Hello, Pipedreams Friends!

By popular demand, we have added an additional autumn departure for our previously sold-out tour to Bach Country. I invite you to join me on this adventure to experience instruments old and new in Saxony and Thuringia.

Some of you might recall that the very first official Pipedreams Tour covered much of this territory, but this is not a simple repetition, nor are we are closing the circle! Future tour plans are already in the works for 2020 and 2021, and this year’s schedule takes us to places and includes instruments not previously experienced.

Of course, our itinerary will direct us to Eisenach, Bach’s birthplace; to Erfurt, the home territory of much of the Bach dynasty before J.S.B.; to Arnstadt and Weimar, centers of the young Bach’s early employment; to Dresden, where he played at the Sophienkirche; and to Berlin, where he played for the King, in both instances hoping for a court appointment that never materialized; and to Leipzig, where he spent the major portion of his career, and where his greatest works were composed and refined.

We’ll revisit the mighty 1855 Ladegast organ in Merseburg, where Liszt’s masterpieces were premiered, this 80-stop instrument fully restored since our last visit. But we’ll also make first-time acquaintances with the eclectic 72-stop Rieger organ in Fulda, with its ornate early 18th century case, the first stop on our very first day. We’ll hear the new, eclectic 76-stop Kern organ at the Marienkirche in Dresden, only a pipe-dream when we visited back in 2002. And we’ll also experience the 1723 Wagner organ at St. Mary’s Church in Berlin and the 103-register Ladegast-Eule organ at the Nikolaikirche in Leipzig, both now fully recommissioned.

Visits to Bach’s Thomaskirche in Leipzig, the Liszt House in Weimar, the Handel House in Halle, the Meissen Porcelain Factory, and the concentration camp at Buchenwald will add important dimensions to our travels.

A word to the wise...since our May tour sold out in three weeks, I encourage you to make a decision promptly, as I would not want you to be disappointed.

I hope you can be with us as we retrace historic footsteps and relish the sounds of instruments antique and modern. I’m excited at the prospect, and look forward to greeting you!

J. Michael Barone
**ITINERARY**

**TUE 01 OCT**  
Depart JFK  
Depart JFK at 7:43PM on the overnight flight to Frankfurt via Delta Air Lines. (Meals in-flight)

**WED 02 OCT**  
Arrive Frankfurt/Eisenach  
Arrive in Frankfurt at 9:50AM where our professional tour manager, Tim Schmutzler, welcomes us. Transfer to Fulda and enter the breathtaking Cathedral built in Roman Baroque style between 1704-1712; the architect was influenced by St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. The cherished organ case dates to the same era. Rieger Orgelbau completed a restoration in 1996, using some of the pipes from the old Sauer organ. This cathedral is the final resting place of St. Boniface. Travel to Eisenach to visit the Georgenkirche, where members of Johann Sebastian Bach’s family played the organ for more than 132 years. Check in at the hotel and gather for a welcome dinner. Hotel Kaiserhof (Meals in-flight, D) www.kaiserhof-eisenach.de

**THU 03 OCT**  
Eisenach/Erfurt  
We travel around the state of Thuringia today, an area the size of Connecticut with lovely scenery and a cultural legacy that includes the origins of Bauhaus architecture and the musical legacy of the Bach dynasty. Arrive in Erfurt to visit St. Mary’s Cathedral, with its high-Gothic choir and Romanesque tower; it replaced the church built on this site for Bishop Boniface in 742. The central tower houses the “Gloriosa”, the world’s largest medieval free-swinging bell. The church features both a grand organ (1992, III/63) and a choir organ (1963, II/29) by Schuke Orgelbau of Potsdam. Check in at the hotel for dinner and overnight. Victor’s Residenz-Hotel Erfurt (B, D) www.victors.de

**FRI 04 OCT**  
Erfurt/Naumburg  
After a visit to the Prederkirche (1978 Schuke) depart for Buchenwald Concentration Camp; from 1937-1945, some 250,000 people were imprisoned here, and the number of victims is estimated at 56,000. Continue to nearby Weimar to visit the Sts. Peter & Paul Church and the Liszt Haus. Arrive in Naumburg for hotel check-in and dinner. This evening visit St. Wenzel’s Church; there is no doubt that its Hildebrandt organ is among the most significant creations of late Baroque organ building. J.S. Bach and Gottfried Silbermann examined this instrument in 1746 and it is thought to represent Bach’s ideal, as he advised Hildebrandt on the project. Gamni-Hotel Stadt Naumburg (B, box-L, D) https://ck-domstadt-hotels.de

**SAT 05 OCT**  
Naumburg/Leipzig  
Travel to Halle to visit the Marktkirche (1984 Schuke, III/56; 1664 Reichel, I/6) and the Handel Haus. This afternoon arrive in Leipzig, city of Bach and books, to attend the Motette at St. Thomas Church, where J.S. Bach was organist for 27 years. Check in at the hotel for dinner. Inside Hotel Leipzig (B, D) www.melia.com/en/hotels/germany/leipzig/inside-leipzig/index.htm

**SUN 06 OCT**  
Leipzig vicinity  
Attend worship at St. Thomas Church at 9:30AM. Following the service there will be an introduction to the Romantic-era instrument by Sauer and an exquisite modern interpretation by Woehl (IV/61) with a sound quality similar to the organs built in Thuringia during the 18th century. This afternoon visit Merseburg’s Cathedral of St. Johannes and St. Laurentius with connections to Litsz. At the time Friedrich Ladegast built this organ (1855-53) it was the largest in Germany - its Baroque facade conceals 5687 pipes. The recently restored Ladegast organ remains one of the largest and most imposing Romantic organs in Germany. Dinner this evening will be at Auerbach’s Keller restaurant, which dates back to 1525. In Goethe’s play “Faust,” this is the first place Mephistopheles takes Faust during their travels. Inside Hotel Leipzig (B, D)

**MON 07 OCT**  
Leipzig vicinity  
After a final visit to another organ in Leipzig, journey into the countryside for visits in the towns of Rötha, Störmthal and lastly Altenburg. The 15th century castle church houses an instrument by T.H.G. Trost that earned high praise from J.S. Bach for its technical innovations, quality and sonority. Bach’s prized pupil, J. L. Krebs, later held the post here. Inside Hotel Leipzig (B)

**TUE 08 OCT**  
Leipzig/Dresden  
Leave Leipzig and visit the Old Church in the town of Coswig (17th century unknown, I/10). Arrive in Dresden for visits to the Kreuzkirche (1963 Jehmlich, IV/76) and Jehmlich Orgelbau. Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. Steinberger Hotel de Saxe (B, D) www.steigenberger.com/en/hotels/all-hotels/germany/dresden/steigenberger-hotel-de-saxe

**WED 09 OCT**  
Dresden Vicinity  
Enjoy a day’s excursion to Freiberg and discover four of Gottfried Silbermann’s organs at St. Jacob’s Church, St. Peter’s Church and the Cathedral of St. Mary. The well-preserved great organ at the cathedral was the first “big” organ built by the then 27-year-old Silbermann. He ingeniously combined the French-Alsatian and Middle German styles with excellent craftsmanship and astoundingly precise voicing. Steinberger Hotel de Saxe (B)

**THU 10 OCT**  
Dresden  
Explore Dresden today – a city reborn from the ashes of WWII. Visits of particular note include the famed Frauenkirche whose Silbermann organ was inaugurated on December 1, 1736, in a concert by J.S. Bach. Unfortunately the church and the instrument were destroyed in 1945 and a new eclectic organ was built in 2005 by Kern, though the case recreates the Silbermann original. Another Silbermann instrument of note is in the Hofkirche. This organ’s pipes and windchests were removed from the church before the WWII bombing; with a meticulously replicated case, the old components were restored to create an instrument nearly original in its glorious effect. Steinberger Hotel de Saxe (B)

**FRI 11 OCT**  
Dresden/Berlin  
Depart for Berlin stopping in Meissen to see the world’s first porcelain organ—made by Jehmlich organ builders and the Meissen Porcelain Factory in 2000 (1 manual, 4 registers). Next is Wittenberg where Martin Luther lived for the greater part of his life. According to tradition, he nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church, thus launching the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century. In this church explore the magnificent 1864 Ladegast organ (restored and enlarged by Euile). Continue to Berlin for hotel check-in, dinner and overnight. Maritim proArte Hotel Berlin (B, D) www.maritim.com/en/hotels/germany/proarte-hotel-berlin

**SAT 12 OCT**  
Berlin  
One of today’s visits might include the Medieval Marienkirche where the organ on the west wall is a masterpiece, built in 1721-1722 by Joachim Wagner. The screen was created in 1723 by Gottlieb Glume; the organ was renovated and partially reconstructed in 2002 by Daniel Kern. We have included a mid-range ticket for a concert here in Berlin or elsewhere during the trip. Maritim proArte Hotel Berlin (B)

**SUN 13 OCT**  
Berlin  
Perhaps attend worship at the Berlin Cathedral this morning. Its 1905 Sauer instrument is part of the original artistic fittings and fixtures. At its inauguration in 1905, this 4-manual organ of 7269 pipes and 113 registers was considered to be the largest in Germany. This afternoon continue with visits to other locations such as Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche (Memorial Church), which represents the horrors of war and the promise of the future. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner. Maritim proArte Hotel Berlin (B, D)

**MON 14 OCT**  
Return to U.S.  
Transfer this morning for flight check-in and departure to JFK at 12:45P. (B, Meals in-flight)
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PRELIMINARY ORGAN LIST

- Fulda: Cathedral (1996 Rieger, IV/72s)
- Eisenach: St. George's Cathedral (1992 Schuke, III/60)
- Ilmenau: St. Jacobuskirche (1911 Walcker, II/66)
- Konigsee: Stadtkirche (1871 Schulze, II/23)
- Arnstadt: Bach Church (1703 Wender, II/23; 1913 Steinmeyer, III/56)
- Erfurt, Saint Mary's Cathedral/Dom (1992 Schuke; II/63; 1963 Schuke, II/29)
- Leipzig: Gewandhaus Concert Hall (1981 Schuke; IV/63)
- Leipzig: Nikolaikirche (1862 Ladegast-Sauer, III/46s, restored by Kern in 2002)
- Leipzig: Johanniskirche (1978 Schuke)
- Leipzig: St. Peter Church (1904 Sauer, IV/47)
- Meissen Porcelain Factory (2020 Jehmlich, I/4)
- Coswig: Old Church (17th century unknown, I/10)
- Dresden: St. Jakob's Church (1718 Silbermann, II/23)
- Dresden: St. Peter Church (1735 Silbermann, II/32)
- Dresden: Kreuzkirche (1963 Jehmlich, IV/76)
- Dresden: Frauenkirche (2005 Kern, IV/68s)
- Dresden: Hofkirche (1750 Silbermann-1755 Hildebrandt, III/47s)
- Dresden: Loschwitz (2000 Wegscheider, II/20)
- Wittenberg: Schlosskirche (1864 Ladegast, IV/48)
- Berlin: St. Marienkirche (1723 Joachim Wagner, III/45s, restored by Kern in 2002)
- Berlin: Holy Cross Church (1870 Hook, III/39)
- Berlin: Dom/Cathedral (1905 Sauer, IV/113)
- Berlin: Schauspielhaus (1981 Hildebrandt, III/47s)
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- Berlin: Karl Schuke (IV/63)
- Berlin: St. Afra Church (1869 Hill, IV/46)
- Berlin: St. Paul (1964 Becker, IV/34)

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