

AUSTA NATIONAL ORCHESTRA TOUR

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2019



COME AND JOIN US TO PLAY IN SOME OF THE MOST GORGEOUS LOCATIONS IN EUROPE!

Following the very successful tour in September 2016 to Italy, Austria and Czech Republic, AUSTA National is very pleased to confirm that arrangements for the AUSTA National Orchestra Tour for 2019 from 18 September - 5 October from Paris to Budapest are well underway. The response to this tour since it was announced last year has been astounding. Members and indeed the string community in Australia really appreciate the value to have the opportunity play and engage with each other in an exciting environment.

As many of you already know, the plan is that we fly to Paris to rehearse for two days then perform there in as part of the Concert Series, Les Dimanches Musicaux at Eglise de la Madeleine,. We then travel to Metz, Lake Constance, Innsbruck, Salzburg, then finally, Budapest, performing once in each city. There will be of course plenty of time to attend classes, concerts, workshops, do some sight-seeing of your own accord and of course socialise to your heart's content!. Some important things to note are:

- ❖ The Tour is open to all AUSTA members that are at least A Mus A. Spouses, partners and friends are also welcome to come and need not be AUSTA members.
- ❖ Our tour providers will be Music & Tour Travel Consultants Ltd who are based in London. Communication to them is strictly through AUSTA.
- ❖ Repertoire will be available well beforehand and we would encourage each chapter to have one or two rehearsals before we go.
- ❖ As this would be deemed as professional development, all costs would be a tax deduction for professional musicians, teachers and luthiers. You may be able to have some or all the costs covered by your school or institution. We suggest that you apply for this as soon as you can if this applies to you.
- ❖ Accommodation will be mostly 4 stars. All breakfasts, Welcoming Dinner and Farewell Dinner are included but all other meals will need to be paid for separately.
- ❖ You would need to book your own flights to and from Europe. All transfers within the tour are included. Travel before or after the tour is entirely up to you. Each tour member would need to have their own travel insurance organised.
- ❖ A relatively small administration, contingency and incidental expenses fee of \$150 will need to be paid by each Tour Member including relatives and friends.
- ❖ Double bassists please note that we will be able to have the use of a hire instrument in each city so there is no need to bring your bass from home if you choose not to. There will be no extra charge for you if you decide to use the hire bass.
- ❖ A summary of the tour and costs per person is given in the table below. Importantly, there is a payment plan which you need to note in your diary. All payments will be handled by AUSTA National and passed on directly to our tour operators. Due to currency fluctuations, the actual price of the tour could be either cheaper or more expensive. Naturally we have no control over this.
- ❖ I will essentially be your Tour Manager. To register your interest, if you have not already done so, please email me at austanationalnewsflash@austanational.com I will then send you a more detailed itinerary to peruse.

Stephen Chin
 Immediate Past AUSTA National President
 AUSTA Overseas Tour Organiser

Location	Dates / Nights	TWIN SHARE ROOM - AUD 5830.00 (approx.) PAYMENT PLAN (airfares not included)	SINGLE ROOM - AUD 8730.00 (approx.) PAYMENT PLAN (airfares not included)
Paris	18 – 23 Sep 2019 (5 nights)	AUD 1750 due 1/9/2018 (Non – refundable deposit)	AUD 2620 due 1/9/2018 (Non – refundable deposit)
Metz	23 – 24 Sep 2019 (1 night)	AUD 150 per person due 1/9/2018 (AUSTA fee - Non – refundable)	AUD 150 due 1/9/2018 (AUSTA fee - Non – refundable)
Lake Konstanz	24 – 27 Sep 2019 (3 nights)	AUD 2340 due 1/3/2019	AUD 3490 due 1/3/2019
Innsbruck	27 – 29 Sep 2019 (2 nights)	AUD 1740 due 1/7/2019	AUD 2620 due 1/7/2019
Salzburg	29 Sep – 2 Oct 2019 (3 nights)		
Budapest	2 – 5 Oct 2019 (3 nights)		