

SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL Symphony Orchestra

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DAY ONE: Monday, April 6, 2020 – LOS ANGELES DEPARTURE

10.45am Arrive at Los Angeles International Airport and meet your World Projects Tour Manager who will assist with checking in with KLM.
After checking in your luggage and instruments, move through security onto the departure gate.

1.50pm Depart Los Angeles for Amsterdam on KLM flight KL#602.
Overnight en route.

DAY TWO: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 – Arrive AMSTERDAM (D)

9.10am Arrive in to Amsterdam. Pass through immigration, collect your luggage, and proceed with customs formalities.
You will be met by your local Tour Escorts who will travel with you throughout the tour.
Load the coaches and equipment truck and transfer to the city center.

Open-hearted, welcoming, and prosperous, Amsterdam is a good-time city that merrily opens its arms to all comers. It embraces its tourists, its cyclists, its boat-folk, and its multi-cultural community. It is friendly, unflappable, and approachable; a city confident in its own skin but with one eye fixed on the future, buzzing with creativity and bonhomie.

Afternoon Lunch on your own in Amsterdam.
After lunch, board your private canal boats for a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Amsterdam, which is best seen from the water. The canal boats will take you through the city's ingenious system of canals past its mansions, bridges, and flower market.

Late Afternoon Transfer and check-in to the:
Apollo Museum Hotel City Center
Pieter Cornelisz Hooftstraat 2
1071 BX, Amsterdam
The Netherlands

Evening There will be time to settle in and freshen up.
Enjoy a Welcome Dinner as a group at a local restaurant featuring Dutch cuisine, and then return to the hotel for an early night after a long day of travel!





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DAY THREE: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 – AMSTERDAM (B) – Sectional Clinics

Morning: Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
After breakfast, load the coaches (bring instruments) and depart for a visit to the Anne Frank House (*subject to ticket availability*).

The Anne Frank House is one of Amsterdam's most popular attractions for the insights it provides into the incarceration of 13-year-old Anne Frank and her Jewish family during the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam in World War II.



Afternoon Lunch on your own in the area.
After lunch, transfer to a local rehearsal venue and setup.
Enjoy **sectional clinics** with members of prominent Dutch orchestras (TBC – possibly the Concertgebouw, Dutch Philharmonic Orchestra, Metropole Orchestra, etc.). Clinics will be broken down into Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, and Percussion.

Evening Dinner on own in Amsterdam.
Following dinner, transfer to the Concertgebouw and take your seats.

7.30pm Enjoy a performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion featuring the Akademie für Alte Musik Berlin and RIAS Kammerchor. Following the concert, load the coaches and return to the hotel.

DAY FOUR: Thursday, April 9, 2020 – AMSTERDAM (B) – Performance

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
After breakfast, load the coaches (with instruments and performance attire) and depart for a visit to the Van Gogh Museum OR the Rijksmuseum.

Vincent van Gogh was born in 1853 in Groot-Zundert in the south of Holland and during his short life he produced over 800 paintings. More than 200 of his portraits, landscapes, and still-lives, plus more than 500 drawings, are held in the collections here, forming the biggest cache of Van Gogh in the world.



One of the world's premier art museums, the Rijksmuseum features collections that demonstrate the rich artistic heritage of the Netherlands from 1200 to today. It is especially known for its unparalleled collection of paintings from the Dutch Golden Age from masters such as Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Rubens.

Afternoon Lunch on your own in Amsterdam.
Transfer to location TBD – group **rehearsal** at location TBD.
After rehearsal, transfer to the Concertgebouw.
Evening Dinner on your own nearby the venue.
After dinner, return to the Concertgebouw and change into performance attire.
Sound check on stage at the Concertgebouw.
PERFORMANCE in conjunction with a local ensemble at the Concertgebouw.



This majestic concert venue first opened its doors in 1888 and is still touted as one of the most acoustically perfect concert halls in the world. It is home to the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra and many world-class orchestras and soloists line up for the chance of appearing in the hallowed Grote Zaal (Great Hall) of the Concertgebouw thanks to its perfect sound quality.

Following the concert, enjoy time to meet/greet the local ensemble then board the coaches and return to hotel.

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DAY FIVE: Friday, April 10, 2020 – AMSTERDAM (B)

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
Following breakfast, depart for a visit of Keukenhof – one of the world's largest flower gardens.



Afternoon Lunch on your own in the area.
After lunch, transfer to Zaanse Schans.



Zaanse Schans is an open-air museum located on a delightful old hamlet on the banks of the river Zaan with characteristic green wooden houses, charming gardens, tradesmen's workshops, historic windmills, and much more.

Later this afternoon, transfer to Edam and enjoy a visit to the Jacobshoeve farm where you'll be able to learn about cheese making and sample the products!
Transfer back to Amsterdam for dinner on your own then return to the hotel.

DAY SIX: Saturday, April 11, 2020 – AMSTERDAM → HAMM → BERLIN (B,D)

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
~7.00am Check-out of the hotel, load the coaches and instrument truck, and depart for Hamm – Santa Monica's Sister City.

An important transportation hub in the Ruhr Region, Hamm was founded in 1226 along the Lippe River. Hamm was hit hard in the Black Death Plague of 1350 and then again during the 30-Years' War in the early 17th century. During the 19th and 20th centuries, Hamm became an important center for the coal industry. Today, Hamm is still a center of Germany's energy industry and an important center of law as the location of Germany's Appeal's Court. Santa Monica and Hamm have been Sister Cities since 1969.

11.00am Arrive into Hamm – possible Sister City activity (TBC) and lunch on your own.
1.00pm Load the coaches and depart for Berlin.

In the 30 years since the Wall came tumbling down, Berlin has re-established itself as Germany's capital and gone through an urban and social transformation that has made it, once again, one of the most exciting cities in Europe. Superlative museums, grand (and grandiose) monuments, a performing arts scene that has no equal in Germany, fascinating neighborhoods to explore, fabulous parks and green spaces to enjoy, cafes, shopping, elegant restaurants and on-the-go street food—Berlin truly does have something for everyone.



Evening Upon arrival into Berlin, enjoy dinner as a group at a local restaurant.
Following dinner, transfer and check-in to the:

NH Berlin Alexanderplatz
Landsberger Allee 26
10249 Berlin, Germany

DAY SEVEN: Sunday, April 12, 2020 (Easter) – BERLIN (B,D)

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
 After breakfast, possibly attend Easter Mass at a prominent church such as the Berliner Dom or the American Church Berlin.
 Later this morning, visit the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe.

Berlin's Holocaust Memorial, located in Mitte on a stretch of the former "death strip" where the Wall once stood near Brandenburg Gate, is Berlin's stunning monument to the Holocaust, dedicated to the Jewish victims of the Nazi genocide of World War II. Impressive in its awesome grey soberness, rather than somberness, it includes an underground Ort der Information (Information Centre) located on the south- eastern side of the memorial grounds.



Afternoon Lunch on your own in Berlin.
 After lunch, meet your local guides and enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Berlin – sights to include such highlights as the Brandenburg Gate, Berlin Cathedral, the Reichstag, the Fernsehturm (TV Tower), and much more.
 Conclude your tour with a visit to Checkpoint Charlie, the name given by the Western Allies to the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East Berlin and West Berlin during the Cold War.
 Evening Enjoy an Easter Dinner as a group at a local restaurant, then return to the hotel.





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DAY EIGHT: Monday, April 13, 2020 – BERLIN (B) – Workshop & Performance

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Following breakfast, load the coaches and transfer to a local venue – possibly the Universität der Künste (UdK) Berlin (TBC). Enjoy a workshop with a member of the music faculty at the Universität der Künste (UdK) Berlin (TBC – subject to availability).
Afternoon	Lunch on your own in Berlin. Transfer to the Berliner Philharmonie – group rehearsal at the Berliner Philharmonie (TBC – <i>rehearsal is subject to availability of the hall</i>).
Evening	Dinner on your own nearby the venue. After dinner, return to the Philharmonie and change into performance attire. PERFORMANCE in conjunction with a local ensemble at the Berliner Philharmonie.

Home of the celebrated Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, the Berliner Philharmonie is one of the first and still among the finest modern concert halls ever constructed. Inaugurated in 1963 with a performance of Beethoven's 9th Symphony under the direction of Herbert van Karajan, the Philharmonie was designed in a "vineyard" surround-tiered style by the renowned architect, Hans Scharoun so that every one of the 2,440 seats feel close to the stage. Today, this remarkable hall with its stunning acoustics and architecture is a "cathedral" to classical music and every major orchestra and artist's dream to perform in.

Following the concert, enjoy a post-concert reception including snacks with members of the local ensemble. Afterwards, pack up and return to the hotel.



DAY NINE: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 – BERLIN (B,D)

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. This morning, enjoy further sightseeing in Berlin including a visit the Musikinstrumenten-Museum which houses a collection of over 3,200 instruments dating back to the 16 th century and a visit to the Reichstag Building Dome which offers stunning views of Berlin from above.
Afternoon	Lunch on own in Berlin. The afternoon is free to explore Berlin in approved chaperone groups – possibilities could include (all costs on own): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore one of Berlin's world-class museums such as the Pergamon Museum, the Neues Museum, or the Gemäldegalerie Wander the everchanging East Berlin neighborhood of Unter den Linden Enjoy a paddleboat ride along the Spree River Explore the shops and restaurants in the Ku'Damm and/or along Friedrichstraße
Evening	Enjoy a farewell dinner as a group then return to the hotel.



DAY TEN: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 – BERLIN → LOS ANGELES (B)

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Check out of the hotel, load coaches and equipment truck, and transfer to Berlin's Tegel International Airport. Arrive at the airport, check in for your flights, say good-bye to local Tour Escorts and move through security to your departure gate.
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GROUP #1 (up to 41 travelers):

6.00am	Depart Berlin for Amsterdam on KLM flight KL#1818.
7.20am	Arrive into Amsterdam Schiphol and locate your next departure gate.

GROUP #2 (up to 79 travelers):

9.05am	Depart Berlin for Amsterdam on KLM flight KL#1822.
10.35am	Arrive into Amsterdam Schiphol and locate your next departure gate.

ENTIRE GROUP:

12.45pm	Depart Amsterdam for Los Angeles on KLM flight KL#603.
2.55pm	Arrive back in to Los Angeles and proceed through customs and immigration.

WELCOME HOME!

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INCLUSIONS:

- » **ACTUAL** round-trip, economy class airfare on KLM Airlines (LAX-AMS, TXL-LAX) including current taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- » 1st Checked Bag Fee (currently all airlines include 1st piece of checked baggage subject to size/weight restrictions)
- » \$5,000 towards 2nd checked / overweight-oversize baggage
- » Hotel Accommodations:
 - Amsterdam– Four (4) nights at the Apollo Museum Hotel City Center
 - Berlin – Four (4) nights at the NH Berlin Alexanderplatz
- » Meals:
 - » Breakfast daily at the hotels (continental or hot buffet)
 - » Four (4) dinners as a group at the hotels/local restaurants
 - » One (1) Post Concert Reception after Berliner Philharmonie concert at location TBD
- » Full-sized deluxe touring coaches as required by the itinerary
- » Equipment Truck as required by the itinerary
- » One (1) local bi-lingual Tour Escort PER COACH for the duration of the tour in Europe
- » One (1) World Projects Tour Manager traveling with the group throughout the tour
- » Group sightseeing and admissions per itinerary including:
 - AMSTERDAM – Private Canal Cruise with local guides, Anne Frank House (subject to ticket availability), Van Gogh Museum or Rijksmuseum entrance, Keukenhof, Zaanse Schans, Jacobshoeve farm
 - BERLIN – Memorial to the Murdered Jews, Guided Tour, Musikinstrumenten-Museum, Reichstag Dome
- » Performance/workshop setup and promotion in The Netherlands and Germany as follows (TBC):
 - AMSTERDAM – Sectional clinics for Strings, Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion with members of prominent Amsterdam orchestras (TBC)
 - Rehearsal at location TBD prior to Concertgebouw concert
 - Performance in conjunction with a local orchestra TBC at the Concertgebouw (hall is confirmed and being held)
 - BERLIN – Workshop possibly with a member of the music faculty at the Universität der Künste (UdK) Berlin (TBC – subject to availability).
 - Performance in conjunction with a local orchestra TBC at the Berliner Philharmonie (hall is confirmed and being held)
- » Rental of five (5) double basses, percussion (timpani (set of 4), concert bass drum, orchestra bells, xylophone, chimes, gong), and music stands for sectionals, workshop and concerts
- » Piano at all concerts
- » Tips to Guides and Drivers in Europe
- » Certificate of Liability Insurance (upon request)
- » Taxes and tolls where applicable

EXCLUSIONS:

- » Ground Transportation to/from Los Angeles International Airport
- » 2nd checked baggage fees and overweight-oversized baggage charges in excess of \$5,000
- » Equipment Rental not listed in the inclusions such as additional percussion or basses, cellos, harp etc.
- » Program design and printing for each concert
- » Meals not indicated in the itinerary including lunches and some dinners / drinks at included dinners
- » Ticket to a performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion at the Concertgebouw (see supplemental pricing on costings page)
- » Items of a personal nature (laundry, room service, telephone fee, internet connection, mail, etc.)
- » Trip Cancellation Insurance