



Les & Jay Thompson, 4MBS-FM & Academy Travel present



The Summer Days of Music & Wine Tour



*From Bach to Bizet –Germany-Austria-Hungary
Tour Package Dates: 18 July - 1 August 2012*

The year 2012 marks the 800th anniversary of the formation of Leipzig's Thomanerchor (St. Thomas Boys' Choir) which was directed by the great composer, *Johann Sebastian Bach* between 1723 and 1750.

To celebrate this composer's outstanding contribution to classical and sacred music we begin this tour in Leipzig, a city with many impressive music associations, including *Bach, Telemann, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Wagner & Mahler*.

It then follows an exciting course of Music & Wine experiences through Germany, Austria & Hungary to a spectacular performance of *Bizet's grand opera, Carmen* at the Ancient Roman Quarry in Austria's Burgenland.

Some highlights:

Leipzig -3 Nights in this Musical City with guided Old Town walk, visits to the musical museums of Bach (with concert) and Mendelssohn and Thomaskirche Motet service with the *St. Thomas Boy's Choir*

Halle: Excursion to the birthplace of *Handel* and the Handel Museum

Nürnberg - 2 Nights with the annual Klassik Open-Air Concert and tour of the Castle & Old Town

Linz - 2 nights with a guided tour of the Old Town and its Mozart links

Visit to Melk Abbey & Wachau Valley Danube River cruise (2 hour scheduled service to Krems)



Schloss Haindorf (close to Krems) – Overnight in the Schloss hotel for the Operetta Festival premiere

Sopron – Overnight in this beautiful Hungarian historic border town after wine tasting and performance of *Bizet's grand opera, Carmen* at the Ancient Roman Quarry in St. Margarethen in Burgenland

Excursion to Eisenstadt and Esterhazy Palace where *Joseph Haydn* was court composer

Vienna - 3 Nights in 'The City of Dreams', including our grand farewell dinner in Vienna's famous wine district beneath the Vienna Woods.

Tour price: \$6,995 (land content)

Inclusions: 5 musical performances, 3-4-star hotels, 7 dinners as per itinerary

Wine tastings, Museums, River Cruise & Excursions, as per itinerary

BROCHURE ONLINE AT WWW.GLOBALTOURS.ORG

For bookings & flight options please phone 1800 639 699 (toll free)

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Fully escorted by Music Tour Specialists, Jay & Les Thompson www.globaltours.org

MUSIC HOST: Howard Ainsworth AM, 4MBS-FM presenter & Patron of the Bach Society of Queensland Choir



**The 4MBS-FM 'Summer Days
Of Music & Wine' Tour
18 July – 1 August 2012**

800th Anniversary of St. Thomas Boys' Choir



GERMANY-AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Meals: BB = Buffet Breakfast D = Dinner

Day 1 Wednesday 18 July

AUSTRALIA to EUROPE

Tour members join their overnight flight from Australia to Leipzig in Germany.

Day 2 Thursday 19 July

ARRIVAL IN LEIPZIG

Passengers arrive into Leipzig to commence the tour at our centrally-located **Seaside Park Hotel ****** where we will stay for 3 nights. The tour begins with a Welcoming Dinner with German wines at **Weinstock** . **D**

HIGHLIGHT: 6pm Dinner at Weinstock restaurant, with a sampling of German wines – right in the heart of Leipzig's Old Market Place

Day 3 Friday 20 July

LEIPZIG – City of Music



This morning we will enjoy a special guided walk
“Music City of World Fame – a **Walk on the Leipzig Music Trail**” (2 hours)

Afternoon visit to the **Bach Museum** including a guided tour and a **small concert** in the Summer Hall (30 min. on three keyboard instruments). **BB**

**HIGHLIGHTS: 10am Leipzig Music Walk
2pm Bach museum visit**

PERFORMANCES: Bach Museum concert & 6pm St. Thomas Boys' Choir Motet – Thomaskirche. Group meets at church at 5pm

Day 4 Saturday 21 July

MENDELSSOHN & HANDEL

This morning a guided visit to **Mendelssohn House**. In the afternoon we set off to Halle where Handel was born. Visit to the **Handel Museum**. Distance 49 kms 1 hour



HIGHLIGHT: Coach Talk by Music Host Howard Ainsworth on the works of George Frideric Handel. Followed by museum visit **BB**

Day 5 Sunday 22 July

LEIPZIG to NÜRNBERG

An opportunity to attend the St. Thomas Church Sunday service in Leipzig – Then we begin our journey down through Germany to the city of past emperors, Nürnberg. Early Dinner with Franconian wine. Distance 274kms 3hrs **BB & D**

PERFORMANCE: 8pm Classic Open Air. The Annual Municipal Park (Luitpoldhain) Concert - featuring the Nuremberg Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Marcus Bosch

Day 6 Monday 23 July

NÜRNBERG

Guided tour of the Old Town centre in this city of Meistersingers, roasted sausages and Gothic art treasures. We also visit the Castle Nuremberg museum. **Evening free** **BB**



Day 7 Tuesday 24 July

JOURNEY TO LINZ

Today we head for Linz across the Danube in Upper Austria to arrive for 2 nights at the **Courtyard Marriott hotel******. Distance 338kms 3.5 hrs. **Dinner with Austrian wines** **BB & D**

Day 8 Wednesday 25 July

LINZ

This morning we stroll around the Old Town, passing by the former tavern where the Mozarts stayed in October 1762 and then entering the courtyard of the apartment building where Wolfgang and his wife stayed in 1783 and where the Linzer Symphony in C major *was written*. **BB**



Day 9 Thursday 26 July

Danube River Cruise

Today we travel to the magnificent Melk Abbey and then begin a 2-hour scenic **Danube river cruise** through the Wachau wine valley, stopping at several historic ports along the way Luggage is transferred by our coach.



At Krems we rejoin our coach and travel a short distance to our overnight stay at **Schloss Haindorf ***** to attend the premiere performance of the Operetta. Stüberl dinner with local wines. **BB & D**
HIGHLIGHTS: Danube cruise & Operetta
PERFORMANCE : Das Dreimäderlhaus (House of the Three Girls) - with music by Franz Schubert and libretto by Alfred Maria Willner and Heinz Reichert. The work gives a fictionalized account of Schubert's romantic life

Performances: Please note that reservations have been made for the included concerts on this tour. However changes could occur should contractual or theatre programming problems arise after publication of this brochure. Please check for any updates at www.globaltours.org.

Day 10 Friday 27 July

Open Air Opera - CARMEN

Mid-morning we head for the beautiful Hungarian border town of Sopron. Distance 154 kms 2 hrs



After an early dinner with local wines we head to St. Margarethen, just across the border in Austria to enjoy an open-air performance of CARMEN at the Roman Stone Quarry as part of the town's annual Opera Festival. Distance 19 kms 30mins..

BB & D

PERFORMANCE: CARMEN

Georges Bizet's lively, colourful opera, staged in the spectacular setting of the Burgenland's Roman Quarry.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS PERFORMANCE IS INCLUDED FOR GROUP MEMBERS BOOKED BY 20 FEBRUARY

Day 11 Saturday 28 July

SOPRON-EISENSTADT -VIENNA

Morning stroll with Les through Sopron's wonderful Old Town Centre tracing the Liszt sites.

Then we board the coach to visit the famous Esterhazy Palace at Eisenstadt,



where Joseph Haydn was court composer to the princely Esterhazy family.

Afterwards we travel to *The City of Dreams, Vienna*, to stay 3 nights at **Hotel Courtyard Marriott Schönbrunn******

HIGHLIGHT: Coach TALK on Josef Haydn with Music Host, HOWARD AINSWORTH

Distance: Eisenstadt: 19 kms 30min
Vienna: 51kms 1hr.

Day 12 Sunday 29 July

VIENNA



After breakfast we will enjoy a sightseeing stroll through the *Old Town* of the Austrian capital, Vienna, 'The Musical Capital of Europe', where many of the best known names in

the world of music lived or worked.. We'll see the significant architectural gems, churches, palaces and gardens of this once proud royal residence of the Habsburg dynasty. Free Afternoon.

PERFORMANCE: TO BE ANNOUNCED BB

We reserve the right to alter itineraries or amend arrangements should unforeseen circumstances make such changes necessary. Please check for any updates at www.globaltours.org

Day 13 Monday 30 July

VIENNA – FREE DAY

Today's options include shopping, exploring the city's many attractions which include several museum and art galleries such as Naturhistorisches Museum, Albertina, Belvedere Schloss



galleries, Kunst Haus Wien & Haus der Musik or the palace and gardens of a site very close to our hotel the magnificent *Schloss Schönbrunn*. The hotel reception provides a comprehensive list of places to visit. **Evening: Farewell Dinner – Vienna's Wine District. BB & D**

HIGHLIGHT : Our 2012 music tour will conclude with a farewell dinner and wine tasting in the city's wine district where both Schubert & Beethoven once lived.



Day 14 Tuesday 31 July

HOMEWARD BOUND

Departure from Vienna to Australia.

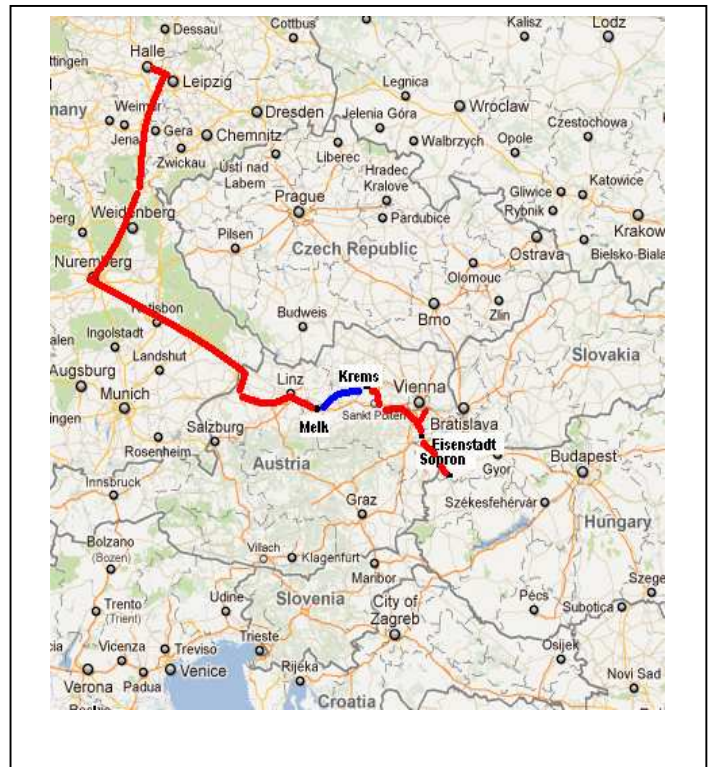
Group members have the option to extend their musical experience in Europe.

BB

Day 15-16 Wed/Thu 1/2 August

WELCOME HOME

Arrival back to Australia



IMPORTANT: OPERA TICKET PAYMENT DEADLINE: 20 February 2012

Due to the heavy demand for Opera Festival Tickets we can only guarantee 'Carmen' Opera tickets for group members who book by 20 February 2012 Deposits only – Full Payments 18 April 2012

Howard Ainsworth AM

Your 4MBS Music Host on this tour:

A popular 4MBS-FM personality, Howard is also Broadcasts Manager of Brisbane's *award-winning classical music* radio station.



Howard is Patron of the Bach Society of Queensland Choir and has been made a member of the Order of Australia for his services to media and his promotion of the

performing arts and historical preservations organisations. Howard brings to this tour his vast musical knowledge and his renowned charm as Music Tour escort.

Is This Tour Right For You?

Your tour managers, Les & Jay Thompson, believe in doing their utmost to meet the discerning traveller's expectations on their tours. Therefore you are invited to read the itinerary carefully and to then consider these points:

1. **Eligibility:** To join this tour the company requires you to have a level of fitness, which will not hamper other group members' enjoyment of the tour by slowing them down. **We are unable to and do not accept bookings from anyone who has a walking difficulty of any kind as we are not equipped to deal with this problem. In signing the booking form you are declaring your fitness to walk unaided during our sightseeing strolls through Old Town areas.**

2. **Insurance:** You must have travel insurance to cover such things as medical treatment, repatriation, loss of property and cancellation charges. Insurance offers can be obtained from Academy Travel.

3. This tour emphasises the **history and culture** of places visited to provide a context for appreciating the composers and their music.

4. **A balance** is struck between musical education and having an enjoyable holiday. **In-coach Video Highlights** are shown of each destination as we approach.

5. **We try to avoid rush;** there are no early morning starts.

6. **Our tours are reasonably sized** – and your like-minded travel companions are usually discerning semi-retired or retired people who enjoy travelling but want to avoid the hassles of poorly planned and hastily organised travel.

7. **Our tours are fully interactive** and we welcome music discussions between escorts and group members as we travel through Europe in the safety of our own private coach.

8. Due to privacy laws, processing airline or insurance claims for injury or loss is your personal responsibility on this tour.

9. **Les & Jay** provide a **detailed Information Pack** (with Maps, Basic facts about destinations, Travel Guide, etc.). This booklet is available online at www.globaltours.org for use **before and during** the tour.

**TOUR Land Only COST \$6,995 per person, twin
Single Supplement: \$1,500**

Air Travel options: The tour price quoted is for land content only. For this tour we suggest flying with Lufthansa Airlines – hotel transfers will coincide with the Lufthansa flight schedules. Contact Christina at Academy Travel for the best available flight options. Please note that flights are unescorted. Your tour leader will meet the group as the tour begins in Leipzig on 19 July.

Land Content Inclusions:

- 3 & 4 star hotels
- air-conditioned private coach travel
- 5 musical performances as per itinerary
- Museum, Excursions & River Cruise
- Meals and wine tasting as per itinerary
- Beverages **ONLY** as listed on itinerary

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Your Tour Managers from the Global Centre:

Les Thompson is former award-winning, Sydney broadcaster & author with 35 years of experience in print, radio & television.

Jay Thompson is a multilingual Czech-born teacher with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences. She has lived, studied, lectured & travelled extensively in Germany, Tunisia and Australia, as well as her native Czech Republic. They live in Europe.

Tour Information & Tour Videos:

Meet your Tour Leader **Les Thompson** [online](http://www.globaltours.org) at www.globaltours.org as well as view **video highlights** of the 2012 'Summer Days of Music & Wine' tour. **Use website menus to access videos.**

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FOR CARMEN OPERA INCLUSION YOUR TOUR DEPOSIT MUST BE PAID BY 20 February 2012

To ensure your participation in this tour, please use the online Booking Form and send it as a **signed document with your deposit** cheque to
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