

Music Tour 2017



The long awaited return of the Music Tour to the Black Forest kicked off after months of anticipation and a year of practising lively dances and jazzy tunes. Despite the early hour we set off, we were full of excitement, and the journey to our hostel was full of singing and beautiful scenery.

The beautiful scenery continued on the next day, when we visited the Triberg Waterfalls and the town surrounding Lake Titisee. Our first concert of the tour took place at Titisee Konzertpavillion. Unlike English weather and its unpredictability, the weather in Germany was sunny and warm, so we were massively taken by surprise when we and our audience were drenched with a downpour of rain just as the concert ended!

On Day 3 we all shared a brand new experience- performing in a theme park. Before our set, our tour manager, Georg, explained that playing in a theme park has a very different atmosphere, and that we might not have a massive audience, so it was really touching to see tourists spending the day at Europa Theme Park stop to listen and enjoy our music. After our performance, we spent the rest of the day on the scariest rides in the theme park's different 'countries', and were all thoroughly exhausted on our return to the hostel.

We spent our final morning walking around a town called Freiburg. On a tour around the town, we saw small streams called bächle; legend has it that if someone falls into one of these, they are destined to fall in love with and marry someone from Freiburg, and of course someone did fall in!

Afterwards we split off to explore the town: some of us spent this time at the Cathedral, others shopping for souvenirs and local delicacies, and one group even walked to the top of the Schlossberg (Castle Hill)! When we arrived at Badenweiler Kurhaus for our final concert, we were amazed to find a huge audience already waiting for us, and were overwhelmed by their generous donations to our music department.

When we returned to the hostel, we had a campfire to celebrate our hard work. Aside from obvious campfire traditions like making s'mores and, of course, lots of singing, we also (somewhat) mastered the art of baking bread on sticks. At the end of the evening, we were even serenaded in German by Georg, who happens to be a professional opera singer.

We were sad to leave the Black Forest behind, but we left with so many happy memories; a massive thank you to Miss Hasler for organising the tour, Miss Hannent for leading the Big Band and Mrs Moore for joining us and helping in orchestra and choir.

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