



Mission Viejo High School Choral Music Seattle Trip April 3-5, 2020 Information

Mission Viejo High School's Choral Music Program is a hard-working and successful organization that brings pride to the community. Recognizing the string work ethics and high level of talent our kids have to offer, Worldstrides Heritage Performance Programs has invited the Mission Viejo High School Choral Music Program to participate in their nationwide choral music competitions in Seattle, Washington! Exposing them to superb music programs in a competitive competition, while exploring one of the top destinations in the Pacific Northwest, will further provide a unique experience to grow both musically and expand the comradery within our MVHS Choral community making the Seattle 2020 trip one that cannot be missed!

Cost and Payment Schedule

In an effort to maximize our programs trip we will combine musical experiences with the sights of Seattle thus allowing our students a once in a lifetime trip they will never forget. To make this happen, we have decided to partner with Worldstrides Heritage Performance Programs, who is known for providing high school music programs like us amazing travel opportunities nationwide.

The cost for the Seattle trip is **\$1020**. For a detailed list of items included in the cost of our trip, please see the trip package information section located in the subsequent pages of this packet.

This trip is only possible through continued support of the music program. If the choir cannot meet their donation/fundraising goals, it may not be feasible to participate in this choir trip and future tour events in general. This is in addition to the student voluntary contributions that are needed annually for continued support of the music program. For a detailed payment schedule, please see "Mission Viejo High School Payments and Cancellations" section in packet.

Payments can be made by check to: Mission Viejo High School Choir (please include your student's name on the memo line) or electronically through the ASB webstore (please find the link at www.missionviejochoir.com). **The trip down payment of \$150 is due on Friday, September 13th**. This payment will reserve your spot on this trip and allow us to secure airfare locking in the trip pricing. Payments do not include souvenirs, meals not predefined as being part of the package, spending money or extra (non-itinerary) activities that may be available during down time.

Should a student decide he/she would like to participate and the period of adding additional students to the trip list has passed, a waitlist will be offered. In the event that a previously committed student must drop out, a student on the waitlist would be offered to take their place. All payments would be required to be caught up to the standard pay schedule at the time of commitment.

In the event of an absence of Mrs. Norris, a locked deposit box is located at the front of the choir room in which students may deposit any payments. Mrs. Norris will collect deposits to turn in for contributions for the trip.

Who is Eligible?

Although everyone in the Mission Viejo High School Choral Music Program is eligible to go, each student must audition due to the skill level that such an event requires. Because both the Chamber Singers and Treble Choir are auditioned choirs, members of those choirs are automatically able to participate in this tour without a separate audition. All other MVHS Choral Music members must schedule an audition prior to turning in the first trip payment. To do this, please contact Mrs. Norris at norriss@svusd.org.

In the event that a student willingly violates the MVHS Code of Conduct, does not put forth the effort that goes with the requirements of this voluntary tour choir, or willfully defies the teacher, adult leadership or overall cohesive choir, he/she will be removed from the trip prior to departure. In the unlikely event that this happens, a refund will be generated for funds paid in less non-refundable expenses due to group booking policies with our trip vendors.

Documentation Requirements

Along with all students conducting themselves in accordance with the MVHS standard code of conduct, students will be required to adhere to all rules set forth by Mrs. Norris, the tour company, and all chaperons for the duration of the trip. Should any violations occur before or during the trip, the student will be punished in accordance with SVUSD policy.

In addition, all students are required to fill out a comprehensive medical release form detailing any medical issues each trip-goer may experience. It is imperative for the leadership and the safety of our students that we have all information needed in the unlikely event of a medical emergency.

These and any additional critical documents will be disseminated closer to our departure date.

Chaperones

While we could not go on this trip without them, chaperones are responsible for the same payments and payment schedule as the students. The school requires one (1) chaperone per six (6) students. Should we have an excess of chaperons interested in joining the tour, a waitlist will be created.

Please note: parent chaperones will not necessarily be their own student's chaperone.

There will be a mandatory chaperone meeting two (2) weeks prior to the trip as well as additional information at our trip parent meetings throughout the school year. If you are interested in being a Seattle chaperone, please contact Sarah Norris at norriss@svusd.org or our webmaster at missionviejochoir@gmail.com

Fundraising

We will be holding several opportunities for our students to raise funds to help offset the cost of this trip. So far, we have our MVHS program advertisements, wherein a portion of the company's donations will go towards the student's trip, the FivePoints Amphitheater individual fundraiser in conjunction with MVHSIMBA, and our annual Sweethearts' Dinner (February 2020). In addition to these, we can help any student interested to work up trip donation letters that can be used to ask friends and family to help sponsor their trip to Seattle. Please see Mrs. Norris or the choir website (www.missionviejochoir.com) for more details. **IT IS POSSIBLE TO FUND THE ENTIRE COST OF THE TRIP THROUGH FUNDRAISING.**

Trip Overview / Q&A Meeting

There will be a Parent/student meeting on **Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 6PM** to discuss the Seattle trip so that everyone has a full understanding before the initial trip deposit is due. For any questions, please contact Sarah Norris by e-mail at norriss@svusd.org, our trip coordinator at missionviejochoir@gmail.com, or visit our website at www.missionviejochoir.com to stay up to date.

Trip Package Information

Basic Package Includes:

- Airfare from LAX to Seattle
- 1 Carry-on luggage and 1 carry-on small bag (backpack (recommended), purse, etc.)
- 2 nights' accommodations at the Seattle Marriott Hotel (*or comparable*)
- Several meals for the duration of the trip (all Continental Breakfasts and 2 dinners)
- Competition & Registration for the Worldstrides Heritage Competition
- Entrance fee and expenses for the Museum of Pop Culture, Seattle Space Needle, Guided Underground Tour, Snoqualmie Falls, Ballard Locks, etc.
- Puget Sound Harbor Ferry & entrance to Tillicum Village Salmon Bake Awards Ceremony
- Any adjudication and registration expenses for the program
- Charter bus transportation in Seattle
- Round trip transportation from MVHS to LAX
- All taxes associated with the trip
- All taxes and gratuities

Not included:

- Souvenir spending money
- Snacks, food and drinks not provided during meal times
- A few meals for the duration of our trip
- Any additional individual charges incurred on the trip
- \$5 cash tip for our tour guide (collected prior to departure)

Cost per person: (*Chaperones and students priced the same*)

Pricing: **\$1020** (*4 students to a room. Chaperones to be 2 to a room*)

Although, we'd like as many chaperons to join us as possible, we must stick to a 1 to 6 ratio based on room pricing and SVUSD student requirements. Should there be additional spots that won't affect trip pricing, we'd more than welcome the additional travelers.

Payments

	Due Date for Payments	Trip Payment Amount
Deposit date:	Friday, September 13, 2019	\$150 per person
	Friday, October 4, 2019	\$150 per person
	Friday, October 25, 2019	\$150 per person
	Friday, November 15, 2019	\$150 per person
	Friday, December 13, 2019	\$150 per person
	Friday, January 10, 2020	\$150 per person
Final Payment:	Friday, February 13, 2020	\$120 per person

Should a spot open after the commitment deadline, an additional student may be added from the waitlist. At that time, they would be required to catch up with all trip payments based on the schedule.

Should the payment schedule be financially challenging for your family, please contact Mrs. Norris at norriss@svusd.org to see if there are actions that can be taken to ensure all qualified students can attend this trip.

Cancellations

Should something happen that makes your student is unable to attend after an initial commitment was made, you will be liable for the following amounts due to booking non-refundable trip requirements:

Date Range	Commitment
September 13, 2019 – October 25, 2019	\$150.00 per person
October 25, 2019 – December 13, 2019	\$400.00 per person
December 13, 2019 –February 7, 2020	\$600.00 per person
February 7, 2020 – departure	No refund, 100% penalty

***Cancellation due dates and penalties subject to change based on reservation commitments.*

Payments received after the due date may be subject to late charges due to an inability for the choir to obtain the group discount pricing at the time of booking. Any unpaid reservations are subject to the same cancellation penalties.

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Must be turned in with first payment

I, _____ (name of parent or guardian), give permission for my student, _____ (name of student) to participate in the Mission Viejo High School Seattle Trip on April 3-5, 2020. I understand that I am financially responsible for the Initial deposit in September 2019 of \$150, as well as all payments based on the payment schedule. I understand that any subsequent trip payment maybe be paid outright or fundraised through the opportunities presented throughout the year by the MVHS Choral Music Program. I realize that this trip takes place during a normal school week and it will require my child to miss a day of normal class instruction. I understand that this trip is in no way required as part of the MVHS Choral Music class grade. I also understand the payment schedule and cancellation policy and agree to abide by them.

I, _____ (name of parent or guardian), ***do not*** give my student, _____ (name of student) permission to participate in the Mission Viejo High School Choral Music Seattle Trip on April 3-5, 2020.

Student Signature

Student Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Contact Information (please print):

Student Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____