

Beethoven ~~250~~ 251 Choral Festival

Festival Tour #3 (7 nights/9 days)

Day 1 Sunday, June 6, 2021

Depart via scheduled air service to Vienna, Austria

Day 2 Monday, June 7 Vienna (D)

Arrive in

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

Enjoy a visit to the Vienna City Cemetery to visit the grave sites of Beethoven, Strauss, Brahms, Schubert and the Mozart Memorial

Lunch, on own

Next, enjoy a panoramic tour of Vienna's highlights

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome 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 3 Tuesday, June 8 Vienna (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Morning Rehearsal*

Lunch, on own

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

Evening dinner included

Evening Rehearsal*

Overnight at the hotel

Day 4 Wednesday, June 9 Vienna (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Morning Rehearsal*

Lunch, on own

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

Evening dinner included



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Evening Dress Rehearsal*

Overnight at the hotel

Day 5 Thursday, June 10 Vienna (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Morning visit to the Kahlenberg located in the Vienna Woods to see the Beethoven trail. Also visit (entrance included) the Beethoven Heiligenstadt apartment (where Beethoven's Testament was written and is kept)

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure

Evening Beethoven Choral Festival Concert in St. Stephen's Cathedral*

Evening dinner included, and overnight

Day 6 Friday, June 11 Melk / Mondsee / Salzburg (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning transfer to Salzburg via Melk and Mondsee

Stop in Melk to visit the world-famous Abbey. The Abbey of Melk which crowns a rocky bluff overlooking the Danube more than 150 ft. above the river, is the apogee of Baroque architecture in Austria

Lunch, on own

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

Continue on to Salzburg

Evening 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 7 Saturday, June 12 Salzburg (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Enjoy a 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 time at leisure for shopping and sightseeing

Performance in Salzburg as part of the Beethoven 250 Concert Series*

Evening dinner included, and overnight

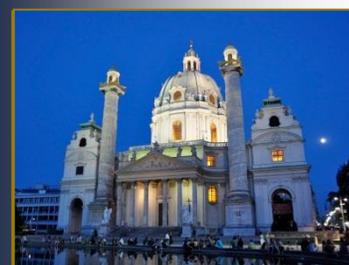
Day 8 Sunday, June 13 Salzburg/Neuschwanstein/Munich (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning tour of Salzburg. Sightseeing today 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

Lunch, on own

Transfer to Munich via Neuschwanstein Castle



Neuschwanstein Castle (made famous by the Walt Disney model in Anaheim), built by the infamous Ludwig II (including entrance and uphill transport). Also visit the charming Wieskirche (Church in the Meadow) and Oberammergau, the site of the world famous Passion Play which is performed every 10 years

Continue on to Munich

Evening Farewell Dinner included, and overnight

Munich is ideally located in southern Germany near the Alps. It is a first-class cultural center and is a flourishing economic zone. Munich's cultural wealth, its special atmosphere - a blend of gaiety, tolerance and respect for tradition - and the beauty of the surrounding countryside have combined to make it one of the most appreciated of German cities

Day 9 Monday, June 14 Depart for home (B)

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