

**CASCADE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 CONCERT TOUR OF SLOVENIA, SERBIA & ROMANIA, JUNE/JULY 2020**

**Suggested Itinerary
 March 29, 2019**

Day 1

IN FLIGHT

Check in at Seattle airport
 Depart on flight(s) to Zagreb

Day 2

LJUBLJANA

Arrive at Zagreb airport
 Clear Immigration and Customs and meet your courier
 Depart by coach for Ljubljana (c. 2 hrs)
 Arrive in Ljubljana and check in to the hotel
Slovenia's capital is a university town that has passed its 2,000th year. Dominated by a medieval citadel, it occupies a magnificent position on the banks of the Ljubljanica River. It has hosted many international sporting events, has a thriving cultural life, and a famous opera house and concert hall
 Dinner in the hotel

evening

Day 3

LJUBLJANA

Breakfast in the hotel
 Guided sightseeing tour, including entrance to Ljubljana Castle
 Lunch independent
 At leisure
 Dinner in a restaurant

morning

afternoon

evening

Day 4

LJUBLJANA

Breakfast in the hotel
 Excursion by coach to Bled, including a Pletna boat cruise to Bled Island
Popular with tourists, Bled is well placed on the edge of Lake Bled in the shadow of the picturesque medieval Bled Castle. Out on the lake, Bled Island has been the site of a Christian church since the 9th century
 Lunch independent
 Return by coach to Ljubljana
 Rehearsal
Concert (in St Jacob's Church as part of the summer music festival?)
 Dinner in a restaurant

afternoon

evening

Ljubljana, Slovenia



Day 5**BELGRADE**

morning

Breakfast in the hotel

Depart by coach for Zagreb (c. 2 hrs)

Lunch independent and time at leisure in Zagreb

*The capital of Croatia, Zagreb grew up in the Middle Ages as two neighboring fortified towns, one secular, one ecclesiastical, on a hill above the River Sava.**Together they now make up the city's Upper Town, whilst the Lower Town with its wide avenues and gardens is typical of 19th-century central Europe*

afternoon

Continue by coach to Belgrade (c. 5 hrs)

Arrive in Belgrade and check in to the hotel

evening

Dinner in the hotel

Day 6**BELGRADE**

morning

Breakfast in the hotel

Guided sightseeing tour

Lunch independent

afternoon

Rehearsal

evening

Concert (in Kolarac Hall?)

Dinner in a restaurant

Day 7**SIBIU**

morning

Breakfast in the hotel

Depart by coach for Timisoara (c. 3 hrs)

Lunch independent and time at leisure in Timisoara

*Timisoara has several claims to fame – one of the first cities in the world to have horse-drawn trams, and the first in Europe to have electric street-lighting.**These days, it's best known as the birthplace of the 1989 revolution, which led to the downfall of Nicolae Ceausescu's regime*

afternoon

Continue by coach to Sibiu (c. 4 hrs)

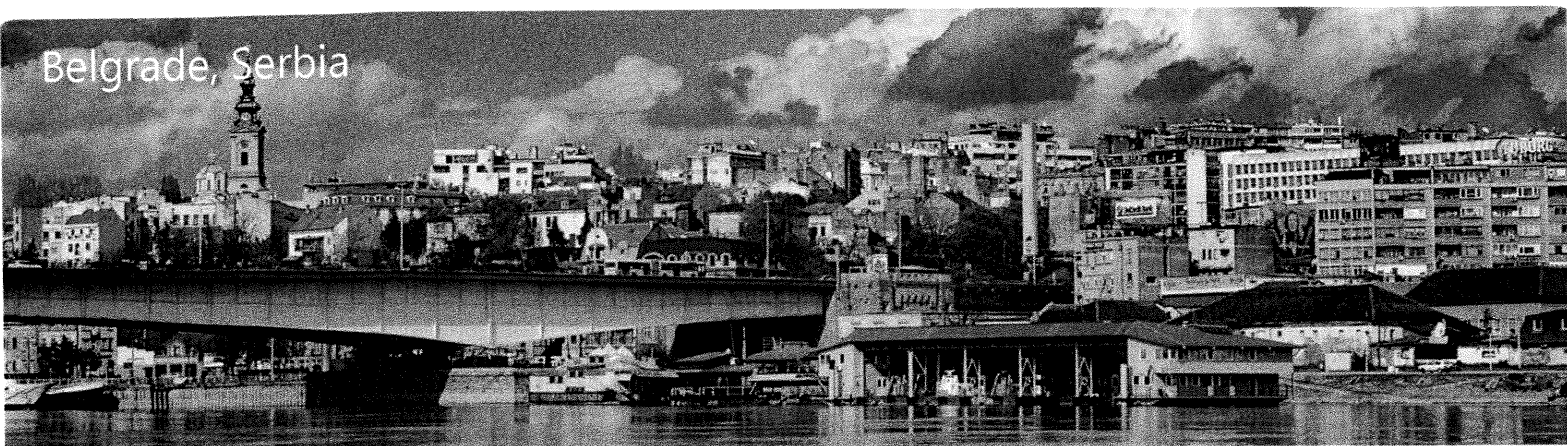
Arrive in Sibiu and check in to the hotel

*Sibiu has preserved its walled Old Town, where the Middle Ages still seem alive.**The baroque Brukenthal Palace, converted in 1817 to the Brukenthal Museum, is one of Europe's oldest museums*

evening

Dinner in the hotel

Belgrade, Serbia



Day 8**SIBIU**

morning Breakfast in the hotel
Guided walking tour
Lunch independent

afternoon Rehearsal

evening **Concert** (in the Sala Thalia Philharmonic Hall?)
Dinner in a restaurant

Day 9**BRASOV**

morning Breakfast in the hotel
Depart by coach for Brasov (c. 3 hrs), stopping en route in Fagaras to visit the 14th-century Citadel
Lunch independent

afternoon Arrive in Brasov and check in to the hotel
Brasov, at the foot of the Southern Carpathian mountains, is Romania's second largest city. Medieval landmarks, many in a remarkable state of preservation, chronicle a rich and varied history

evening Dinner in the hotel

Day 10**BRASOV**

morning Breakfast in the hotel
Entrance to Bran Castle
Lunch independent

afternoon Rehearsal

evening **Concert** (in Patria Concert Hall?)
Dinner in a restaurant

Day 11**BUCHAREST**

morning Breakfast in the hotel
Depart by coach for Bucharest (c. 3 hrs), stopping en route at Peles Castle (entrance included)
Peles Castle was built by the King of Romania as his summer palace between 1887 and 1914. The technology used in its construction was very advanced for its time, with electricity, telephones, elevators and even a central vacuuming system!
Lunch independent

afternoon Arrive in Bucharest and check in to the hotel
The tree-lined boulevards and flower-studded parks of Bucharest resemble those of Paris. Much of the old city has been destroyed, but some precious reminders of the past remain, like the Byzantine Metropolitan Church and the French neoclassical House of the Army

evening Dinner in the hotel

Brasov



Day 12**BUCHAREST**

morning Breakfast in the hotel
Guided sightseeing tour, including entrance to the Parliamentary Palace
Lunch independent

afternoon Rehearsal

evening **Concert** (in the Romanian Athenaeum?)
Farewell dinner in a restaurant

Day 13**HOME**

morning Breakfast in the hotel
Transfer by coach to the airport and check in
Depart on flight(s) to Seattle
Arrive at Seattle airport

*NB: driving times are estimates, based on normal road conditions,
and do not include allowances for meal or rest stops*

