

THE SCRATCH® ATHENIAN ADVENTURE 2019

For our Spring jaunt in 2019, we will be making our first visit to mainland Greece. Athens is a museum of antiquity, at the very centre of which are the Acropolis and Parthenon, dating from the fifth century BC. It is also a bustling modern city, with an astonishing choice of restaurants, cafés and nightlife. Spring is the very best time to visit the city, avoiding the searing heat of the Greek summer and the tourist hordes, and our accommodation will be well away from the noise and bustle of the city in a stunningly beautiful coastal area south of Athens, rapidly becoming known as the Athenian Riviera. Haydn's exuberant *Creation* seemed to us the perfect choice to perform in what is often referred to as the cradle of western civilisation, and our concert will be given with local choral group Choir Musica in the magnificent auditorium of the Athens Concert Hall (Megaron), described as one of the best-designed concert halls anywhere in Europe.

Vocal scores

Singers must bring their own vocal scores of Haydn's *Creation* and learn their parts beforehand. Bring any **old** Novello edition, but not the New Novello edition (ed. Pilkington) as the words are completely different. We will be performing Parts One and Two and the final chorus. Blackwell's Music Shop can supply vocal scores (01865 333582 or printed.music@blackwell.co.uk) and rehearsal material is available from ChoraLine (01285 644845 or music@choraline.com).

Timetable of events

(The schedule is provisional and subject to change)

Thursday 4 April – Gather in Athens; Evening piano rehearsal

Friday 5 April – Morning: optional tours; Afternoon: choir rehearsal with piano;
Evening: optional Musical Feast, with local food, wine and entertainment

Saturday 6 April – Morning: optional tours; Afternoon: final tutti rehearsal;
Evening: concert with orchestra in the Athens Concert Hall

Sunday 7 April – Return home or arrange an extension of your stay

Full UK flight and hotel packages available

Tour operated by Specialised Travel Ltd, 12–15 Hanger Green, London W5 3EL

Event organised by Scratch Concerts Ltd, PO Box 4211, Bath BA1 0HJ

A 'music only' package will also be offered by Specialised Travel for those who wish to organise their own travel and hotel.

Availability is limited – contact Specialised Travel as soon as possible

The Scratch® Athenian Adventure, 4–7 April 2019

To register your interest in this event, send this form to

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