

American Celebration of Music in Austria

Standard Tour #3 (8 nights / 10 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service. The destination is Munich, Germany

Day 2

Munich / Innsbruck (D)

Arrive at the Munich airport
Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach
Transfer to Innsbruck, stopping en route to visit Neuschwanstein Castle (made famous by the Walt Disney model in Anaheim), built by the infamous Ludwig II, visit Oberammergau (site of the famous Passion Play) and the Wieskirche
Welcome Dinner and overnight in Innsbruck

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 Theresia loved the Tyrol and Innsbruck, like her ancestor Emperor Maximilian I which accounts for the city's many beautiful buildings

Day 3

Innsbruck (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
A morning guided tour of Innsbruck includes the Golden Roof, St. James' Cathedral, Wilten Basilica, and the Olympic Ski Jump (a breathtaking view of the city below)
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Day 4

Innsbruck / Salzburg (B,D)

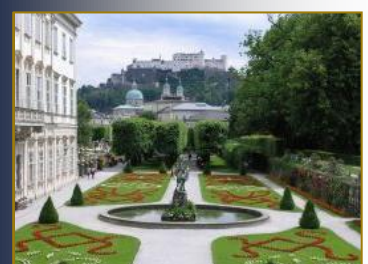
Breakfast at the hotel
Morning transfer to Salzburg
Enjoy an afternoon guided tour of Salzburg, including Mirabel Palace and Gardens, Mozart Square, the Dom Cathedral, University Church, the Mozarthaus (Mozart's birthplace) and a cable car ride up to the Fortress (for an unparalleled view of the city 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 5

Salzburg (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
Morning excursion to the Salt Mines in Hallein. The tour entails a walk through underground galleries, with a presentation in a cave showing the



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different techniques used in the extraction of salt and the descent on slides (toboggans)

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Day 6 **Salzburg / Graz** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Graz. An afternoon 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

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 7 **Graz / Eisenstadt / Vienna** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Vienna

Stop en route in Eisenstadt. Everything in Eisenstadt reminds one of the brilliant composer Haydn. Entrance is included to Esterhazy Palace with its Haydn'saal, where many of Haydn's works were premiered, and also to Haydn's House, which is now a museum

Continue 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

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

Breakfast at the hotel

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

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Day 9 **Vienna** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day guided tour of *Musical Vienna* includes 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



Evening Farewell Dinner

Day 10

Depart for home

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Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Vienna's International Airport for return flight

Return home in the evening of the same day

***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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