

**FINAL ITINERARY**  
**OBERLIN CHORISTERS**  
**"Sound of Music" TOUR**  
**26 JUNE - 05 JULY, 2009**

**ITINERARY OUTLINE**

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM DETROIT
- DAY 2 ARRIVE VIENNA (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 VIENNA - *CONCERT PERFORMANCE*
- DAY 4 VIENNA - MELK- SALZBURG (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 5 SALZBURG & FAISTENAU - *CONCERT PERFORMANCE*
- DAY 6 SALZBURG - BERCHTESGADEN - INNSBRUCK (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 7 INNSBRUCK & NEUSCHWANSTEIN
- DAY 8 INNSBRUCK - ALTÖTTING - MUNICH (2 NIGHTS)  
- *CONCERT PERFORMANCE*
- DAY 9 MUNICH
- DAY 10 DEPARTURE FROM MUNICH

**Numbers for TRUE Emergencies only**

Hotels - numbers listed in itinerary (6 hours ahead of EDT)

Casterbridge USA office - **1-540-885-4564**

Casterbridge UK office - 011-44-1935-810-810 (5 hours ahead of EDT)

24 hr Emergency # in UK - 011-44-7841-116-144

Do NOT call your child. Ask for Sue, Shelly, Brenda or Casterbridge guide if calling hotels.

Friday, 26 Jun 09

**DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM DETROIT**

18:00 LH 443 departs from Detroit (105 seats)

Enjoy full meal service on your scheduled wide-bodied flight to Vienna.

Saturday, 27 Jun 09

**DAY 2 ARRIVE VIENNA ( 2 NIGHTS)**

08:05 Arrival in Frankfurt

12:50 LH 3534 departs from Frankfurt (105 seats)

14:10 Arrival in Vienna

You will be met at the airport by your three Casterbridge Tour managers/guides who will accompany you to your waiting coaches. We will split into our pre-determined three groups:-

Coach 1 group members will be joined by Alan Collier, our Chief Guide

Coach 2 group members will be joined by Marylyne Ranalter

Coach 3 group members will be joined by Sue Jackson

It will be necessary for us to split into three groups upon

your hotel in Vienna, capital of Austria and for 600 years the glittering capital of the Hapsburg Empire.

Vienna has an incomparable musical heritage and is the city of Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Hayden, Brahms and Johann Strauss.

Our sightseeing will commence immediately with a **Strudel-making Demonstration**, which will require us to split into two groups:-

15:30 Group 1 - Strudel Demonstration

16:30 Group 2 - Strudel Demonstration

*Our visit will include a hot drink, a piece of Apple Strudel, a copy of the famous recipe and a demonstration in English.*

19:00 Dinner at the Hotel Lassalle.

Overnight at the Hotel Lassalle, Engerthstrasse 173-175, 1020 Vienna

Tel: +43 1 213 15 0

Web: [www.austria-trend.at/law](http://www.austria-trend.at/law)

Sunday, 28 Jun 09

**DAY 3 VIENNA**

09:15 This morning we will attend service at the **Hofburg Chapel** where the **Vienna Boys Choir**, sing Mass every Sunday

10:30 After the service, we will split into our coach groups for a tour of the **Hofburg Palace**, a complex of imperial edifices, which grew with the empire, so that today the palace is virtually a city within a city.

Sue Jackson, a qualified Austrian guide, will accompany her own group on the tour - the other two groups will be accompanied by **local guides**. Our visit will include the **Imperial Apartments**; the **Imperial Treasury**, featuring the crown jewels and an assortment of imperial riches.

14:00 We will need to split into two groups for this afternoon's sightseeing at **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, scene of the double marriage between the Hapsburg, Bohemian and Hungarian dynasties in 1515 that laid the foundation of the Austrian Empire. **Audio guides** will be provided for our tour. (the second group will enter the Cathedral at 14:40)

15:30 A 30-minute rehearsal will be possible in Peterskirche. If we require longer, this will be in the crypt.

16:00 Rehearsal in the crypt, if required

17:00 This afternoon we will participate in the **Mass Service** at **Peterskirche** (St Peter's Church), a wonderful baroque church located in the heart of Vienna.

*We will be singing from the organ loft which can accommodate up to 40-45 singers*

*The priest has confirmed that the following proposed pieces will be acceptable during the Mass service:-*

*Cantate Domino – after the first reading*

*Jubilate Deo von Mozart - offertory*

*I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills, during communion (1st piece)*

*Shall We Gather at the River - during communion (2nd piece)*

*After the service we will move downstairs to the main church.*

19:00 Your **first concert** will take place today at **Peterskirche** (concert to finish by 19:50)

*An electric piano will be available for this concert. It is imperative that the programme submitted and agreed by the Priest at Peterskirche is followed for this evening's concert.*

20:30 Dinner this evening will be at s'MüllerBeisl, located a short walk from Peterskirche.

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*Monday, 29 Jun 09*

#### **DAY 4 VIENNA - MELK - SALZBURG (2 NIGHTS)**

Today we head along the Danube Valley to the historic town of Melk where we will visit the Baroque **Abbey** and **Abbey Church** which are built on a promontory dominating the town. We continue our journey and as we near Salzburg we will stop at Oberndorf and see the silent Night Chapel where the carol was first performed in the Nicola-Kirche on Christmas Eve 1818. We then make the short journey to **Salzburg**, the Baroque city of music forever associated with both Mozart and "The Sound of Music."

19:00 Dinner at the Best Western Hotel Imalauer & Stiegebraue.

Overnight at the Best Western Hotel Imalauer & Stiegebraeu, Rainerstrasse 12-14, 5020 Salzburg

Tel: +430662-877694

Web: <http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?propertyCode=89129>

*Tuesday, 30 Jun 09*

#### **DAY 5 SALZBURG & FAISTENAU**

09:00 This morning we will again split into three groups, with Sue accompanying her own group and 2 **specialist guides** accompanying the other two groups on a "**Sound of Music Tour**," including sights in Salzburg associated with the film, and an excursion outside the city to visit places where the 1965 film with Julie Andrews was shot. Our tour will provide highlights from the film, as well as historical and architectural landmarks in Salzburg and parts of the Salzkammergut countryside. A highlight of the tour will be the baroque **Mirabell Gardens**, the finest in Salzburg with statues and reflecting pools. For our best view of the gardens, we will pause at the top of the steps where Julie Andrews and her seven charges showed off their singing voices in *The Sound of Music*.

There will be the opportunity to purchase a snack prior to the end of our tour.

13:00 Our tour concludes at **Hellbrunn Palace**, a palace from the early 17th century, which was built as a hunting lodge and summer residence for Prince-Archbishop Markus Sittikus. We will have time to explore the **Palace Gardens**, one of the oldest baroque formal gardens in all Europe, which are renowned for their **Trick Fountains**. Set to organ music, some 265 figures in a mechanical theater are set in motion hydraulically and those that choose can walk to the natural gorge, which forms the **Stone Theater**.

This afternoon we will travel to **Faistenau**, located about 15 miles to the east of Salzburg. Towered by the Osterhorn mountain range, the picturesque village nestles on a sunny plateau near Lake Hintersee. The ancient Linden tree in the village center adds to Faistenau's romantic character and is viewed as the village's national monument. Every three years the famous "Everyman" open-air festival turns the village into a large open-air stage.

17:00 Arrival in Faistenau to rehearse for our final concert.

18:00 Dinner at Hotel Alte Post

19:30 Our final concert takes place under the **Linden Tree** in **Faistenau**.

*An electric piano will be available for the concert and there are no repertoire restrictions that will be*

*imposed.*

*You will be joined for this concert by a local choir Foast Xang (conductor: Wolfgang Ainz) who will be performing gospel/spiritual pieces.*

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*Wednesday, 01 Jul 09*

## **DAY 6 SALZBURG AREA - BERCHTESGADEN - INNSBRUCK (2 NIGHTS)**

Our day takes us through the scenic countryside of Austria and Bavaria.

We will visit the town of Berchtesgaden, a quiet old alpine village with ancient winding streets, a medieval marketplace and castle square.

10:00 Here we will explore the **Salt Mines** where operations began in the 1500's. We will take a tour that begins with a ride into the mine on a small train one half a mile into the mine and explore the rest of the mine, sliding down a miner's slide and riding on the underground salt lake in a ferry. The highlight of the tour is the "chapel," a grotto containing unusually shaped salt formations illuminated for an eerie effect.

*We will be split into two groups for this tour, the second one leaving at 10:10.*

Later we continue on to Innsbruck.

Dinner and overnight at the Hotel Grauer Bär, Universitatstraße 5-7, 6020 Innsbruck

Tel: +43 512 5924 0

Web: [www.grauer-baer.at/](http://www.grauer-baer.at/)

*Thursday, 02 Jul 09*

## **DAY 7 INNSBRUCK & NEUSCHWANSTEIN**

Today we will travel to the heart of Bavaria to explore the former treasures of "Mad" King Ludwig II.

11:25 We will visit **Neuschwanstein Castle**, situated on an outcrop of rock towering over a gorge in the River Pollat. This is one of Germany's most famous castles, though the king himself only lived there for 172 days. Our tour of the castle will be highlighted by the **Throne Room**, designed in Byzantine style, with gilded mural paintings, mosaics and a huge chandelier (*please note we will be required to split into two groups for this visit, the second one entering just 5 minutes after the first*).

After time to explore we will return to Innsbruck for the night.

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*Friday, 03 Jul 09*

## **DAY 8 INNSBRUCK AREA -MUNICH AREA (2 NIGHTS)**

Innsbruck has one of the most dramatic settings in Europe with the snow-covered Alps on display from almost every corner.

08:30 This morning we will be joined by **two specialist guides** (Sue will again accompany her own group) on a **Walking Tour** during which we will view the **Triumphal Arch**, **Golden Roof** and **Royal Church**.

10:30 At the conclusion of our tour, we will admire the view over Innsbruck from **Igls** as we take a **gondola ride** to the top.

After freetime for an early lunch, we will travel north to the small town of Altötting which for more than 1,250 years has been the spiritual centre of Bavaria and for more than 500 years the most significant place of pilgrimage in Germany. According to the legend, in 1489, a 3-year-old local boy who had drowned in the river was revived when his grieving mother placed him in front of a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary at the high altar of the tiny, octagonal chapel. News of the miracle quickly spread, and the chapel was immediately extended by the erection of a nave and a covered walkway. The town still attracts over a

million pilgrims a year. It was visited by Pope John Paul II in 1980 and Pope Benedict XVI in 2006.

15:00 Arrival at the Max-Keller-Schule in Altötting where we will meet up with Mr Ebner, the Choral Director. He will give us a brief tour of the school and tell us a little history of the town and its church. He will then accompany us to the Stiftpfarrkirche St Phillip und Jakob for a short **rehearsal** for our final concert (30-40 minutes duration).

16:30 Following our rehearsal, the mayor of Altötting has arranged a small reception for our group in the Town Hall.

17:15 Dinner at Hotel Restaurant Plankl, Altötting.

After dinner, we will have the opportunity to change in preparation for our concert.

19:00 This evening we will participate in the **Mass Service** at the twin-steeped **Stiftpfarrkirche St. Phillip und Jakob**, built between 1499-1511 to accommodate the influx of pilgrims to the town.

*The priest has confirmed that the following proposed pieces will be acceptable during the Mass service:-*  
*Entrance: Jubilate Deo, Michael Praetorius*

*Offertory: Jubilate Deo Omnis Terra, W.A. Mozart*

*Communion: Laudate Dominum K. 339, W.A. Mozart*

19:45 Following the service, we will perform our **final concert** will take place today at **Stiftpfarrkirche St. Phillip und Jakob**

*For this our final concert, we will be joined by the "Gesangsensemble of the Max-Keller-Schule", conducted by Anselm Ebner. This is music school and situated adjacent to the church. The choir will comprise of 23 boys and girls who will sing 2-3 pieces at the beginning of the concert to welcome your own Choristers, and possibly at the end of the concert. At the end of the concert, we will be singing "Shine on Me" together as a joint piece.*

This will be a benefit concert with all donations being passed on to the church.

A piano will be available for our use.

Following our concert we will continue to our hotel in the Munich area.

Overnight at the Hotel Mark, Senefeldstrasse, 12, 80336 Munich

Tel: +49 89 55 98 20

Web: [www.hotel-mark.de/default.aspx?lang=en](http://www.hotel-mark.de/default.aspx?lang=en)

*Saturday, 04 Jul 09 (American Independence Day)*

## **DAY 9 MUNICH**

This morning we will walk through the **Aldstadt** (old quarter) of Munich and our first visit will be to the **Frauenkirche**, the largest gothic assembly building in Southern Germany and one of Munich's most recognisable landmarks. Next, we explore the **Marienplatz** and the heart of the Aldstadt. Beginning at the **Neues Rathaus** we will observe the *Glockenspeil*, the fourth largest chiming clock in the world. Lastly in the Aldstadt we will stroll down **Neuhauserstraße**, Munich's largest shopping street.

18:30 On our final night in Munich we will enjoy a buffet dinner at the Augustiner Großgaststätten, located on Neuhauserstraße.

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*Sunday, 05 Jul 09*

## **DAY 10 DEPARTURE FROM MUNICH**

Your enjoyable and rewarding tour will come to an end as Alan, Marylyne and Sue accompany you to the airport for the return flights home

09:50 LH 967 departs from Munich (60 seats)      10:55 LH 969 departs from Munich (36 seats)

10:55 Arrival in Frankfurt      12:00 Arrival in Frankfurt

13:15 LH 442 departs from Frankfurt (96 seats)

16:10 Arrival in Detroit