

American Celebration of Music in Austria

Standard Tour #2 (7 nights / 9 days)

Day 1

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

Day 2 Vienna

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

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 afternoon workshop or clinic.*

Day 4 Vienna

Half-day guided tour of Musical Vienna includes entrance to either the Mozart "Figaro" House or a Beethoven 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. *Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria.*

Day 5 Vienna / Graz

Transfer to Graz. Stop en route in Eisenstadt. Everything in Eisenstadt reminds one of the brilliant composer Haydn. Entrance is included to Esterhazy Palace with its Haydnsaal, where many of Haydn's works were premiered, Haydn Church to see his mausoleum, and also to Haydn's House, which is now a museum. Continue to Graz for dinner and overnight.

Graz, the capital of Styria, is a city of Old World charm and home of several jazz conservatories. It is Austria's second largest city and has served as a very important meeting point between East and West for centuries. Three world-famous universities ensure a vibrant cultural life in a city awarded honors in Europe for outstanding preservation of its medieval center. 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.



Day 6 Graz

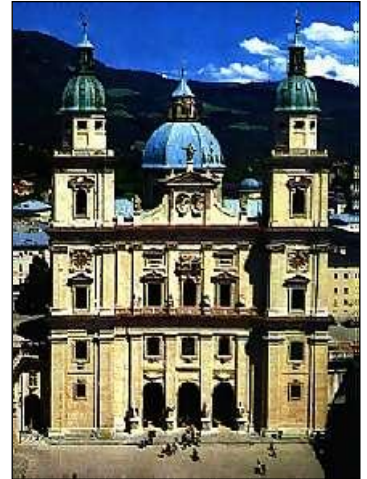
A morning guided tour of Graz includes the Cathedral (Domkirche), Staircase Tower, Freedom Square, the Landhaus, Hauptplatz, the Medieval Quarter (named a UNESCO Cultural Heritage Site), and the famous Arsenal containing five stories of armor, weaponry, instruments of torture etc. from the Middle Ages. *Performance in Graz as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria.*



Day 7 Graz / Salzburg

Drive through beautiful Austrian countryside to Salzburg - the “Austrian Rome.” This “Sound of Music” city is so filled with architectural wonders and charm that most people consider a trip to Salzburg the reason to go to Europe! Upon arrival, enjoy a 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).

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 8 Salzburg

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). *Performance in Salzburg as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria.* Farewell Dinner.



Day 9 Depart for home

Transfer to Munich, Germany airport for the return flight. Arrive home the same day.



Salzburg

