

American Celebration of Music in Austria & The Czech Republic

The “Celebrate Mozart” Tour

Tour #3 (7 nights / 9 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service to Munich, Germany

Day 2

Munich / Salzburg

(D)

Arrive in Munich

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

Take a panoramic *Sound of Music* city tour of Salzburg, including important movie sights such as Mirabell Palace and Gardens, and the famed Gazebo located at Hellbrunn Palace

Check into a conveniently located hotel

Welcome 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

Salzburg

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a 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)

For choirs only: Sing recital in Salzburg Dom

Lunch, on own

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4

Mondsee / Melk / Vienna

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

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

Continue to Melk to visit the world-famous Abbey (*where choirs may sing a short recital*). 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

Then it is off to Vienna for 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



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Day 5**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

Possible workshop, clinic, or school exchange

Evening dinner and overnight

**Day 6****Vienna****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day guided tour of *Musical Vienna* including 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 OR visit the Collection of Historical Musical Instruments at the Hofburg Palace, home to the most important collection of renaissance and baroque instruments worldwide. The *Musical Vienna* tour concludes with a visit (entrance included) to the Beethoven Heligenstadt apartment

Lunch, on own

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria

Evening dinner and overnight

**Day 7****Vienna / Prague****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Prague stopping at Vienna's Central Cemetery to visit the graves of Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, Strauß, and to see the Mozart Memorial

Lunch, on own

Upon arrival, enjoy a half-day tour of *Musical Prague* including entrance to the Lobkowitz Palace to view original scores and manuscripts by Beethoven, including his 4th & 5th symphonies

Evening dinner and overnight

Prague achieved much of its present glory in the 14th century, during the long reign of Charles IV. During the Middle Ages, Prague enjoyed a golden age - a time when Prague was larger than Paris or London! The Hapsburgs also left their artistic and architectural mark. Today, Prague is universally declared one of the most beautiful cities in Europe

**Day 8****Prague****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning guided tour of Prague includes seeing the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, the Týn Church, the Astronomical Clock, and the Jewish Quarter. Also visit the Castle District, where entrance is included to Hradcany Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, and the Golden Lane

Lunch, on own

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in the Czech Republic

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

**Day 9****Depart for home****(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Prague Airport for return flight



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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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