

Hochstein Youth Orchestra

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March 31 - April 8, 2018

American Celebration of Music in

Portugal & Spain

An exclusive concert series for performance ensembles



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Concert Tours With Integrity

Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra

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March 31 – April 8, 2018 (7 nights/9 days)

Day 1 Saturday, March 31

Depart via scheduled air service to Lisbon, Portugal

Day 2 Sunday, April 1 Lisbon (D)

Arrive in Lisbon

Meet your MCI Tour Manager who will assist the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel via panoramic tour of Lisbon's highlights

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

Lisbon is one of Europe's most visually striking capitals, built on a series of hills with scenic vistas from every angle. The almost constant presence of sunshine and the River Tagus transforms the Portuguese capital into a mirror of a thousand colors - highlighting the city's unique architecture and beauty. Lisbon's history spans back thousands of years. You will find streets filled with heritage monuments, and characteristic neighborhoods where the city first developed and can still be experienced at its most genuine level

Day 3 Monday, April 2 Lisbon (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a half-day guided tour of Lisbon including Eduardo VII Park, Castelo de Sao Jorge, the Sé (the main cathedral which was once a fortress), Belem Tower, and entrance to Jeronimos Monastery, including its Cloisters and its Igreja de Sta Maria de Belem

Lunch, on own

Concert as part of the American Celebration of Music in Portugal*

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4 Tuesday, April 3 Lisbon / Algarve / Seville (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

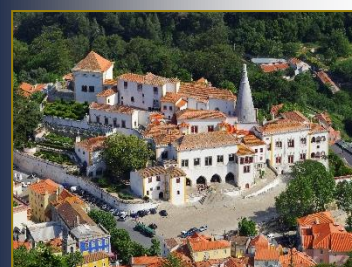
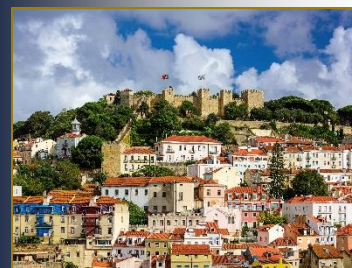
Transfer to Seville via the Algarve Region, known for its beaches, nature reserves, picturesque villages, and the vibrant colors of the landscape. Pass through Albufeira. Albufeira's old town with its pretty cobbled streets lined with restaurants, cafes and shops is a great place to stroll

Lunch, on own

Continue to Faro, full of "old world charm" especially in the old town.

Then it is off to Seville for dinner and overnight

Seville ranks as one of the world's great tourist centers. Don Juan romanced and Figaro barbered in Seville; today, gypsies still sing age-old ballads, flamenco dancers whirl to the melodies of the guitar and matadors tease rushing bulls

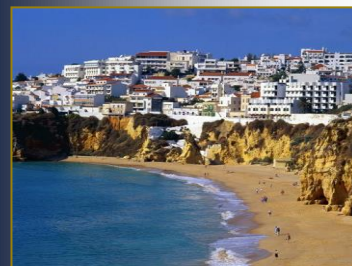


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Day 5	Wednesday, April 4	Seville	(B,D)
Breakfast at the hotel A morning guided tour of Seville includes Maria Luisa Park, Plaza de España. Entrance to Alcazar, the Giralda and the Cathedral. Drive past the Torre del Oro (Gold Tower). Lunch, on own <i>Concert as part of the American Celebration of Music in Spain*</i> Evening dinner and overnight			
Day 6	Thursday, April 5	Seville /Toledo / Madrid	(B,D)
Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to Madrid via Toledo. Toledo is one of the great jewels of Spain! Lunch, on own Enjoy a guided tour including a visit of the magnificent Cathedral (with the El Greco paintings and other valuable relics) and the Church of St. Tomé (El Greco's <i>The Burial of the Count of Orgaz</i>) Continue to Madrid for dinner and overnight <i>Madrid is a very hospitable city, known for the quality of its light and climate. Madrid became the capital of Spain in the 16th century when Spain ruled a vast empire. Its attractions include three internationally famous art galleries, a royal palace, grand public squares and many museums filled with treasures of Spain's</i>			
Day 7	Friday, April 6	Madrid	(B,D)
Breakfast at the hotel A morning guided tour of Madrid includes seeing Plaza Mayor (site of executions, tournaments, bullfights and Inquisition trials), Buen Retiro Park, Royal Palace and entrance to the Prado Museum which hosts one of the finest art collections in the world Lunch, on own <i>Concert as part of the American Celebration of Music in Spain*</i> Evening dinner and overnight			
Day 8	Saturday, April 7	Madrid	(B,D)
Breakfast at the hotel Half-day excursion to El Escorial, the magnificent palace and monastery built by Phillip II A few miles away, view the Valley of the Fallen Lunch, on own Return to Madrid for afternoon at leisure Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight			
Day 9	Sunday, April 8	Depart for home	(B)
Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to Madrid's airport for return flight <i>*Subject to confirmation</i>			

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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Cost Estimates
HOCHSTEIN YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With Round-trip Airfare from: <u>Toronto, Canada</u> <i>Shoulder Airfare Season*</i>	<i>45-47 Paying</i>	<i>40-44 Paying</i>	<i>35-39 Paying</i>	<i>30-34 Paying</i>
TOUR #1 (7 nights/9 days) LISBON, SEVILLE, MADRID	\$3,366	\$3,442	\$3,466	\$3,584
Land Only (self-arranged air)	\$1,983	\$2,059	\$2,083	\$2,200

Travel season dates in Europe are generally as follows: Low (24Dec-31Mar, 01Apr-06Apr, 29Oct-14Dec, 24Dec-22Mar); Shoulder (16Dec-23Dec, 07Apr-11May, 20Aug-28Oct, 15Dec-23Dec, 23Mar-31Mar); High (12May-30Jun, 01Jul-19Aug); Travel season dates in Ireland are generally as follows: Low (01Nov-31Mar); Shoulder (01Apr-15Jun, 01Sep-31Oct); High (16Jun-31Aug); Travel seasons are subject to change without notice from the airline.

All prices are per person and are based on the number of paying participants in each 49-passenger motorcoach staying in double occupancy. Airline surcharges for weekend (Fri, Sat, or Sun) and holiday travel may apply.

The costs vary, depending upon the total number of paying participants sharing certain fixed overhead costs which include *chartered motorcoach, Tour Manager, guides, concert costs*, etc. Please consult the Cost Inclusions (located on the following page) which have been used as the basis for our offer. **These tours are subject to change, and represent a beginning point for further discussion and negotiation.**

These costs are based on group payments made by organization check or cash-equivalent to qualify for our lowest discounted prices. If you choose to have MCI handle the accounting and payment processing for each individual on tour, a 3% accounting fee applies. All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements herein are based on rates (including foreign exchange rates) in effect at the date of this offer and are subject to change. Adjustments may be made if the exchange rate varies more than 5%.

WE WILL MATCH OR BEAT ANY OTHER SIMILAR OFFER YOU MAY BE CONSIDERING!

These items are subject to negotiation. For instance, we can re-quote based on less centrally located hotels, eliminate some dinners, eliminate entrance fees, etc., to reduce the overall cost.

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Cost Inclusions & Exclusions
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COST INCLUSIONS

- **AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip transportation by scheduled airline carrier. Air fares are subject to change pending space availability at the time of group booking.
 - Includes up to \$700 for U.S. Government airline taxes, fees, and estimated fuel surcharge for Portugal and Spain
- **AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation to and from Toronto Pearson International Airport from Hochstein School of Music and Dance.
- **COACH TRANSPORTATION:** Local modern deluxe motorcoach transportation within Europe upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- **INSTRUMENT TRANSPORTATION:** Instrument truck is included.
- **CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS:** All performance and workshops are professionally provided in superior venues with attention to technical details and effective publicity. All venues mentioned in this quote are used as reference only and are subject to confirmation.
- **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotel accommodations in superior tourist-class (3 & 4-star) hotels chosen for location, reputation, cleanliness, and service. The price is based on double occupancy, all rooms with private facilities. All hotels mentioned in this quote are used as reference only and are subject to availability at group rates at the time of booking. This offer is based on staying at the following accommodations, or similar:

Lisbon: [*Hotel Novotel*](#) **Seville:** [*Hotel Tryp Macarena*](#) **Madrid:** [*Hotel NH Rivera del Manzanares*](#)
- **MEALS:** Two meals per day (as noted in the Tour itinerary) including breakfast and dinner. Please note that breakfast is not included on day of arrival and dinner is not included on day of departure.
- **ENTRANCE FEES:** The following Entrance fees are included:
 - **Tour 1** – Castelo S. Jorge, Jeronimos Monastery, Alcazar, Seville Cathedral & Giralda, St. Thomas Church, Toledo Cathedral, Prado Museum, El Escorial Monastery
- **TOUR ITINERARIES:** Electronic versions of the tour itinerary are available listing hotel addresses, telephone and web addresses.
- **TOUR MANAGEMENT:** One full-time, multi-lingual Tour Manager will be on each motorcoach through the entire tour. MCI's European office staff is easily available 24 hours daily (even on weekends) to render assistance whenever needed.
- **EXCURSIONS:** Conducted by licensed, professional guides as outlined in the day-by-day Tour itinerary.
- **GRATUITIES:** Tips to hotel personnel (including meals) are included. Tips to tour manager(s), licensed guides, and motorcoach driver(s) are not included.
- **EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES:**
 - 1 Flight bag • 2 Luggage tags • 1 Souvenir Photo Video • 1 Souvenir T-shirt
- **TRAVEL NOTES:** Pre-departure Travel Notes are available to each participant containing useful information about travel preparation, destination information, useful packing and cultural conditioning suggestions.
- **LIABILITY INSURANCE:** \$2M MCI Tour Liability Insurance coverage.
- **TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Individual insurance coverage is included in all MCI programs with MCI arranged airline transportation.
Summary of coverage:
 - \$10,000 – Travel Accident
 - \$1,000 – Medical Expense
 - \$300 – Baggage Coverage
 - \$600 – Trip Cancellation/Interruption/Delay

COST EXCLUSIONS

- Travel Visa for non-U.S. passport holders.
- Tips to Tour Manager(s), city guides and motorcoach driver(s).
- Instrument / equipment rental, if needed.
- Concert programs, if needed.
- Transportation to and from Toronto Airport.
- Drinks at dinners.
- Daily lunches.
- Airline luggage fees, if applicable.
- Difference between current and actual costs for the airline taxes and the estimated fuel surcharge, if applicable.

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Payment & Cancellation Schedules
HOCHSTEIN YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$200 per person (non-refundable) Due: July 15, 2017
25% per person, of total tour costs Due: September 1, 2017
25% per person, of total tour costs Due: November 1, 2017
25% per person, of total tour costs Due: January 1, 2018
Final Payment (remaining balance) Due: February 1, 2018

Amount paid is % of the total tour cost, not the balance owed.

CANCELLATION SCHEDULE

\$200 per person (non-refundable) Penalty Begins: July 15, 2017
10% per person, of total tour costs Penalty Begins: October 15, 2017
25% per person, of total tour costs Penalty Begins: December 1, 2017
50% per person, of total tour costs Penalty Begins: January 1, 2018
100% per person, of total tour costs Penalty Begins: February 20, 2018

*Amount penalized is % of the **total tour cost**, not % of what has already been paid.*

Please note that the above payment and cancellation schedule is based on the initial deposit date as well as subsequent on-time payments and can be modified with your input and feedback.

This schedule is subject to change should any payment dates be missed.

Group payments made by organization check or cash-equivalent qualify for our lowest discounted prices. If you choose to have MCI handle the accounting and payment processing for any individuals on tour, a 3% accounting fee will be assessed on the full group.

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