

# Beethoven 250 Choral Festival

Festival Tour #2 (7 nights/9 days)

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**Day 1 Friday, June 5, 2020**

Depart via scheduled air service to Prague, Czech Republic

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**Day 2 Saturday, June 6 Prague (D)**

Arrive in Prague

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Prague that includes seeing the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, the Tyn Church, the Astronomical Clock, and the Jewish Quarter

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome 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*

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**Day 3 Sunday, June 7 Prague (B,D)**

Breakfast included at the hotel

Enjoy a guided tour of Prague. Visit the Castle District, where entrance is included to Hradcany Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, the Golden Lane, and Daliborka Tower. Also visit Lobkowitz Palace with its large music archive containing works by over five hundred composers and musicians. The Music Archive is most celebrated for its collection of works by Handel, Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven

Lunch, on own

Afternoon time at leisure for shopping and sightseeing

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

Evening dinner included, and overnight

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**Day 4 Monday, June 8 Terezin / Prague (B,D)**

Breakfast included at the hotel

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



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Lunch, on own  
Return to Prague for afternoon time at leisure  
Evening dinner included, and overnight

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**Day 5 Tuesday, June 9 Vienna (B,D)**

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Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out  
Morning transfer to Vienna  
Lunch, on own  
Enjoy a visit to the Vienna City Cemetery to visit the graves of Beethoven, Strauss, Brahms, Schubert and the Mozart Memorial  
Take an orientation tour of Vienna upon arrival  
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*

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**Day 6 Wednesday, June 10 Vienna (B,D)**

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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 Rehearsal\****  
Evening dinner included, and overnight

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**Day 7 Thursday, June 11 Vienna (B,D)**

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Breakfast included at the hotel  
***Morning Rehearsal\****  
Half-day guided tour of *Musical Vienna* includes entrance to the Haus der Musik (House of Music), a modern interactive sound museum located in the historic city center. This tour also includes the Museum of the Vienna Philharmonic, which is part of the House of Music  
Lunch, on own  
***Afternoon Rehearsal\****  
Evening dinner included, and overnight

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**Day 8 Friday, June 12 Vienna (B,D)**

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Breakfast included at the hotel  
Morning visit to the Kahlenberg located in the Vienna Woods to see the Beethoven trail. Also visit (entrance included) to the Beethoven Heiligenstadt apartment  
Lunch, on own  
***Afternoon Dress Rehearsal\****  
***Evening Beethoven Choral Festival Concert in St. Stephen's Cathedral\****  
Evening Farewell Dinner included, and overnight

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**Day 9    Saturday, June 13    Depart for home    (B)**

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out  
Transfer to the Vienna 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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