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Sample Tour Program

featuring Boppard, Bonn, Eisenach, Leipzig,
Halle, Potsdam, and Berlin

day 1 – Overnight flight

Begin your 9-day European tour of Deutschland with this evening's overnight trans-Atlantic flight.

day 2 – Bonn

Arrive in Frankfurt am Main Airport, where your **full-time bilingual tour manager** will welcome you. Begin your exploration right away, as you transfer to Bonn with sightseeing along the way. View the hauntingly beautiful Rhine River from aboard a **boat cruise** departing St. Goar, to see romantic towns and castles dotting the steep rocks, and perhaps encounter the beautiful enchantress Lorelei, a myth from the Germany literary giant, Heinrich Heine. Arrive in Boppard, where there is free time provided for lunch in this charming historic town, well known for its wine growing. Continue to the former capital city of Bonn. Check-in to your hotel, relax and refresh from your travels. Enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant, and a restful evening after your journey.

day 3 – Bonn

Breakfast is served at the hotel, and each morning for the remainder of your trip. Studies of European composers begin with this morning's walking tour, in the footsteps of Ludwig van Beethoven. Bonn's favorite son, the year 2020 celebrated the 250th anniversary of his birth. A **local guide** will lead your stroll through the city center, where more than a dozen points of interest are found. Included is entrance to the **Beethoven Haus**, where Beethoven was born on December 7, 1770. You will also visit the **Hermann J. Abs Chamber Music Hall** of the Beethoven-Haus Society, complete with a short **recital** performed by local musicians. There is free time for lunch, and further explorations on your own or with your tour manager. **Present an area concert this evening at a local venue custom selected for your ensemble! There is the opportunity to make this an exchange and joint performance with a local ensemble. A warm-up rehearsal is provided prior to your performance.** Germany specialties is served for **dinner**.

day 4 – Leipzig

Breakfast at the hotel. Your journey continues as you travel across Germany by coach, toward the city of Leipzig. Along the way, stop in the town of Eisenach, birthplace of the composer Johann Sebastian Bach. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Wartburg Castle** with a local guide, setting for the legendary Sängerkrieg minstrel contest, as dramatized by Wagner in the opera Tannhäuser; and also host to Martin Luther, Wartburg's most famous resident. Arrive in Leipzig this afternoon, where you coach will pass the Schuman House and more sights on the way to your hotel. Enjoy **dinner** at the famous Auerbachs Keller. Subject to local schedules, there may be the opportunity to attend a performance tonight and purchase tickets on the spot.

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day 5 – Leipzig

Breakfast at the hotel. A **local guide** will join you today for a walking tour of Leipzig, including a variety of composer sites. During your stroll, entrances are provided to the **Mendelssohn House**, **Bach Haus**, and **St. Thomas Church**, where J.S. Bach served as Choirmaster of the St. Thomas School for 27 years. Here you will find Bach's final resting place. There is free time for you to explore the pedestrian friendly Old Town on your own or with your tour manager, and lunch under your own arrangements. **Present an area concert this evening at a local venue custom selected for your ensemble! A warm-up rehearsal is provided prior to your performance.** **Dinner** is served at a local restaurant.

day 6 – Berlin

Breakfast at the hotel. Your exploration of Germany continues, as you transfer from Leipzig to the cultural center and capital city of Berlin. Along the way, stop in Halle for a visit to the **Handel House** where composer George Frideric Handel was born in 1685. It is now a museum, housing a collection of the musical history of both composer and city, with musical instruments dating back six centuries. Your journey also includes a stop in Potsdam for a visit of **Sanssouci**, the former summer palace of Frederick the Great, and a rival of Versailles—although smaller and more intimate, detailed in Rococo style. Continue to your hotel, where you can check in and refresh. Enjoy the city later this evening, with **dinner** served at local restaurant. Afterward stroll along the Spree River with your tour manager to see the Museumsinsel and Berliner Dom, before reaching the **Berliner Fernsehturm (Berlin TV Tower)**, the city's tallest structure; included is skip-the-line access to the observation deck for views of Berlin's landmark attractions.

day 7 – Berlin

Breakfast at the hotel. For lovers of classical music, Berlin is perhaps the most rewarding city in the world, supporting its celebrated orchestra and three opera houses. It is also the city of David Bowie, and his Berlin trilogy of Low, Heroes, and Lodger. Uncover Berlin's past and present as your **local guide** leads you on a panoramic sightseeing tour, including photo stops along the way, and within the historic center of Mitte. Walk alongside intact portions of the Berlin Wall, stop at the historic Breitscheidplatz to see the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtnis-Kirche, and witness the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, and Holocaust Memorial. You will also visit the **Checkpoint Charlie Museum**, named for the infamous crossing point on the Berlin Wall between East and West. The afternoon is free for lunch, souvenir shopping, and further exploration with your tour manager. **Present an area concert finale this evening at a local venue custom selected for your ensemble! A warm-up rehearsal is provided prior to your performance.** **Dinner** is provided at a local restaurant.

day 8 – Berlin

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning travel outside the city for a sobering visit and tour of the exhibitions of **Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum**. Built in 1936, it was conceived as a model concentration camp. **Lunch** is provided at a local restaurant before returning to Berlin for additional sightseeing – there are many options to consider, including a behind the scenes tour of the **Berliner Philharmoniker**, the **Neues Museum's Egyptian Museum**, including the famous bust of Nefertiti, and **Pergamon Museum**, and their full-scale reconstructions of architectural monuments from Greek and Roman antiquity. Celebrate with a **dinner finale** of traditional German food and atmosphere.

day 9 – Departure

A final **breakfast** is served at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your return flights home. Your tour manager will assist with airport check-in, and there is time for one last *auf wiedersehen!*

