

# American Celebration of Music in Austria & The Czech Republic

## The “Celebrate Mozart” Tour

Tour #3 (7 nights / 9 days)

### Day 1

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Depart via scheduled air service to Munich, Germany

### Day 2

Munich / Salzburg

(D)

Arrive in Munich

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

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

Check into a conveniently located hotel

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)

Full buffet breakfast included 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

***Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria***

Evening dinner and overnight

### Day 4

Salzburg / Vienna

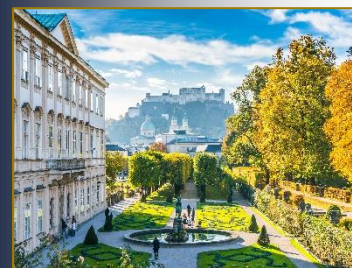
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Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

***Option 1:*** Transfer to Vienna 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 Vienna 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 Vienna 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



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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 Salzburg to Vienna.

Lunch, on own

Then it is off 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*

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

Full buffet breakfast included 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

***Possible workshop, clinic, or school exchange***

Evening dinner and overnight

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**Day 6** **Vienna** **(B,D)**

Full buffet breakfast included 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 7** **Vienna / Prague** **(B,D)**

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning stop at Vienna's Central Cemetery to visit the graves of Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, Strauß, and to see the Mozart Memorial

Transfer to Prague

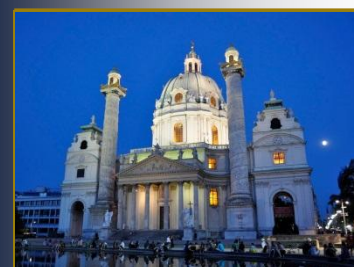
Lunch, on own

Upon arrival, enjoy a half-day tour of *Musical Prague* including entrance to the Lobkowitz Palace to view original scores and manuscripts by Beethoven, including his 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> symphonies

Also visit the Castle District, where entrance is included to Hradcany Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, and the Golden Lane

Evening dinner and overnight

*Prague achieved much of its present glory in the 14th century, during the long reign of Charles IV. During the Middle Ages, Prague enjoyed a golden age - a time when 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 8****Prague****(B,D)**

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel

Step into the enchanting Old Town of Prague, where history breathes through cobblestone streets and timeless architecture. Surrounded by colorful facades and adorned with elegant spires, the square is a living testament to Prague's rich heritage. One of the focal points of Old Town Square is the magnificent Astronomical Clock, a marvel of medieval engineering and craftsmanship. As the hour approaches, crowds gather to witness the animated procession of figures and the ringing of the bell. Marvel at the intricate details of the clock's astronomical dial and the captivating storytelling that accompanies each hourly display. A short stroll from the Old Town Square leads to the Jewish Quarter, a district steeped in history and cultural significance. The Jewish Square houses synagogues, a cemetery, and the iconic Old Jewish Town Hall. Explore the Spanish Synagogue, an architectural gem adorned with intricate Moorish details, and reflect on the complex history of the Jewish community in Prague

Lunch. on own

***Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in the Czech Republic***

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

**Day 9****Depart for home****(B)**

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Prague Airport for 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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