

South Coast Youth Symphony Orchestra American Celebration of Music in Austria

December 28, 2017 – January 3, 2018

Day 1 Thursday, December 28, 2017

Depart Los Angeles International Airport via scheduled air service. The destination is Munich, Germany

Day 2 Friday, December 29 Munich / Salzburg (D)

Arrive in Munich

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for the transfer to Salzburg for an orientation tour of Salzburg's highlights

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Enjoy a Salzburg City Council reception at Mirabell Palace in Marble Hall with a member of the city council

Evening 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 Saturday, December 30 Salzburg / Hof bei 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)

Lunch on own

Afternoon tour of the Mozarteum

Transfer to Hof bei Salzburg for a rehearsal and sound check

Concert in Hof bei Salzburg at the K.U.L.T. as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria*

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4 Sunday, December 31 Salzburg / Gmunden / Melk / Vienna (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Gmunden for a short tour. With its yacht marina, lakeside square and promenades, Gmunden exudes a breezy, Riviera feel

Lunch on own in Gmunden

Continue to Melk to visit the world-famous Abbey. The Abbey of Melk which crowns a rocky bluff overlooking the Danube more than 150 ft. above the river, is the apogee of Baroque architecture in Austria

Then it is off to Vienna

Evening dinner and overnight



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Optional at an additional cost: Enjoy an evening dinner and concert at Kursalon. Begin your evening with four courses of authentic fare inside the stunning Kursalon. After dinner, take in a performance of classical masterpieces from Mozart and Strauss

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 5 Monday, January 1, 2018 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

*New Year's Day Concert at the Minoritenkirche as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria**

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 6 Tuesday, January 2 Vienna / Eisenstadt (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Excursion to 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 church

Lunch on own

Return to Vienna

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

*Concert in Traiskirchen at Stadtsaal as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria**

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

Day 7 Wednesday, January 3 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Vienna's airport for the return flight

**Subject to confirmation*

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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