



The Summit United Methodist Church music ministry has been invited to participate in Advent Sing Vienna during the Advent season of 2020. Specifically December 3-7, 2020. The choir attending would be offered the opportunity to share their musical talent with enthusiastic audiences performing in several historic and stunning halls, churches and palaces, as well as local schools and senior homes in Vienna during this week while enjoying the fellowship and camaraderie of other choirs from around the world who are also participating. In addition there are marvelous sightseeing opportunities on this tour for those attending. Both singers as well as family members and non-singing attendees are invited and welcome to attend.

For more information please review the accompanying pages for a description of the opportunity.

Basic Info For you

Departure from US: Wednesday December 2, 2020

Festival Dates: Thursday December 3, 2020 to Sunday December 6, 2020

Return to US: Monday: December 7, 2020

Required number of attendees: We need a minimum of 30 attendees as that's the minimum a charter bus for the tour requires. Can be any combination of performers and tourists. Attendees do not have to be members of the Summit UMC community.

Cost of the trip: There are two separate costs involved: 1) Cost for attending the festival and 2) the airfare to travel to/from Vienna.

Vienna Festival Cost: \$1,275 for 2019 festival. Estimated similar cost to slightly higher cost for 2020.

What's included in this fee:

- Tour bus and transportation to all performances and venues on the tour
- Almost all meals
- Lodging: double occupancy lodging with an extra charge for single occupancy rooms.
- A dedicated tour operator who accompanies the group
- Tour handbook

Airfare: This will depend on airfare costs at the time of booking, but currently \$1,200-\$1,300 per person round trip. We have been advised to budget \$1,300 to \$1,500 per person for a trip two years from now from Newark/JFK. It may be possible to find less expensive airfare, but this was the festival's coordinators advice.

Total Cost: Double occupancy lodging plus airfare: **\$2,500 to \$2,800 per person** depending on airfare. Add about \$350 to the total cost for single occupancy lodging. Does not

include any costs for tourist incidentals such as souvenirs, snacks or other events the group may want to participate outside the formal tour.

Financial Resources: The church is unable to budget financial support for this trip. However, it is possible that the music ministry may hold fundraising events to defray some of the costs for the group. This fundraising is not guaranteed so each participant must be prepared to bear the entire cost of the tour plus airfare.

Required Deposit: In order to gauge interest and commitment we need to secure a **\$50 deposit from each attendee by February 1, 2019**. In the event UMC can't obtain the minimum 30 participants by February 1, 2019, this deposit will be refunded.

Other requirements: A valid passport for travel that does not have an expiration date sooner than June 10, 2021.



Advent Sing Vienna 2020 Individual Application

Due by February 1, 2019

Please complete the following application and return it with with a \$50 deposit per attendee in cash or check made out to "Summit United Methodist Church". Return this application to Polly in the church either in person or mail to the church to her attention. Please submit no later than February 1, 2019

Your Name: _____

Best Email Address: _____

Best Phone Number: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Name(s) of Performers: _____

Name(s) of tourists not performing:

I am submitting a deposit of \$50 per person with this application with the understanding that it will be applied to the costs for the people listed above and will be refunded to me if UMC does not have enough participants to attend the festival.

TOTAL DEPOSIT AMOUNT: _____

TODAYS DATE: _____



General Information

Vienna Advent Sing December 2-7 2020

Vienna is where Mozart found inspiration, Strauss wrote his famous waltzes, and Beethoven, Schoenberg, Berg, Haydn, Schubert, Liszt, and Bruckner lived and performed for decades. Now it is your turn! Join the International Advent Sing in Vienna and share your choir's repertoire in this incredible city of music and culture!

Perform concerts in Vienna's prestigious City Hall, where Strauss first presented the waltz to the world and where Pavarotti, Carreras, and Domingo performed. Sing in the gilded Abbey of Melk, considered the most stunning example of Baroque architecture in Europe, and share holiday songs at the festive Christmas market in front of Schönbrunn Palace, where a seven-year-old Mozart played for Empress Maria Theresa. Become part of a quintessential European Advent season!

Exchange with other choirs attending the festival from around the world, and hear their unique musical presentations. Soak up the ambiance and magic of the season as you stroll the festively adorned streets of the city and browse the many Christmas markets for souvenirs and specialty items from Austria. Enjoy a traditional dinner in the 800-year-old wine village of Gumpoldskirchen.

Take this opportunity to bring your choir to the home of classical music in Europe and add your voices to this festive celebration of the holiday season.

Schedule Overview

WEDNESDAY, December 2, | DEPARTURE FROM NORTH AMERICA

THURSDAY, December 3 | ARRIVAL IN VIENNA AND WELCOME DINNER

FRIDAY, December 4 | CONCERT IN SENIOR CENTER OR SCHOOL, SIGHTSEEING

SATURDAY, December 5 | CONCERT IN THE FESTIVAL HALL OF THE VIENNA CITY HALL, SIGHTSEEING

SUNDAY, December 6 | CONCERT AT MELK ABBEY AND CLOSING CEREMONY

MONDAY, December 7 | DEPARTURE