

South Metro Chorale

2010 American Celebration of Music in Austria Including a visit to Croatia

Custom Tour #4A (9 nights / 11 days)

Friday, October 8, 2010

Depart from Minneapolis via scheduled air service, including full meal, beverage service and in-flight entertainment. The destination is Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Saturday, October 9, 2010 Dubrovnik, Croatia

Arrive in Dubrovnik. Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel via panoramic tour of Dubrovnik's highlights en route including seeing Fort of St. John, Sponza Palace, Dominican Monastery, Rector's Palace, Cathedral, Pila Gate etc. Mid-afternoon hotel check-in. Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight.

Nicknamed the Pearl of the Adriatic, Dubrovnik, Croatia has a wealth of attractions for visitors. The city's seafront location, coupled with its beautiful and historic old town, is helping Dubrovnik make a comeback to its top spot as a destination in the Dalmatia area. The old town has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city is home to Croatia's artistic and intellectual elite and frequent cultural activities are the norm.

Sunday, October 10, 2010 Dubrovnik

Half-day sightseeing in Dubrovnik includes visiting the Walls, Minceta Tower, Place Gate, Fountain of Onofrio and entrance to the Franciscan Monastery (famous pharmacy). *Evening concert.*

Monday, October 11, 2010 Dubrovnik / Split

Transfer to Split. Afternoon at leisure for time to stroll through ancient Split with your Tour Manager. Dinner on own.

Croatia's second largest city, Split is appropriately named in the eyes of the modern visitor. In one area you have the beautifully preserved old town with the Palace of Diocletian and in another area you have heavy industry, shipyards and some less reputable neighborhoods. Although Split was originally not well set up for visitors, this is now changing with a growing selection of good hotels and dining options appearing. Many visitors now choose Split as a convenient base to explore the surrounding attractions.

Tuesday, October 12, 2010 Split

Sightseeing in Split includes the Roman Palace of Diocletian (entrance included), People's Square (Town Hall), Braca Radica Square, Church of St. Frances, and Seven Castles. *Evening concert in Split.*



Wednesday, October 13, 2010 Split / Rijeka

Transfer to Rijeka. Dinner on own.

Founded by the Liburnians and conquered by the Celts, this town became a Roman city called Tarsatica. Over the centuries it frequently changed hands, and finally came under the rule of the Habsburgs. In 1719, to develop its maritime role, Ferdinand of Habsburg declared Rijeka a free town. The city became a part of the kingdom of Hungary in 1769 and its economic importance continued to grow. Together with shipyards and industry, Rijeka is one of Croatia's main ports and a key rail, and road junction. In February and March each year, Rijeka hosts Croatia's largest carnival celebrations.



Thursday, October 14, 2010 Rijeka

Half-day sightseeing includes seeing St. Vitus Cathedral, Town Hall, Roman Arch, Church of the Assumption and entrance to Trsat Castle. The hill-fortress-castle of Trsat just outside Rijeka is a recreation area, historical monument and pilgrimage site all at once. From the castle, enjoy sweeping view of the Kayarner Gulf. **Evening concert.**



Friday, October 15, 2010 Rijeka / Graz, Austria

Transfer to Graz. A guided tour of Graz includes the Cathedral (Domkirche), Staircase Tower, Freedom Square, the Landhaus, Hauptplatz, the Medieval Quarter and the famous Arsenal containing five stories of armor, weaponry, instruments of torture etc. from the Middle Ages. **Evening concert in Graz as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria.** Accommodations with local hosts.



Graz is a city of Old World charm and home of several jazz conservatories. Three world-famous universities ensure a vibrant cultural life in a city awarded honors in Europe for outstanding preservation of its medieval center.

Saturday, October 16, 2010 Graz / Eberschwang

Transfer to Eberschwang (accommodation/meals with the family hosts). Motorcoach and Tour Manager are at the group's disposal.



Sunday, October 17, 2010 Eberschwang

Accommodation/meals with the family hosts. **Evening shared concert as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria (self-arranged).**



Monday, October 18, 2010 Depart for home

Transfer to Munich's International Airport for return flight to USA. Arrive home in the evening of the same day.