

“Clarion Returns Musical Treasure to Russia” PATRON TOUR PACKAGE

The Patron Tour Package (detailed below) includes **Business-Class** travel, **Five-Star** hotels, visa services, **Tickets to all concert performances** in St. Petersburg and Moscow, a **Special Reception** at the US Ambassador’s Residence (“Spaso House”) in Moscow, guided tours of the principal tourist attractions in both cities, as well as a festive final dinner in a first-class restaurant, which is also part of the package.

In addition, you will attend the final **“Bon Voyage”** rehearsal and reception of “Passion Week” at the US Mission to the United Nations in NYC on October 21st, 2016. Written in 1928 by Maximilian Steinberg (Shostakovich’s teacher), “Passion Week” was suppressed and has never been performed in Russia. On this historic tour, the Clarion Choir is returning the work to St. Petersburg for its first Russian performance, and is also doing the Moscow premiere.

The Clarion Russian Tour is supported by Clarion’s Board of Directors, Musica Antiqua St. Petersburg, the Trust for Mutual Understanding, as well as the United States Department of State.

Clarion Russian Tour Patron Package

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Evening Business-Class Flight (overnight) to St Petersburg from JFK Airport.

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Arrive in St. Petersburg – Transportation provided from the Airport - Check into your five-star hotel (breakfast provided each morning).

Monday, October 24, 2016

After breakfast, enjoy an amazing, panoramic city tour around the most cherished gems of St. Petersburg, including Palace Square, the Hermitage Museum, the Mariinsky Theater, Nevsky Prospect and many other popular attractions.

Then it’s off to the suburbs of St. Petersburg you will take a tour to the Catherine Palace, in the Tsarskoye Tselo (“The Tsar’s Village”), now the Town of Pushkin.. This stunning, Baroque 18th-century palace with large grounds was where the Russian royal family spent their summers, and includes the Gold Suite of rooms, and the incomparable Amber Room..

On the way back you’ll visit Peter & Paul Fortress, the burial place of almost all the Russian emperors and empresses from Peter the Great to Nicholas II and his family. Then you’ll go inside to the magnificent St. Isaac's Cathedral and the Church of the

Savior on Spilled Blood, which stands where Russia's great emperor Alexander II was mortally wounded.

- At 7 PM attend a Cocktail Reception at the United States Consulate in St. Petersburg with music from the String Players from Musica Antiqua St. Petersburg (Clarion Conductor Steven Fox's Russian Period-Instrument Orchestra).

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

The city tour is followed by guided tours, and visits to the legendary Hermitage Museum (Winter Palace) to see its unique collection of world art. During the tour you visit the halls of the Winter Palace to explore the main collection of the Hermitage, including the masterpieces of Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt, El Greco, Francisco Goya and Thomas Gainsborough, as well as the famous Diamond Room that contains the unique collection of priceless gems belonging to the Romanov family.

And then a visit to the Fabergé Museum.

- At 8 PM by the Russian Premiere of Maximilian Steinberg's 1928 "Passion Week," in St Petersburg's Grand Philharmonic Hall (Bolshoi Zall Philharmonii), one of the great halls of Europe. "*Passion Week...* is on a scale with the great sacred works of Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff, though in a slightly more advanced idiom, and is quite simply beautiful." -- James R. Oestreich, *The New York Times* (May 2015)

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

After breakfast a tour of the Yusupov Palace, one of two surviving St. Petersburg residences of the monumentally wealthy Yusupov family. On the Moika River it is perhaps most famous as the scene of the assassination of Grigory Rasputin, and is one of the few aristocratic homes in the city to have retained many of its original interiors.

After lunch transportation provided from Hotel to the Moskovsky Station to board the famous high-speed Sapsan (Russian for *Peregrine Falcon*) Train. Leaving St. Petersburg after lunch you'll be at Leningradskaya Station in the heart of Moscow by late afternoon

Transportation provided from railway station to your five-star hotel (breakfast provided each morning). After check-in, before dinner, get an overview of Moscow, enjoy a City Tour.

- At 8 PM – The Moscow Premiere of "Passion Week," at the beautiful Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Thursday, October 27, 2016

After breakfast, enjoy a short trip to St. Cyril's outside of Moscow.

- At 1 PM – The Clarion Choir sings at Rachmaninoff Hall, Moscow Conservatory.

A Free Day in Moscow: Among other things, admire the beautiful facade of the famous GUM department store, see the spectacular Cathedral of Christ the Savior, and enjoy one of the best city views at Sparrow Hills. Also see the world-famous treasure trove of Russian fine art, the Tretyakov Gallery, where you can spend several amazing hours viewing the gems of its collection, including the famous masterpieces of Ivan Aivazovsky, Mikhail Vrubel and Viktor Vasnetsov. See the Novodevichy Convent & Cemetery, and explore one of the most interesting sites in Moscow hidden deep beneath the surface - the Moscow Subway. Have a quick subway ride to taste local life and enjoy the splendid decorations of its stations.

- 7 PM – Hear a Concert of Russian Music by the Clarion Choir at a Reception at the US Ambassador's Residence, Spaso House, one of the most beautiful buildings in Moscow

Friday, October 28, 2016

Tour the Kremlin, including its famous Armoury Chamber that houses a unique collection of crown jewels, stunning coronation finery, hand-forged armor and weapons, royal carriages and sleighs, and world-famous Fabergé eggs. Then tour Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral

- With your fellow tour patrons, enjoy an end-of-the-tour final dinner in a first-class Moscow restaurant, as part of the Patron Tour Package.

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Transportation from the hotel to the airport for the Flight to JFK Airport New York

Please read the information below and complete the coupon to make your reservation.

– Reservation Form and Letter of Agreement –

This letter of agreement and reservation form covers the terms and conditions for traveling patrons accompanying the Clarion Choir on its St. Petersburg-Moscow Russian Tour, October 22- 29, 2016.

COST

The per-person cost for the seven-day tour package is \$12,000, based on double occupancy with a single supplement available on request. The price includes a \$5,000 tax-deductible contribution to the Clarion Music Society – a 501 (c) 3, charitable organization – to help underwrite this historic trip. Your non-refundable, tax-deductible contribution will be acknowledged in a separate letter from Clarion that may be used for tax purposes.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Dates and amounts, in three payments, are as follows:

- 1) Due July 15, 2016 – \$5,000 – Your tax-deductible contribution to help underwrite the tour.
- 2) Due August 15, 2016 - \$3,500 – 50% of the remaining balance.
- 3) Due September 15, 2016 - \$3,500 – the balance of monies for the tour (plus any additional amounts for single supplements).

Note: No refunds or cancellation will be accepted after September 1, 2016.

Please sign this letter of agreement and complete the reservation form below. All checks should be made payable to the Clarion Music Society, Inc., and mailed to the address above. If you wish to pay by major credit please complete the appropriate portion of the reservation form.

I have read the detailed description of the Clarion Russian Tour, and the terms and conditions, and wish to join the Clarion Choir as a Patron and Underwriter of its Russian Tour.

ACCEPTED and AGREED (Please duplicate and use a separate form for each patron traveler)

Signature:_____

Print Name:_____

Date:_____

To complete your reservation fill out the form below. Please duplicate and use a separate form for each traveler. Thank you.

Name of Traveler _____

I am travelling with the following people_____

Check one:

☐ I wish to share a room with_____

☐ I require a single supplement in each hotel.

Daytime Telephone_____ Evening Phone_____

Mobile Phone_____ Email address_____

I enclosed \$_____ in payment towards the Clarion Russian Tour. Checks should be mailed to Clarion Music Society, Inc., PO Box 259, New York, NY 10021. Please mark the memo Clarion Russian Tour Patron.

☐ Check here if you wish to purchase supplemental insurance for you trip.

If you wish to pay by major credit card complete the following:

Check One: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express

Name of Cardholder_____

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Card Number_____ Expiration_____ Security Code_____

☐ Check here to authorize Clarion to bill your credit card according to the schedule on the above Letter of Agreement.

Finally, please note: In advance of the tour, your passport should be valid until six (6) months after the conclusion of the tour (i.e., until April 30, 2017). The last three pages on the passport are not visa pages and are not acceptable for use.