

# Stetson University Chamber Orchestra American Celebration of Music in Germany

May 11-19, 2026 (7 nights/9 days)

## **Day 1 Monday, May 11, 2026**

Depart via scheduled air service to Berlin, Germany

## **Day 2 Tuesday, May 12 Berlin (D)**

Arrive in Berlin

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach

Take a panoramic introductory tour of Berlin's highlights and a Spree River Cruise (explore Berlin's magnificent architectural treasures and experience the city's amazing transformation by boat on a one-hour cruise on the River Spree)

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Welcome Dinner included, and overnight

*Berlin, for so long a symbol of the world's division into two opposing camps, owes its economic and cultural dynamism today to the fact that both the Federal Republic and what used to be called East Germany had for thirty years been determined to use the city as a shop window for their respective ways of life. Berlin became truly important under the reign of Friedrich-Wilhelm of Brandenburg. He welcomed the influx of French Huguenot craftsmen, theologians, doctors and scholars who helped transform the city and strengthen its influence on its neighbors*

## **Day 3 Wednesday, May 13 Berlin (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day sightseeing of the eastern sector of Berlin with its famous Unter den Linden Strasse, (iconic boulevard of linden trees), the Russian War Memorial, what remains of "the wall," and "Checkpoint Charley" as we pass into the western sector to experience Kurfurstendamm Strasse, home to some of Berlin's most luxurious stores. Also see Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Berlin Dom, Reichstag, etc.

Lunch, on own

*Afternoon Rehearsal*

*Stetson University Chamber Orchestra performance at Heilig-Kreuz-Kirche in Berlin as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany\**

Dinner included, and overnight

## **Day 4 Thursday, May 14 Leipzig (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning transfer to Leipzig

Lunch, on own

A guided tour of Leipzig includes entrance to the Bach Museum. The reconstructed Bose House stands in the shadow of the Thomaskirche. It was once the home of the Bach family and now contains the largest Bach archives



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in Germany, as well as many mementos of the composer. In the Bach Museum, visitors can view manuscripts and artifacts from his life, along with his final resting place  
Dinner included, and overnight

*Leipzig has musical associations with some of the greatest of all composers: Bach worked and lived here a big part of his life; Mendelssohn was born and lived here; Wagner was born here (but never lived here), and the nearby town of Halle is the birthplace of Georg Frederick Händel*

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**Day 5      Friday, May 15                      Leipzig / Halle                      (B,D)**

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Breakfast at the hotel  
Enjoy a guided tour of Leipzig, which includes entrance to the Mendelssohn Museum. The Museum was the residence of composer Felix Mendelssohn from 1845 till his untimely death in 1847 at the age of 38. Today, the Museum has a collection about the life and work of the composer  
Lunch, on own  
Excursion to Halle  
Visit the birthplace of George Friderich Handel. The tour includes *Händel House*, built in 1558 and now a museum housing a collection of historic music instruments and an exhibition about the composer's life  
***Stetson University Chamber Orchestra performance at Handel Haus in Halle as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany\****  
Return to Leipzig  
Dinner included, and overnight

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**Day 6      Saturday, May 16                      Nuremberg / Rothenburg                      (B,D)**

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Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out  
Transfer to Rothenburg via Nuremberg  
Excursion to Nuremberg. See the Altstadt (Old Town) features half-timbered houses, cobblestone streets, and the imposing Kaiserburg Castle, which offers panoramic views of the city. Also explore the Hauptmarkt, a bustling square home to the beautiful Gothic-style Church of Our Lady and the ornate Schöner Brunnen (Beautiful Fountain). History comes alive at the Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds, which presents an in-depth look at the city's role during the Third Reich. Nuremberg is also known for its traditional Franconian cuisine, locally brewed beer, and world-famous Christmas Market (Christkindlesmarkt) during the holiday season  
Lunch, on own  
Continue to Rothenburg  
Enjoy an orientation tour of Rothenburg. See the Market Square. Surrounded by historic buildings, this square has been the center of life in the town for centuries. Also see the Castle Gardens, located on the western edge of town. Though the original castle was destroyed in an earthquake, the gardens offer a tranquil setting with beautiful views of the Tauber Valley  
Dinner included, and overnight

*Rothenburg ob der Tauber is a picturesque medieval town located in the Franconia region of Bavaria, Germany. Known for its well-preserved medieval architecture, Rothenburg is one of the best examples of a walled medieval city in Germany. The city dates back to the 12th century and*





*flourished during the late Middle Ages. The town was an important trading hub and a free imperial city within the Holy Roman Empire*

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**Day 7      Sunday, May 17      Rothenburg      (B,D)**

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Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a guided tour of Rothenburg. Officially known as Rothenburg ob der Tauber, this medieval town (one of the oldest on the Romantic Road), takes every visitor right back to the middle of the 16th Century. See the Town Hall, St. Jakobskirche, and the Plönlein. This picturesque fork in the road, with its charming half-timbered houses and cobblestone streets, is a quintessential image of Rothenburg and a popular photo spot

Lunch, on own

*Stetson University Chamber Orchestra performance at Franziskanerkirche in Rothenburg as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany\**

Dinner included, and overnight

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**Day 8      Monday, May 18      Rothenburg      (B,D)**

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Breakfast at the hotel

Embark on a scenic and culturally enriching excursion along Germany's renowned Romantic Road, one of the country's most picturesque and historic routes. This journey offers a glimpse into medieval towns, charming villages, and stunning landscapes, where every stop tells a story of Germany's past. Also visit Dinkelsbühl, a quintessential Bavarian town brimming with medieval charm. Known for its well-preserved medieval architecture, Dinkelsbühl offers visitors an opportunity to stroll along its cobblestone streets, surrounded by colorful half-timbered houses and imposing town walls. Also see Dinkelsbühl's old town, St. George's Church, a remarkable Gothic structure with an impressive interior. The town's historic city wall and **gates** provide a glimpse into the past, offering excellent photo opportunities. Finally, see the former castle, which now houses a small museum, and the charming town square, which is often bustling with local markets

Lunch, on own

Return to Rothenburg

Farewell Dinner included, and overnight

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**Day 9      Tuesday, May 19      Depart for home      (B)**

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Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Frankfurt Airport for return flight home

*\*Subject to confirmation*

***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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