

REGISTRATION FORM

Following the Footsteps of J. S. Bach April 2010

Please reserve _____ place(s) for the following individuals on the tour.

A tour deposit of \$500 payable to:
Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

NAME: as listed on passport:

ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please check all that apply.

- _____ double occupancy
_____ single room, supplement fee
_____ group airfare (tba)
_____ I will book my own flights

I (we) have read the itinerary and terms and conditions as found above and also available on www.goodspeedandbach.com and agree to abide by all the stipulations contained therein.

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

Please make tour checks payable to:

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
4369 South Buffalo Street
Orchard Park, NY 14127

For more information contact **Greg White**
Tel. **716-662-9348**
or Email: greg@oppchurch.org

LAND TOUR INCLUSIONS

Luxury motorcoach transportation throughout.
Goodspeed & Bach trip director services
2 nights in comfortable accommodations in Eisenach
3 nights in comfortable accommodations in Leipzig
2 nights in comfortable accommodations in Berlin
Breakfast each morning
Welcome dinner in Eisenach
Dinner at Auerbachs Keller Restaurant Leipzig
Dinner in Berlin
Visit Mühlhausen and St. Blasius Church
Orientation walk through Eisenach
Tour of the Wartburg Castle
Guided tours of Eisenach, Erfurt, Leipzig, Dresden, Berlin
Visit the Bachhaus with musical demonstrations
Visit Arnstadt & the Bach Church
Visit Weimar
Visit Buchenwald
Visit St. Nicholas Church & St Thomas Church
Visit the Frauenkirche

Land Tour Cost in double occupancy

Based on a minimum of 35 paying travelers: **\$1,728** USD per person*

Based on a minimum of 30 paying travelers: **\$1,787** USD per person*

Based on a minimum of 25 paying travelers: **\$1,883** USD per person*

Based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers: **\$2,060** USD per person*

Single room supplement: **\$189** USD per person*

**prices are based on 2009 currency exchange rates and subject to change*

Optional Items

Passport services
Group airfare
Extensions before or after the program
Beverages with meals (except breakfast)
Gratuity for trip director and bus driver
Any items not in the itineraries
Any items of a personal nature
Trip insurance (*strongly advised and available from Goodspeed & Bach*)

Land Deposit Schedule

\$500 per person deposit is required to reserve your place on the tour
Final payment due: February 4, 2010

Land Booking Conditions and Refunds

Up to January 4, 2010: 100% refund
Up to February 4, 2010: 75% refund
After February 4, 2010: no refund
Spots are transferable until final booking
Land Cancellations: You must advise of all cancellations in writing
Travel protection is strongly recommended and available from Goodspeed & Bach, Inc

Group Air

The Land Program begins upon clearing customs in Europe. You may choose to fly with the group to Europe or you may choose to fly on your own. **Group air conditions and terms are set by the airline.**
Group air is provided as a convenience by Goodspeed & Bach, Inc.

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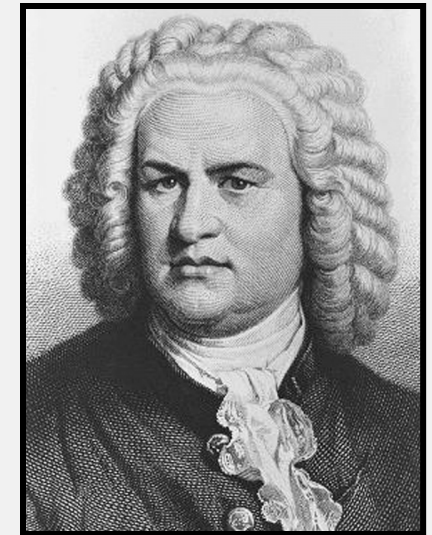
Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

and Greg White, Music Director

presents

Following the Footsteps of

Johann Sebastian Bach.



Germany Tour

For more information please call

716-662-9348

TOUR ITINERARY

Monday, April 5, 2010: DEPART AMERICA

Today, board the transatlantic flight to Europe. (The flight is an option. You may choose to meet the group in Europe.)

Tuesday, April 6, 2010: MÜHLHAUSEN & THURINGIA

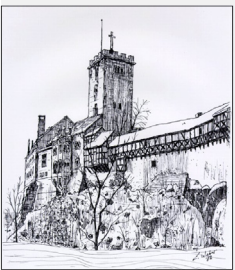
Wilkommen in Europa! After clearing customs, meet your trip director and board your coach. Your first destination will be Mühlhausen, where Johann Sebastian Bach was the organist at St. Blasius in 1708 and 1709. The festive cantata he wrote for the inauguration of the new council in 1708 was *God is my king*, in the style of Buxtehude. Follow the footsteps of Johann Sebastian and visit the St. Blasius Church. In the afternoon, travel to Eisenach, where a welcome dinner is planned. *Breakfast. Dinner. Overnight: Eisenach*

Wednesday, April 7, 2010: EISENACH & THE WARTBURG

This morning, travel to the mythical Wartburg Castle, the site of national and cultural events of monumental significance. Richard Wagner paid homage to the castle in his opera *Tannhäuser*. Stop into the tiny rooms where Martin Luther translated the New Testament of the Bible from Greek into German. Visit the apartments of St. Elizabeth and the Grand Concert Hall, which served as the model for the hall in Neuschwanstein. Later, join the private guide for the visit of the old town. J. S. Bach was born here and his parents died in Eisenach. At St. George's Church, where his uncle Johann Christoph was organist, stand before the baptismal font where Johann Sebastian was christened. It was here that the Bach family musical dynasty dominated the European musical world. Next, the curator of the Bachhaus, Germany's only museum devoted to the genius of the Bach Family will be expecting you. You are invited to a private demonstration of Baroque instruments played by a master musician. *Breakfast. O/N Eisenach*

Thursday, April 8, 2010: ARNSTADT, WEIMAR & BUCHENWALD OPTION

Visit the town of Arnstadt where in 1703, Johann Sebastian was appointed organist of the Neue Kirche. Your host, master organist Gottfried Preller will play the church's historic organ (*pending confirmation*), beautifully restored with over 30% of its pipe work as it was when Bach played it. He'll explain how the building was brought back from near collapse after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Continue to the city of Weimar, home to such luminaries as Bach, Goethe, Schiller, Liszt and Herder. The city houses art galleries, museums and the German national theater. The Bauhaus University and the Liszt School of Music attracted many students to Weimar, specializing in media and design, architecture, civil engineering and music. Bach served the Weimar court from 1708-17, first as Kapellmeister and then as Konzertmeister.



It was here that he transcribed concertos of Vivaldi, Corelli and Torelli and arranged them for harpsichord and organ thereby absorbing the styles of the greatest composers of his day. We'll visit the Stadtkirche (aka the Herderkirche), where Bach's great friend and biographer, Johann Gottfried Walther was the organist.

Later, we have the option of exploring the dark side of German history. The Ettersberg forest concealed Buchenwald, one of the largest concentration camps of the Hitler regime for eight years. Established in 1937 for the internment of political opponents, the camp was subsequently used for Jews and Gypsies. It was liberated on April 11, 1945 but not in time to save Lutheran Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was interred here before his execution. Continue on to Leipzig, to check into the hotel. *Breakfast. O/N Leipzig*

Friday, April 9, 2010: LEIPZIG

Tour the second-largest city in Eastern Germany and an historical center of printing and bookselling. Goethe, who was a student in Leipzig, called the city 'Little Paris.' Stand before the Nikolaikirche, where in 1989, thousands of East Germans stood to protest the totalitarian regime, spawning the collapse of worldwide Communism. Spend time in the beautifully restored Thomaskirche,



the Gothic Church where J. S. Bach was choirmaster for 27 years and was laid to rest before the altar. Bach's 12 children were baptized in the church's early 17th Century font.

Bach's job required him to instruct the students of the Thomasschule in singing and to provide weekly music at the two main churches in Leipzig, St Thomas and St. Nicholas. It was for these churches that Bach composed his two great Passion settings, the St. John and St. Matthew Passions. *Breakfast. O/N Leipzig*

Saturday, April 10, 2010: DRESDEN

Today enjoy an excursion to the beautiful city of Dresden. Splendidly situated on a bend in the Elbe River, Dresden's rococo yellows and greens make it enormously appealing. View the broad Altmark, which is surrounded by the 18th century Kreuzkirche, the reconstructed Rathaus, and the 18th century Landhaus. Stand before the glorious Lutheran Frauenkirche, whose Saxon sandstone walls were so sturdily built that they withstood a three-day bombardment during the Seven Years' War only to fall victim to an overnight raid by the Allies in the closing days of World War II. Near the Frauenkirche is the famous Albertinum, Dresden's leading art museum. Nearby is the Semper Opera House, justifiably one of Germany's best-known and most popular theaters. Marble, velvet, and brocade create an atmosphere of intimate luxury (it seats 1,323), and the uninterrupted views and flawless acoustics are renowned. *Breakfast. O/N Leipzig*

Sunday, April 11, 2010: WITTENBERG/BERLIN

Depart early for Wittenberg. First mentioned as a fortification in a document dating from 1180, Wittenberg was given City status in 1293. The favorable location of the town by the River Elbe, as well as the junction of two important trade routes, contributed to the development of the town. This morning attend a church service at St. Mary's, also known as the Town Church, which was Luther's parish church. Afterward stop in the nearby Castle Church, the venue for posting the 95 Theses and now the final resting place of the Great Reformer and his counselor, Philip Melancthon. Continue your travels past tranquil lakes, rivers and picturesque villages through a landscape of pine trees and forests whose singular beauty has been celebrated by poets and artists. Then: Berlin! Embracing nearly one hundred square miles, this resilient city is also called affectionately Prussia's Athens, a fitting testimony to the city's abundant culture. Composers such as Carl Maria von Weber, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy and Kurt Weill called Berlin their home. View the stunning parts of the re-united city with its grand boulevards and monumental buildings, the classical Brandenburg Gate, and the stately tree-lined avenue of Unter den Linden. *Breakfast. O/N: Berlin*

Monday, April 12, 2010: BERLIN

After breakfast this morning, we embark on a city tour. In 1989, before the wall came down, Berlin, like Noah's Ark, could boast two of everything: two transportation systems, two universities, two zoos, two airports. There were, however, three opera houses. Today, Berlin is busy at the task of becoming one again. There are still three opera houses! As we explore the many faces of this vibrant city, we see grand boulevards lined with chestnut and linden trees, the Brandenburg Gate, symbol of unity, the restored Reichstag and the phenomenal new architecture of the Potsdamer Platz, where once there was nothing but empty space between the divided city. In the afternoon, explore the sights of history or visit the numerous shopping districts. At KaDeWe, the largest department store on the European continent, indulge in the finest delicacies on the face of the planet. *Breakfast. O/N: Berlin*



Tuesday, April 13, 2010: RETURN DAY

This morning, transfer to the airport for the return flight to the United States. *Breakfast. Meals in flight.*

Auf wiedersehen!!