



Haydn International Choral Festival

With finale performance in the Konzerthaus in Vienna

Dr. Eph Ehly – Artistic Director

Standard Tour #1 - Festival Itinerary (4 nights / 6 days)

Sunday July 5, 2009

Depart from USA via scheduled air service, including full meal, beverage service and in-flight entertainment. The destination is Vienna, Austria.

Monday July 6th Vienna

Arrive in Vienna. Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who assists the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel. En route, stop at Vienna's Central Cemetery to visit the grave sites of major composers with a wreath-laying. Then enjoy a panoramic tour of Vienna's highlights (lunch on own in the city center). Late afternoon hotel check-in. Welcome Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Parkhotel Schönbrunn.



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.



Tuesday July 7th Vienna

Take a guided tour of Historical Vienna that 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. *Afternoon rehearsal.* Dinner in a local restaurant. *Evening rehearsal.*



Wednesday July 8th Vienna / Eisenstadt

Take an excursion to Eisenstadt. Everything in Eisenstadt reminds one of the brilliant composer Haydn. Entrances are included to Esterhazy Palace with its Haydn'saal, where many of Haydn's works were premiered, to Haydn's House (now a museum), and to Haydn's church (where he is buried). *Possible short recital in the Haydn'saal as part of the 2009 Commemoration of the 200th year since this great composer's death.* Return to Vienna. *Afternoon and evening rehearsals.*



Thursday July 9th Vienna

Mid-morning dress rehearsal with the orchestra in the Konzerthaus. Half-day guided tour of Musical Vienna, including entrance to Mozart "Figaro" House and 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. Dinner on own. *Arrive at 6:30 pm at the Konzerthaus in concert dress for sound check and evening finale festival performance.*



Friday July 10th Depart for home

Transfer to Vienna's International Airport for return flight to USA and arrive home in the evening of the same day, or continue on your extension tour.



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