



# MOZART!

a Choral Festival in Salzburg

June 24-28, 2015

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FEATURING

Mozart's

Coronation Mass



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Music Celebrations International is pleased to present the Mozart Choral Festival in Salzburg, Austria, June 24-28, 2015. The festival will feature a large chorus consisting of mixed voice choirs from across North America. Three days of festival rehearsals, mingling side-by-side with singers from a variety of backgrounds, will lead festival participants to a grand finale concert in the historic and stunning Salzburger Dom.

Under the direction of Dr. Jo-Michael Scheibe, Chair of the Thornton School of Music's department of choral and sacred music at the University of Southern California, the festival chorus will perform outstanding classical works selected by Dr. Scheibe. János Czifra, Domkapellmeister of the Dom, will conduct Mozart's Mass in C Major, "Coronation," KV 317, accompanied by the Salzburger Domorchester.



Overseen by a nearly 1,000-year old hillside fortress, Salzburg is quaint, delicate, and utterly charming. This picturesque city within the heart of the Austrian countryside rests along the northern boundary of the Alps, and literally resonates with the "Sound of Music."

Salzburg's most famous historical resident is, by far, the 18th-century composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. As a teenager, Mozart was employed as a court musician by the Prince Archbishop of Salzburg. During this time, the composer worked in many genres, including symphonies, sonatas, string quartets, serenades, and a few minor operas. After a brief stay in Paris, Mozart returned to Salzburg in his early 20's to serve as court organist and concertmaster. In this position, he composed numerous works of sacred music for Salzburg, including his great Coronation Mass in C Major.

The Salzburg Cathedral – in German, the Salzburger Dom – is a 17th century baroque cathedral dedicated to Saint Rupert of Salzburg. The site occupied by the Salzburg Cathedral was probably a sacred place for sacrifices in Celtic as well as Roman times. The first cathedral was built under Saint Vergil of Salzburg, who might have used foundations by St. Rupert. The first Dom was recorded in 774. The finished church is 466 feet long and 109 feet high at the crossing/dome. The baroque style of St. Rupert's can be seen in the choir and the nave.

Among the precious objects to be found in Salzburg's Cathedral are the baptismal font in which Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was baptized, the majestic main organ, surrounded by angels playing instruments and crowned by Rupert and Virgil, as well as the magnificent Cathedral portals made by Scheider-Manzell, Mataré and Manzú.





## Day 1 - Tuesday, June 23

- Depart via scheduled air service to Munich, Germany

## Day 2 - Wednesday, June 24

- 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

## Day 3 - Thursday, June 25

- 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 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 26

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning at leisure for optional tours
- Afternoon massed rehearsal
- Dinner in a local restaurant (or hotel if nearby)
- Evening massed dress rehearsal with Orchestra in the Dom

## Day 5 - Saturday, June 27

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Sightseeing today includes 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
- **Mozart! Festival Finale Concert in the Salzburger Dom**

## Day 6: Sunday, June 28

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Munich's International Airport for return flight or continuation of tour





# Festival Tour Extensions

Music Celebrations International knows that many choirs singing in the festival will want to stay in Europe afterwards to explore and experience some of the many musically and culturally significant towns and cities in the area. MCI is also able to help balanced choirs perform in stand-alone concerts as part of the *American Celebration of Music* in Europe.

The following are four examples of possible post-festival extensions to consider. Remember that MCI is more than happy to use these itineraries as a starting point to then create a completely customized tour for you and your choir.



## Tour 2 - Salzburg | Melk | Vienna (add two nights)

Transfer to Vienna via the world-famous Melk Abbey, with a short recital in the Abbey. Arrive in Vienna and tour Historical Vienna including 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 Concert in Vienna.** Farewell dinner.



## Tour 3 - Salzburg | Munich | Heidelberg (add three nights)

Transfer to Munich via Neuschwanstein Castle including uphill transport and entrance to the castle. Take a guided tour of Munich includes Hofbräuhaus (the best-known of all German beer halls), the English Gardens, and entrance to Nymphenburg Palace. Afternoon excursion to Dachau to visit the former Nazi concentration camp, and view a documentary film (in English) about the camp and its liberation. **Evening concert in Munich.** Transfer to Heidelberg for a half-day tour of Germany's oldest university town includes entrance to the Schloß (castle) offering a splendid view of the city beneath. In the castle, see the Great Barrel, the Courtyard and the Pharmaceutical Museum. Also see the old university itself, the Cathedral of the Holy Ghost, the Old Bridge and the Jesuit



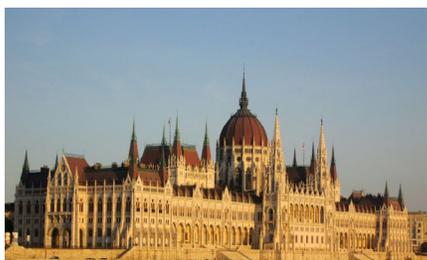
## Tour 4 - Salzburg | Vienna | Prague (add four nights)

Transfer to Vienna via the world-famous Melk Abbey, with a short recital in the Abbey. Arrive in Vienna and tour Historical Vienna including 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 Concert in Vienna.** Take a half-day guided tour of Musical Vienna includes entrance to the Haus der Musik, a modern interactive sound museum located in the historic city center. This tour also includes the Museum of the Vienna Philharmonic. Transfer to Prague. **Evening concert in Prague.** Farewell



## Tour 5 - Salzburg | Vienna | Budapest (add four nights)

Transfer to Vienna via the world-famous Melk Abbey, with a short recital in the Abbey. Arrive in Vienna and tour Historical Vienna including 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 Concert in Vienna.** Transfer to Budapest via Eisenstadt, home to Haydn for many decades. Entrance is included to Esterházy Palace with its Haydn'saal, 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. Arrive in Budapest and take a guided tour including 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 Táncsis Mihály utca, Uri utca and Fortuna utca, which feature splendid examples of medieval houses and Baroque mansions. **Evening concert in Budapest.** Farewell dinner.



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