



CHORNACHRICHTEN

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5.9.2009 (E-Mail)

Dear Lothar,

Following our meeting held in yesterday, I am happy to tell you about our convenient schedule to propose you. Any of your comment on it will be highly appreciated.

We propose

- 1st day : dec. 18 Tokyo/Narita - Frankfurt - Muenster/Osnabrueck arri. 18:15 by LH1144. (We would very much appreciate if you could reserve a bus from this moment till our departure.) First night at the Youth Hostel.
- 2nd day: dec.19 AM visite Melle to meet Chore people & prove (and/or sightseeing in town). Lunch at a restaurant by ourselves. PM Kiyomi will welcome us with a home concert at tea time. Operetta Evening at the theatre of Osnabrueck (which Kiyomi suggested) Late diner with a light meal at a bar or somewhere nearby. Second night at the YH.
- 3rd day: dec. 20 Spending all day in Melle for the Concert (including prove) Evening :Japan day with Japanese foods prepared by us at the YH. Third night at the YH.
- 4th day: dec. 21 AM free time. PM sightseeing in Osnabrueck and visit Christmas Market Evening : Sayonara Party prepared by your side. Forth (and last) night at the YH.
- 5th day: dec. 22 10:30 departure to the Airport 13:05 departure Munster/Osnabrueck to Munich and to Tokyo.

We have in mind to take two tour conductors and one interpreter from our tourist agency, so that we could minimize to disturb your chore members for us (our sightseeing, visiting theater, and so on.) Also, please do not worry about our breakfast, lunch and dinner which we can manage by ourselves.

We sincerely hope that all of your chore member will concentrate only for their concert and for their Christmas Eve.

One very important thing that we would like to ask you is to get in touch with (1) the Mayor of Wallenhorst; or (2) Maestro Urs Borer to ask him to write a warm welcome message with his autograph (sign) & photo, and send me as soon as possible, (for example, Christmas time is the most beautiful season in Germany, and I am so happy to welcome the first Japanese chore member to participate the concert held at the church, in wishing a good success and and hoping in the future to welcome many participants from all over Japan for many years to come,,.)

We have in mind to include his message translated in Japanese with his sign & photo in our tour pamphlet, so that we can distribute to all Japanese media (journals, TV, ect,) to draw their attention to this trip.

Do you think the mayor comes willingly to our modest Japan Day essen ? this is important because, as he took an effort with maestro Urs Borer to sponsor us for our accommodations, we all would

very much like to thank him also on the spot.

Our tourist agency now is calculating the budget including two tour conductors and an interpreter, but, already some of chore members would be unable to participate. So, I cannot tell you exact number of participants for now, but it's quite possible that we will be less than 30

Hoping that this above proposal will suit you,
Sincerely yours,
Mariko Kudo

4.9.2009 (E-Mail)

Dear Lothar,

Thank you so much for your kind answer and many photos of the Youth Hostel.! I thank also all of you for taking a lot of efforts to negotiate with the town fo Wallenhorst and Melle ! We will have a meeting this evening and will get back to you with the result of how many participants and so on.

Our choir member is now practicing "Der Messias" and several Japanese Christmas songs. And we plan to take a Japanese journalist to let her writing an article on this first event of Japanese-German chore joint Concert.

We also plan to inform about this concert to the Japan Society in Germany. So, I am sure that your christmas concert will be a good success with full of audiences !

Meanwhile, I wish you every success for coming Concert on the 13th September !

From all the members of Chore Andante with love,
Mariko Kudo

3.9.2009 (E-Mail)

Dear Mariko,

Thank you, I'm fine. We are very hardly preparing our concert we shall perform on September 13th. I hope we shall get enough audience. That is always a little problem because of a lot of events taking place every week all around.

I am glad to hear you accept our offer to stay in the Hollager Muehle. As to your questions:

1. There are eight to ten rooms in the Hollager Muehle, among them are two single rooms. Other rooms have two to five beds and there is one with even sixteen. But as there are much more beds then thirty and as at the time considered there are no other guests than your group, it is not necessary to crowd altogether.
2. The accommodation there will be sponsored by the town of Wallenhorst. Concerning breakfast we carry on negotiations with the town of Melle to sponsor. I think they will be successful.
We are in negotiations to get a bus from the "stadtwerke" for free so that there are no further costs for transportation.
3. They got a meeting-room there with a capacity of 60 to 80 people you can use to perform a "Japan Day".

4. I will enclose the photos of the Hollager Muehle I took the other day. There is no photo of the dormitories because they were all occupied at the time I was there. They got bunk beds and as you might imagine there is not very plenty of space in the rooms.

That's it for now. I hope you are contented with the answers I could give to you.

I'm looking forward to your visit. Kind regards

Lothar

1.9.2009 (E-Mail)

Dear Lothar,

How are you? We just have a big election at the end of the summer vacation. and sorry for the delay in answering you.

As you may probably be told by now through Kiyomi, we, all choir members, accept, with many thanks, your kind offer to stay in Lechtingen Youth Hostel. And also, we accept Kiyomi's suggestion to fly from Tokyo through Frankfurt to Osnabruck/Munster.

We will have another meeting on the 4th of September, to discuss our trip (including departure date, number of participants and so on.) So, I will come back to you with the result of our meeting on the following day, without fail.

Meanwhile, would you please answer me the following questions?

1. How much does this hostel cost a day with breakfast ?
2. How many rooms is there in this hostel?
3. And how many beds in one room?
4. Is there any available big room for inviting your chors'member with their family to perform a "Japan Day"?
5. Could you please send me again those photos of this hostel including inside the bed rooms ?

These informations are very important for us, because most of the choir member prefer to have a private room , (that means, one room for each, except for a few couples) if possible, and they all asked me to confirm it.

We plan to perform a so called "Japan Day", in offering you all chore members and their families, a Japanese food, "Sushi" (Kiyomi will buy all the necessities stuffs and we altogether prepare the foods there.) and also in singing Japanese songs to express our glatitude to all of you.

Thanking you for your warm welcome and kind offer,

from Tokyo with Love,

Mariko

12.8.2009 (E-Mail)

Dear Lothar,

Thank you very much for your kind e-mail. I'll get back to you with the answer to your question after having a meeting with our choir members as soon as possible.

Your patient will be highly appreciated.

Thanking you for your kind offer, I remain,
Sincerely yours,
Mariko

11.8.2009 (E-Mail)

Dear Mariko!

[...]

But now, the real reason for this mail is we did some further steps in arranging your visit in December. We got a chance to give accommodation to you altogether in a nice vacation area called "Hollager Muehle" - that is "Old windmill in Hollage" (Hollage belongs to Lechtingen). A little disadvantage might be that there are rooms with several beds. But they got rooms enough to split the whole group into smaller parts.

If it were me this would make nearly no difference. I went on Saint James' Way last summer (that is a very famous pilgrims' way through Spain since mediaeval times). We spent the nights in so called "albergues" and these always offered such dormitories.

Even so you all remain our guests. In order to give you a slight impression of what you are expecting I add some photos from outside and inside the "Hollager Muehle". Please tell me whether it is o.k. for you to get accommodation there. I heard Kiyomi had some objections about this idea but I think she has not seen that facility so long.

There is another question we we have to fix, concerning the exact dates of your journey. I propose you to arrive in Germany on December 15th or 16th (that is Tuesday or Wednesday) and stay until December 22th (that is the following Tuesday). It is important for us to know in order to make further arrangements. You remember, there is our Christmas concert on December 20th and our "Gruenkohlessen" on December 21st.

That's it for now. Sincerely yours
Lothar