

Salzburg Choral Festival

Festival Tour #5 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1 Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Depart via scheduled air service to Munich, Germany

Day 2 Wednesday, June 28 Munich / Salzburg (D)

Arrive in Munich

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to Salzburg

Evening dinner 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 Thursday, June 29 Salzburg (B,L)

Breakfast at the hotel

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)

Festival Welcome Lunch

Afternoon massed Rehearsal

Dinner on own

Evening massed rehearsal

Day 4 Friday, June 30 Salzburg (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning at leisure for optional tours

Afternoon massed rehearsal

Dinner in a local restaurant (or hotel if nearby)

Evening massed final rehearsal with Orchestra in the Dom

Day 5 Saturday, July 1 Salzburg (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Sightseeing today will include driving past Schloß Leopoldskron, featured in *The Sound of Music*, and entrance to Schloß Hellbrunn, whose gazebo was also featured in *The Sound of Music* and whose trick fountains have entertained guests for centuries

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other planned activities

Dinner on own

Jubilate Mozart! Festival Finale Concert in the Salzburger Dom

Return to the hotel for overnight



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Day 6 Sunday, July 2 Salzburg / Melk / Vienna (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Optional sing/participation in Mass in the Salzburger Dom

Lunch on own

Transfer to Vienna via Melk (a visit to the world-famous Abbey is included). 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

Evening dinner 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 7 Monday, July 3 Vienna (B,D)

Breakfast 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

Concert as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 8 Tuesday, July 4 Vienna / Eisenstadt / Budapest (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Budapest via Eisenstadt. Everything in Eisenstadt reminds one of the brilliant composer Franz Joseph Haydn. Entrance is included to Esterhazy Palace with its Haydnsaal, where many of Haydn's works were premiered, Haydn Church to see his mausoleum, and also to Haydn's House, which is now a museum

Lunch on own

Afternoon transfer to Budapest

Evening dinner and overnight

Budapest is the modern combination of three cities: Obuda, Buda and Pest. Linked by eight bridges, these cities have retained their own distinctive characteristics, but their combination has created one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Two opera houses, five concert halls and numerous theatres are only the beginning of the dazzling entertainment in this captivating city

Day 9 Wednesday, July 5 Budapest (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning guided tour of Budapest to include the Parliament, Chain Bridge, Royal Castle Hill (for an incredible view of the city), St. Stephen's Cathedral, Matthias Church, Fisherman's Bastion (including entrance), and the



picturesque streets of Tánctsis Mihály utca, Uri utca and Fortuna utca, which feature splendid examples of medieval houses and Baroque mansions

Lunch on own

Concert in Budapest

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

Day 10 Thursday, July 6 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Budapest's airport for return flight

***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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