

## TOUR SCHEDULE

Depart USA  
**May 18, 2010**

Arrive St. Petersburg Russia  
**May 19**

Rehearsal & Sightseeing  
**May 20 & 21**

American Choral Concert  
performance in St. Petersburg  
**May 22**

Joint Russian / American concert  
**May 23**

Explore Rural Russia  
(with possible concert)  
**May 24 & 25**

Travel to Moscow  
**May 26**

Sightseeing tour and rehearsal  
**May 27 & 28**

American Choral Concert  
**May 29**

Performance at the State  
Kremlin Palace, Moscow  
**May 30**

Sightseeing and shopping  
**May 31**

Return to USA  
**June 1**

## ABOUT THE TOUR...

The musical centerpiece of our performance tour will be the most famous and glorious sections from George Frederick Handel's Baroque masterpiece, his Messiah. We will also perform spiritual and patriotic works by modern American composers; in similar fashion, our hosts will perform works celebratory of the Russian spirit and nation.

As well as explore the historic cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg, participants will experience the Russian countryside, visiting numerous villages each quaint and unique in its way. Each day offers opportunities for sightseeing; equally important, tour members will have time for fellowship with our Russian hosts, getting to know them intimately. What better way to get to know a country and its people than to travel, perform, and praise with each other, as one?

If an accomplished choir of 50 or more members joins the tour, that choir may be invited to perform a selection of its own, by itself. If you are traveling with a church or other organization that would like to extend its stay (in order to perform other musical or missionary work), you are welcome to do so.

You don't have to sing or play an instrument to join the tour! A tour of this scope needs volunteers to minister, assist, and intercede in manifold ways. If you feel called, please come: your special gifts—including a simple helping hand and prayerful good will—can contribute mightily to the success of this tour.

Don't miss this history-making performance in one of the world's most historic, most beautiful, most prestigious venues.

## AUDITIONING AND APPLICATION...

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address

Vocal Part

Instrumental Part

Other

Choral and instrumental auditions will be held 22 August 2009. If needed, additional audition dates and times will be announced on our web site: [www.messiahproject.org](http://www.messiahproject.org).

There will be an audition and application fee of \$10.00, which can be paid by cash, check, or credit card.

On-line application is preferred. We hope that interested participants will register on-line; however, feel free to fill out the form and mail it in with your audition fee.

### Cost of Tour:

The 14-day tour will cost approximately \$3000,\* which includes airfare from a major port city in the USA, all ground transportation in Russia, lodging in 3-star hotels, 6 guided sightseeing tours, and 26 meals. Some participants may incur additional expenses, including a current passport and/or visa, copies of the music, and appropriate attire. Upgrade options for lodging as well as tour extensions are available upon request.

\* Final cost is subject to change, as determined by fluctuations in airfare.

The schedule of payments is as follows. After auditions, a \$300.00 deposit will be due by September 15; additional payments of \$900.00 each will be due by 15 November 2009, 15 January 2010, and 15 March 2010.

Tour expenses may be tax deductible. You can request more information via email at [messiahpro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:messiahpro@sbcglobal.net).