

Beethoven 250

Orchestra Festival

MUSIKVEREIN | June 28, 2020

Festival Tour #4 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1 Monday, June 22, 2020

Depart via scheduled air service to Munich, Germany

Day 2 Tuesday, June 23 Munich / Neuschwanstein / Salzburg (D)

Arrive in Munich

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for transfer to Salzburg via Neuschwanstein Castle (made famous by the Walt Disney model in Anaheim), built by the infamous Ludwig II (including entrance and uphill transport)

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner included, and overnight

Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace, is a delight from the first sight of the outline of the Hohensalzburg Fortress, the symbol of the power of the prince-archbishops. The city's picturesque streets with their wrought-iron signs, its spacious squares with sculptured fountains and the noble architecture of its buildings inspired by bishops with a passion for construction, leave memories which linger for years

Day 3 Wednesday, June 24 Salzburg (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Enjoy a morning guided tour of Salzburg including Mirabell Palace and Gardens, Mozart Square, the Dom (cathedral), University Church, entrance to the Mozarthaus (Mozart's birthplace) and a cable car ride up to the Fortress (for an unparalleled view of the city below)

Lunch, on own

Afternoon tour of Salzburg. Sightseeing will include driving past Schloß Leopoldskron, featured in "The Sound of Music", and entrance to Schloß Hellbrunn with its famous "Sound of Music" gazebo and trick fountains

*Performance in Salzburg as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria**

Evening dinner included, and overnight

Day 4 Thursday, June 25 Mondsee / Vienna (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning transfer to Vienna via Mondsee

Transfer to Mondsee to visit St. Michael's Church (site of *The Sound of Music* wedding)

Lunch, on own

Continue on to Vienna with a stop at the Vienna City Cemetery to visit the graves of Beethoven, Strauss, Brahms, Schubert and the Mozart Memorial

Evening dinner included, and overnight



Vienna is still considered the music capital of the world. It is a city of refined tastes, grace, style and unmatched artistic accomplishments. For a thousand years, Vienna was the capital of the far-flung Holy Roman and Hapsburg empires. Though its people and ways have changed, Vienna has retained its imperial monuments, not as reminders of past glories, but as living symbols of its present freedom

Day 5 Friday, June 26 Vienna (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Half-day guided tour of Historical Vienna includes the Ringstraße, Imperial Palace, State Opera, Town Hall, Burgkapelle (home of the Vienna Boys Choir), Palace Stables, Strauß Monument, and entrance to Schönbrunn Palace, built by the Hapsburgs in imitation of Versailles

Lunch, on own

Afternoon half-day guided tour of *Musical Vienna* includes entrance to the Haus der Musik (House of Music), a modern interactive sound museum, with floors dedicated to the Vienna Philharmonic and The Great Composers. The *Musical Vienna* tour concludes with a visit (entrance included) to the Beethoven Heiligenstadt apartment

Evening dinner included, and overnight

Day 6 Saturday, June 27 Vienna (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Rehearsal in the Golden Hall of the Musikverein

Excursion to Kahlenberg to walk the “Beethoven trail” (a route he often walked), and visit the Vienna woods

Lunch, on own

Next, visit the Pasqualati House and Museum

Evening dinner included, and overnight

Day 7 Sunday, June 28 Vienna (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Lunch, on own

Afternoon time at leisure

Evening dinner included

Warm-up in the Grand Hall of the Musikverein

Festival Concert in the Golden Hall of the Musikverein

Overnight at the hotel

Day 8 Monday, June 29 Terezin / Prague (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Prague via Terezin

Excursion to Terezin (former fortress and Nazi Concentration Camp for children), including entrance to the fortress and Museum of the Ghetto. Terezin offers poignant insights for musicians because of the music written here by prisoners and also modern works such as *The Song of Terezin* by Waxman

Lunch, on own

Continue on to Prague

Evening dinner included, and overnight



Prague is one of the most enchanting cities in Europe. It was under Charles IV during the 14th century that Prague briefly became the seat of the Holy Roman Empire (virtually the capital of Western Europe) and acquired its distinctive Gothic imprint. Prague escaped serious wartime damage and is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Europe today. Mozart claimed that no one understood him better than the citizens of Prague, and he was only one of several great masters who lived or lingered here

Day 9 Tuesday, June 30 Prague (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Morning guided tour of Prague that includes seeing the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, the Tyn Church, the Astronomical Clock, and the Jewish Quarter. Also visit the Castle District, where entrance is included to Hradcany Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, the Golden Lane, and Daliborka Tower. Entrance is included to the Lobkowitz Palace to view original scores and manuscripts by Beethoven, including his 4th & 5th symphonies

Lunch, on own

*Performance in Prague as part of the American Celebration of Music in the Czech Republic**

Evening Farewell Dinner included, and overnight

Day 10 Wednesday, July 1 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Prague Airport for return flight home

**Subject to confirmation*

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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