

MARS Presents!
An Evening at the Embassies
Washington, DC
2011 & 2012
2 Nights – 3 Days

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Uniting People through Musical Diplomacy

Exclusive access to the Embassies in the Nation's Capital; these events offer audiences the opportunity to participate in a cultural exchange—to watch and listen to a musical performance highlighting contributions of a particular country. Your educational musical experience includes a great reception in the host embassy or residence immediately following the concert. Guests are encouraged to interact with the featured artist of the evening.



Day One

- Arrive in **Washington, DC** and **check in to an Embassy Row Hotel**. **Baggage** handling included.
- Visit **Anderson House**. This is a hidden gem in Washington, D.C. The Anderson House was the winter residence of Larz Anderson, an American diplomat to Japan, and his wife, Isabel Weld Perkins, an author and Red Cross volunteer. Architects Arthur Little and Herbert Browne of Boston designed Anderson House in the Beaux-Arts, or Academic Classical, style at a cost of over \$750,000 in 1905 when construction was

complete. The Andersons used the house to entertain the social and political elite of America and abroad, as well as to showcase their collection of fine and decorative art and historic artifacts that the couple acquired in their extensive travels.

- Drive **Embassy Row** en route to tour the **Washington National Cathedral**. After the Civil War, the powerful and socially elite built large mansions along Massachusetts Ave. After the Great Depression, many of the families who built these homes went broke. Today, the area is known as **Embassy Row**. Embassies, associations, foundations, and clubs have claimed and restored these lovely homes.
 - Tour the **Washington National Cathedral**. In a city of impressive monuments, memorials, and historic sites, the National Cathedral is unique. Standing higher than the Washington Monument, it is the sixth largest church in the world. This 14th-Century-style Gothic wonder is situated on 57 acres and took 83 years to build. Helen Keller and Woodrow Wilson, the only President buried within Washington, DC, are interred here. It is a living symbol of our country's heritage of faith and religious freedom.
 - **Dinner** included in a fine restaurant along the waterfront in historic Georgetown.
 - After dinner continue with an **Illuminated Monument Tour**.
 - Stop at the **Air Force Memorial** built on a hillside overlooking the **Pentagon**. The memorial is bold and graceful and truly representational of the Air Force. Central to the design are three stainless steel spires which soar skyward. The highest of the spires ascends 270' above the 3-acre elevated promontory site. Other key elements of the Memorial include a bronze Honor Guard, inscription walls, and an open glass Chamber of Contemplation, all landscaped to create a park.
 - You can see the **Pentagon** from the Air Force Memorial. The Pentagon is the world's largest office building. With over 17 miles of hallways and a telephone system that rivals many of the world's smaller cities, the pentagon is an engineering masterpiece and headquarters of the United States Department of Defense. On September 11, 2001 the Pentagon was a target by terrorist in an attack against The United States.
 - Visit the **NEW September 11, 2001 Memorial at the Pentagon**. One hundred eighty four lives were lost in a single moment at the Pentagon – one hundred eighty four individuals forever linked through the horrific events that unfolded that day. Thousands of others lost their lives and suffered injury while millions wept.
 - Stop at the **Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial**. The FDR is unique among the memorials of Washington, DC. Its shade trees, waterfalls, statuary and quiet alcoves create the feeling of a secluded garden rather than an imposing structure. The memorial is divided into four outdoor galleries, or rooms, one for each of FDR's terms in office. Water cascades and quiet pools are present throughout.
 - Stop at the **NEW Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial (available after August 28, 2011)**. The King National Memorial celebrates the powerful words of Dr. King and their ongoing ability to lead us toward a better world for everyone. Visit this historic monument and feel inspired to turn dreams into actions. The long awaited memorial utilizes landscape elements to powerfully convey three fundamental and recurring themes of Dr. King's life: justice, democracy and hope. *A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus... Martin Luther King, Jr.*
 - Stop at the **Jefferson Memorial**. The 19-foot statue of the third president stands beneath a rotunda inscribed with passages from the *Declaration of Independence* and Jefferson's other famous writings.
 - Walk through The **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**. Two months after President Kennedy's assassination in November 1963, Congress designated the National Cultural Center as a "living memorial" to Kennedy, and authorized \$23 million to help build what was now known as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
 - See the world-famous **bronze bust** of **President John Fitzgerald Kennedy** in the Grand
 - Stop at the **Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)**. One of the largest bronze statues ever cast depicts the American Flag being raised on Mount Suribachi during World War II and commemorates all Marines who have died in battle since 1775. The views of Washington from this memorial are spectacular.
- Meals: D

Day Two

- **Breakfast** included this morning.

- Visit the **National Gallery of Art** housing an outstanding collection of masterpieces that trace the development of Western art from the Middle Ages to the present. The original **West Building** concentrates primarily on European works from the 13th century, while its contemporary counterpart, the **East Building**, highlights works of modern artists.
- Enjoy **lunch on your own** today at the **Cascade Café**, with a view of the cascade waterfall. Located in the **National Gallery of Art** the Cascade Café offers soups, salads, specialty entrées, wood-fired pizzas, sandwiches, and a selection of fresh pastries and desserts. The Cascade Café features daily Chef's Table specials.
- Nestled among the embassies is the grand estate of **Hillwood**. Tour **Hillwood Museum and Gardens using Acoustiguide Audio. This random-access tour includes a narrated 90-minute Mansion tour and time to visit the greenhouses.** The mansion is the former home of cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post. One of the premier art collector's house museums in the United States, Hillwood features Marjorie Merriweather Post's renowned personal collections of fine and decorative arts, including the most comprehensive collections of 18th- and 19th- century **Russian imperial art** outside of Russia, and one of the world's most important collections of **French decorative art.**
 - Walk on exquisite inlaid floors. Put your nose close to the glass. You will be wowed by the collection of the Russian Czars. Gold, silver, platinum, enamel, emeralds, rubies, diamonds, & pearls; Furniture of Kings & Queens. Rare Faberge Eggs (one of Faberge's Eggs sold at auction for over \$21 million dollars); some of the finest porcelain in the world; painting and prints that are the envy of major museums, and much more! Get up-close-and-personal. See Mrs. Post's bedroom, dressing room, bathroom, and closet that still have her clothes and shoes in it. Go behind the scene into everyday life and check out the kitchen and pantry where meals were prepared for the rich and powerful.
 - Hillwood's gardens combine twelve acres of lawns and formal plantings with thirteen acres of native woodland beyond and include a circular rose garden; a formal French parterre outside the drawing room of the mansion; a large crescent-shaped lunar lawn; a traditional Japanese-style garden and waterfall representing a mountain landscape in miniature; and a greenhouse for orchids.
- **Dinner** included this evening
- **Evening at the Embassy:**
Meals: B, D

Evening at the Embassy

Note: Custom dates and programs may be available upon request

SONGS OF THE VILNA GHETTO

EXPERIENCE

09/15/2011 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF LITHUANIA

2622 16TH STREET, NW

HIGH STRINGS- DEEP VOICE

09/16/2011 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF AUSTRIA

3524 INTERNATIONAL COURT, NW

JOSEF ŠPAČEK, VIOLIN

10/21/2011 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

3900 SPRING OF FREEDOM STREET, NW

RAN DANK, PIANO

11/01/2011 7:30 pm

VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED

ÁDÁM GYÖRGY, PIANO

11/09/2011 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF HUNGARY

2950 SPRING OF FREEDOM, NW

ÁDÁM GYÖRGY, PIANO

11/10/2011 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF HUNGARY

2950 SPRING OF FREEDOM, NW

**GERDAN-KALEIDOSCOPE OF WORLD
MUSIC**

11/16/2011 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF UKRAINE
3350 M STREET

A LUXEMBOURG CHRISTMAS

12/01/2011 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF LUXEMBOURG
2200 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NW

A LUXEMBOURG CHRISTMAS

12/02/2011 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF LUXEMBOURG
2200 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NW

A LUXEMBOURG CHRISTMAS

12/03/2011 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF LUXEMBOURG
2200 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NW

MATEI VARGA, PIANO

12/09/2011 7:30 pm

ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE
2500 30TH STREET, NW

EFE BALTACIGIL, CELLO

AMY YANG, PIANO

12/09/2011 7:30 pm

TURKISH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE
1606 23RD STREET, NW

**SCHUBERT & VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS
QUINTETS**

12/09/2011 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF AUSTRIA 3524
INTERNATIONAL COURT, NW

RAY CHEN, VIOLIN

JULIO ELIZALDE, PIANO

03/16/2012 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF AUSTRIA

1600 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NW

BELLA HRISTOVA, VIOLIN

03/23/2012 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF BULGARIA

1621 22ND STREET, NW

MENDELSSOHN PIANO TRIO

04/20/2012 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF AUSTRIA

3524 INTERNATIONAL COURT, NW

PAULIUS ANDERSSON, PIANO

04/27/2012 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF LITHUANIA

2622 16TH STREET, NW

**MUSIC OF IRAQ- TWO RIVERS MIDDLE
EASTERN ENSEMBLE**

05/11/2012 7:30 pm

IRAQI CULTURAL CENTER

1630 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW

**MUSIC OF IRAQ- TWO RIVERS MIDDLE
EASTERN ENSEMBLE**

05/12/2012 7:30 pm

IRAQI CULTURAL CENTER

1630 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW

NAREK ARUTYUNIAN, CLARINET

STEVEN BECK, PIANO

06/01/2012 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF ARMENIA

3350 N STREET, NW

YEVGENY KUTIK, VIOLIN

TIMOTHY BOARTH, PIANO

06/08/2012 7:30 pm

EMBASSY OF POLAND

2640 16TH STREET, NW



Day Three

- **Breakfast** included this morning. **Check out. Baggage** handling.
- See the **Phillips Collection**, America's first museum of Modern Art, featuring Renoir's *The Luncheon of the Boating Party*, and works by Cezanne, O'Keefe, Picasso, and Monet. The gallery's unhurried and intimate atmosphere adds to the viewer's greatest possible enjoyment of the art.

- Visit the **National Portrait Gallery**. Housed in the magnificent “Old Patent Office Building,” this museum features a unique collection of portraits of famous Americans from the worlds of politics, sports, literature and stage and screen. The Gallery aims to form a permanent collection of portraits of notable figures and includes the Hall of Presidents, which has several official portraits of United States Presidents. *This is not your ordinary picture museum. You are walking through history.* You will instantly recognize many of the portraits that you have only seen in print or film.
- Enjoy **lunch on your own** today in the **café** at the **National Portrait Gallery**.
- Tour the **Clara Barton National Historic Site**. Located in Glen Echo Park, this house was first used as a Red Cross warehouse after it was built in 1891, then modified for living quarters and offices. From her bedroom in the back, Barton had a fine view of the Potomac Valley. Flower and vegetable gardens, and the household cows, chickens and horses gave the place a peaceful, countrified air.
- Depart for home.
Meals: B

Based on availability and pricing at time of reservations.

All proposals are subject to change.

**Rates may be adjusted based on fuel surcharges, tax change(s),
and/or currency exchange rate changes(s).**

Contact Us

Tour includes: 2 nights hotel accommodations, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, admission into attractions and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuities. **Guide tips are included.**

All itineraries are subject to change. Every attempt will be made to include all sites mentioned within this itinerary. At times, circumstances beyond our control such as lines, traffic, closures, weather and late arrivals can severely restrict timing and cause items to be excluded. All timing, except scheduled appointments, is approximate. It is strongly suggested that the timed itinerary be utilized by the driver, escort, and/or group leader and guide only. We suggest that more general itineraries be supplied to the tour participants. Mid Atlantic assumes no liability for itinerary exclusions, or guarantees that all sites be visited within the itinerary.

Note: At times Restaurant menus may change at the discretion of the Restaurant Management. These circumstances are beyond the control of Mid-Atlantic Receptive Services. Mid-Atlantic will notify the client of any changes that occur.

Note: Transportation costs based on typical daily average. Subject to change at time of booking your group reservation and is based on hours of service, actual mileage, number of drivers, size of motor coach required, availability and other factors.

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