

## Trip Update #1

Good Day LACS 2016 UK Travelers!

This will be the first of what will be more frequent, and in some cases URGENT, communications in 2016. Five months from now we will be in the final countdown for our trip, and hopefully, experiencing profound excitement. In the meantime, we want to do everything we can to make your whole pre-trip experience as informative as possible so your trip experience will be positively memorable.

When these communications are sent, it's important you register the information and respond to emails when requested. Consequences of not staying in the communication loop could negatively impact your participation, as well as frustrating Joanie and me as we are the only link between you and the tour company. She and I have a lot of responsibilities and deadlines to meet in the months ahead, and while we are happy to accept these responsibilities, we need your cooperation. Responding to emails when necessary and meeting deadlines are essential.

### **General Information for Everyone:**

1. Attached is the working itinerary to date. Please take a few minutes to go through it as many TBDs have been finalized, including hotels. If you have questions or comments, please direct them to us rather than the tour company. If there is something more pressing, let us know now. We'll be having a face-to-face meeting with our Bob Rogers tour agent this Friday.
2. I hope your efforts to get your passport are moving forward as we are going to need that information next month.
3. I know some of you have not traveled to this extent or even traveled out of the country before, and therefore have questions, no doubt, regarding numerous aspects of the trip and traveling with a group. These could include, but not be limited to, how to pack, what to pack, transportation and meal inquiries, spending money, currency and exchange rates, airline luggage restrictions, jet lag, etc. If, in the months ahead, you have a question about ANYTHING regarding the trip, please email it to us at the LACS email address: [lacsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:lacsmusic@gmail.com). We will compile the questions and publish the answers for everyone. What I'm trying to do is eliminate the need for a pre-trip meeting to discuss these matters. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **Choir Member Only Information**

1. The rehearsal for Saturday, June 11, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 8, from 7-9 p.m. There was only one person who was unable to make the change, which is better than three unable to make the June 11 rehearsal. Thanks for your cooperation in responding in a timely manner.
2. Mary Hokanson, LACS uniform coordinator, will be presenting a proposal for a new casual shirt for the whole choir which we will be using for our performances on the trip. Information will be available at the start of our season in March. We will not be taking formal uniforms.
3. I will be asking Lisa Sterkenburg, keeper of our website, to work with John Myers to get the mp3 files of our trip only music online for you. On our website, under Member Resources, is a "Trip Information" icon. I'm also going to ask Lisa to place these communications in that file, as well as having the mp3 files for you. It's essential you have the notes learned for the UK only trip music BEFORE our first trip only rehearsal in May. Prior to that I will post some optional Saturday/Sunday afternoon spring sectionals for those who need/want the extra practice. I'll get those dates out soon.

Hope you all are well!

Bob