

# Musical Austria and Germany



## Day 1 Depart for Europe

Board your international flight to Munich.

## Day 2 Oberammergau

Early arrival in Munich where your professional bi-lingual tour guide will meet you. Transfer to our quintessential Bavarian Hotel where we unpack our bags for the next four nights! Enjoy your time today as you get to know enchanting Oberammergau, set at the foot of the Alps. This afternoon tour the Passion Play theatre and visit the gift shop. You will also have an opportunity to visit woodcarvers. Tonight enjoy a special Bavarian welcome dinner. Overnight Oberammergau. (B, D)

## Day 3 Neuschwanstein / Garmisch



Visit Mad King Louis' fabulous Neuschwanstein Castle – the Disney fairy tale castle – and Linderhof – his parent's castle. For those interested, tour a local distillery and brewery. Time for relaxing at the hotel. *Your first concert will be very special – perhaps performing at Kloster Ettal – a Benedictine monastery or the pilgrimage church Wieskirche.* Dinner and overnight Oberammergau. (B, D)

## Day 4 Munich

Transfer to Munich where your guide will familiarize you with the city. Free to explore being sure not to miss the elegant English Gardens, Castle Nymphenburg and the amazing Glockenspiel. Overnight Oberammergau. (B, D)

## Day 5 Alps, Innsbruck



Early breakfast and enjoy a fantastic and breathtaking drive across the Alps to Innsbruck. Innsbruck was a main city of the Habsburgs in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century. Therefore, the city is decorated in baroque just like a wedding cake. The Wiltener Basilica is one of the most beautiful examples of baroque in Austria. You will also see the Golden Roof – a three-story porch with a roof of the purest gold. The Old Town is

enchanting with its Imperial Palace as well. *Perform a concert in one of Salzburg's beautiful cathedrals or at the Golden Roof marketplace.* Return to our Oberammergau hotel. (B, D)

## Day 6 Vienna



With the Alps at our right, we transfer to Vienna. Lunch stop along the way. Bus tour of Vienna upon arrival where each can get their first impressions of the City of Classical Music. Settle into hotel for next three nights. Relax or discover the city on your own with public transportation. You have the option of attending a classical concert in one of the many beautiful show houses and also of going on a Danube cruise. Dinner and overnight Vienna. (B, D)

## Day 7 Vienna



Breakfast at hotel. Join your guide to see the Schoenbrunn Palace, former hunting ground of the Habsburgs, located outside of Vienna. The palace rivals France's Versailles palace and is furnished with many lush fixtures. *Perform an informal concert outside the Palace.* This afternoon you might wish to see the Imperial Treasury with crown jewels or the Museum of Musical

Instruments. Join the group this evening for a dinner at a Viennese heuriger - an authentic Viennese experience with rustic fare and live music. Overnight in Vienna. (B, D)

## Day 8 Vienna

Breakfast at hotel. Free day to sightsee. Perhaps you want to visit the Prater with its famous ferris wheel. Or take a local train to Heiligenstadt to see Beethoven's house. There are many fine museums to explore including Hundertwasser's Kunsthaus. *Evening arranged concert in Vienna.* Dinner on own. Overnight in Vienna. (B)

## Day 9 Melk Abbey / Salzburg



Early breakfast and depart for the marvelous Melk Abbey where, upon confirmation, you will *perform a mid-day concert.* Enjoy the walled city of Duerstein for lunch and exploring the fairy tale castle.

Continue to Salzburg where we will stay the next two nights. This evening enjoy the Mozart Dinner Concert in the Stiftskeller. Musicians in period costumes will entertain us by candlelight for an evening of memories. (B, D)

**Day 10****Salzburg**

Breakfast at the hotel and then embark on the Sound of Music Tour that includes many of the buildings used in the filming of this classic. Enjoy exploring Mozart's Salzburg on your own by wandering the colorful medieval cobble-stoned alleys. Visit Mozart's birthplace, now a museum.

If it fits into the schedule, enjoy a fascinating Marionette Opera. *Perform an afternoon or evening concert.* Dinner and overnight Salzburg. (B, D)

**Day 11 Berchtesgaden**

Board your luxury air-conditioned motorcoach and enjoy the beautiful Alpine countryside as we head to Berchtesgaden,

Germany. Our first stop will be a tour of a salt mine. You will don white suits and shoe covers and descend into the mine. Try out the slide and take a short boat ride across an underground lake. Enjoy a farewell lunch in the quaint town. You may decide to take the special bus and funicular up to the Kehlsteinhaus - Eagle's Nest – one of Hitler's headquarters and now a restaurant with the most fabulous view of the Alps. Or you may opt for a fascinating boat ride on the Koenigsee. (B, L)

**Day 11 Return to the US**

After breakfast, transfer to Munich airport to depart for the US and arrive on the same day. (B)