

American Celebration of Music in Austria & The Czech Republic

The “Celebrate Mozart” Tour

June 23-July 2, 2027 (8 nights / 10 days)

Day 1 Wednesday, June 23, 2027

Depart via scheduled air service to Munich, Germany

Day 2 Thursday, June 24 Munich / Hallein / Salzburg (D)

Arrive in Munich

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

Excursion to the Salt Mines in Hallein. The tour entails a walk through underground galleries, with a presentation in a cave showing the different techniques used in the extraction of salt and the descent on slides (toboggans)

Continue to Salzburg to 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 Friday, June 25 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

Return to hotel to freshen up

*Loveland Choral Society performance at University Church in Salzburg as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria**

Evening dinner and overnight

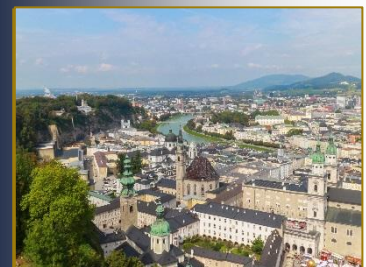
Day 4 Saturday, June 26 Salzburg (B)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel

Enjoy a morning picturesque boat ride across the crystal-clear waters of Lake Wolfgang, one of Austria's most scenic alpine lakes. Departing from the charming village of St. Gilgen, glide past forested hills, lakeside cottages, and majestic mountain peaks before arriving in the storybook town of St. Wolfgang. From here, board the historic Schafberg cog railway, one of the steepest in Austria, and ascend to the summit of Schafberg Mountain. At the top, take in breathtaking panoramic views stretching across Lake Wolfgang and the surrounding Salzkammergut lake district

Lunch, on own

Entrance to Schloß Hellbrunn, whose gazebo was also featured in The Sound of Music and whose trick fountains have entertained guests for centuries



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Attend the Jubilate Mozart! Festival Finale Concert

Dinner on own and overnight

Day 5 Sunday, June 27 Mondsee / Melk / Vienna (B,D)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to Mondsee to visit St. Michael's Church (site of *The Sound of Music* wedding)

Continue to Melk to visit the world-famous Abbey (*where choirs may sing a short recital*). 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

Possible short recital in Melk Abbey

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

Day 6 Monday, June 28 Vienna (B)

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

Afternoon at leisure

Dinner on own and overnight

Day 7 Tuesday, June 29 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

*Loveland Choral Society performance at Minoritenkirche in Vienna as part of the American Celebration of Music in Austria**

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 8 Wednesday, June 30 Vienna / Prague (B)

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



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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 4th & 5th symphonies

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

Enjoy a boat cruise on the Vltava River*

Dinner on own 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 9	Thursday, July 1	Prague	(B,D)
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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

*Loveland Choral Society performance at St. Nicholas Church as part of the American Celebration of Music in the Czech Republic**

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

Day 10	Friday, July 2	Depart for home	(B)
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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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