

15th Annual International Festival of the Aegean

Choral Residency: Wed July 10th to Wed 24th, 2019

MidAm International, Inc. - Peter Tiboris, General Director

***Municipality of Hermoupolis on Greece's Island of Syros, "Salzburg of the Aegean"
(Capital City of Hermoupolis on Island of Syros in the Cyclades)***

Featuring: Pan-European Philharmonia from Warsaw, Poland

Peter Tiboris, Music Director & Conductor

Giovanni Pacor, Principal Guest Conductor

Present

- Sun, July 14th – 2019 Festival Premiere
- Thurs July 18th - historic Apollo Theater "La Piccola Scala"
- Fri July 19th - historic St. Nicholas Cathedral
 - "Sacred Music in a Sacred Place" Sunset Series
- Other performances in Apollo Theater & Cathedral between July 15th & 20th

14-day residency cost is €2,195 Euros per person (double occupancy) with \$400 deposit per person due Nov 15, 2018.

1. Initial registration with 1st Deposit - \$400 (USD) per person – due by Nov 15, 2018
2. 2nd Deposit - \$400 (USD) per person - due by Jan 15, 2019
3. Rooming list due by Feb 1, 2019.
4. 3rd Deposit - \$500 (USD) per person - due by March 15, 2019
5. FINAL BALANCE - due by May 1, 2019.

Round-trip air to and from Athens - currently, Delta from JFK, United from Newark, and American Airlines from Philadelphia are all non-stop. Depending when tickets are purchased, sample coach class fares from JFK and Newark ranged from \$1,350 to \$1,550 in 2016.

Arrive Athens July 10th / Depart Athens July 24th, 2019

1. Fourteen (14) nights total, Syros (12 nights) and Athens (2 nights), double occupancy. The cost per person is €2,195 Euros based on double occupancy.
2. Package includes all local taxes, gratuities (15%), and Greek Value Added Tax (VAT) of 23%.
3. Not included are optional "Island Hop" to Mykonos & tour to Corinth, biblical home of St. Paul.
4. Daily Buffet Breakfast (14 total).
5. One grand finale dinner in Athens at a "bouzouki" restaurant stage floor show (July 22nd).
6. Private bus transfers within Athens, including airport pick-up July 10th & return July 24th.
7. Twenty-two private AC coach bus transfers in Syros for rehearsals and concerts.

Festival opening: Sunday July 14th, 2019

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- Conducts Mozart's Requiem in D minor, K. 626

Choral Gala: Thurs July 18th 2019

Steven Edwards, guest conductor of Symphony Chorus of New Orleans, LA

- Vaughan Williams' Toward the Unknown Region (poem by Walt Whitman)
- Haydn's Te Deum for the Empress Maria Therese

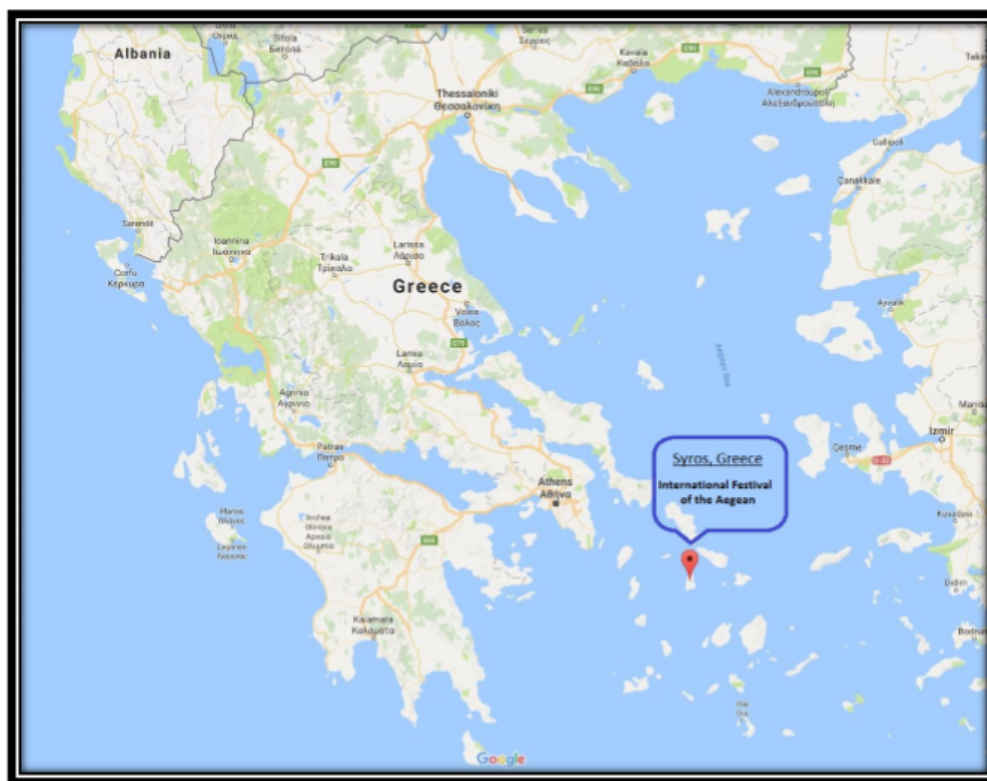
FEATURING

Pan-European Philharmonia from Warsaw, Poland & World Class Soloists

Additionally, solo choral performances by visiting choirs occur

- Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Village of Xroussa on Fri July 12th
- historic St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church on Fri July 19th , as part of “Sacred Music in a Sacred Place” Sunset Series.
- Visiting choirs appear in 20-minute a cappella concerts of sacred music.

MAP – SYROS, GREECE



Syros is a 25-minute flight from Athens or a 3-hour Blue Star Ferry trip from Port of Piraeus in Athens.

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TOUR ITINERARY

- **Tuesday, July 9th:**

- **Depart United States** – overnight flight to Athens (or meet in Athens).

Day 1 – Wednesday - July 10th:

- **Arrive Athens**, where you will be met by a Festival representative and be transferred by private coach to Central Athens for the opportunity to explore and experience “Plaka” **on your own**: Also known as “Agora,” considered to be “Greenwich Village” of Ancient Greece. **Lunch on own.**
- At 4:00 p.m. a private coach with escort will take you to the Port of Piraeus, where you will board the High-Speed Ferry for Syros at approximately 5:30 p.m., arriving at 8:30 p.m. in Syros, accompanied by a Festival representative. Upon arrival at the Port of Syros, MidAm International’s staff will meet you with private coaches to escort you to your hotel for your first night in Syros.

Day 2 - Thursday - July 11th:

- **Breakfast.**
- Followed by your **first rehearsal from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** in the residency hotel.
- **Remainder of the day free** to explore the island; or take scheduled bus to Hermopoulis, the capital city of the Cyclades, to tour the Apollo Theater, and enjoy a 12-Euro three-course dinner at one of the participating tavernas (optional).
- Return to hotel by bus.

Day 3 - Friday– July 12th:

- **Breakfast.**
- **9:30 a.m. chorus rehearsals until 12:30 p.m.** in the residency hotel.
- **Lunch on own**
- **Later afternoon bus transfer to Xroussa** for acoustic check
- A solo a cappella performance at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in the Village of Xroussa hosted by Father Albescu Flavianos and his community.
- Return to hotel by bus.

Day 4 - Saturday – July 13th:

- **Breakfast.**
- **8:45 a.m. chorus rehearsals until 12:30 p.m.** in the residency hotel.
- 3 to 6 p.m. - attend fully staged final dress rehearsal of opera performance.
- Explore the Capitol Building and especially the open market.
- 8 p.m. - attend concert of solo and duet performances by the Greek Opera Studio artist members of Broadway and operatic favorites in Megaron Café located in the city center.
- Return to hotel.

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Day 5 – Sunday – July 14th:

- **Breakfast.**
- **Morning free**
- **Late afternoon – dress rehearsal** with orchestra, soloists, and conductor Peter Tiboris.
- **Evening Festival Opening Concert in Apollo Theater**, Peter Tiboris conducts all visiting American choirs.
- After concert, return to hotels

Day 6 - Monday – July 15th:

- **Breakfast.**
- **Morning free**
- **Afternoon repeat concert in St. Nicholas Cathedral** with conductor Peter Tiboris, orchestra, and all visiting American choirs.
- **After concert, free time at leisure.**

Day 7 - Tuesday – July 16th:

- **Breakfast.**
- **Morning rehearsal for Sunset Concert in St. Nicholas Cathedral** on July 19.
- **Remainder of the day is free**

Day 8 - Wednesday - July 17th:

- **Breakfast.**
- **9:00 a.m. - Optional “Island Hop” to Mykonos and Delos Antiquities starts**
 - Details and costs on the “Island Hop” will be published on March 1, 2019.
 - (Mykonos Island is 45 minutes by ferry from Syros. The Island Hop to Mykonos is not part of the land package price and therefore paid separately.)
 - returns at 11:00 p.m.
- **OR, day free at leisure on Syros.**

Day 9 –Thursday - July 18th:

- **Breakfast.**
- **Afternoon dress rehearsal with orchestra in Apollo Theater** with orchestra, soloists, lighting and sound system.
- **6 p.m. acoustic check in Plateia.**
- **8:30 p.m. – CHORAL GALA in Plateia or Apollo Theater.** Televised live nationally and taped (pending approval of ERT1).
- After concert return to hotels.

Day 10 – Friday - July 19th:

- **Breakfast.**
- **Morning and early afternoon free.**
- **4:00 p.m.: transfer to St. Nicholas Church** for acoustic check.
- **Dinner on own**

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- **6:00 p.m.: perform in (or attend) the “Sacred Music in a Sacred Place” Sunset Series in St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church;**
- **8:30 p.m. - attend the symphonic concert in Apollo Theater at (complimentary admission) based on ticket availability to be determined 3 to 4 days prior to performance.**
- **Return to hotels by AC coach bus.**

Day 11 - Saturday - July 20th:

- **Breakfast.**
- **Morning and afternoon free**
- **8:30 p.m.: repeat concert in Apollo Theater (same as July 14 concert & July 15 concert) with conductor Peter Tiboris, orchestra, and all visiting American choirs.**
- **After concert, return to the theater.**

Day 12 - Sunday - July 21st:

- **Breakfast.**
- **Day free at leisure.**

Day 13 - Monday - July 22nd: Return to Athens

- **Breakfast and morning free**
- **Checkout and AC coach bus to Port of Syros for 4pm take you to your hotel in Athens.**
- **7:45pm - Arrive Athens at; Busses will take you to the final farewell dinner “bash” with live music, dance, and floor show in Plaka.**
 - **includes a four-course meal and after-dinner entertainment provided by a live five-piece orchestra performing with bouzouki, drums, electric guitar, keyboards and Greek clarinet.**
 - **repertoire ranges from modern European, Latin, and Greek Pop.**
 - **solo bouzouki will be a unique treat for everyone...you’ll recognize the sound since it was made international by “Zorba’s Dance” from Zorba the Greek.**
 - **will also be six dancers in Greek traditional costumes from Foustanelas, performing Greek folk dances - Hasapiko, Zeibekiko (sailor’s dance), Kalamatiano, and Syrtaki (Zorba’s Dance).**
 - **Guests will be invited to join them on the stage to learn Greek dancing. As a special treat there will also be a belly-dancer (of course G-rated)**
 - **two-hour program will be a great time and a memorable finale to the tour.**
- **Return to hotel by AC coach bus.**

Day 14 - Tues - July 23rd: FINAL DAY –Athens City Tour/Acropolis & optional tour to Corinth

- **Breakfast**
- **Morning -- Board an air-conditioned coach bus and enjoy a tour of Athens:**
 - **combining many of the city's principal modern & classical sights.**
 - **tour includes an overview of the modern city and striking contrasts to the remains of its glorious past. You will drive by the *Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* in front of the *Parliament House* on *Constitution Square*, the *Pan Athenian Stadium* (site of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896). See vistas of the**

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Presidential Palace (ex. Royal Palace), government buildings and striking homes of Athens elite.

- Drive along Panepistimiou Avenue & view the *Catholic Cathedral*, the *Academy*, *University*, *National Library* and *Omonia Square*.
- In contrast, you will visit the *Roman Temple of Olympian Zeus* and the crowning beauty and glory that was Athens, the *Acropolis* with its many monuments atop its rocky base, including the incredible *Parthenon*, the *Propylaea*, the *Temple of Athena Nike* and the *Erechtheion* with its *Porch of Maidens*.
- **Remainder of the day free** for exploring Athens and Plaka on your own;
- **OR: OPTIONAL tour Gulf of Corinth and St. Paul's Corinth** (departs upon arrival at Piraeus Port).
 - If you choose this option (paid separately - not included in the 2,195 €), an air-conditioned bus takes you on a 90-minute trip to the Ancient City of Corinth, stopping on the way at the Canal of Corinth.
 - Details and costs will be announced on April 1, 2019, if it can be scheduled.

Day 15 – Wednesday – July 24th:

- **Breakfast.**
- **Check-out of hotel in Athens.**
- **Transfer by AC coach bus to Athens International Airport for your flight back home.**



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LEGEND: **Free Time;** **Rehearsals;** **Performances**

Su	MO	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		July 9– travel → To Athens	July 10–day1 4pm coach to Piraeus Port for Syros ferry 8:30pm arrive at Syros	July 11–day2 9:30am rehearse Free after 12 or bus to Hermopoulis, capital city of Cyclades	July 12–day3 8:45am rehearse Free after 1pm Late aft to Xroussa for acoustic ck Evening- performance at Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Xroussa Village	July 13–day4 8:45am rehearse Free after 1pm 3 to 6p attend opera fully staged final dress rehearsal 8p attend Greek Opera Studio concert performance
July 14–day5 Free morning Late aft– dress pm-Apollo Fest Opening Concert	July 15–day6 Free morning Aft-St. Nicholas Cathedral repeat concert	July 16–day7 am-rehearsal for Sunset Concert Remainder of day is free	July 17–day8 Free day or 9am <i>Optional</i> “ <i>Island Hop</i> ” <i>to Mykonos</i> & <i>Delos</i> <i>Antiquities</i> (<i>extra €’s</i>) 11pm returns	July 18–day9 Free morning Aft–dress rehearsal 6 pm acoustic check in Plateia 8:30pm– Choral Gala in Plateia or Apollo Theater	July 19–dy10 Free morning and early aft 4pm transfer to St. Nicholas 6pm–perform in (or attend) the “Sacred Music in a Sacred Place” Sunset Series in St. Nicholas	July 20–dy11 Free morning and aft 8:30pm Apollo repeat concert
July 21–dy12 Free day	July 22– dy13 Free morning Checkout & coach bus to Port of Syros for 4pm ferry. Final farewell dinner “bash”	July 23–dy14 Am-Athens Tour Free aft or <i>Optional Tour of Corinth</i> (<i>extra €’s</i>)	July 24–travel → fly Home			