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Classics of Central Europe Music Tour



Day One – Australia to Munich

Depart Australia on your selected International carrier to Europe and arrive to Munich airport in Germany the following day. Meals onboard are dinner, breakfast and refreshments.

Day Two – Hohenschwangau

(B,D)

Upon your arrival, your European tour manager and coach will be waiting to welcome you and assist with the collection of instruments. Transfer to the Bavarian town of Hohenschwangau. Famous for its castle, Neuschwanstein, which just happens to be the actual, original Disney castle!, for a two night stay. This evening enjoy a typical Bavarian welcoming dinner with local traditional music entertainment and some hearty feasting.

Day Three – Hohenschwangau (concert day)

(B,D)

This morning after a hearty buffet breakfast take a tour of the Neuschwanstein castle built by the 'shy' King Ludwig II and opened to the public in 1886. Following a guided tour of the Hohenschwangau castle and its rooms with both castles visited in 1.5 hours. A short transfer to Schwangau then break for lunch after which board the Tegelsee cable car and ride to the summit, 1,729m a.s.l., weather permitting. Following, the first rehearsal of the tour in tonight's concert venue then return to the hotel to freshen up and change for the evening concert in one of the historic surrounding churches or halls.



Neuschwanstein Castle



Hohenschwangau castle



garnished Choucroute

Day Four – Rothenburg

(B,D)

Depart late morning north through picturesque Franconia for the romantic town of Rothenburg od der Tauber. Bavaria's appeal for movie makers meant that Rothenburg was the inspiration for the 1940 film Pinocchio and location for the 1968 film, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. The town hosts many music and dance festivals throughout the year. On arrival enjoy a 2 hour local tour of Rothenburg including the fortifications with specialised city guides. Evening dinner in the hotel then meet in the centre with the Night Watchman who takes the group on his one hour rounds, telling gritty – slice – of - life tales of medieval Rothenburg.



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Day Five – Rothenburg (concert day)

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After breakfast enjoy a morning music workshop with local musicians who will explain the finer points of Bavarian composition and technique. During the afternoon rehearsal in the concert venue if the evening should be the time and place otherwise and afternoon concert in one of Rothenburg's Old Town churches. After concert dinner in a traditional local restaurant.



Rothenburg main square



Franciscan church



church interior

Day Six – Prague

(B,D)

Depart after breakfast east for the Czech Republic and the magnificent city of Prague. The Czech capitol is one of the finest examples of European mediaeval architecture and hundreds of cobble lined streets with spiralling towers are filled with all types of shopping and entertainment. Upon arrival, hotel check in then met by your local city guides for a 3 hour tour which begins at Castle hill, ending in St. Wenceslas square. After the tour coach transfer back to the hotel for the evening dinner.



Karlovy Vary – Czech



Wenceslas Square



St. Vitus Cathedral

Day Seven – Prague (concert day)

(B,D)

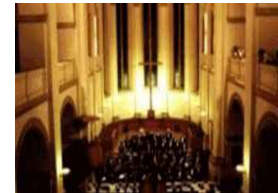
Buffet breakfast in the hotel then free time in the Old town for shopping and sightseeing, possibly visit the Little Quarter or visit one of the many museums. Time for lunch then meet in the centre for a mid afternoon rehearsal in an Old town church venue. After the rehearsal transfer back to the hotel to change then return for the evening concert. An after concert dinner arranged in a local Czech restaurant then return coach transfer to the hotel.



Little Quarter Prague



St. Nicholas church



San Salvator church



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Day Eight – Budapest

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After breakfast depart south east and continue through the heart of Bohemia towards Hungary. En route, stop for a lunch break in the Slovakian capital Bratislava and your first glimpse of the Danube river. Continue towards Budapest and arrive at your hotel late afternoon with check in and a chance to freshen up. This evening a little dinner surprise from us, hope you enjoy!!



Bratislava Castle



Thermal spa pool



Fisherman's Bastion

Day Nine – Budapest (concert day)

(B,D)

Buffet breakfast followed by a 2 hour coach city tour with local guides visiting places of interest including the thermal spa, Fisherman's Bastion, Castle hill and St. Matthias church. Free time for lunch and shopping before a mid afternoon rehearsal then return to the hotel to change and freshen up. Coach transfer to the venue for this evening's concert and afterwards dinner in the Művész étterem restaurant, a fitting end to this visit.



St. Stephen's Cathedral



performing area



Matthias Church

Day Ten – Salzburg

(B,D)

Depart Budapest after breakfast for Sopron which is located on the Hungarian / Austrian border and made famous by Joseph Haydn who studied and wrote many of his pieces there. Stop in Sopron for a look around and purchase lunch. Continue to Eisenstaedt just inside the Austrian border and visit the Esterhazy Estate palace with a one hour guided tour. Continue west and enjoy the picturesque scenery with arrival into Salzburg late afternoon. Dinner arranged in the hotel and afterwards free time to relax.



Sopron city centre



Great Hall in Eisenstaedt



Salzburg by night



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Day Eleven – Salzburg (concert day)

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Buffet breakfast then met in the hotel by your local city guides for a local city tour and the famous 'Sound of Music experience' which is a lot of fun for all. The city tour will visit the Hohensalzburg Fortress which includes a funicular train ride and great views over the city. Free afternoon in the town and for this evening's concert possibility of performing outdoors in the Mirabelle Gardens. An after concert dinner in a local restaurant.



Hohensalzburg Fortress



Miss Andrews and the gang!



Mirabelle Gardens

Day Twelve – Vienna

(B,D)

After breakfast a visit to the Hallein Salt Mine just outside of Salzburg. A fun tour beginning with dressing in the miner uniform, train ride underground, boat travel with lighting and music to enhance the visit. Afterwards depart for Vienna with a stop en route for lunch and check in once arrived to the hotel. Free time to relax and freshen up then dinner in the hotel.



Going down! first floor salt



underground lagoon



bread, drippin' & cordial

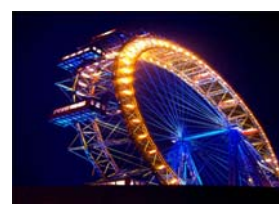
Day Thirteen – Vienna

(B,D)

After breakfast start your morning guided city tour of Vienna including Ring Avenue, the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Mozart's "Figaro House", City Hall and visit the famous Schönbrunn Palace. Break for lunch then visit the Mozart Museum which gives a real insight into the composer's life and working methods. Rest of the afternoon free to relax or shop. Dinner in the hotel and afterwards transfer to the the Prater fun park for the evening.



Schonbrunn Palace



the Prater wheel



Mozart at 14



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Day Fourteen – Vienna (concert day)

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Final day of the tour and most fitting that it is spent in one of Europe's finest classical music cities. This day will be at leisure to explore and prepare for the journey home. Mid afternoon rehearsal in the concert venue then return to the hotel to freshen up before returning for this evening's farewell concert in one of Vienna's fine churches or halls. Afterwards a lavish farewell dinner with musicians to entertain.



St. Stephen's Cathedral



Opera House performance



Golden Hall performance

Day Fifteen – departure for Australia

(B)

After breakfast transfer to Vienna airport to begin the flight home... Bon Voyage!