

**Miami University Choir, Ohio, USA**  
**Directors: Dr Ethan Sperry & Dr. William Bausano**  
**Concert tour of Russia, Estonia and Finland, May 2003**  
**Suggested Itinerary**

Tue May 6 IN FLIGHT	8.00am 10.45am 10.59am 4.20pm	Check in at Cincinnati airport Depart on United flight 1403 to Chicago Arrive in Chicago and change planes Depart on Scandinavian Air flight 945 to Stockholm
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Wed May 7 HELSINKI	7.35am 8.30am  10.25am	Arrive at Stockholm and change planes Depart on Scandinavian Air flight 1704 to Helsinki Ramada Presidentti Arrive at Helsinki airport Clear Immigration and Customs and meet your couriers Transfer by coach to the hotel and check in
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*Helsinki is a modern-looking city, with handsome streets and boulevards. The white facades of its buildings have earned it the name of the "white city of the north". The port, dotted with small islands, harbours ships from around the world.*

evening	Dinner in the hotel
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Thu May 8 HELSINKI	morning  afternoon evening	Breakfast in the hotel Guided sightseeing tour Lunch independent Rehearsal Concert (in the Church in the Rock?) Dinner in a restaurant
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Fri May 9 TALLINN	morning	Breakfast in the hotel Depart by catamaran for Tallinn Arrive in Tallinn and check in to the hotel
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*Capital of the smallest Baltic Republic, Estonia, Tallinn is today the best preserved of the old North Hanseatic towns. A rich heritage of medieval buildings is preserved, including the 13th-century Toompea Castle, which dominates the city. Tallinn is well-known for its national song festival, which takes place every four years. The huge open-air stage can hold up to 25,000 singers, and the event is attended by up to 150,000 people*

evening	Dinner in the hotel
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Sat May 10 TALLINN	morning  afternoon evening	Breakfast in the hotel Guided sightseeing tour, during which you will see the Song Festival site, Toompea Castle, the 14th-century Town Hall, the Niguliste Church, and the 15th-century bastion called "Kiek-in de-kok", so called because from its vantage point, you are meant to be able to see into all the town's kitchens Lunch independent Rehearsal with orchestra Concert with orchestra (in the Estonia Concert Hall?) Dinner in a restaurant
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Sun May 11	morning	Breakfast in the hotel
ST PETERSBURG		Depart by coach for St Petersburg (c. 6 hrs)
		Lunch independent en route
	afternoon	Arrive in St Petersburg and check in to the hotel

*St Petersburg, Tsar Peter the Great's "window on the world", is Russia's most cosmopolitan city. Standing on 101 islands linked by rivers, canals and charming bridges, its sheer elegance has attracted visitors for generations*

evening	Dinner in the hotel
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Mon May 12	morning	Breakfast in the hotel
ST PETERSBURG		Guided sightseeing tour on arrival, during which you will see the Peter and Paul Fortress, St Isaac's Cathedral, Palace Square
		Lunch independent
	afternoon	Transfer by coach to Pushkin?
		Rehearsal
	evening	A cappella concert (in the Grecian Palace?)
		Dinner in a restaurant

Tue May 13	morning	Breakfast in the hotel
ST PETERSBURG		Guided tour of the Hermitage Museum, the Tsars' former winter palace, which houses perhaps the most fabulous collection of painting and applied arts in the world
		Lunch independent
	afternoon	Rehearsal with orchestra
	evening	Concert with orchestra (in the Philharmonic Hall?)
		Dinner in a restaurant

Wed May 14	morning	Breakfast in the hotel
NOVGOROD		Depart by coach for Novgorod (c. 3.5 hrs)
		Lunch independent
		Arrive in Novgorod and check in to the hotel

*With a history of eleven centuries, Novgorod is perhaps the Russian city richest in native art treasures and monuments. The Kremlin is certainly its most striking landmark, but it also contains other jewels such as The Cathedral of St Sophia, one of the finest examples of early Russian architecture*

afternoon	Rehearsal
evening	Joint concert (co-ordinated with your own contacts?)
	Dinner in the hotel

Thu May 15	morning	Breakfast in the hotel
TRAIN		Guided sightseeing tour
		Lunch independent
	evening	Dinner in a restaurant
		Depart by train for Moscow

Fri May 16 MOSCOW	morning	Snack breakfast on board Arrive in Moscow
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*Russia's administrative and political capital, Moscow is a wonderful blend of old and new, rich in history and yet vibrant and full of life. Its great landmarks, St Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin, are still powerful symbols of all things Russian*

		Guided sightseeing tour on arrival, during which you will see, among other sights, St Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin, both in Red Square, Novodevichy Convent, and the spectacular view of the city from Moscow University.
	afternoon	Lunch independent Check in to the hotel
	evening	Rehearsal Concert (in the Concert Hall of the National Library?) Dinner in the hotel
Sat May 17 MOSCOW	morning	Breakfast in the hotel Guided tour of the Kremlin Armory Museum, with its outstanding displays of treasures collected by some of the former Tsars, including priceless Fabergé eggs
	afternoon	Lunch independent
	evening	Rehearsal with orchestra Concert with orchestra (in Tchaikovsky Hall?) Farewell dinner in a restaurant
Sun May 18 COPENHAGEN	morning	Breakfast in the hotel Transfer by coach to the airport and check in
	3.50pm	Depart on Scandinavian Air flight 735 to Copenhagen
	4.25pm	Arrive at Copenhagen airport Transfer to the hotel
Mon May 19 HOME	morning	Breakfast in the hotel At leisure
	afternoon	Transfer to the Copenhagen airport and check in
	3.40pm	Depart on Scandinavian Air flight 943 to Chicago
	5.40pm	Arrive at Chicago
	8.45pm	Depart on United flight 1182 for Cincinnati
	10.54pm	Arrive at Cincinnati airport

#### Accommodations

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