

The Irondale High School Concert Choir

Jason Etten, Director

“Music, Mountains, and Mozart”

Rothenburg-Innsbruck-Salzburg-Munich-Wurzburg

March 13-20, 2009

Tour Cost: \$2295 per person



Travel with the Irondale High School Concert Choir on a wonderful concert tour to Germany and Austria in March of 2009. The tour will feature visits to the Rothenburg, Innsbruck, Salzburg, and Munich.

Fly to Frankfurt, Germany and travel down the Romantic Road to visit medieval Rothenburg, perhaps the most visited city in Germany.

Make your way to Neuschwanstein Castle in Fussen and continue over the Alps into Austria for a stay in Olympic Innsbruck. The mountains are spectacular!

Continue to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and film location of “The Sound of Music.” Visit Munich, capital of Bavaria, and end the tour in the Baroque city of Wurzburg. Perform concerts in historic venues throughout the tour and enjoy true German and Austrian hospitality!

It's a tour of a lifetime!

Tour Features

- RT Airfare to Frankfurt on Northwest Airlines
- European touring by deluxe motorcoach
- European tour escorts from arrival to departure
- 6-nights accommodations in 3/4-star hotels
- Twin/Triple occupancy rooms with private bath
- Buffet breakfast daily; all evening dinners
- City sightseeing tours in each city visited
- Neuschwanstein Castle Admission
- Sleigh ride in the village of Axams
- Visit the Hallein Salt Mine
- See the beautiful Salzkammergut area of Salzburg
- Visit to Munich and Dachau Concentration Camp
- Farewell dinner event in Würzburg
- Arrangement and promotion for 3-4 concerts
- Gratuities to tour managers and bus drivers
- Many souvenir shopping opportunities
- Complete set of travel documents

Note: You will need a valid Passport in order to travel to Europe. Please make application immediately once the trip is approved by Mr. Etten and ISD 621.



Tour Itinerary

Day 1 Friday, March 13, 2009 **Minneapolis/Frankfurt**
 Transfer by motorcoach to Minneapolis and depart this afternoon on Northwest Airlines to Frankfurt, Germany. Enjoy meals and beverages in-flight. **Meals: In-flight**

Day 2 Saturday, March 14 **Frankfurt/Rothenburg**
 Early morning arrival in Frankfurt's Rhine/Main Airport. Claim your luggage, meet your tour escort and depart on the Autobahn for Rothenburg. See the Town Hall and main square, stately towers, massive fortifications, churches and patrician houses. Hear the tale of how the mayor saved the town during the Thirty Years War from the plundering soldiers of General Tilly. See the Altar of Holy Blood, carved by Tilman Riemenschneider. Check in at the hotel with dinner and the Night Watchman tour. **Meals: In-flight/D**

Day 3 Sunday, March 15, 2009 **Rothenburg/Innsbruck**
 Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Check-out and depart in the morning for the fairytale Castle Neuschwanstein, near Fussen. See the King's apartments and Wagnerian styled music room. Have time for lunch and souvenir shopping in the small village below the castle. Continue across the Fern Pass into Austria. Arrive in beautiful Innsbruck, Austria, surrounded by the Alps. Get settled into the hotel and have the evening to take a walk into the charming Old Town for dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner perform your first concert at the Jesuit Church, (TBC) a cruciform building with a mighty 200 foot high dome. **Meals: B/D**

Day 4 Monday, March 16, 2009 **Innsbruck**
 Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Today get acquainted with Innsbruck. First see the Wilten Basilica and then make your way to the Olympic ski jump high atop the Bergisel Mountain. See the Triumphal Arch of Maria Theresa and the colorful houses along the River Inn. Walk through the Old Town to admire the small, but glittering Golden Roof. The afternoon is free for shopping. Tonight enjoy a dinner and sleigh ride party in Axams.. **Meals: B/D**

Day 5 Tuesday, March 17, 2009 **Innsbruck/Salzburg**
 Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Depart Innsbruck following the Inn River through spectacular Alpine scenery en route to Salzburg. See Mozart's birth house, the Residence of the Archbishops, and the Salzburg Cathedral. Enjoy the shops on the famous Getreidegasse. Shop in the Marketplatz of the Old Town. Check in to the hotel. Perform a concert tonight at the Town Hall in the nearby small village of Grodig. **Meals: B/D**

Day 6 Wednesday, March 18, 2009 **Salzburg**
 Today we make a trip in the beautiful Salzkammergut region just south of Salzburg. Stop first at Hallein to visit the local Salt Mine. Travel deep in to the mine and slide from level to level on smooth wooden slides!. Then you're off to Mondsee, to see the Parish Church where Maria married Captain von Trapp in the Sound of Music. Later enjoy the Sound of Music Dinner Show at the Sternbrau Restaurant. **Meals: B/D**

Day 7 Thursday, March 19, 2009 **Salzburg/Würzburg**
 Travel to Munich, where you have a chance to walk on the famous Marienplatz. Possible impromptu sing at the Frauenkirche of Munich. You may wish to enjoy lunch at the Hofbrauhaus. Next see the Nazi Concentration Camp at Dachau. Witness man's inhumanity to man and tour the Holocaust Museum. Continue on to the city of Würzburg, where you check into your hotel. Your tour concludes with a festive Farewell Dinner. **Meals: B/D**

Day 8 Friday, March 20, 2009 **Frankfurt/Minneapolis**
 Breakfast at the hotel. Early departure for the Frankfurt Airport where you return to Minneapolis on Northwest Airlines. Welcome home! **Meals: B/In-flight**

Terms and Conditions

Not Included: Passport fees, meals not specified, excess baggage fees, drinks other than table-water, and items of a personal nature. Any fuel surcharges added by the Northwest Airlines.

Payment Schedule:

\$ 100 per person deposit due by May 28, 2008.
 \$ 500 per person payment due by September 26, 2008
 \$ 800 per person payment due by December 19, 2008.
 Final payment due by February 8, 2009.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be received in writing.

Deposit—September 26, 2008	Cancel Fee: \$ 100 per person
September 27-December 19, 2008	Cancel Fee: \$ 200 per person
December 20, 2008-January 16, 2009	Cancel Fee: \$ 700 per person
January 17, 2009-February 8, 2009	Cancel Fee: \$1,000 per person
February 9, 2009-Departure	No Refund

Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.
All major credit cards are accepted.

NOTE: Once the tour is officially approved, you will want to apply for a U.S. Passport immediately. We recommend you apply during the summer vacation break period.

Current Air Schedule (Subject to change):

NW 766	13 March	Minneapolis/Detroit	2:20 pm/5:06 pm
NW 52	13 March	Detroit/Frankfurt	6:00 pm/7:20 am +1
NW 51	20 March	Frankfurt/Detroit	10:20 am/2:35 pm
NW 757	20 March	Detroit/Minneapolis	5:06 pm/6:06 pm

