

# Advent Choral Tour to Austria

Advent Tour #1 (6 nights / 8 days)

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## Day 1

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

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## Day 2

### Salzburg

Arrive in Munich. Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to Salzburg. Time permitting, stop en route to visit Neuschwanstein, the fairy-tale castle built by King Ludwig II in 1869 (used as a model for Disneyland's Castle). Entrance, guided tour, and mini-bus ride to the castle are included  
Continue on to Salzburg for 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*

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## Day 3

### Salzburg

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)

In the afternoon, enjoy a visit to the parish church of Oberndorf, where Franz Gruber composed the carol *Silent Night, Holy Night*"

***Sing a short concert in the Obendorf Parish Church***

Also visit the Salzkammergut, the breathtaking Lake District east of Salzburg. Pass St. Gilgen on the Wolfgangsee, and then visit Bad Ischl, the resort town that hosted emperors and the great musicians in the summers  
Return to Salzburg

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## Day 4

### Salzburg

Full day excursion to Munich's Christkindlmarkt (Christmas Market) on the famous Marienplatz

***Perform an Advent Concert in Munich***

Return to Salzburg for dinner and overnight

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## Day 5

### Salzburg

***Perform in Salzburg's Christkindl Market***

***Afternoon recital in the Salzburg Dom***

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## Day 6

### Vienna

Transfer to Vienna

Stop en route to visit the world-famous Abbey of Melk, which crowns a rocky bluff overlooking the Danube more than 150 ft. above the river, the apogee

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of Baroque architecture in Austria. In the 11th century, Leopold III von Babenberg handed over his castle to the Benedictine monks who converted it into a fortified abbey. The spiritual and intellectual renown of Melk spread throughout Europe. Several Hapsburg rulers and famous people such as Napoleon stayed in this abbey, which succeeded in conserving its art treasures throughout all the years of its history

***Sing an Advent Recital in Melk Abbey's Baroque Chapel***

Continue on to Vienna

*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 7**

**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

***Advent concert at the Christkindl Market in front of the Rathaus***

Farewell Dinner

**Day 8**

**Depart for home**

Transfer to Vienna'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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