

Proposal for BHS Chorus Trip – April 2017

**Destination:** Reykjavik, Iceland

**Dates:** TBD, surrounding April Vacation (4/15-4/23)

**Educational Rationale:** Performance tours abroad give our students the opportunity to share in the experience of travelling and performing in much the same way that a professional ensemble would. Not only will they have the chance to perform for foreign audiences and present their work, but they will have ample opportunities to study the musical and artistic cultures and traditions that exist in Iceland.

**Number of participants:** 40-80 students, 1 faculty chaperone per 10 students

**Trip Leader:** Sean Landers, BHS Chorus Director

**Intinerary:** See attached. The tour includes stays in the cities of Reykjavik, Selfoss and Vik.

**Projected Costs:** Dependent on the number of travelers. This trip is being operated by World Cultural Tours (Uxbridge, MA), which has been the primary tour company used for international travel at BHS for the past several years. The estimated cost is \$2,999/student, with additional airline surcharges up to \$699. This cost includes airfare, hotel, ground transportation, admission to any museums and performances, as well as breakfast and dinner each day and some lunches. Financial assistance may be available for families in need.

## Join Belmont High School Choir to Explore...



*Daily Itinerary (subject to change):*

### Day 1: Depart USA

We depart from the U.S. on our overnight transatlantic flight to Reykjavik, Iceland. Meals and snacks are served on board.

### Day 2: Arrive Reykjavik

Upon arrival in Reykjavik, we meet our World Cultural Tours representative and board our private motor coach. Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, sits on a peninsula surrounded by mountains and the Atlantic Ocean. Being so far north, one would expect the area to be continually cold, but underground thermal springs affect both the temperatures and the foliage of the island, providing both a temperate climate and a vibrant green appearance. We enjoy a guided panoramic tour of the city en route to our hotel for check-in. We gather together for our Welcome Dinner this evening.

*(D) Centerhotel Reykjavik Plaza or similar*

### Day 3: Reykjavik/School Exchange/Performance

Following breakfast this morning, we transfer to a local school, such as FÍH Music School (*subject to confirmation*). Here, we have the opportunity to exchange with their students. This afternoon, we have a performance at Salurinn Concert Hall (*subject to confirmation*), followed by dinner together at a local restaurant.

*(B, D) Centerhotel Reykjavik Plaza or similar*

### Day 4: Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Selfoss

This morning, we board our motor coach and transfer to Selfoss. We follow the Golden Circle including the Hveragerdi geothermal town; the extinct volcano of Kerid; Iceland's ancient cultural center at Skalholt; Strokkur geysir; Gullfoss waterfall and Thingvellir National Park to see the mid-Atlantic ridge. Upon arrival in Selfoss, we check-in to our hotel and make dinner arrangements on our own this evening.

*(B) Hotel Selfoss or similar*

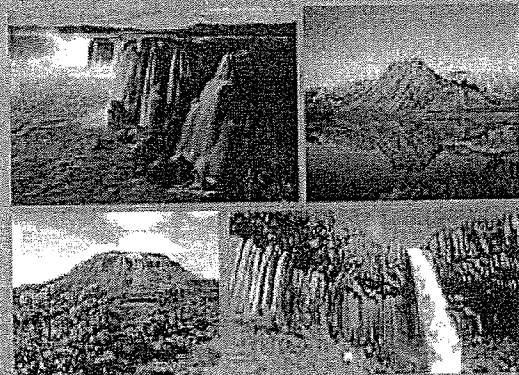
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### 8-Day Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare
- Six (6) Nights Accommodation
- Luxury Motor Coach
- Tour Manager Throughout
- Breakfast Daily
- Welcome Dinner
- 1 Additional Dinner
- Farewell Dinner
- 3 Performances
- Sightseeing per Itinerary
- Fuel Surcharges/Air Taxes up to \$650

\$ P/P Dbl. Occ.

*(Plus Fuel Surcharges/Air Taxes Exceeding \$650,  
Pending Air Confirmation)*



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### Day 5: Selfoss - South Shore - Vik

After breakfast this morning, we check-out of our hotel and transfer to Vik via the South Shore. We travel through farmlands and small villages with views of mountains including Hekla, the country's most active volcano. We stop at Seljalandsfoss Waterfall to walk behind its plummeting waters. We arrive in Vik, passing by the local black sand beaches with colonies of terns and puffins. We check-in to our hotel and have dinner on our own.

(B) Hotel Höfðabrekka or similar

### Day 6: Vik - Kirkjubaejarklaustur - Skaftafell National Park - Jökulsárlón - Vik/Performance

This morning, we depart the hotel and travel through the Catholic convent at Kirkjubaejarklaustur to Skaftafell National Park, one of Iceland's most outstanding areas of natural beauty. We continue to Jökulsárlón for a guided boat tour on the Glacial Lagoon. We return to Vik and have our second performance this evening at a local venue. Tonight, dinner is on our own.

(B) Hotel Höfðabrekka or similar

### Day 7: Vik - Reykjavik/Performance

After breakfast this morning, we check-out of our hotel and return to Reykjavik. We arrive in Reykjavik this afternoon, and we prepare for our final performance at Hallgrímskirkja Lutheran Church (*subject to confirmation*). We have our Farewell Dinner together this evening.

(B, D) Centerhotel Reykjavik Plaza or similar

### Day 8: Depart Reykjavik - Arrive USA

We enjoy breakfast together this morning prior to our transfer to the airport for our return flight to the USA. (B)

#### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**RESPONSIBILITY:** A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS and must be valid at least six months after your tour return date. Please note that passport cards are not considered valid for international travel. For domestic travel within the continental USA, a passport is not required for US Citizens, however an unexpired form of local or federal government-issued photo ID (passport, driver's license, military ID) is required for all adult passengers (18 and over). • Please send - with each deposit and registration form - a copy of each registrant's passport (or government-issued photo ID for domestic tours), if applicable. Failure to submit a copy of your valid passport (if applicable) may result in penalties or additional fees charged by the airline/participating partners to make corrections to your reservation. A TRAVEL VISA MAY BE REQUIRED FOR NON-US CITIZENS (TRAVELERS WITHOUT AN AMERICAN PASSPORT), who are traveling internationally. It is the responsibility of the traveler to contact the embassy of any countries that will be visited during the tour (including countries visited during flight layovers) to determine whether a travel visa is required, and for further information about the application process. Any visas must be obtained as the sole responsibility of the individual traveler. If you need a travel visa, World Cultural Tours (WCT) requires that you submit written verification that a visa has been obtained or a photocopy of your visa, no later than 15 days prior to the departure date of your tour. • World Cultural Tours (WCT) and other participating affiliates act solely as agents in arranging transportation, hotel accommodations, and other services. We do not assume, and in fact, we expressly disclaim, any liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, consequences resulting from cancellations and/or delays including, but not limited to, schedule changes, strikes, war, political conflict, riots, inclement weather or acts of God. Likewise, we assume no liability for any act, negligence or default of our guides, including their agents and employees, or any company or person engaged in the transport of passengers, rendering of any service, or conducting arrangements for any tour. WCT reserves the right to cancel any tour or alter the tour price due to insufficient participation. In the event that a group must cancel in full due to lack of materialization or the inability to meet the minimum number of participants that the tour price was based on, tour members will receive a full refund, less a \$150 administration fee and/or any non-refundable penalties owed or paid on behalf of the tour (this includes penalties for airline deposits, hotel deposits, transportation deposits, non-refundable entrance fees or performance tickets). Furthermore, WCT reserves the right, at our sole discretion, to modify any itinerary or arrangements based on unprecedented situations that may arise. In the event modifications should become necessary, alterations may be made without penalty to the operator; additional costs, if any, shall be incurred by the traveler. • All registrants are invoiced with single occupancy rates if no roommate is specified. We will adjust rooming lists & invoices accordingly upon written notification of roommate preferences. It is the responsibility of the individual traveler to find a roommate, or group organizer to match unpaired individuals.

**DEVIATION:** If any passenger wishes to deviate from the group by extending their tour or by making any alterations to the included group travel arrangements, please visit [www.worldculturaltours.com](http://www.worldculturaltours.com) to submit a Deviation Request through our Contact Us page or by emailing [CustomerService@WorldCulturalTours.com](mailto:CustomerService@WorldCulturalTours.com). Include as much information as possible in each request. A non-refundable deviation administration fee (\$150 P/P) applies, plus any additional fees charged by the airline, and may be submitted online at [www.worldculturaltours.com](http://www.worldculturaltours.com) no later than 91 days prior to departure. A Tour Consultant will contact you, therefore it is important to include telephone and/or email information.

**LAND-ONLY ARRANGEMENTS:** If you plan on making your own air arrangements, you must notify World Cultural Tours in writing, no later than 91 days prior to departure. All travelers are responsible for any travel arrangements not included in the tour program, including round trip arrival and departure transfers and any arrangements necessary to join the group at their first hotel accommodation. Your final invoice will reflect any applicable adjustments to the tour price.

**INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend travel insurance. We are happy to provide information for travel insurance. Please refer to [www.worldculturaltours.com/insurance.html](http://www.worldculturaltours.com/insurance.html) or call (877) 218-TOUR for more information. Please review the information carefully to understand coverage. **IMPORTANT!** The exclusion for Pre-Existing Conditions will be waived provided the premium is received no later than fourteen (14) days after the initial deposit for your trip and you are not disabled from travel at the time you submit your premium. Please note that travel insurance cannot be purchased after final payment has been submitted. For full disclosure of liability and a list of frequently asked questions, please refer to the following link: [www.tripmate.com/wp/438W/tic](http://www.tripmate.com/wp/438W/tic).

**TOUR PRICES:** All tour prices are based on costs, charges & exchange rates known at time of booking. In case of currency fluctuations (if applicable) of more than 3% WCT reserves the right to adjust the tour price accordingly. Any domestic and/or international residency taxes, departure or arrival taxes, security charges, baggage fees, and other types of air or airport or port taxes or any other surcharges not included in the tour price will be the responsibility of each passenger. Current fuel surcharges, carrier imposed fees, and air taxes are averaging between \$650-\$750 per person. • Our preferred method of payment is in the form of a check; however, online individual payments can be made, using an electronic check with Intuit or using a credit card, through our website, [www.worldculturaltours.com](http://www.worldculturaltours.com). A non-refundable convenience fee of \$30 will be assessed, per transaction, for all credit card payments. A \$50 Returned Check Fee will be assessed for each returned check. • A single check or credit card payment may be made for multiple registrants. Please note that WCT reserves the right to require final payment via credit card or electronic check in the event of a past-due balance that needs to be expedited. Furthermore, WCT reserves the right to cancel all tour arrangements for traveler(s) with past-due balances; however, WCT will make every effort to contact said traveler(s) prior to taking action.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Individual cancellations are effective on the date notification is received in writing. You may submit cancellation notices to the following email address: [Accounting@WorldCulturalTours.com](mailto:Accounting@WorldCulturalTours.com). Any unused tour portions are non-refundable and any costs of services received while traveling are non-refundable. • Up to 121 days prior to departure, full refund less a \$150 administration fee will be made. After that period, additional cancellation fees will be assessed as follows:  
• 120-91 days prior to departure - loss of deposit  
• 90-61 days prior to departure - 35% of total tour price is forfeited  
• 60-46 days prior to departure - 50% of total tour price is forfeited  
• 45-0 days prior to departure - 100% of total tour price is forfeited

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