

Dresden & Prague

A Musical Tale of Two Magical Cities



*Friends of
Musica Sacra
International
Tour*



May 22-29, 2010

Join the Friends of Musica Sacra and Kent Tritle on the banks of the Elbe and the Vltava for a visit to two glittering jewels of Europe, Dresden and Prague. Enjoy their rich musical tradition and historic beauty.

Dresden & The Dresdner Musikfestspiele – May 22-26th

Considered to be the most beautiful city in Germany, Dresden was leveled during a bombing raid in the last days of World War II but has been rebuilt in all its glory to a precise copy of its former self. Dresden has been a cultural center for many centuries. The Semperoper was the site of many illustrious premieres of the operas of Richard Strauss and Richard Wagner. The magnificent Zwinger Palace houses one of the foremost art collections of old masters in the world.

The Dresden Music Festival has its origins with the Zwinger Parties of the Saxon Electors. For the past 30 years, the festival has attracted internationally renowned artists performing great music in great places...all the city's fabulous sites are venues for the festival from the Frauenkirche and the Semperoper to the Palaces, open-air terraces and gardens. We will have the choice of attending fabulous performances including:

- Orchestra of the Mariinsky Theatre, Valery Gergiev, conductor
- Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Manfred Honeck, conductor
- Academy of St. Martin in the Fields
- plus a piano recital in the Die Gläserne Manufaktur von Volkswagen

...just to mention a sampling.

And a special organ recital by Kent Tritle.



Prague, the City of 100 Spires, May 26-29th

Known as the Queen of Baroque architecture, Prague is the true treasure of Bohemia. It is the city of Kafka, Jan Hus and the rich musical tradition of Dvořák, Smetana and Mozart who premiered the Marriage of Figaro at the Estates Theater. Enjoy a true feast of classical concerts and operas: La Boheme, Tristan & Isolde will be performed at the Prague State Opera and Swan Lake at the Estates Theater not to mention many classical concerts that will take place at the famed Smetana Hall, Rudolfinum and the great churches.

Take in the famous sights:

- Charles Bridge
- Jewish Cemetery
- Prague Castle
- Old Town and Wenceslas Squares

Or an optional trip to the countryside for a visit to the breathtaking 14th Century Karlštejn Castle.



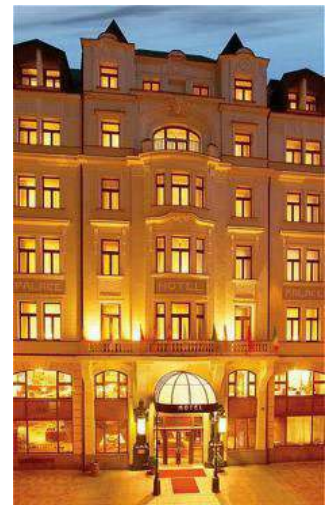
Tour includes:

- Deluxe Accommodations in Dresden at the Five Star Hilton Hotel in the heart of the old town, across from the Frauenkirche
 - Deluxe Accommodations in Prague at the Hotel Palace Praha, centrally located in the old town, a Leading Hotel of the World
 - Four Major Concerts and Optional Concerts.
 - Breakfast daily
 - Lunch or Dinner daily
 - Private Guided tour of Dresden
 - Choice of walking tours in Prague
 - Transportation from Dresden to Prague touring the Bohemian Countryside
- Tax Deductible Tuition to Musica Sacra of \$1000 per person.

You may extend your stay in at the Hotel Praha Palace in Prague at the rate of \$155 per night, per room based on an exchange rate of 1.52.

Not included:

Airfare, alcoholic beverages, travel insurance.



Costs begin at \$3790 per person double occupancy.

\$4160 per person single occupancy, if reserved before December 1, 2009.