



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE MANKATO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ON AN EXCITING 75TH ANNIVERSARY TRIP TO EUROPE!

FLY FROM MINNEAPOLIS TO PRAGUE, THE CAPITAL OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC. SPARED FROM THE DESTRUCTION OF WWII, THE CITY IS A LIVING MUSEUM. VISIT THE SMALL CZECH TOWNS OF KUTNA HORA AND ČESKÝ KRUMLOV BEFORE ARRIVING IN VIENNA.

ONCE THE MUSICAL CAPITAL OF EUROPE, VIENNA IS RENOWNED FOR ITS IMPERIAL PALACES, MUSICAL HERITAGE, AND VIBRANT CULTURAL SCENE. SEE THE HOFBURG, ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL, THE STATE OPERA, AND SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE.

VISIT EISENSTADT, HOME TO THE FAMOUS ESTERHÁZY PALACE WHERE JOSEPH HAYDN SERVED FOR OVER 40 YEARS.

CONCLUDE THE TOUR IN BUDAPEST, THE CAPITAL OF HUNGARY. THE TOWNS OF BUDA AND PEST ARE SITUATED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE DANUBE RIVER.

ATTEND CONCERTS IN BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC VENUES AS YOU CELEBRATE THE RICH HISTORY OF EUROPEAN CLASSICAL MUSIC. TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS, MUSICIANS AND STAFF OF THE MANKATO SYMPHONY ON THIS GRAND TOUR TO EUROPE!

FRIENDS OF THE MANKATO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A GRAND TOUR TO EUROPE

PRAGUE | VIENNA | BUDAPEST

OCTOBER 1-11, 2026

ESTIMATED TOUR PRICE:

AIR & LAND: \$5,395.00 PER PERSON

LAND ONLY: \$4,195.00 PER PERSON

NOTE: THE PRICE IS A GOOD-FAITH ESTIMATE BASED ON CURRENT PROGRAMS OPERATED BY GRANDTOURS. A FINAL PRICE WILL BE COMMUNICATED ONCE FALL 2026 AIR & LAND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING AND THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS DETERMINED.

REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 1ST, 2025

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EUROPE
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ITINERARY

Day 1 Thursday, October 1, 2026 Depart USA
Depart to Europe overnight on scheduled air service from MSP.
Enjoy meals, beverages and inflight entertainment. Inflight

Day 2 Friday, October 2, 2026 Arrival Europe | Prague
Morning arrival in Europe where you connect to Prague. On arrival in Prague, meet your local European tour manager who will be with you throughout the tour. Sightseeing in Prague begins in the Old Town. See the Jan Hus Square, Tyne Church, Astronomical Clock, Estates Theatre and the Charles Bridge. Check into the hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner. Meals: D

Day 3 Saturday, October 3, 2026 Prague
After breakfast at the hotel, sightseeing of Prague continues today with a trip to the Prague Castle high above the city. See the imposing Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and then continue into the Old Town. Prague was home to composers Smetana and Dvořák. After dinner on your own, attend an evening concert by one of Prague's professional orchestras. B

Day 4 Sunday, October 4, 2026 Kutna Hora | Prague
Make an excursion out of Prague to the village of Kutna Hora. It's known for the Gothic St. Barbara's Church with medieval frescoes and flying buttresses. Also notable is Sedlec Ossuary, a chapel adorned with human bones. Return to Prague in the afternoon with some free-time to explore the Old Town. Our visit to Prague concludes this evening with a dinner cruise on the Vltava River with all of its beautiful illuminated monuments. B/D

Day 5 Mon., October 5, 2026 Prague | Český Krumlov | Vienna
Load the motor coach and depart for Vienna. En route, stop in the charming Bohemian village of Český Krumlov with time to explore and get lunch. Continue to Vienna. On arrival, see the Ring Strasse, State Opera House, Imperial Palace, State Apartments, National Library and the Hofburg Chapel. Check into the hotel and have the evening free for dinner. B

Day 6 Tuesday, October 6, 2026 Vienna
Travel outside of the city-center for a morning guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace, once the summer residence of the Hapsburgs. Return to Vienna for lunch and have the afternoon free for exploring or shopping. Enjoy a group dinner before tonight's concert by one of Vienna's professional orchestras. B/D

Day 7 Wednesday, October 7, 2026 Eisenstadt | Vienna
Travel to the Esterházy Palace in Eisenstadt today. It is one of the most beautiful baroque palaces in Austria and presents a fascinating view of life at the court of the Princes Esterházy. The Baroque Haydn'saal is the jewel of the palace. Its unique acoustics inspired the composer Joseph Haydn, who served the Esterházy princes for over forty years. Enjoy a traditional Heurigen dinner at Mayer am Pfarrplatz Heuriger. Beethoven once had a house here used for composition. B/D

Day 8 Thursday, October 8, 2026 Vienna | Budapest
Check out of the hotel and travel to Budapest today. On arrival, a guided sightseeing tour of Budapest takes you to Parliament, Hero's Square, Thermal Baths, and St. Stephen's Basilica. After lunch, cross the Danube and drive to the Royal Castle on the Buda side of the river. Here we see the Fishermen's Bastion and the Matthias Church with spectacular views over the city. Check into the hotel and enjoy a group dinner. B/D

Day 9 Friday, October 9, 2026 Szentendre | Budapest
Travel out of Budapest today along the Danube River to Szentendre, a town north of the capital, Budapest. It's known for its baroque architecture, churches, colorful houses and narrow, cobbled streets. The main square, Fő Tér, and the alleyways around it are lined with art galleries, museums and shops. Return to Budapest where you can get dinner on your own on Váci utca, one of the main pedestrian thoroughfares and perhaps the most famous street of central Budapest. Conclude your day by attending a concert by one of the many professional orchestras in Budapest. B

Day 10 Saturday, October 10, 2026 Budapest
Enjoy a day for independent exploration of Budapest. Do some final souvenir shopping. Conclude your stay with a fun farewell dinner at Borkatakomba Étterem. Enjoy Hungarian food and dance as your tour comes to a close. B/D

Day 11 Sunday, October 11, 2026 Return to USA
Return to Minneapolis from Budapest on scheduled air service. Clear Customs. Welcome home! B/Inflight

PRE TOUR ZURICH EXTENSION

Day 1 Monday, September 28, 2026 Depart USA
Depart to Europe overnight on scheduled air service from MSP. Enjoy meals, beverages and inflight entertainment. Inflight

Day 2 Tuesday, September 29, 2026 Arrival Europe | Zurich
Morning arrival in Europe where you connect to Zurich. On arrival, meet your local European tour manager who will be with you throughout the extension program. Begin your sightseeing with an orientation tour of Zurich. See the Grossmünster, Fraumünster and visit the Old Town. Enjoy a walk along the lakeside promenade around Lake Zurich. Check-in at the hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner. Inflight/D

Day 3 Wednesday, September 30, 2026 Zurich
After breakfast at the hotel, you'll take an excursion out of Zurich to explore the natural beauty of the nearby Rhine Falls. With your tour manager, board a train and travel the short distance to Neuhausen am Rheinfall where you board a boat for the best view of the falls. After lunch on your own, return to Zurich with time to relax or explore independently in the afternoon. In the evening, enjoy a group dinner and a Q and A with Mankato native, Peter McGuire, who performs with the Tonhalle-Orchester Zürich. B/D

Day 4 Thursday, October 1, 2026 Zurich
Today you'll take a day-trip to charming Lucerne. Travel by train through some of the most beautiful landscapes in all of Europe. On arrival, take a short walking tour of the historic old town, waterfront and over the famous Chapel Bridge. Have time on your own to have lunch and explore. Return to Zurich later in the afternoon with time for dinner on your own and a concert as the culmination to your experience in Switzerland. B

Day 5 Friday, October 2, 2026 Zurich | Prague
Early morning hotel check out and transfer to the Zurich airport. Depart on your nonstop flight on Swiss International from Zurich to Prague. With a morning arrival, you'll meet the rest of the group in the arrivals hall. Continue the itinerary as outlined for the main tour. B/Inflight

TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare to Europe on scheduled carriers
- Air & Land or Land Only options available
- Transportation by deluxe motor coach in Europe
- Professional tour manager to facilitate the program
- 9-nights in 4-star hotels in twin/triple occupancy
- Breakfast daily and six (6) evening group dinners
- Sightseeing as listed in the itinerary with admissions
- Guided city-tours of Prague, Vienna, and Budapest
- Vienna State Opera Tour (if open/available)
- Day trips to Kutna Hora, Esterházy Palace, Szentendre
- Visit to Český Krumlov
- Admission to 3-concerts (Prague, Vienna, Budapest)
- Gratuities to guides | drivers | tour manager
- Online tour registration / individual billing
- Option to pay by debit / credit card (3% service fee)
- Complete set of travel documents
- Access to the GT App while traveling

INCLUDED IN EXTENSION

- 3-nights in a 4-star hotel in twin occupancy
- Motor coach transfers to/from the Zurich airport
- Transportation by Swiss Rail
- Flight from Zurich to Prague
- Breakfast daily and two (2) group dinners
- Sightseeing as listed in the itinerary with admissions
- Guided city-tours of Zurich and Lucerne
- Q & A with Mankato native, Peter McGuire in Zurich
- Admission to a concert in Zurich
- Gratuities to guides | drivers | tour manager

ESTIMATED TOUR PRICE

- \$5,395.00 per person air & land tour package
- \$4,195.00 per person land-only tour package (no group air)
- \$895.00 adult single occupancy room supplement

EST. EXTENSION PRICE

- \$2,195.00 per person air & land in twin occupancy
- \$495.00 adult single occupancy room supplement

TOUR FINANCE

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- \$500 deposit is due by 14-days after registration
- \$1200 payment due by February 15, 2026
- \$1200 payment due by April 30, 2026
- \$1200 payment due by June 30, 2026
- Final balance due by September 1, 2026

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- 120 or more days prior to departure = Full refund
- 119 to 90 days prior = \$500 cancellation fee (tour deposit)
- 89 to 60 days prior = \$1,000 cancellation fee
- 59 to 30 days prior = \$1,500 cancellation fee
- 29 to 0 days prior = No refund (100% penalty)

Note: GrandTours will be collecting all payments for the tour. Details about making payments for the tour by check or debit/credit are outlined in detail on the tour registration website. All debit/credit card charges will have a non-refundable 3% service fee added at the time the charge is processed. GrandTours will abide by the above cancellation policy without exception.

We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance trip protection that includes pre-trip cancellation and cancel-for-any-reason (CFAR) coverage. Travel insurance details are outlined on the tour registration website on the Travel Protection menu page. Reach out to GrandTours at any time with questions you may have about the tour program and registration process.



Rhine Falls



Lucerne



Zurich