



The Friendship Ambassador

A tradition of service to the field

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PEACE THRU CULTURAL EXCHANGE CONCERT TOURS, EDU-TOURS, VOLUNTEERISM

This year ... *an FAF Tour*

- Our tours are crafted here and made abroad, just the way it ought to be!

FAF's nonprofit staff has your interests in mind - ONLY. FAF's partners abroad know how important the cultural immersion and exchange are to those we serve.



- Customized tours ... *on a mission.*

Who else offers good concert tours, homestays, interchanges - as part of its own mission to promote peace through cultural exchange?

- A staff with global experience.

FAF' staff include IATA travel agents, tour operators, destination managers worldwide, affiliates of the United Nations, faculty & scholars worldwide.



The famed **World Children's Choir** of Washington D.C. at an FAF produced event in the United Nations, August 2004

Choral Peace Camp, Romania July 2005



The World Children's Choir of Washington D.C. has been invited to a special choral exchange in Romania. Friendship Ambassadors Foundation has invited the choir to a 'peace camp through music' suggested and developed by WCC Artistic Director and Founder, Sondra Harnes.

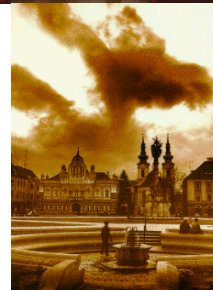
You are invited: Stay almost two weeks in a cultural center of the emerging country, Romania; our children will sing with local Muslim and other Romanian children. Be part of a unique peace retreat for children and see sights in a lovely region of the world.

Twelve days: Romania. Visit Arad and Timisoara, Romania. Price includes round trip nonstop air, NY or DC-Timisoara, 10 nights at the peace camp near Timisoara (Romania's second largest and most safe, cultural city), accommodations, meals, transfers, private motorcoach, translators at the retreat and on tour, peace camp (training by WCC faculty), concerts in Timisoara and Arad, and local tours and admissions. Cultural exchange daily.

Cost per person includes:

- Round trip air transportation (NY-Timisoara-NY)
- Accommodations, Meals as indicated
- Professional, English speaking guides
- Peace Camp, Concerts, and Audience Development
- Admissions

Optional: Travel Insurance, single room, flight upgrades, & tour extensions available upon request



The World Children's Choir, Timisoara at dusk, a local church

Meet FAF FOUNDER Harry Morgan during the tour. He is a visionary leader; this is a special occasion not to be missed!

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FREE ITALY INSPECTION TOURS

(DIRECTORS, TOUR MANAGERS ONLY; LAND TOUR)*

VISIT ITALY FREE IN 2005

Ten Free Familiarization Trips to Italy with FAF

Land free; air \$ refunded if group travels with FAF to Italy
in '06, companions ok at low cost



Grosse Pointe High School Singers & Dancers, Ellen Bowen Director, FAF Italy tour, 2004

**DEPARTURES:
November 10, 17, 24**

“The trip was a wonderful success. Our guides were excellent. It was good working with you!” Ms. Ellen Bowen



5 Days: Transfers, 4 x hotels, meals, site inspections, special events, meetings with locals & English speaking guide



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TRAVEL GRANT GUIDELINES DIRECTOR SITE VISITS

Free travel grants will be offered to performing arts group directors in 2005. Grants will enable recipients to help familiarize themselves with FAF programs in Italy. This grant is funded in part by FAF, Inc.: this is a land only offer. Those groups who travel with FAF in one year after this familiarization tour will have their airfare fully refunded Complete and return to Friendship Ambassadors Foundation by mail or fax prior to May 15, 2005 (call for extension if necessary). All directors and group leaders are eligible. Awardees must sign a letter of agreement (upon request of FAF at time of notification) stating that without any obligation they are accepting this opportunity in the name of their arts organization or academic institution.

Name/Title

Organization/Affiliation

Address

Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Fax _____

Has your group ever traveled internationally? _____ Does it intend to in 06-07? _____

Have you ever traveled on a performance tour or exchange? _____ If yes:

Where/When have you or your group traveled?

If you or your group have not traveled internationally, please list two reasons why not:

more, over ...

Is the organization seeking funding for this tour, or is it fully supported?

Please use the remainder of this page (use additional sheets if necessary) to explain how this travel grant will help you and the organization you represent; also, tell us about your group and its repertoire, size, and age:

Group Details:

Anticipated Travel Dates:

Why Italy and why should you receive this travel grant opportunity?

Send to:

Friendship Ambassadors Foundation • 260 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye, New York 10580
FAX: 1-914-925-0080 • EMAIL: Friendlyam@faf.org • PHONE: 1-914-925-0080

FAF 'neighbor' at Wainwright House to travel with orchestra to Prague in June

Article by Yin-Chu Jou, Amadeus Conservatory of Music Prague Tour Director



Ms. Yin-Chu Jou,
Pianist, Tour Manager,
Amadeus Orchestra &
Manager Amadeus-Rye

When Friendship Ambassadors Foundation relocated its headquarters from White Plains to historic Wainwright House in Rye on July 2005, none of them had any idea that aside from the Yoga and aerobic classes that the Rye YMCA run downstairs, a music school would be moving in the main house of the French chateau two months later. When Amadeus Conservatory of Music began accepting students at the main house of Wainwright House on September 2005, we were clueless that the “United Nations affiliate” at Wainwright House whom we would be neighboring with was an organization that utilizes music as a medium to bring the message of friendship to the world.

What a coincidence and complement that Amadeus, an institution whose objective is to provide the highest quality musical experience to people of all ages, would share a common ground with FAF, an organization who promotes peace through cultural exchange.

On my first visit to FAF, I asked Davina of how we could collaborate with FAF. Our answer was found when the idea of forming the Amadeus Orchestra at Wainwright House for advanced young music students came into mind. The co-existence of Amadeus and FAF in close proximity thus becomes meaningful!

With a space conducive to orchestral rehearsals and performances at Milton Point, we couldn't waste any moment in gathering talented young music students from Rye and its neighboring cities to create a new orchestra to build new friendships and deepen musical understanding.

In developing a successful orchestral program, what better way to heighten the students' musical experience than through immersing themselves in Europe, home to numerous Music Festivals all year round with historic music halls throughout the whole continent! From 2005, Amadeus has received the honor of letting FAF facilitate its Concert Tours in Europe. For its first year, the Orchestra will visit Prague on June 24-July 1, 2005. A musical city since well before

Mozart's day, Prague is the city that instrumentalists have been coming together to play chamber music in its annual **summer Ameropa festival** in its great number of concert venues, like



Youth orchestra in Rehearsal

the Klementinum (Hall of Mirrors), Museum of Czech Music, Sue Ryder Centre, the Rudolfinum's Suk Hall and the Convent of St. Agnes of Bohemia. The musical genius Mozart loved Prague. When he visited Prague, he not only bequeathed the Bohemian capital his Prague Symphony (No. 38) but also perhaps his most famous opera, Don Giovanni. *Cont, next page*

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The **Prague Opera Gala-Stone Bell Series** which has been running every year since 1992, is an 11-month Opera Gala season at the House of the Stone Bell, one of the oldest buildings in Prague, a Gothic sandstone constructed on the east side of the Old Town Square. **Musica Sacra Prague** is an international festival of sacred music that is now a regular in Prague three times a year. Fittingly, for a city steeped in music and music history, Prague's festivals have always majored on music from its own region, the traditional opener of which is that of great nationalist Bohemian musical statement, *Má Vlast* (My Country) by **Bedrich Smetana**, the father of Czech music.

During its trip to Prague, the Amadeus Orchestra will be participating in an orchestral cultural exchange with Czech musicians from the music school of the Gymnasium Lieben Castle Prague 8. After three days of rehearsals, the collaborated group will be giving a concert in Wedding Hall. As a gift to our Prague host, our conductor, Boris Gerasimov, and our concertmaster, Tia Plautz, will be performing Kreisler's Preludio and Allegra during the Prague 8 high school graduation. It will be a tour that will transform young American musicians' perception of music: an instrument of harmony, not merely entertainment & showmanship.

NOTE: Group leader articles, editorials and photos gratefully accepted in all future issues!



FAF's Open House



Benefiting the foundation's 9/11 projects and needy youth attending FAF's exchanges

July 23 - 2 PM

Full Barbecue outdoors on the beautiful lawn of the historic site. 5 acres of waterfront property; donated events include stilt walking, classical concerts, play readings, and a fascinating presentation on a recent theatre exchange in Kabul, Afghanistan. Suggested donation \$100; families \$150. Donations will be accepted in any amount as a special introductory offer. 100 maximum; R.S.V.P. reservations to follow. Watch for further news on the open House to follow in a separate release.



FAF 9/11 Children's Camp for the Lions International – July 2005

Now in its third year, this project is part of FAF's *Finding New Hope*, a programme created by the foundation to use international arts and cultural exchange as tools for healing children who lost parents on 9/11. Completely free, two-week camp in Newburgh, N.Y; affected families may contact FAF at 914-925-0080 or the website for more details.

Profile of an FAF Tour in the Making

Some group leaders love FAF's style; while others seek an 'off-the shelf' approach

1) A customized approach. At Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, a team of logistical consultants speaks with group leaders about their vision, their finances, and a realistic approach that ensures flexibility while on tour. Some group leaders prefer to work with one professional throughout, on a preset itinerary, with predictable results. Knowing this is why many ex-FAF staffers have found success in the for-profit travel industry. However FAF remains a rare, nonprofit agency that cares more about the mission, the people and their safety, and true cultural immersion through real exchange. Professional agencies are great, but they cannot compare to an FAF *experience!*

2) A Volunteer staff. People around the world have given FAF a lifetime of service. Faculty and artists, many of whom have known FAF for decades, young university students interested in peace through cultural exchange, and seasoned travel professionals interested in contributing something back to the field while making the world a better place - these are the FAF workers. Our primarily volunteer staff cares more than many paid employees because they are *mission driven*. While some prefer to work with a single IATA travel professional who knows how to navigate SABRE, the FAF staff knows better how to navigate the world (as a matter of fact, FAF's Executive Director *is* an IATA travel professional, himself!). FAF volunteers, interns, friends, and our small core paid staff, bring a world of dedicated value to a tour, from concerts, to travel arrangements, to real, deep cultural exchange: a hallmark of our work and mission.



DID YOU KNOW ...?

Your group can now rest safely at an FAF location in *BOTH New York and Budapest?* (Pictured above is the Hungarian Culture Foundation, our European headquarters; The Wainwright House in Rye, NY is pictured on pages 2 and 8)

Finally, both FAF destinations accept small groups and individual group leaders seeking familiarization tours in either or both cities. *Please bring your group to our homes soon!*

3) Fluidity in Planning: It's a Good Thing

There are those who read a flexibility in our planning as a danger sign. Yet like in good jazz, we know how to make a group trip a success: by listening to the moment within the context of a great, general tour plan. We do not SELL CONCERT TOURS as others do; we use every group cultural tour as an opportunity to allow two cultures to meet, share, and learn about each other. Working mostly in developing regions of the world, we have learned *not* to count on the bus leaving exactly at 10:30 A.M. but ensuring good cross-cultural communication during informal down times so that both sides come away with a better understanding of each other. Mutual understanding and global cooperation are the key elements in our concert tour arrangements.

FAF Announces Summer 05 Plans for Wainwright House & 9/11 Summer Camp

Rye, NY – Westchester based Friendship Ambassadors Foundation (FAF), in residence at historic Wainwright House since 2004, announces its upcoming *Summer Season*. The foundation has promoted its mission of peace through cultural exchange since its inception in 1974 at Readers Digest in Chappaqua, NY. All programming will be held locally at Wainwright House, America’s oldest holistic centre, located on a five-acre waterfront retreat in Rye and at the United Nations in Manhattan.

A place of infinite possibilities for creative programming
Friendship Ambassadors Foundation: now at historic Wainwright House • Milton Point in Rye, New York

Wainwright House is a replica of an actual French Chateau named Raincheval in Doullen, France. Dag Hammarskjold, the first Secretary General of the United Nations, Joseph Campbell (whose work inspired the epic Star Wars movies) J. C. Penney, and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale have all used Wainwright House as an educational and retreat center in their work.

The property is set on five waterfront acres with three separate buildings in an exclusive area of Westchester, 30 minutes from midtown Manhattan.

Why not stop by for a visit? We sleep about thirty on site – and are offering familiarization trips here for group leaders starting in the fall – *we look forward to seeing you here!*

The Wainwright House property has:

- History
- Beauty
- Charm



Your Group’s New Home while on tour or visiting New York City

The Art of Living – July 10 - 17 (Entire property) (COST PER PERSON: LIVE IN/TRANSIENT)

The Art of Living workshops are a combination of the best of the ancient wisdom and modern science. They cater to every age group and section of society, from children to adults, from rural areas to huge corporate houses. The programs blossom the individual’s full potential with its emphasis on conscious holistic living and personal self-development. Look for more details when Guru SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR visits Westchester in May. (Registration now available; contact www.faf.org/aolcourse.htm; aolcourse@faf.org for more information.)

The Barbara Barondess Playwright’s Retreat– July 17-22 (Fonrose House on property)

A weeklong retreat for playwrights at the site. Six sponsored writers through the generous endowment left by Barbara Barondess, noted actor and playwright. NOTE: There will be free to the public playwright’s workshops throughout the week. They will include writing for children, playwriting structure, producing (selling) the work, and writing that includes other languages and physical theatre. ALL WORKSHOPS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND FREE OF CHARGE W/ ADVANCE RESERVATION.

Notes from the Executive Director – Concert Tours Are Cultural Diplomacy

Selling concert tours is different than providing once-in-a-lifetime experiences that include concert opportunities. FAF creates tours that include excellent concerts because our musical partners abroad believe in the mission of the foundation and that we embody the best of what America has to offer. In the past decade, FAF has defined its role as a provider of the best and most exclusive opportunities for its many participant groups nationwide. Through our relationships at the United Nations, the Wainwright House and Hungarian Culture Foundation sites, as well as with hundreds of universities, music and dance companies, social NGOs, and other international stakeholders throughout the world, FAF provides experiences that matter and tours that are incomparable.



Mr. Sciaratta is a keynote speaker at the World Culture Open in Seoul, Korea in September.

GROUP LEADERS:

Need Ideas, Tips, Travel Advice of any kind? Looking for a good itinerary or destination upon which to base a customized tour idea you have had for sometime ...? Why not visit our site:

www.faf.org/travel/travelindex.htm

The Friendship Ambassadors site has an entire area dedicated just for your explorations!

Build a tour around one of our suggested itineraries, create a fund development tour, or a companion tour to help support your main programme, link to sites where you can learn about the weather, how to get good travel insurance, travel warnings, and opportunities for better phone coverage while on tour, how hotels rate in the 'star' system – and, take time to learn about all the other work FAF does (for many, FAF's mission is *WHY* they choose us for their concert and other educational tours).



FAF - one stop for all your group travel needs!

Customizing global concert and other educational and peace tours since 1973

NGO/FYI: FAF is the leader in cultural and concert group travel, but it is also a leader in developing and defining a new 'cultural diplomacy'. This is a simple recognition of what we all know: that the arts and cultural exchange promote peace. Our funded programmes involve active exchange among artists, students, families affected by terror, and youth in regions emerging from conflict. FAF also acts as a fiscal and developmental agent for like-minded nonprofits who need assistance with their administrative and fund raising needs. *We welcome your interest in partaking in any of these programmes.*

FAF STAFF NEWS

Many of you became fond of Leila Rachidi, our Logistics Coordinator. She has moved on to a new post at the United Nations, where FAF is affiliated. Responding to an increasing number of tour requests, and the heightened need for additional participant safety and administrative accuracy, two new professional staff have replaced Ms. Rachidi in order to augment volunteer services:

Lucia Dundara is FAF's Project and Human Resources Manager. This new exciting role creates a management structure over all FAF services, personnel, and volunteers. With an extensive background in grants management, she will manage efforts across all FAF disciplines. Ms. Dundara worked on a part time basis for FAF in the Finding New Hope program for almost two years before ascending to this new role at FAF.

William Kleppel comes to FAF from Trafalgar Tours, a major for profit travel service in Long Island, New York. Mr. Kleppel will assume most of Leila's tour preparation duties. He will work closely with Ms. Dundara and Board of Advisors member Marjariitta Giardina (Finnair executive for over thirty years) during his training.

A Fund Raising Idea Like No Other

Friendship Ambassadors Foundation has created an easy, fun, no-cost, low- to no-overhead way to raise considerable funds – without having to buy candy, wash cars, rent expensive benefit halls, or risk uncertain grants. Most importantly, it is an approach that builds lasting positive public relations in the community ... and might even be an aid to peace-building worldwide.

What could be so important, fun and easy as all that?

FAF's nonprofit, fund raising, cultural group tours.

- **No cost whatsoever to the organizations we serve,**
- **Fully tax deductible as allowed by law, and a**
- **Great way to extend an already-planned trip & make it a stellar fund raising success.**

Visit our web site to discover how to make *any* tour into a fund development tool through 'companion tours'. While in our group tour section, you'll see a fascinating food, wine and culture fund raising tour for those times when you are not traveling. Donated funds to your organization are built into our culture tours.

The companion tour can accompany any established concert or educational tour. Beyond those, FAF's special food, wine and culture tour (Go to: www.faf.org/travel/travelindex.htm) is a very special, eleven-day, upscale experience that will retail for \$3,400 (pp/land only). \$400 from each traveler on this tour is refunded directly back to your organization with absolutely no fees or UBIT (IRS: Unrelated Business Income Tax) to your organization. Even a small group of ten couples nets your organization \$8000 with no rentals, fees, purchases or financial obligations of any kind.

Further, these fund-raising package tours increase your public image at home while they help a good cause at the same time. A \$100 donation is also included for Friendship Ambassadors Foundation; this is also fully tax deductible to each and every traveler and goes to support our work with youth reconciliation, peace building cultural exchanges abroad, and to aid young people who lost parents on 9/11, among other related projects (for a full listing of our work, please visit our website: www.faf.org).

Visit New York: Stay at Historic Wainwright House

1) Familiarization Trips for conductors, choreographers, group leaders ... Considering New York as a destination in '05 or beyond; traveling to a destination where New York could be added on as a fun extra on the schedule; looking for a good development tour that will attract a broad range of your constituency?

Visit Wainwright House and let FAF put together a tour with YOUR group's needs in mind.

2) The New York City Tour or the STOP ENROUTE ... Imagine an inexpensive and impressive New York City tour and FAF has it! Stop over for a minimum of three nights and perform at the United Nations, Ground Zero, and a third location in beautiful, cultural Westchester County. Stay minutes from New York City in historic and secluded Wainwright House. The best of the *City that Never Sleeps* and the restful repose of a retreat that never stirs - all in the same tour! We hope to see your ensemble at Wainwright House this season in New York or enroute to a season abroad!

3) Playwright's Residency Project: In the Spirit of America. Through a generous grant from the legacy of Barbara Barondess MacLean, FAF is hosting a playwright's residency programme at Wainwright in the Spring. Please contact the foundation for dates and application details: friendlyam@faf.org.

For-profit tour operators may advertise ...

that they are '... not just another concert tour abroad.' However choral directors, dance choreographers, artists, and those interested in promoting peace through the arts and cultural exchange know the difference:

"Friendship Ambassadors Foundation ... its mission is so important, and ... you are accomplishing remarkable things. Best wishes to you and everyone at the foundation!"



FAF youth counselors
with the former
President during a 9/11
summer get-a-way.

William Jefferson Clinton, January 26, 2004

Tomorrow's Leaders Today: A Youth Assembly **at the United Nations**

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NGO/DPI Sponsorship Includes

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*Learn more about the U.N., what it is doing for and with Youth, and
How YOU can get involved in building peace worldwide*

(Arrival Date August 2)

August 3, 4, and 5, 2005 **at the United Nations**

New York City, New York, U.S.A.

with two extensions

August 6 and 7

*Weekend in New York City**

and

August 8, 9, and 10

Special Leadership Think Tank at the Wainwright House*

(Arrival Date August 2)

- **Four days of meetings with young people from around the world, UN staff, & NGOs**
- **Finding increased opportunities to involve more youth in future UN activities**
- **Plenaries, workshops, summit talks, receptions, parties, and local tours**

A small number of young people will also be invited to join in a special leadership think tank at the end in the beautiful Wainwright House retreat, Westchester County. Wainwright House is affiliated with the United Nations and is right on the water in a parklike setting.

* All travel, meals, and related events must be paid for by the participants themselves; there are no subsidies available. **The conference itself is FREE of charge.** For detailed program information, applications, and costs associated with transfers and accommodations, the Weekend in New York, or the Leadership Think Tank: contact Friendship Ambassadors Foundation,

at 001-914-328-8589; www.faf.org/youthassembly.html, or email us at friendlyam@faf.org with questions.

The assembly events at the U.N. are free by invitation through application, only

Applicants may also write to FAF for an application: Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, 260 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye, New York 10580

All events and related activities facilitated by Friendship Ambassadors Foundation • www.faf.org • a not-for-profit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization

Extension for Youth Assembly Attendees

HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

August 7, 8, 9, 10; \$635 includes all meals, transfers and living expenses

Wainwright Leadership Seminar *Rye, Westchester, NY*

Led by Dr. Elaine Valdov and Mr. Patrick Sciarratta, with Special Guest lecturers

The leadership program “How You Can Make a Difference”, at Wainwright House, follows the Youth Assembly at the UN. It teaches leadership skills and helps young people to turn dreams into reality. The Leadership program focuses on the UN Millennium Development Goals, and works to help young people explore and create ways in which they can be active in helping to meet the MDGs.

Wainwright House, known as a center for personal development and the oldest holistic learning center in America located on the beautiful 5-acre estate overlooking the Long Island Sound – will be the center for leadership development based on lessons learned at the conference. Guest lecturers include U.N. affiliates, university faculty, and leadership specialists.

Wainwright Leadership Seminar Includes:

Lectures, workshops, leadership training, youth leadership issues discussed at the Youth Assembly, discussion on cultural diplomacy as a focus for leadership, time for special interests and concerns. It will be fun, engaging and challenging!

NOTES: Special guests from the UN, UNA/USA and elsewhere will also join the group during each day’s sessions. Separate applications will be provided upon request.

Space is very limited and a full list of facilitators will be available mid summer.

For further information: 1-800-526-2908; 001-914-925-0080 from abroad

Fax applications: 001-914-925-0019, or send via email: friendlyam@faf.org • www.faf.org/youthassembly.html

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The New York City you have never seen ... *and did not even know it existed.*

FAF will take you playing/shopping/wining/dining: experiencing life as a *real* New Yorker does

- Performance Art events • *Seinfeld* and *Sex in the City* Tour
- Dinners at special bistros, off the beaten track ... *and excellent*
- A Lunch and Tour of the United Nations with an insider’s view
- Go backstage and behind the scenes on TV, etc. (subject to availability upon request)
- Stay in hip, boutique accommodations • Hudson Valley excursion option available



As the newsletter goes to press ... Executive Director Patrick Sciarratta visits Asia and brings back a wonderful opportunity for our group leaders ...

A FAMILIARIZATION TOUR TO CHINA

Group Leaders and their companions, only • Tax deductible to all participants
Fully Refundable if group travels with FAF



SUGGESTED ITINERARY • Available November or December, 2004

Day 01 Arrive in Beijing* Check in 4 star hotel for 4 nights

Day 02 Full day tour: Tian An Men Square, Forbidden City & Temple of Heaven (B, L)

Day 03 Great Wall & Ming Tombs, Meeting/Reception with local colleagues (B, L, Duck Dinner with local counterparts)

Day 04 Morning tour: Summer Palace; afternoon inspection of theater, school, etc (B, L)

Day 05 Beijing/Xian by morning flight Check in 4 star hotel for 2 nights
Day tour to Terri Cotta Warriors (B, L)

Day 06 Morning tour to Wild Goose Pagoda & Great Masque; Afternoon inspection to a school or similar concert or exchange venue (B, L)

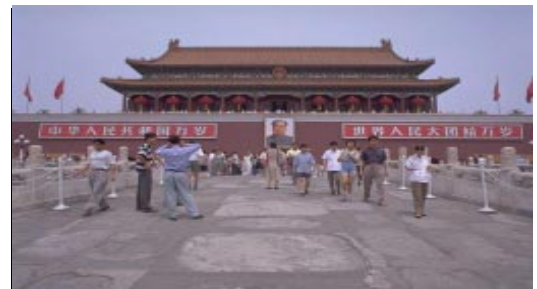
Day 07 Xian/Shanghai by morning flight check in 4 star hotel for 3 nights
Inspection of school, community, etc. Rest of day free for shopping and leisure

Day 08 Full day city tour in Shanghai including Yu Garden, the Bund & Children's Palace (B, L)

Day 09 Full day excursion to Suzhou by coach

Day 10 Shanghai/Home

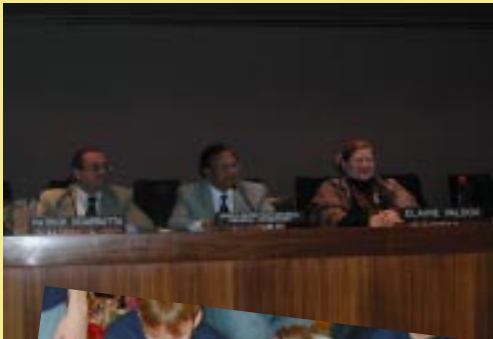
Special offer: Call for current costs; all costs refunded when group travels with FAF



FAF Complete package includes round trip air from the United States, any assistance with extensions or changes to your schedule enroute, both transfers in China, reception, and orientation. Please contact FAF at 1-800-526-2908 or friendlyam@faf.org for more details on how to arrange air transportation to and from China and ensure that the fam will be a total success and fully refundable (including airfare) when your group returns with FAF at a later date. If available, frequent flier miles drastically reduce air package cost.

Recent Photos • Recent Successes

Photos from FAF's recent projects and exchanges, here at the U.N. and abroad,
 Shots from our successful healing camps and retreats for families affected by terror
And, a few new shots from our new home in New York and our longstanding home in Budapest



Key: From upper left: FAF U.N. Panel; FAF on TV; Movement Lab in Prague; exchange among FAF participants; FAF on TV and at the UN. Wainwright House, above and left; FAF's Hungary home (and wine cellar!), lower right and below.



International Cultural Exchange
 Performance & other specialty tours...where cultural exchange comes first

Friendship Ambassadors Foundation

Low-cost, Development/Travel Opportunities • Authentic, Educational/Artistic Peer Exchange
Tax Exemption Available to Most Participants

Transcripts available of an extensive interview with FAF's Executive Director in the February 2005 Issue, *Choral Journal*, upon request. Hear the latest on FAF's current and future peace-thru-exchange tour operations.

"I just wanted to let you know that the kids got back safely, happily. They all had really positive things to say about the trip. I thank you for putting this trip together and especially from an educational standpoint the kids really had an amazing experience. Thanks." Jennifer Bell – Nyack High School Director of Foreign Languages 2/05

"Our concert tour show is entitled, 'A Voice to the World.' Did we accomplish that title on this tour with Friendship? Yes. Did we make a difference? Yes. Were our lives enriched by the experience? Yes. Have we helped bridge cultural gaps and understanding? Yes. Would I want Maria Mandova again as our guide? ABSOLUTELY! I would trust her with my life! I don't think I've ever felt so comfortable with a guide. Thank you, Patrick, for all of your hard work and vision." D. Kim Clayton, *Synergy*, August 2003 (Visiting NYC with FAF in 2005!)

"I must tell you how much we enjoyed our trip. My students and I cannot stop talking about it. This is a trip I would do again and certainly recommend to my choral colleagues. I give all of you glowing reports; it has been a pleasure working with you!" - Rick Bushey, *Kearsley Choir*, March, 2001

"Our wonderful trip to Romania and Bulgaria with Friendship Ambassadors Foundation was a positive, life changing cultural and social experience. I truly believe that the values, goals, and accomplishments of FAF are critical to world peace. We look forward to continuing a long relationship with your organization." - Dr. Lyn Schenbeck, *Director of Choral and Orchestral Activities, Agnes Scott College, Georgia - July 2001* (In 2004, Dr. Schenbeck formally joined FAF as an international tour consultant and advisor)



"Many thanks for all your help in making our tour a great success. Special thanks to Josephine - she was a great help! Many things have changed over the years at FAF, but your mission is going strong. Keep it up!" - Dr. David Milburn, *Jazz Band Director, West Virginia Wesleyan College - August 2001* (Fr. Milburn is now an FAF advisor.)



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