

American Celebration of Music in Austria

With performances in Prague

The "Celebrate Mozart" Tour

Standard Tour #5 (8 nights / 10 days)

Day 1

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

Day 2

Munich / Salzburg (D)

Airport arrival assistance

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting motorcoach for scenic transfer to Salzburg
Welcome 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

Day 3

Salzburg (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

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)

Possible afternoon workshop or clinic

Day 4

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 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

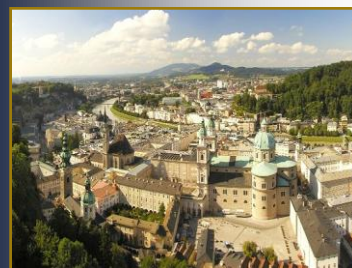
Day 5

Salzburg / Melk / Vienna (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Vienna via Dürnstein (Richard the Lion Heart was imprisoned here), Melk (visit the world-famous Abbey, *where choirs may sing a short recital*), and Mondsee (church was site of "The Sound of Music" wedding)

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 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



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Day 6 **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

Day 7 **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

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

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Prague stopping at Vienna's Central Cemetery to visit the grave sites of Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, Strauß, and to see the Mozart Memorial

Upon arrival enjoy a half-day tour of *Musical Prague* including entrance to the Mozart Museum. On display at the Bertramka Museum are all available memorabilia of Mozart, namely personal keepsakes, musical instruments, manuscripts, letters, period pictures, engravings, prints and other documents testifying to Mozart's close relationship to Prague and to distinguished personalities of the then affluent Czech culture, have been gathered in this exhibition

Prague achieved much of its present glory in the 14th century, during the long reign of Charles IV, king of Bohemia and Moravia and Holy Roman Emperor. During the Middle Ages Prague enjoyed a golden age - at that time Prague was larger than Paris or London. The Hapsburgs also left their artistic and architectural mark. Today, Prague is universally declared one of the most beautiful cities in Europe

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

Breakfast at the hotel

A morning guided tour of Prague includes the Charles Bridge, St. Nicholas Church, Old Town Square, Municipal House, St. Agnes Convent, the Jewish Quarter and *Hradcany Castle*, including *St. Vitus Cathedral*

Afternoon/evening performance in Prague

Farewell Dinner

Day 10 **Depart for home** **(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Prague's International Airport for return flight

Arrive 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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