

American Celebration of Music in Austria

Standard Tour #1 (6 nights / 8 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service. The destination is Vienna, Austria

Day 2

Vienna (D)

Arrive in Vienna

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for the transfer into Vienna

Stop at the Vienna City Cemetery to visit the graves of Beethoven, Strauss, Brahms, Schubert and the Mozart Memorial

Eat lunch in the city center

A short panoramic tour of Vienna acquaints visitors with the main attractions and landmarks

Check into a conveniently located hotel

Welcome 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 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 (venue for the Vienna Boys Choir), Palace Stables, Strauß Monument, and Schönbrunn Palace, built by the Habsburgs in imitation of Versailles

Possible workshop or clinic

Day 4

Vienna (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

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

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Day 5

Vienna / Melk / Salzburg (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Salzburg via Dürnstein (Richard the Lion Heart was imprisoned here), Melk (visit the world-famous Abbey, *where choirs may sing a short recital*), and Mondsee (church was site of "The Sound of Music" wedding)

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 6 **Salzburg** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

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

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Day 7 **Salzburg** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning excursion to the Salt Mines in Hallein. The tour entails a walk through underground galleries, with a presentation in a cave showing the different techniques used in the extraction of salt and the descent on slides (toboggans)

Farewell Dinner

Day 8 **Depart for home** **(B)**

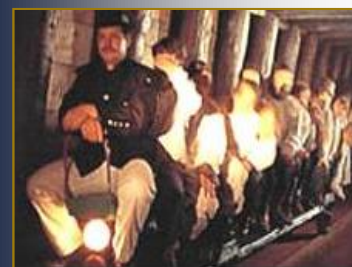
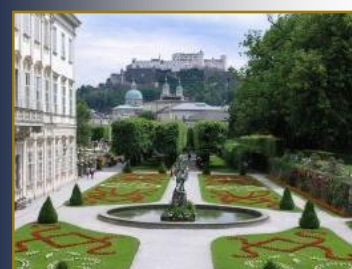
Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Munich, Germany airport for the return flight

Arrive home the same day

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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