



## EUROPEAN TOUR 2015

Hungary | Austria | Czech Republic

Your opportunity to experience singing as part of the  
**Oakland Symphony Chorus** in some of the finest cities  
and concert venues in central Europe

*June 22, 2015 – July 2, 2015*



Dear Fellow Singer,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join us for a “trip to remember” to the historic cities of Budapest, Győr, Vienna, and Prague. Along the way, we will visit the streets and venues frequented by the likes Haydn, Mozart, and Dvořák. You will be surrounded by the culture and cities that inspired Brahms, Schubert, and Beethoven.

The Oakland Symphony Chorus, a cornerstone of the East Bay's musical landscape for more than 55 years, will be taking its first ever tour abroad – representing northern California through three performances, all in historic venues where staples of the repertoire were given their original premiers.



Our performances will be supported by a local chamber orchestra in each host city. The tour package includes guided tours from local experts which will serve to deepen your understanding of the masterworks you have come to love through your singing career. Each day includes limited scheduled activity, but plenty of free time to explore the city and discover the culture for yourself.

I encourage you to consider joining the Chorus for the 2014/15 season. The repertoire we take on tour will be featured in our performances with the Oakland East Bay Symphony at the annual Break Bread holiday concert in December and on the classical series in February (Haydn, *Mass in Time of War*) and in May (Bernstein, *Candide*). The Chorus will also perform Mozart's *Requiem* with the astonishing Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra this fall.

However, if you are unable to make the weekly rehearsal commitment all year long, we will still accept singers joining the Chorus rehearsals in January, late May and early June next year, so you are fully prepared to join this trip. And there is also a rate for family members and friends who wish to join the tour and experience these great cities.

Please reach out to me or the fabulous staff at the Oakland Symphony for further information.

Safe travels!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Lynne Morrow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Lynne Morrow

Oakland Symphony Chorus Director

## Destinations:

Take a 10-day journey arriving in Budapest, traveling through Győr, Vienna and departing from Prague.



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1. St. Stephen's Basilica in Budapest
2. Johann Strauss statue in Vienna
3. Stunning view of the bridges over the Vltava River in Prague

## **OAKLAND SYMPHONY CHORUS CONCERT TOUR OF EUROPE, 2015**

### **Suggested Itinerary Prepared September 8 , 2014**

#### **Mon Jun 22** **IN FLIGHT**

11:00 am Check in at San Francisco airport  
1:55 pm Depart on KLM flight KL 606 to Amsterdam

#### **Tue Jun 23** **BUDAPEST**

9:15 am Arrive at Amsterdam airport  
Clear Immigration and Customs  
2:20 pm Depart on KLM flight KL 1977 to Budapest  
4:20 pm Arrive at Budapest airport and meet your courier  
Transfer by coach to the hotel and check in  
evening Dinner in a restaurant

#### **Wed Jun 24** **BUDAPEST**

morning Breakfast in the hotel  
Guided sightseeing tour, during which you will see such famous sights as the Fisherman's Bastion, St Matthias Church, St Stephen's Cathedral and Heroes Square  
Lunch independent  
afternoon At leisure  
evening Dinner independent

#### **Thu Jun 25** **BUDAPEST**

morning Breakfast in the hotel  
At leisure  
Lunch independent  
afternoon Rehearsal  
**evening Concert with orchestra (in the Matthias Church?)**  
Dinner independent

#### **Fri Jun 26** **VIENNA**

morning Breakfast in the hotel  
Depart by coach for Vienna (c. 3 hrs), stopping en route in Győr for independent sightseeing  
Lunch independent  
afternoon Arrive in Vienna and check in to the hotel  
evening Dinner in a restaurant

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**Sat Jun 27**

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**VIENNA**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Guided sightseeing tour, during which you will see Parliament, the State Museums, the Imperial Palace, the Opera House and the Stephansdom, interspersed with historic gardens and luxurious shopping streets Entrance to Schönbrunn Palace Lunch independent
afternoon	At leisure
evening	Dinner independent

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**Sun Jun 28**

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**VIENNA**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Excursion by coach to Eisenstadt including entrance to Eszterhazy Palace Lunch independent
afternoon	Rehearsal
evening	<b>Concert with orchestra (in the Haydnsaal?)</b> Dinner independent Return by coach to Vienna

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**Mon Jun 29**

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**PRAGUE**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Depart by coach for Prague (c. 4.5 hrs), stopping en route in Telc for independent sightseeing Lunch independent
afternoon	Arrive in Prague and check in to the hotel
evening	Dinner in a restaurant

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**Tue Jun 30**

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**PRAGUE**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Guided walking tour, during which you will see Prague Castle and St Vitus Cathedral, the Lesser Town, the Charles Bridge and the Old Town Lunch independent
afternoon	Rehearsal
evening	<b>Concert with orchestra (in St Saviour's Church?)</b> Dinner independent

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**Wed Jul 1**

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**PRAGUE**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Full day at leisure Lunch independent
evening	Farewell dinner cruise on the Vltava

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**Thu Jul 2**

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**HOME**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Transfer by coach to the airport and check in
1:25 pm	Depart on Delta Air Lines flight DL 211 to New York
4:35 pm	Arrive at New York (Kennedy) airport Clear Immigration and Customs
7:00 pm	Depart on Delta Air Lines flight DL 435 to San Francisco
10:50 pm	Arrive at San Francisco airport

*NB: driving times are estimates, based on normal road conditions,  
and do not include allowances for meal or rest stops*

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## Price and Packages

For the 2014/15 season the Oakland Symphony Chorus will embark on a tour to Budapest, Vienna, and Prague. Participation on this trip is open to all Chorus members, their guests, and guest singers.

**Chorus Membership & Tour: \$4,375\***

**Tour Only: \$4,500\***

### This price includes the following:

- Coordination of 3 concerts with orchestra, promoted by means of the production of posters and fliers, announcements in the free press, releases to the media, and the notification of local groups and music organizations
- 9 nights of accommodation in superior tourist class hotels, sharing twin rooms with private facilities. Single supplement: \$580
- Meal basis: Continental breakfast daily plus 4 dinners
- Guided sightseeing tours of Budapest, Vienna and Prague
- Paid entrances to Schönbrunn Palace and Eszterhazy Palace
- Transportation by luxury air-conditioned motorcoach with a luggage trailer throughout the land portion of the tour
- The services of one ACFEA courier per motorcoach throughout the land portion of the tour
- Round-trip air transportation by scheduled carrier from San Francisco to Budapest, returning from Prague, based on a high-season, midweek departure and return
- Pre-departure briefing and assistance at airport check-in for the group by ACFEA staff
- Password admittance to Tour Central, ACFEA's Internet site of customized tour information

All taxes, tips and service charges normally payable for services included above, except discretionary tips to drivers, guides and couriers

### Not Included:

- Passport and visa fees, if needed
- Beverages other than coffee and tea with breakfast, and water with dinner
- Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, which is highly recommended; brochures will be made available
- Checked baggage fees, if applicable

# Oakland Symphony Chorus European Tour 2015

## Payment Plan and Contract

Participation on this trip is open to all Chorus members, their guests, and guest singers.

**Chorus Membership & Tour:** \$4,375\*  
**Tour Only:** \$4,500\*

### Payment Plan and Contract

Payment Plan for those that will be going on the tour:

due at time of sign-up	\$1,650 (includes \$350 non-refundable deposit)
8/13/2014	\$650
10/15/2014	\$650
02/04/2015	\$650
04/15/2015	\$775 Approx Balance due for Members*
04/15/2015	\$900 Approx Balance Due for Non-Members*

### Refund Policy

If a singer leaves the Chorus before the end of the season and wishes to request a refund, you must provide notice of the request in writing to the Symphony office. Oral requests for a refund will not be accepted.

If a singer is dismissed from the Chorus for a violation of conduct and expectation policies as outlined in the Chorus Handbook, all moneys received to date are non-refundable.

The eligible refund will be calculated based on the following:

1. The initial tour deposit of \$350 is non-refundable. Under no circumstances will it be refunded.
2. The amount of a refund will be based on when the written withdrawal request is received. If the withdrawal is received:
  - a. on or after June 22, 2014, an additional \$350 will be assessed (\$700 total) and payment above that amount will be refunded.
  - b. on or after October 22, 2014, an additional \$500 will be assessed (\$850 total) and payment above that amount will be refunded.



- c. on or after January 21, 2015, an additional \$750 will be assessed (\$1,100 total) and payment above that amount will be refunded.

All terms, policies, and fees provided by ACFEA in the proposal dated January 23, 2014 remain effective. This includes items such as the single room supplement fee, additional baggage fees, or an additional fee assessed for those requesting land-only passage or using their own frequent flyer miles.

\* Please note, given the volatility in fuel and airline prices, ACFEA reserves the right to assess a surcharge should the airfares be significantly different to those used in the original quote. Any additional charge received by the Chorus from ACFEA will be passed along to each traveler. ACFEA and the Chorus also have no control over flight delays and cancellations. We encourage you to purchase travel insurance to cover such circumstance. In addition, this quote is based upon a total of 73 passengers. Should the Chorus travel with fewer passengers, the fee from ACFEA will be adjusted as needed. Any additional cost incurred by the Chorus will be passed along to each traveler.

I have reviewed the terms and conditions stated above and agree to them.

Agreed and accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Initial here if Statement A is relevant:

STATEMENT A: *I wish to purchase "land only" participation in the Chorus Tour. Total payment due is \$2,800 for Chorus members plus \$350 for Membership (total of \$3,150) or \$2,950 for Guests. Participants selecting this option are responsible for making all travel arrangements to the hotel on night one and departure from the hotel after the final night.*

\_\_\_\_ Initial here if Statement B is relevant:

STATEMENT B: *I intend to ask ACFEA to adjust my travel arrangements. This includes any adjustments from the group booking including seat upgrades, alternative flights, or using personnel frequent flyer miles. I understand that ACFEA will assess me an additional fee of \$75 until February 15th, 2015 or \$150 thereafter, plus any increased airfare fees from the group booking. Such requests will be made by completing the ACFEA Individual Travel Request form, available from August 2014.*

## Oakland Symphony Chorus Individual Travel Request

**You are strongly advised to submit this form as soon as possible since airline seat availability is very limited.**

ACFEA is pleased to offer a limited number of services to those members of our groups who wish to make individual travel arrangements. We are not a retail travel agency, however, and cannot offer the full range of services that your local travel agency could.

### WHAT ACFEA CAN DO FOR YOU:

- \* Make alternate or additional air arrangements  
(There is a fee for this service, as indicated below)
- \* Purchase Eurail and other rail passes
- \* Book rental cars

### WHAT ACFEA CANNOT DO FOR YOU:

- \* Make air arrangements for those who wish to use a free ticket from a frequent flier program. You must speak directly to the airline whose miles you wish to cash in. A surcharge will be applied to the land price of anyone not using air arrangements made by ACFEA.
- \* Reserve individual hotel rooms
- \* Make train reservations nor purchase individual train tickets (except rail passes)

### PLEASE NOTE:

- \* ACFEA charges an administrative fee to change air reservations. This fee is \$75 per person until 120 days before the group's departure and \$150 thereafter. This fee is in addition to any fees or airfare differences charged by the airline.
- \* Rules governing group airfares are very complex and vary with each airline. Some considerations that may apply to your case include: a) travel in one direction (usually outbound) must be with the group; b) the group airfare guarantee may not apply to those not traveling entirely with the group; c) the same airline must be used in both directions; d) seats at the lowest prices are limited; e) the payment date may be different, and possibly immediate.
- \* Almost always, these arrangements will increase the airfare. We will not book anything until we have advised you of the extra cost.
- \* Once you have agreed to the cost, we will work to secure those arrangements. Each subsequent change you request is subject to an additional administrative fee (\$75 or \$150) plus any charges levied by the airlines.

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 22 IF YOU WISH TO PAY ONLY THE BASIC \$75 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. This form may be used for more than one person with the same request; please list all passport names below.**

**Name(s):** As on passport \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact regarding these arrangements:** One person only, please. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (day/eve) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUP FLIGHTS:** Please indicate the flights you do NOT wish to take with the group by crossing them out.

From	San Francisco	to	Amsterdam	Date	June 22	(KL)
From	Amsterdam	to	Budapest	Date	June 23	(KL)
From	Prague	to	New York	Date	July 2	(DL)
From	New York	to	San Francisco	Date	July 2	(DL)

**AIR:** Please indicate your specific request below.

Depart from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **NO AIR:** I/We have made my/our own air arrangements and do NOT require ACFEA to make any air arrangements. I/We accept the responsibility to meet the group at the hotel and/or get to the airport at the end of the tour.

**LAND:** We will contact you to discuss the options.

1. Are you interested in purchasing a rail pass? Yes No

2. Are you interested in a rental car? Yes No Size: compact mid-size full

Pick up: City \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Drop off: City \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT NEXT?

Sign the declaration below and return this request to us as soon as possible, keeping a photocopy for your reference. We cannot process your request in any way until we receive it from you in writing. We will then research the options open to you *and contact you before making any changes.*

By signing below, you acknowledge that: a) ACFEA charges an administrative fee for making alternate or additional air arrangements; b) any itinerary changes may alter your tour price and that ACFEA will advise you of the revised amount prior to making changes; c) airfares are subject to change at any time until the tickets are purchased; d) in most cases, tickets are non-refundable and non-changeable once issued; e) once you have agreed to the cost, each subsequent change you make will incur a further administrative fee (\$75 or \$150) in addition to any charges levied by the airlines; or f) ACFEA will not provide air arrangements for you if the "NO AIR" box is checked.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Participant (or parent/legal guardian if participant is under 18 years old)

## Oakland Symphony Chorus Concert Tour of Great Europe, 2015 Tour Participant Profile

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**(LAST, first, middle) as it appears on your passport.**

*All subsequent corrections to your name may result in a \$150 change fee.*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (day) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (eve.) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Male / Female (circle one)

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ year  
(Note: Please write the name of the month instead of the month number)

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that some countries require your passport to be valid for several months AFTER your scheduled date of return.*

Passport expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument/Voice part/Non-performer \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument (in case) weight \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. height \_\_\_\_\_ in. width \_\_\_\_\_ in. depth \_\_\_\_\_ in.

### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Would you prefer a single room in the hotels (if available) at an extra cost of \$580 (payable to Oakland Symphony Chorus)? **Yes No**
2. Do you want travel arrangements that differ in any way from those of the group? **Yes No Maybe**  
*Tour members making travel arrangements other than the group's will be required to complete an Individual Travel Request. This form will be made available once an airline has been chosen and the airfare guaranteed. Any deviation from the group's air itinerary will most likely incur charges beyond the regular tour cost. Tour members not making their air arrangements through ACFEA will be subject to a surcharge of \$300 on the land price.*
3. Other (physical, medical, dietary, serious allergies, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

In case of emergency, please contact

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (day/eve) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOTICE

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#### CONTRACT OF RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

As consideration of and as part of the payment for the right to participate in this tour I agree to hold ACFEA harmless and to release it from liability as well as its agents, employees, officers, directors and affiliated companies or subcontractors for any and all actions, debts, suits, claims, and demands of any kind in connection with my participation in this tour either now or in the future. All terms and conditions shall be governed by the laws of and in the state of Washington. This agreement serves as a release and assumption of risk for myself, my family and my heirs. I have read and understood this notice and contract.

I agree to limit my luggage to ONE normal-sized suitcase of maximum total linear dimensions (length + width + height) 62 inches and ONE carry-on bag of maximum total linear dimensions 36 inches. Many airlines limit the weight of carry-on bags to as little as 13 pounds (6 kilos) and checked bags to as little as 44 pounds (20 kilos). If I will be carrying on an instrument, this instrument will be my *only* carry-on.

I have been offered travel insurance by ACFEA. If I decline, I understand that I am responsible for arranging alternate insurance or for all financial consequences of being uninsured.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Participant (or parent/legal guardian if participant is under 18 years old)