

**THE CHORUS OF WESTERLY**  
 Concert Tour of Germany, July 2017

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**Day 1 – Thursday, July 6, 2017 – Travel Day – Westerly, Boston, In Flight** **Overnight: IN FLIGHT**

- 4:00 PM EDT     The Chorus of Westerly Germany Tour singers and followers (henceforth known in combined form as ‘The Chorus Tour Group’) board charter coach buses in Westerly (likely in the parking lots of Westerly High School) for travel to Logan International Airport in Boston, Massachusetts. The drive to Boston will likely be about 2.5 hours given that we are traveling during rush hour.
- 7:00 PM         We begin the check-in process with our tour management company ACFEA at Logan, Terminal E, the International Terminal at the Lufthansa check-in stations. For those coming to Logan on their own, please make sure you arrive at Logan at or very near to this time.
- 9:30 PM         We begin boarding our flight to Frankfurt, Germany. The **entire tour group** will be on the same flight! Our flight is Lufthansa (LH) Flight 421.
- 10:15 PM        Departure from Boston, Massachusetts, USA on LH Flight 421 to Frankfurt, Germany. Lufthansa typically serves dinner in flight about 1 hour after departure.

**Day 2 – Friday, July 7, 2017 – Frankfurt, Travel to Leipzig, Leipzig** **Overnight: LEIPZIG**

- 3:30 AM EDT     Lufthansa typically serves a light breakfast in flight about this time before landing.  
 9:30 AM CEST

*All times now Central European Summer Time (CEST)*

- 11:10 AM        LH Flight 421 from Boston, Massachusetts, USA lands at Frankfurt Flughafen (Airport) am Main, Germany.
- 11:30 AM        The Chorus Tour Group will then head through immigration and customs in Frankfurt. After getting through the border controls and collecting individual luggage, the Chorus Tour Group will meet members of our ACFEA management team (our couriers) and be directed and escorted to the appropriate coach bus.
- 12:00 PM        Once the entire Chorus Tour Group has their luggage and is through immigration and customs, the coach buses will depart from the Frankfurt Flughafen and begin our journey to Leipzig. The drive, subject to changing routes, is about 250 miles (which, if you want a reference, is about the same distance of drive from downtown Westerly, RI, to the Flagpole at Camp Ogontz in Lyman, NH!).  
  
 There will be a rest stop/lunch stop about half-way through our drive to Leipzig. Total drive time to Leipzig will depend on traffic conditions and the lunch stop on the way. Arrival in Leipzig will depend on drive time plus how quickly the coach buses can leave Frankfurt (which depends on how quickly the entire group can clear customs and immigration).
- 4:00 PM         Estimated time of arrival in Leipzig at our first hotel: The InterCity Hotel Leipzig (Tröndlinring 2).
- 7:30 PM         **The Chorus Tour Group** (everyone!) dinner together in the Leipzig Ratskeller (Lotterstraße 1).
- 9:27 PM         Sunset in Leipzig
- Overnight        InterCity Hotel, Leipzig

**Day 3 – Saturday, July 8, 2017 – Leipzig, Magdeburg (Chorus sings in evening)** **Overnight: LEIPZIG**

- 5:04 AM Sunrise in Leipzig
- Morning Breakfast at InterCity Hotel (Breakfast is provided to you free daily, breakfast times will be posted at hotel).
- 11:00 AM **For all SINGERS** (Required) – Board coach buses in front of the InterCity to head to the city of MAGDEBURG. Magdeburg is the site of the first tour performance in the Johanniskirche. Driving distance is just over 70 miles (or roughly the distance between the downtowns in Westerly, RI and Worcester, MA). **FOLLOWERS** may come with the SINGERS to Magdeburg at this time or come on a later bus to the city for the performance (or they may remain in Leipzig all day).
- 12:30 PM For SINGERS and FOLLOWERS who also came with them, *lunch is on your own* in the small but charming city center in Magdeburg (the Johanniskirche is right in the middle of it). There are many places to eat of all different styles, price levels, and types of service (everything from markets to food stands to sit down restaurants of varying cuisines and price levels).
- For those Followers still in Leipzig, lunch is on your own.
- 2:00 PM SINGERS – Call time for rehearsal at the Johanniskirche in Magdeburg with Andrew Howell, soloists, orchestra. Followers already in Magdeburg may come and listen to rehearsal or explore the city on their own. There will be a short break during rehearsal and rehearsal *may* end early.
- 3:15 PM For FOLLOWERS back in Leipzig, we will send a “late bus” from the hotel to Leipzig to Magdeburg about this time if you would like to come to Magdeburg for the concert. This bus should arrive at or near 4:45 pm, subject to traffic conditions. You would then have some time to get a quick dinner on your own in the city before coming to the concert at 7 pm. For followers who decide not to come to Magdeburg for the concert and remain in Leipzig, dinner is on your own.
- 5:00 PM Rehearsal ends for the singers. Singers may head back out into the city center for a quick dinner on your own. Followers who decide to come on the “late bus” should arrive just before this time at the Johanniskirche.
- 6:20 PM Call time for Singers back at the Johanniskirche for the performance. We will have tickets for Followers to attend the performance for free. We will distribute them at the door or on your coach bus on the way to Magdeburg. Followers should try to be back at the Johanniskirche by 6:50 pm at the very latest.
- 7:00 PM **Concert – JS BACH, MASS IN B-MINOR (MESSE H-MOLL)**  
 The Chorus of Westerly and Orchester Musica Laetitia  
 A benefit concert for the ongoing restoration of the Johanniskirche (specifically, its stained glass windows).  
*Johanniskirche, Magdeburg*
- 9:30 PM Post concert, board coach buses to head back to InterCity Hotel, Leipzig.
- 9:33 PM Sunset in Magdeburg
- 11:00 PM Arrival back at InterCity Hotel, Leipzig.
- Overnight InterCity Hotel, Leipzig

**Day 4 – Sunday, July 9, 2017 – Leipzig (Chorus sings in morning)** **Overnight: LEIPZIG**

- 5:05 AM Sunrise in Leipzig
- Morning Breakfast at InterCity Hotel (Breakfast is provided to you free daily, breakfast times will be posted at hotel).
- 7:30 AM **For all SINGERS** (Required) – Walk together to the Thomaskirche (Bach’s church) for rehearsal.

- 8:00 AM SINGERS – Rehearsal at Thomaskirche in choir gallery with organ, brass, and small ensemble.
- 9:00 AM Rehearsal ends at Thomaskirche, SINGERS go downstairs at church waiting for service. Briefing on how the service runs and choir’s responsibilities.
- 9:30 AM **Morning Service at the Thomaskirche - *The Chorus of Westerly will be the Main Service Choir***  
 The Chorus of Westerly will be the “choir” for the morning high service at the Thomaskirche, one of Bach’s most important churches and one of the most important churches in eastern Germany (and in choral music). In fact, Bach himself is buried in the church at the altar. The Chorus will sing at various points throughout the service as part of the mass. The music will be, for the most part, elements of the B MINOR MASS that fit in particular portions of the service. This will equate to about 30 minutes or so of singing throughout the mass. Tour Followers, from any background, faith, affiliation, or creed are welcomed and invited to come and attend the service (if only to come just to listen to the Chorus sing in this incredibly wonderful and important space). We recommend you get there by 9:20 AM.
- The Thomaskirche’s regular choir is the world famous Thomanerchor (founded in 1212 and once directed by Bach). The choir boys of the Thomanerchor are on break the weekend we are in Leipzig, so we have the great honor of singing in their place for this high service. The invitation to sing in the church, sing this particular service, and sing Bach is a great honor for the Chorus of Westerly.
- LUNCH On your own
- 2:00 PM For those interested in the Chorus Tour Group, guided walking tours (included for all participants) of Leipzig will be offered around the city center in the afternoon. We will offer these walking tours at varying speeds and you will be able to sign-up for them in advance. The tour guides are local Leipzig residents, and we do recommend you take one if you are interested and able as there is much to see and learn about Leipzig, and these guides are a great resource.
- Dinner/Evening The rest of the afternoon and evening is independent and on your own. The couriers and tour guides can help provide recommendations for dinner in Leipzig and/or places to explore on your own. We will also provide, prior to the tour as we compile it, a list of arts and other musical activities happening in the city you might want to attend or visit if interested. Otherwise, after a busy first few days, you have some time to relax and explore.
- 9:26 PM Sunset in Leipzig
- Overnight InterCity Hotel, Leipzig

**Day 5 – Monday, July 10, 2017 – Leipzig, Dresden**

**Overnight: LEIPZIG**

- 5:06 AM Sunrise in Leipzig
- Morning Breakfast at InterCity Hotel (Breakfast is provided to you free daily, breakfast times will be posted at hotel).
- 9:00 AM Board coach buses at InterCity Hotel for day trip to the beautiful city of Dresden (this excursion is included for all in the Chorus Tour Group – the trip is not required for everyone to go on, but we highly, highly recommend it! Dresden is an amazing city). The drive to Dresden is just over an hour (about the same length as Westerly to New Haven, CT).

*Throughout the late morning and afternoon*

In Dresden, will have various activities, small excursions, tours, available for participants to chose and go on, or participants can explore the city completely on their own. We will have available (included at no extra charge) a series of guided walking tours in the morning when we arrive and another wave of them in the early afternoon (about 2 pm). We will have available guided tours of the Semperoper in the morning (the incredible Dresden Opear House) – there is a small entrance fee, and, for those interested a lovely afternoon river cruise on the Elbe (there will also be some small fee associated with this excursion). We will present you all of these options in the months leading up to the tour to select.

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- 1:00 PM            Regardless of your tours and excursions, there will be provided as part of the tour (no additional cost) for all who come to Dresden a full lunch together for the entire group at Dresden 1900 – in the city center (An der Frauenkirche 20). Tours and such will be scheduled so that everyone can join together for lunch.
- 5:00 PM            Coach buses for the Tour Group will begin returning to Leipzig for the evening.
- Dinner/Evening    The rest of the afternoon and evening is independent and on your own. Dinner is on your own.
- 9:25 PM            Sunset in Leipzig
- Overnight           InterCity Hotel, Leipzig

**Day 6 – Tuesday, July 11, 2017 – Leipzig, Weimar, Erfurt**

**Overnight: ERFURT**

- 5:07 AM            Sunrise in Leipzig
- Morning            Breakfast at InterCity Hotel (Breakfast is provided to you free daily, breakfast times will be posted at hotel).
- 9:30 AM            Begin check-out process from InterCity Hotel, Leipzig. Begin boarding coach buses for Weimar/Erfurt.
- 10:00 AM           The entire Chorus Tour Group departs Leipzig for Weimar and Erfurt. Travel distance to Weimar about 80 miles (equivalent of Westerly, RI to Bridgeport, CT).
- 11:30 AM           *Weimar* – Coach buses will arrive in Weimar. Exploration of Weimar is on your own, and lunch is on your own as well. We will have an optional excursion, for those who are interested and sign up in advance, of a tour to Buchenwald. This excursion is completely optional and we will have some restrictions/rules about it in regards to our youngest tour followers.
- 2:30 PM            The entire Chorus Tour Group will begin reassembling and we will continue on to Erfurt on the coach buses. The trip from Weimar to Erfurt is not lengthy, 15 miles, along beautiful German roads.
- 3:00 PM            *Erfurt* – Estimated time of arrival at our second hotel: Radisson Blu, Juri-Gagarin-Ring 127, Erfurt.
- Dinner/Evening    The rest of the afternoon and evening is independent and on your own. Dinner is on your own. Erfurt is a VERY easy city to get around and walk around. We will provide you with suggestions for dinner, evening entertainment, city maps, et cetera upon arrival. Couriers and Chorus staff will also be nearby to offer guidance.
- 9:28 PM            Sunset in Erfurt
- Overnight           Radisson Blu, Erfurt

**Day 7 – Wednesday, July 12, 2017 – Erfurt, Eisenach**

**Overnight: ERFURT**

- 5:16 AM            Sunrise in Erfurt
- Morning            Breakfast at Radisson Blu (Breakfast is provided to you free daily, breakfast times will be posted at hotel).
- 10:00 AM           Guided walking tours of Erfurt (included and free for all in the Chorus Tour Group) at various speeds around the “Altstadt” (old city) of Erfurt. The guides in Erfurt are incredible and the tour is highly recommended.
- Lunch                On your own in Erfurt or Eisenach
- Afternoon           Optional afternoon excursion to the city of Eisenach (including entrance fee to Bach Museum or the Wartburg Castle) open to all tour participants. Specific schedule is still being finalized. Travel time to Eisenach is approximately 45 minutes each direction. More details forthcoming.

Dinner/Evening The rest of the afternoon and evening is independent and on your own. Dinner is on your own.  
*Note: Depending on tour fundraising over the next year, we may or may not be able to have a group dinner for everyone in Erfurt on one of our first two nights in the city. Presently, one is not included, but we are researching and working on this possibility.*

9:27 PM Sunset in Erfurt

Overnight Radisson Blu, Erfurt

**Day 8 – Thursday, July 13, 2017 – Erfurt, Jena (Chorus sings in evening) Overnight: ERFURT**

5:17 AM Sunrise in Erfurt

Morning Breakfast at Radisson Blu (Breakfast is provided to you free daily, breakfast times will be posted at hotel).

11:00 AM **For all SINGERS** (Required) – Board coach buses in front of the Radisson Blu to head to the city of JENA. Jena is the site of the third tour performance in the Stadtkirche St. Michael (The city church of St. Michael). Driving distance is about 40 miles (or roughly the distance between Westerly and Providence). **FOLLOWERS** may come with the SINGERS to Jena at this time or come on a later bus to the city for the performance (or they may remain in Erfurt all day).

12:00 PM For SINGERS and FOLLOWERS who also came with them, *lunch is on your own* in the very lovely Altstadt in Jena, many great options for eating within 5 minutes walk of church. Very easy old city to navigate around. We are also using as a home base the local university student center, which is about 30 feet from the Stadtkirche in Jena. For those Followers still in Erfurt, lunch is also on your own.

1:30 PM SINGERS – Call time for rehearsal at the Stadtkirche St. Michael in Jena with Andrew Howell, soloists, orchestra. Followers already in Jena may come and listen to rehearsal or explore the city on their own. There will be a short break during rehearsal and rehearsal *may* end early.

4:00 PM For FOLLOWERS back in Erfurt, we will send a “late bus” from the hotel in Erfurt to Jena about this time if you would like to come to Jena for the concert. This bus should arrive at or near 4:50 pm, subject to traffic conditions. For followers who decide not to come to Jena for the concert and remain in Erfurt, dinner is on your own and not provided.

4:30 PM Rehearsal ends for the singers. Singers and followers in Jena already will head together for a group dinner in the Roter Hirsch, Holzmarkt 10 (we will walk over to it, it is an easy walk).

5:00 PM First dinner seating at Roter Hirsch for Singers and some followers already in Jena. This meal is included with the tour for all participants. The singers will have to eat at this dinner seating for timing reasons.

6:30 PM Second dinner seating for Followers who come on later bus or Followers who came earlier in the day with the singers but want to have the later meal. Singers should not/cannot attend this seating for timing reasons. This meal is included with the tour.

7:15 PM Call time for Singers back at the Stadtkirche for the performance. We will have tickets for Followers to attend the performance for free. We will distribute them at the door or on your coach bus on the way to Magdeburg. Followers should try to be back at the Stadtkirche by 7:50 pm at the very latest.

8:00 PM **Concert – JS BACH, MASS IN B-MINOR (MESSE H-MOLL)**  
 The Chorus of Westerly and Orchester Musica Laetitia  
 A benefit concert for a charitable organization we will selected in the local Jena area.  
*Stadtkirche St. Michael, Jena*

9:23 PM Sunset in Jena

10:30 PM Post concert, board coach buses to head back to Radisson Blu, Erfurt  
 11:15 PM Arrive back at Radisson Blu, Erfurt.  
 Overnight Radisson Blu, Erfurt

**Day 9 – Friday, July 14, 2017 – Erfurt, Rothenburg, Ulm**

**Overnight: ULM**

5:18 AM Sunrise in Erfurt  
 Morning Breakfast at Radisson Blu (Breakfast is provided to you free daily, breakfast times will be posted at hotel).  
 7:45 AM Begin check-out process from Radisson Blu, Erfurt. Begin boarding coach buses for Rothenburg/Ulm.  
 8:30 AM The entire Chorus Tour Group departs Erfurt for Rothenburg ob der Tauber and Ulm. Travel distance to Rothenburg is about 155 miles (equivalent of Westerly, RI to Portsmouth NH).  
 11:30 AM *Rothenburg* – Coach buses will arrive staggered in the beautiful wall city of Rothenburg ob der Tauber around this time. We will be spending the afternoon here and this will be where you will have lunch on your own. We will have (free and provided with tour, but optional) various walking tours of different speeds and lengths available throughout the first few hours we arrive. We will also look into various entrances to special parts of Rothenburg and present them closer to the tour. Rothenburg is a good place if you love to explore medieval cities and all their beautiful streets and buildings, to sit in the main square for a good long lunch and people watch, to pop in and out of small shops and bakeries, or to walk along the stunning walled perimeter and breathe in the glorious Bavarian air.  
 4:00 PM Coach buses will begin departing Rothenburg for Ulm (it is also possible we send a bus, if there is interest, earlier than this for those wishing to get straight to Ulm). Distance to Ulm from Rothenburg is just under 90 miles (a little less than driving Westerly to Boston) and is a beautiful direct southerly drive.  
 5:30 PM *Ulm* – Estimated time of arrival at our final hotel: Maritim Hotel, Basteistraß 40, Ulm (right on the Danube!).  
 Dinner/Evening The rest of the afternoon and evening is independent and on your own. Dinner is on your own. Ulm is also VERY easy city to get around and walk around. We will provide you with suggestions for dinner, evening entertainment, city maps, et cetera upon arrival. Couriers and Chorus staff will also be nearby to offer guidance as you arrive in Ulm.  
 9:18 PM Sunset in Ulm  
 Overnight Maritim Hotel, Ulm

**Day 10 – Saturday, July 15, 2017 – Ulm, Fürstenfeldbruck, Augsburg**

**Overnight: ULM**

5:35 AM Sunrise in Ulm  
 Morning Breakfast at Maritim Blu (Breakfast is provided to you free daily, breakfast times will be posted at hotel).  
 10:00 AM **For all SINGERS** (Required) – Board coach buses in front of the Maritim to head to Kloster Fürstenfeldbruck and its famous abbey church. Fürstenfeldbruck is the site of the fourth and final tour performance in the old abbey church (wait until you see inside of it!). Driving distance is about 85 miles. Fürstenfeldbruck is a rather affluent suburb in the Munich metro area. **FOLLOWERS** may come with the SINGERS to Fürstenfeldbruck at this time or come on a later bus to the Kloster for the performance.  
 11:30 AM For SINGERS and FOLLOWERS who also came with them to Fürstenfeldbruck, *lunch is on your own* presently, but we are researching possible box lunch options for singers (there are meal options available on the property, but we are seeing if we can find a better way to do this). Stay tuned.

**CHORUS OF WESTERLY/GERMANY TOUR 2017**

- 1:00 PM SINGERS – Call time for rehearsal in the Abbey Church with Andrew Howell, soloists, orchestra. Followers already in Jena may come and listen to rehearsal or explore the grounds of the Kloster (which are vast). There will be a short break during rehearsal and rehearsal *may* end early.
- 2:30 PM For FOLLOWERS back in Ulm, we will send a “late bus” from the hotel in Ulm to Fürstenfeldbruck about this time if you would like to come later. **We encourage ALL followers to come to this concert as there is a huge group dinner/party/celebration after nearby in Augsburg.**
- 4:00 PM Rehearsal ends for the singers. We will provide a quick energy snack for the singers. Singers should not wander too far away from church as call is 4:30 PM.
- 5:00 PM **Concert – JS BACH, MASS IN B-MINOR (MESSE H-MOLL)**  
The Chorus of Westerly and Süddeutsche Kammerphilharmonie  
A part of the Süddeutsche Kammerphilharmonie’s Summer Oratorio Festival  
*Klosterkirche Fürstenfeld*
- 7:20 PM The entire tour group, all singers and followers, travel together on all the coach buses to Augsburg. Drive time is about 40 minutes on the coach bus.
- 8:00 PM Group dinner for the entire tour group in the Kälberhalle (Berliner Allee 36, TBC). This is the brewery and restaurant of Hasen-Bräu – and we are taking over the place in honor of our final B Minor gig!
- 9:13 PM Sunset in Augsburg
- 10:30 PM Return by coach to Ulm, drive time about one hour.
- Overnight Maritim Hotel, Ulm

**Day 11 – Sunday, July 16, 2017 – Ulm**

**Overnight: ULM**

- 5:36 AM Sunrise in Ulm
- Morning Breakfast at Maritim Blu (Breakfast is provided to you free daily, breakfast times will be posted at hotel).
- Entire day Free and open to you to enjoy and relax. We will research possible church services for members of the group to attend if they are interested and possible local excursions. Otherwise, this day is completely open for you to relax, explore, or enjoy Ulm and its surroundings.
- 7:00 PM We cross the river (literally, directly across the river from our hotel) for our grand farewell dinner together in and outside of (weather permitting) the Barfüßer Hausbrauerei for a traditional Bavarian celebration.
- 9:17 PM Sunset in Ulm.
- Overnight Maritim Hotel, Ulm.

**Day 12 – Monday, July 17, 2017 – Ulm, Frankfurt, Boston, Westerly**

- 5:37 AM CEST Sunrise in Ulm
- Morning Breakfast at Maritim Blu (Breakfast is provided to you free daily, breakfast times will be posted at hotel).
- Morning at leisure for your own last minute sight-seeing and shopping.  
Please get a quick lunch or something to eat before we head to the airport on your own.
- 12:20 PM We will depart Maritim Hotel, Ulm, around this time and head for airport in Frankfurt (about 2.5 hours drive).

- 2:55 PM Arrival and check in process begins at Frankfurt Flughafen.
- 5:10 PM Subject to change, we begin boarding our flight to Frankfurt, Germany. The **entire tour group** will be on the same flight going home. Our flight is Lufthansa (LH) Flight 420 to Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
- 5:55 PM CEST Departure from Frankfurt, Germany on LH Flight 420 to Boston, Massachusetts, USA.  
11:55 AM EDT Lufthansa typically serves a light meal in flight about 1 hour after departure.

**BACK IN THE USA**

*All times now Eastern Daylight Time, US (EDT)*

- 7:50 PM EDT Landing of Lufthansa - LH Flight 420 from Frankfurt in Boston, Massachusetts, USA at Logan Airport.  
1:50 AM CEST
- 8:18 PM Sunset in Boston, MA
- 9:15 PM Tour group clears passport control and customs and boards coach buses outside Terminal E bound for Westerly, RI.
- 11:00 PM Chorus tour buses arrive back in Westerly, RI, and tour participants rejoice!
- Overnight In your own bed!
-