



Celebrate Haydn Orchestra Festival

Commemorating the life and music of Franz Joseph Haydn during the 200th Anniversary of his passing with an extension to Budapest, Hungary

Standard Tour #3 (7 nights / 9 days)

Tuesday June 23, 2009

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



Wednesday June 24th 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. Evening 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.

Thursday June 25th 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 orchestra rehearsal.*



Friday June 26th 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). Be enlightened by a Haydn impersonator who will give a lecture about the composer's life and times. *Possible short recital in the Haydn'saal.* Return to Vienna for dinner and overnight.



Saturday June 27th Vienna

Morning rehearsal. Afternoon/evening finale performance in the Konzerthaus. Each orchestra will be required to be there for the performances before and after its own. The rest of the time is yours to enjoy the atmosphere, history and fun of Vienna. You may like to do some shopping or visit museums. Take the time to fulfill your heart's desires in musically historic Vienna. Your Tour Manager is at your disposal. Evening dinner on own.



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Sunday June 28th Vienna / Budapest, Hungary

Transfer to Budapest, stopping in Szentendre, a romantic little town in the Danube Bend region of Hungary, with a flourishing artists' colony. With its profusion of enchanting church steeples, colorful baroque houses and winding, narrow cobblestone streets, its appeal and charm attract many visitors. Enjoy shopping and relaxation here in Szentendre. Continue on to Budapest for overnight.



Budapest, the modern combination of Pest (the larger city, sprawling on the Great Hungarian Plain) and Buda (Castle Hill) is considered one of Europe's greatest cities. Two opera houses, five concert halls, numerous theaters are only the beginning of the dazzling entertainment in this beautiful city.



Monday June 29th Budapest

Half-day sightseeing includes entrance to Bela Bartok Memorial House, the Liszt Memorial Museum at the Academy of Music and the Museum of Music History. The exhibits at the Museum of Music History consists of 1,000 musical instruments from the 18th to the 20th C. Rare violins, folk, military band and other instruments are displayed. Afternoon at leisure for additional sightseeing, museum visits, shopping or other planned activities.

Optional activity (additional cost): Full-day excursion to the Hungarian Puszta, the great Hungarian plain stretching from the Danube to the country's eastern border, including a welcome drink and typical Hungarian Gypsy lunch, horse riding shows, and carriage ride. Return to Budapest. Evening concert in Budapest.



Tuesday June 30th Budapest

A morning guided tour of Budapest includes the Parliament, Chain Bridge, Royal Castle Hill (for an incredible view of the city), St. Stephen's Cathedral, Matthias Church, entrance to the Fisherman's Bastion (which occupies the site of Buda's old defensive walls and a medieval square where fish was once sold) and the National Gallery. Walk the grounds of Vajdahunyad Castle, built for the World Exhibition in the late 1800's, and visit the picturesque streets of Táncsis Mihály utca, Uri utca and Fortuna utca which feature splendid examples of medieval houses and Baroque mansions. Enjoy an evening farewell dinner cruise on the Danube.



Wednesday July 1st Depart for home

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

