



Haydn International Choral Festival

With finale performance in the Konzerthaus in Vienna, Austria
and participation in the *American Celebration of Music in Austria*
Dr. Eph Ehly – Artistic Director

Standard Tour #5 (10 nights / 12 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 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 and evening rehearsals.**



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.**



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Friday July 10th Vienna / Graz

Transfer to Graz. A guided tour of Graz includes the Cathedral (Domkirche), Staircase Tower, Freedom Square, the Landhaus, Hauptplatz, the Medieval Quarter and the famous Arsenal containing five stories of armor, weaponry, instruments of torture etc. from the Middle Ages. Dinner and overnight in Graz.



Graz, the capital of Styria and Austria's second-largest city, is a city of Old World charm and home of several jazz conservatories. Three world-famous universities ensure a vibrant cultural life in a city awarded honors in Europe for outstanding preservation of its medieval center. The University of Music and Performing Arts boasts the oldest Jazz faculty in all Europe. The medieval city center has been declared one of the finest medieval cities in Europe - it has undeniable charm, a pleasing synthesis of Germanic sobriety and Italian grace.



Saturday July 11th Graz / Salzburg

Transfer to Salzburg. En route, travel through the Salzkammergut, the beautiful lake district east of Salzburg. Take a boat cruise on the Wolfgangsee from St. Wolfgang to St. Gilgen. Continue to Salzburg for 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.



Sunday July 12th Salzburg

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). Dinner on own. *Afternoon/evening concert in Salzburg as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria.*



Monday July 13th Salzburg

Morning excursion to the Salt Mines in Hallein. The tour includes a walk through underground galleries, and a descent into the mine on slides (toboggans). Visit the collection in the Celtic Village showing the different techniques used in the extraction of salt. Also visit Hallein's parish church, as well as the home and tomb of Franz-Xaver Gruber, composer of the famous carol *Silent Night, Holy Night*. Return to Salzburg for an afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Salzburg.

Tuesday July 14th Salzburg / Innsbruck

Transfer to Innsbruck. Half day guided tour of Innsbruck includes the Old City, Maria Theresien Straße, the Golden Roof, the Hofkirche (including the tomb and famous statues surrounding the tomb of Emperor Maximilian), the Olympic Ski Jump, Wilten Basilica and the Arch of Triumph. Dinner on own. *Evening concert as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria.*



Innsbruck, venue of the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics, is one of the most beautiful towns of its size (100,000). This 800-year-old university city is bounded on the north by the shimmering wall of the Nordkette Range of the Alps, on the south by the Tuxer Range rising to heights of 10,000 feet. The Empress Maria Theresa loved the Tyrol and Innsbruck, like her ancestor Emperor Maximilian I which accounts for the city's many beautiful buildings.

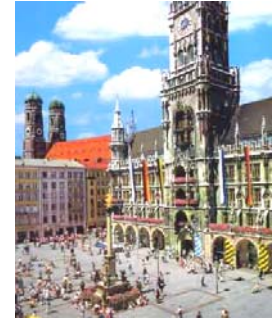


Wednesday July 15th Innsbruck / Munich, Germany

Day at leisure in Innsbruck for additional sightseeing, museum visits, shopping or other planned activities. Late afternoon transfer to Munich hotel for an evening Farewell Dinner and overnight.

Thursday July 16th Depart for home

Transfer to Munich's International Airport for return flight to USA. Arrive home in the evening of the same day.



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