM. Enjoy a special view of Stockholm this morning on a cruise through its canals. This afternoon, visit the [Vasa Museum](#) for a self-guided tour. Attend the final concert performance of the Gustavus Choir at Hedvig Eleonora Church followed by a farewell group dinner. (B,D)

Friday, February 8 STOCKHOLM/MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL. Transfer to Stockholm Arlanda Airport for KLM Royal Dutch Airlines flight to Amsterdam, connecting to

*Included meals: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner
Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.*

**Due to the number of singers in the choir and the participants in the companion tour, several flight routings and schedules are utilized
Items highlighted in blue are website links to additional information.*

Passport, Health, Insurance and Travel Information

U.S. citizens need a passport valid at least six months beyond the tour return date. Passport applications are available at the [U.S. Department of State website](#). There are no vaccination or visa requirements for U.S. citizens to enter Austria, Germany, Sweden, Slovakia or the Czech Republic. Consult your physician and utilize information on Travelers' Health on the [Centers for Disease Control website](#) for precautions.

Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for their own passport and any visa requirements for the countries visited and must travel with a permanent resident card or other documentation to re-enter the U.S. Without proper documents, entry could be denied at participant's expense.

For international travel information, including country specific background, travel advisories and alerts [click here](#).

Gustavus Adolphus College provides travel insurance for participants on this tour through EIIA (Educational & Institutional Insurance Administrators, Inc.). This broad coverage and assistance insurance DOES NOT provide coverage for travel cancellation insurance. Once enrollment is confirmed, Gustavus Adolphus College will send information on the coverage provided by EIIA.

Travel Guard is recommended for travel cancellation insurance. Access insurance options using this link to [Travel Guard](#) and completing a worksheet with your personal details. For coverage questions, Call Travel Guard at 800-826-4919 and use Seminars International referral number 14847980. When purchasing insurance, thoroughly read the coverage to ensure it meets your needs. Purchasing travel insurance within 15 days of enrollment may waive pre-existing medical conditions.

Travelers are required to walk significant distances including uneven surfaces, steps and inclines during parts of the itinerary. This itinerary is not wheelchair, scooter or walker accessible. Consult with Seminars International or your tour leadership if you have questions about the walking and mobility required to fully participate. Seminars International, in consensus with tour hosts and destination partner, reserves the right to not accept or withdraw any participant whose ability to participate in the tour or whose conduct is incompatible with the operation of the tour or the interests of the group as a whole.

For travel and destination information, click website link:

[Vienna](#) • [Bratislava](#) • [Prague](#)
[Germany](#) • [Stockholm](#)

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Registration

To secure registration, you must complete the enrollment form **and** pay the required deposit. You need passport details (unless applying for a passport) and emergency contact information to properly fill out the enrollment form.

Step 1: \$600 deposit due immediately to secure registration. Make check payable and mail to Seminars International, 55 E. Monroe, Suite 2870, Chicago, IL 60603. Please add **Tour# 5130** to the memo portion of your check

Payment is available by credit card at <http://www.semint.com/payments.html> or by calling 800.541.7506.

A 3% service fee is added to all credit card transactions.

Step 2: If this is an electronic brochure, click below to fill out one enrollment form per person. The **T# is 5130**. A printed copy of the enrollment form is also available by contacting Jeaneen Lincoln at 800-541-7506 or jeaneen@semint.com. Deposit payment must be received within 10 days of completing enrollment form to maintain your registration. **A letter of confirmation is emailed after receipt of both the deposit and the enrollment form.** If program is full upon submitting enrollment form, you will be notified.

Passport Name: Complete this form with your **full name exactly as it appears on your passport**. Include your middle name or initial plus any suffix (Jr., Sr., or III) exactly as printed on your passport. If you do not have a passport at this time, enter your name exactly as it will appear on the passport. There may be a fee for any name changes.

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Note: If you need an electronic brochure, email travel@semint.com and reference **T# 5130**.

Program Cost

\$5,955 from Minneapolis/St.Paul

Supplement for single accommodations - \$1,070

Limited availability of single accommodations.

This comprehensive cost includes airline ticket taxes/fuel surcharge of \$542 and gratuities.

These costs are often not packaged into other travel programs and instead listed as additional costs in the fine print.

Program cost based on a group size of 48 and will increase if group size is smaller.

Statement of Conditions

Program cost and minimum number group size: \$5,955 from Minneapolis-St. Paul, based on a group size of 48. Program cost will increase if group size is smaller. *Program cost based on exchange rates and tariffs in effect as of April 2018 subject to change in the event that there is a fluctuation of more than 4%.*

Air transportation included in cost: From Minneapolis/St. Paul to Vienna, returning from Stockholm on currently confirmed airfare by Delta Air Lines/KLM Royal Dutch Airlines including flight from Berlin to Stockholm subject to restrictions and cancellation penalties by the airline; current taxes and surcharges of \$542 are included and subject to change until ticketed. Due to the size of the group, some participants will be traveling on different flight itineraries.

Surface travel and transfers: By private, deluxe motorcoach for all transfers.

Accommodations and meals: Shared occupancy at hotels listed in itinerary or similar as hotels subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Single accommodations supplement is \$1,070.00 and very limited. Buffet breakfast daily, two lunches and eight dinners for a total of 24 meals as indicated in the itinerary. Upon request, Seminars International and sponsor/host(s) will try to pair participants traveling as a single with a roommate. There is no guarantee of a roommate and if one is not available, the single supplement is assessed at time of invoice. Some hotels provide a smaller room size for single occupancy.

Program arrangements: English-speaking professional tour manager upon arrival in Vienna to Stockholm; use of audio headsets for tours; inside visits described in itinerary include entrance fees or donations as needed; gratuities for tour manager, local guides, motorcoach drivers, and hotel/restaurant wait staff. Note: Participants with special needs may incur surcharges for additional services. Handicap accessibility varies significantly from country to country.

Deposit and payment schedule: \$600 per participant due to secure enrollment no later than **September 26, 2018 as long as space is available.** A waiting list is maintained when space is full. **Full payment due October 26, 2018.** Upon receipt of enrollment and deposit, a confirmation of registration is sent by Seminars International via email. Any payments by credit card incur an additional 3% to cover merchant fees. Invoices are sent in advance of final payment.

Group insurance: Gustavus Adolphus College provides travel insurance for participants on this tour through EIIA (Educational & Institutional Insurance Administrators, Inc.). This broad coverage and assistance insurance DOES NOT provide coverage for travel cancellation insurance. Once enrollment is confirmed, Gustavus Adolphus College will send information on the coverage provided by EIIA. Supplemental travel insurance is strongly recommended for travel cancellation. See page 3 of this brochure for Travel Guard coverage.

Cancellation and refund policy: Should cancellation occur prior to 120 days before departure, the initial deposit will be refunded less a \$100 fee per person. In addition to airline penalties, the following specified costs are non-refundable: **120-90 days** = half of deposit; **89-75 days** = full deposit; **74-46 days** = 50% of program price; **45-31 days** = recoverable costs only (possible forfeiture of entire program cost); **cancellations received 30 days or fewer from departure will receive no refund. Cancellations must be submitted in writing; the date such notification is received by Seminars International is the cancellation date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.**

Leadership: The person(s) identified as the leader/host is subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Seminars International. In the unlikely event of a change in leadership, a qualified replacement will be selected by the sponsoring organization or previous leader. Seminars International will operate the program as planned and is not responsible for the change in leadership. The cancellation and refund policy remain as stated.

Exclusions: Items not listed above, including but not limited to meals other than those indicated; beverages except at breakfast; baggage handling at hotels and airports; optional entertainment and excursions; any baggage charges; all personal items, such as telephone calls, laundry expenses, individual room service; cancellation insurance; non-tour related gratuities; passport fees; increases in air ticket taxes or fuel surcharge; increases in VAT or city/hotel taxes.

Management and responsibility: Seminars International (SI) acts only as an agent and neither SI nor any employee or appointee nor any other person, party or organization or agency collaborating with it is or shall be responsible or liable for any injury or loss, accident or damage, delay or deviation or curtailment, howsoever caused or arising or the consequences thereof, which may occur during any part of the travel or program or during such free time as the members may elect to spend independently on the program. The airlines or commercial carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The passage contracts in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, will constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of this program and/or passenger.

Deviations policy: Some participants may wish to extend their stay, originate or deplane from different cities or purchase the land program only. Early flight departure on group airfare is not permitted. Every effort will be made to assist program participants within the rules of the group air contract for a \$100 per person service charge, plus any additional charges levied by the airline or other supplier. Once the deviation has been booked, any changes may incur additional costs. Please note you are purchasing a group program and any deviation from the program arrangements requires staff time not calculated in the program cost. No refund may be granted to participants who wish to omit portions of the itinerary. **All deviation requests must be submitted in writing by November 9, 2018; requests made after this date incur additional fees or may be unavailable.**

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Custom Design - We design customized international programs sensitive to the needs and interests of a group while focusing on value and affordability.

Pre-Departure - Our services include customized travel e-packets and tour literature focusing on being prepared and responsible travelers.

While Abroad - Along with our Chicago-based team, our network of on-the-ground international partners and CISI Team Assist are prepared 24/7 to provide support and assistance, particularly with an emergency situation.

Program Evaluation - Upon return we invite you to complete an evaluation to share feedback on how we may enhance your experience in the future.