

American Celebration of Music in Austria

Tour #2 (6 nights / 8 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service to Vienna, Austria

Day 2

Vienna (D)

Arrive in Vienna

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for transfer into Vienna

Stop at the Vienna Central Cemetery to visit the graves of Beethoven, Strauss, Brahms, Schubert and the Mozart Memorial

Lunch, on own

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 (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day guided tour of *Historical Vienna* includes the Ringstraße, Imperial Palace, State Opera, Town Hall, Burgkapelle (home of the Vienna Boys Choir), Palace Stables, Strauß Monument, and entrance to Schönbrunn Palace, built by the Hapsburgs in imitation of Versailles

Lunch, on own

For instrumental groups only: Clinic or Workshop

For choirs only: Sing recital in St. Stephen's Cathedral

Late afternoon at leisure

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4

Vienna (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day guided tour of *Musical Vienna* including 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, which is part of the House of Music OR visit the Collection of Historical Musical Instruments at the Hofburg Palace, home to the most important collection of renaissance and baroque instruments worldwide

Lunch, on own

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria

Evening dinner and overnight



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Day 5**Vienna / Salzburg****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Option 1: Transfer to Salzburg via stops in **Mondsee** to visit St. Michael's Basilica (site of *The Sound of Music* wedding scene in the film), and **Melk Abbey** (where choirs may sing a short recital). The abbey of Melk, which crowns a rocky bluff overlooking the Danube, is the apogee of Baroque architecture in Austria

Option 2: Transfer to Salzburg via a stop at **Mauthausen Memorial**, located on the site of the former Nazi concentration camp. During the visit, travelers will walk through the preserved grounds, including the prisoner barracks, quarry, and memorial monuments, gaining a powerful perspective on the human cost of intolerance and war. A guided tour and museum exhibits provide historical context and honor the victims who suffered and perished here.

Option 3: Transfer to Salzburg via a scenic drive through Austria's stunning **Salzkammergut** region, famous for its crystal-clear lakes, alpine peaks, and charming mountain villages. The route winds past storybook landscapes that inspired artists and composers, including shimmering Lake Traunsee and the picturesque town of Gmunden. This journey offers a perfect glimpse of Austria's natural beauty en route from Vienna to Salzburg.

Lunch, on own

Arrive in Salzburg for a panoramic *Sound of Music* city tour, including important movie sights such as Mirabell Palace and Gardens, and the famed Gazebo located at Hellbrunn Palace

Evening 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 6****Salzburg****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a morning guided tour of Salzburg including Mirabell Palace and Gardens, Mozart Square, the Dom (cathedral), University Church, entrance to the Mozarthaus (Mozart's birthplace) and a cable car ride up to the Fortress (for an unparalleled view of the city below)

For choirs only: Sing recital in Salzburg Dom

Lunch, on own

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Evening dinner and overnight

**Day 7****Hallein / Munich****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

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)

Lunch, on own

Continue to Munich for hotel check-in

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight



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Day 8

Depart for home

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Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to the Munich Airport for the return flight

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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