

DR. RUSSELL STEINBERG & THE EUROPEAN MUSICAL ENRICHMENT TOUR

Musical Enrichment and Cultural Tour of Austria, and The Czech Republic

MAIN TOUR: June 18 – 26, 2024 (7 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS)

Day 1 Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Self-arranged airfare/self-arranged airline arrangements and ground transportation arrangements to Vienna, Austria

Day 2 Wednesday, June 19 Vienna (D)

Self-arranged arrival to Vienna and self-arranged ground transportation to the groups Vienna hotel

Afternoon meeting time at your centrally-located Vienna hotel and meet your full-time local MCI Tour Manager, who will remain with the Musical enrichment traveling group for the entire duration of your time in Europe. You will also meet your full-time motorcoach driver (with included motorcoach) who will also remain with you for the entire duration of your time in Europe. Enjoy some light refreshments as you hear from your Tour Manager with some welcome announcements and a briefing about the Europe tour

Afternoon hotel check-in with free-time to freshen up and relax

Evening welcome dinner included at Mayer am Pfarrplatz, a former home of Beethoven's, now a restaurant serving traditional Viennese cuisine (or similar)

Return to your hotel for 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 3 Thursday, June 20 Vienna (B)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel

Morning guided tour of *Historical & Musical Vienna* includes the Ringstraße, Imperial Palace, State Opera, Town Hall, Burgkapelle (home of the Vienna Boys Choir), the Musikverein, the Vienna State Opera House, the Palace Stables, Strauß Monument, and entrance to Schönbrunn Palace, built by the Hapsburgs in imitation of Versailles.

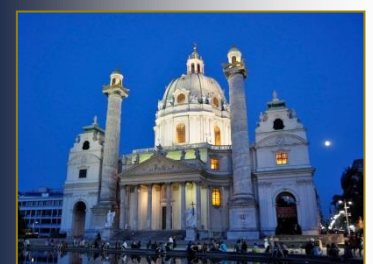
Lunch, on own

Enjoy your afternoon free at leisure (**Tour Manager is at your disposal during your times at leisure on the itinerary – for advice/guidance, etc.**)

Dinner, on own

Attend an evening cultural concert performance in Vienna (Vienna Philharmonic, Vienna State Opera, Vienna State Ballet, or similar – 100 Euro ticket allowance included, per person)*

Return to the hotel for overnight



Day 4 Friday, June 21 Eisenstadt / Vienna (B)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel
Morning excursion to Eisenstadt, the former home of Franz Joseph Haydn as he served as the Hofkapellmeister (musical director and composer for the Esterházy noble family) under the Esterházy patronage. Everything in Eisenstadt reminds one of the brilliant composer Franz Joseph Haydn. Entrance is included to Esterhazy Palace with its Haydnsaal, where many of Haydn's works were premiered
Attend the Los Angeles Youth Orchestra daytime concert in the Haydensaal of Esterhazy Palace
Lunch, on own
Afternoon return to Vienna for the remainder of afternoon free at leisure
Dinner on own
Attend an evening performance at the Marionette Theater in Schönbrunn Palace. State-of-the-art technology meets 250-year-old tradition: The multi-award-winning marionette theater enchants with its hand-made puppets and authentically detailed sets. The marionettes captivate the young and old with a wide variety of changing performances from opera, operetta and musical*
Return to your hotel for overnight



Day 5 Saturday, June 22 Vienna (B)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel
Morning visit to the Kahlenberg district of Vienna to see the scenic Vienna Woods (a location that Beethoven often visited for musical and artistic inspiration). For those interested, enjoy the walk on the Beethoven Trail down to the Heligenstadt apartment (**for those not interested in walking the trail, the motorcoaches will take you to the Heligenstadt apartment**)
Morning visit to Beethoven's Heligenstadt apartment, where he composed his Symphony No. 9 – which is now a museum to the composer. It is also in this apartment that Beethoven wrote his "Heiligenstadt Testament" (now housed in this museum) – the 1802 letter to his brothers in which he revealed his deafness and proclaimed his despair and depression. The letter details his continued desire to overcome his physical and emotional ailments to complete his artistic destiny.
Lunch, on own
Enjoy your afternoon free at leisure in Vienna
Dinner, on own
Attend the Los Angeles Youth Orchestra evening concert in the MuTh Concert Hall in Vienna
Return to the hotel for overnight



Day 6 Sunday, June 23 Vienna / Prague (B)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out
Morning transfer to Prague
Lunch, on own
Upon arrival in Prague, enjoy an orientation tour of Old Town Prague which includes seeing the Astronomical Clock, the Tyn Church, the John Lennon Wall and the historic Jewish Quarter
Afternoon hotel check-in to your centrally-located hotel with free-time to freshen up and relax
Dinner on own, and overnight



Prague achieved much of its present glory in the 14th century, during the long reign of Charles IV, king of Bohemia and Moravia and Holy Roman Emperor. 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 7 Monday, June 24 Prague (B,L)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel

Morning visit to the Lobkowitz Palace, part of the Prague Castle complex. The palace was built in the second half of the 16th Century and the Lobkowitz Palace collections are the oldest and largest privately owned art and music collection in the Czech Republic. The Music Archive is most noted for the original manuscripts by Handel, Mozart, Haydn, and Beethoven – including Beethoven’s original Third, Fourth and Fifth symphonies, and Mozart’s hand written re-orchestration of Handel’s Messiah.

Enjoy a meet-and-greet and royal welcome with a member of the Lobkowitz royal family – the Czech noble family (subject to the royal family schedule)*

Lunch included at Lobkowitz palace (subject to availability and confirmation)

Enjoy your afternoon free at leisure in Prague

Dinner, on own

Attend the Los Angeles Youth Orchestra evening concert in Dvorak Hall of the Rudolfinum

Return to your hotel for overnight

Day 8 Tuesday, June 25 Prague (B,D)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel

Morning visit to the Dvorak Museum, The Museum focuses on collecting, maintaining, and displaying original documents and artifacts related to the Maestro’s life and work. Since its foundation in 1932, the Antonín Dvořák Museum has resided at the Baroque villa “America” in Prague’s New Town. The house, surrounded by a beautiful garden featuring statues from the workshop of Matyáš Bernard Braun, was built at the beginning of the 18th century by Count Jan Václav Michna of Vacínov according to the design of the distinguished Czech architect Kilián Ignác Diezenhofer.

Lunch, on own

Enjoy your afternoon free at leisure in Prague

Farewell dinner included

Attend an evening cultural concert performance in Prague (Czech National Symphony Orchestra, Czech State Opera, Czech National Ballet, or similar – 100 Euro ticket allowance included, per person)*

Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 9 Wednesday, June 26 Prague (B)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

End of Musical Enrichment “Main Tour” (OR continue on and participate in optional “Extension Tour” to Dresden and Leipzig, Germany)

** Subject to availability, pricing, and confirmation*

