

## MUSIC TOURS

### CHINA (visiting Beijing & Xian)



In view of the growing importance of links with China, we are offering a music based programme featuring an introduction to a School of Excellence in Beijing with the opportunity to perform a concert with fellow Chinese pupils. The programme will also include an element of sightseeing tours. This will facilitate local contact on a school to school, teacher to teacher and pupil to pupil basis.

**Day 1** -Depart London on scheduled airline services to Beijing

#### **Day 2**

Arrive Beijing and transfer to your 3\* hotel.

**PM** – Walk in Tiananmen Square.

Programme and city orientation talk.

#### **Day 3**

**AM** – Forbidden City and a visit to the Old Streets (Hutongs).

**PM** –Afternoon to the School of Excellence in Beijing to meet students and teachers for a master class on Chinese music.

**Evening** – Performance by Chinese acrobats.

#### **Day 4**

A visit to The Great Wall of China.

**PM** – Return to the hotel, attend a Chinese music concert.

**Evening** – Gongfu (martial arts) performance.

#### **Day 5**

**AM** – Tour of the Summer Palace.

**PM** – Joint concert with pupils from the School of Excellence.

Overnight train to Xian.

#### **Day 6**

Early morning arrive Xian and transfer to hotel for breakfast.

**AM** – City Tour including the ancient city wall.

**PM** – The Wild Goose Pagoda and an exhibition of traditional Chinese painting.

### **Day 7**

**AM** – Tour to Terracotta Army.

**PM** – Overnight train back to Beijing.

### **Day 8**

Early morning arrive Beijing and transfer to hotel.

**AM** – Visit a local neighbourhood in Beijing and to local peoples, homes as guests.

**PM** – Dinner with pupils and staff from the School of Excellence and farewell concert.

**Day 9** -Free time until departure to Beijing airport for flight back to the UK

*Cost from £1495 per person – 1 free leader place per 10 paying pupils.*

## **CUBA (visiting Havana, Vinales & the Sierra del Rosario Biosphere)**



For musicians, at least until the liberalizing of the economy in the late 1990s, opportunities to record and sell records, or to tour, were severely limited. It is only in the past few years that Cuban music, as played in Cuba, has re-entered the international mainstream.

The tour will include a visit to the Music Academy for meeting with pupils and staff and the opportunity to rehearse and give a performance as well as visits to music clubs/schools meeting and performing with fellow pupils.

**DAY 1** | Departure from London on scheduled airline services. Transfer on arrival to your hotel.

**DAY 2** | Transfer to the Music Academy for a cultural exchange and meeting with staff and pupils and the opportunity to rehearse together and give impromptu performance.

Afternoon city tour of Havana.

**Overnight in Havana.**

**DAY 3** | AM. Transfer to a music club in Havana City. Visit and talk with staff and young Cubans. PM. Visit to the Museum of the Revolution.

**Overnight in Havana.**

**DAY 4** | Transfer to a high performance Music School with the opportunity to put on a performance.

**Overnight in Havana.**

**DAY 5** | Visit Las Terrazas Eco Community in the Sierra del Rosario Biosphere and give a performance at the local community centre and visit to a school.

**Overnight in the area.**

**DAY 6** | Guided walk in Vinales Valley.  
**Overnight in the area.**

**DAY 7** | Return to Havana. Optional visits or sightseeing.  
**Overnight in Havana.**

**DAY 8** | Departure to Havana Airport for overnight flight back to the UK.

**DAY 9** | Arrive London.

*Cost from £1350 per person – 1 free leader place per 10 paying pupils.*

*Please contact us for full details of what's included.*

### **ST PETERSBURG – Rimsky - Korsakov**



We are offering your pupils the opportunity visit the home of the famous composer Rimsky – Korsakov and see where he studied and worked. The tour will also include a visit to the Music School named after Rimsky - Korsakov which is the only music educational establishment in the city opened for students irrespective of their age.

**Day 1** - Depart on scheduled flights to St Petersburg. Transfer to hotel with a short tour en route.

**Day 2** - City tour including sites connected with Rimsky-Korsakov. Backstage tour of Mariinsky Theatre.

**Day 3** - Visits to Museum Apartment of Rimsky-Korsakov, Alexander–Nevsky Monastery and the Music School -Rimsky-Korsakov for meeting with teachers and children's concert. Evening Concert in Glinka Hall.

**Day 4** - Visit to the Hermitage and the Museum of Musical Instruments.

**Day 5** - Visit Catherine Palace and park (time permitting) and continue to airport for flight to UK

Costs from £755 per person – 1 free per 10 paying pupils.

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### **VIENNA**



This programme is the classic introduction to Music in Austria.

**Day 1** - Depart on scheduled flight to Vienna, transfer on arrival to hotel.

**Day 2** - City tour including Mozart House (Figaro House in former times) and Ankeruhr. Visit "Hofburg Palace" to see the imperial apartments and the museum "Collection of old instruments"

Evening : Concert at Kursalon "Sound of Vienna": Mozart & Strauss.

**Day 3** - Visit an Austrian School and get to know Austrian pupils and the school system. Opportunity to perform a concert. Visit Schönbrunn Palace.

**Day 4** - Visits to the Spanish Riding School and the Haus der Musik (House of Music)

**Day 5** - Free time until transfer to airport for flight to UK.

*Cost from £655 per person – 1 free leader place per 10 paying pupils.*

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