Austria Performance Tour

Sample Itinerary


Salzburg

Day 1 • Depart
Our journey begins today as we board our trans-Atlantic flight and wing our way across the ocean to Vienna, the capital of Austria and the classical music capital of the world. Here, many of the great composers, including Beethoven, Mozart, and Liszt, lived and worked on the masterpieces we cherish today.

Day 2 • Vienna
Upon arrival in Vienna, we meet our tour managers and drivers. We transfer to St. Stephen's Cathedral to rehearse. Afterwards, we check into our hotel and enjoy dinner before returning to St. Stephen's to perform Mozart's *Requiem* in the historic cathedral.

Day 3 • Vienna
After breakfast, local guides accompany us on a combination panoramic and walking tour of the city. This glittering capital was the seat of the mighty Hapsburgs, a line of emperors who ruled over the German Empire for 800 years. We visit the Central Cemetery, where many famous composers are buried, including Beethoven, Gluck, Schubert, Johann Strauss (Father and Son), Lanner, and Brahms. We continue through the inner ring, seeing landmarks such as the Hofburg Palace and Vienna Opera House. Later, we enjoy a backstage tour of the opera house. Dinner is at a local Vienna restaurant.

Day 4 • Eisenstadt & Linz Area
This morning we take an excursion to the historic center of Eisenstadt, where much remains unchanged since Joseph Haydn's day. We tour Esterházy Palace and have the opportunity to perform in the Haydnsaal, where many of Haydn's works premiered. A local guide then leads us on a city tour, including a visit to the Haydn Museum. Later, we depart for the Linz area and enjoy dinner at our hotel.

Day 5 • Hallstatt
This morning we visit St. Florian Monastery. Composer Anton Bruckner served here as organist and choir director. At his request, he was laid to rest in a vault beneath his beloved organ. Our tour of the monastery includes the imperial apartments once used by the Hapsburgs. We then travel to Hallstatt, where we give an informal performance at the Catholic church. Following dinner at a local restaurant, we perform at the Protestant church before checking into our Hallstatt hotel.

Day 6 • Hallstatt & Salzburg
Today offers two options. Those wishing to enjoy winter sports may spend the day skiing or snowboarding at the Gosau-Dachstein West ski area, featuring more than 140 kilometers of trails. Others may join a locally guided walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage town of Hallstatt, including a visit to the acclaimed Hallstatt Museum. After a full day of activities, we travel to Salzburg for the remainder of our stay.

Day 7 • Salzburg
We begin the day with a *Sound of Music* themed tour. Our local guides take us to Mondsee, where we present an informal performance at St. Michael's Church, famous as the wedding chapel from *The Sound of Music*. We return to Salzburg, where the afternoon is

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free for shopping and exploration. Dinner is at a local restaurant.

Day 8 • Salzburg
Local guides introduce us to Salzburg on a walking tour that includes:

- Salzburg Cathedral
- The Catacombs
- Getreidegasse
- Mirabell Gardens
- Mozart's Birthplace
- The Mozarteum and the Magic Flute House

We enjoy an inside visit of Mozart's birthplace before preparing for a formal concert in Salzburg Cathedral. Dinner is shared at a local restaurant before returning to our hotel.

Day 9 • Salzburg
Today is free for independent exploration. You may wish to ride the funicular to Hohensalzburg Fortress for panoramic views of the region or spend time shopping along the Getreidegasse. An optional skiing excursion to Kitzbühel is also available. This internationally known ski area, located about 90 minutes from Salzburg, has hosted many major skiing competitions. This evening we gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 10 • Return Home
We bid Europe farewell as we depart for Munich Airport and board our return flight to the United States. Welcome home!

THIS TOUR CAN BE CUSTOMIZED TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS. PRICE VARIES ACCORDING TO SEASON, GROUP SIZE, AND CUSTOMIZATION.





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