

# SOUND OF MUSIC

Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Prague

June 4-15, 2023



Dear Friends,

This Sound of Music tour has something for everyone. Whether you love music of the masters, old-world architecture, history, gardens, castles, beautiful horses, fairy tale towns with cobblestone streets, art, culture, or just fabulous cuisine, this is the trip for you!

And, if that hasn't whet your appetite for travel yet, we are adding even more adventure to this trip with a tour of the Rock Riding School, erected in 1693-94 and used as a summer riding school, with the audience seated in 96 arcades carved into a rock on three floors, which hosts a Baroque theatre and performance of the Salzburg Music Festival.

Do you hear music? I hear music! The birthplace of Mozart ...Salzburg. We will tour Mozart's birth house and museum. You can even buy Mozart's chocolate! The surrounding hills are alive. Not only with Mozart's music, but you will also hear the strains of Rogers and Hammerstein's fabulous score to the Sound of Music, filmed in and around Salzburg. "Do Re Me!" ...sing along!

So long, farewell - to Salzburg and on to Vienna! The city of Beethoven, Goethe, Schubert, the Strauss family, and Mozart, too. Music, art, culture, and fine food, that's Vienna.

Prague ...you will be enchanted. Mozart loved the people of Prague so much that he decided to premier his Don Giovanni Opera here in 1787 to wild acclaim. I guarantee you will be humming the strains of this beautiful Mozart work.

Don't delay - this tour will fill up fast as it is limited to 20 travelers. Plan on this fabulous journey for 2023. Come, join me!

Lora Black

Host, Executive Travel, and retired "Classics by Requests" announcer for Nebraska Public Media



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



## Munich Old Town



### June 4, 2023 - Sunday

#### Traveling to Germany

Our wonderful adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Munich, Germany. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your dream vacation.

### June 5, 2023 - Monday

#### Munich

Welcome to Munich! Upon arrival, we meet our private tour guide, Hildrun, who will be with us during the entire trip. Munich is a beautiful city contrasting high-tech modernity and proud old traditions and has so many fantastic attractions that it is hard to know where to start. It is also a city of royal scandals and a turbulent 20th century with the early days of the Nazi Party. We transfer to the center of the city to take a walking tour of Altstadt (old town), including Marienplatz with the famous Glockenspiel and the Viktualien-markt where you will find delightful stalls selling local delicacies, exotic fruits, flowers and plants, local crafts, and much more. Lunch is served at a beautiful restaurant located opposite the State Opera House. Check in to our hotel in the early afternoon and an evening at your leisure to relax and unwind.

B (during flight) | L

### June 6, 2023 - Tuesday

#### Munich

After a rich breakfast, we head out (by motorcoach) to experience the Baroque palace of Nymphenburg, the summer home of the royal Wittelsbach family and one of the premier royal palaces in Europe. The park ranks among Germany's finest and most important examples of garden design. We pass from the BMW headquarters and the Olympic Park area. Then, by foot, we enjoy Frauenkirche (the landmark of Munich), St. Peter's Church, the Hofgarten (the former gardens of the Royal Residence), and the famous Hofbrauhaus, which, after centuries of producing beer for the royals, in 1828 opened to the public. The beer hall quickly became the center of public and political life

## Johann Strauss



in Munich and a place Mozart visited regularly. Lunch at leisure before we take a tour of the Bavarian State Opera and National Theatre, with a focus on music, of course. The late afternoon/evening is yours to enjoy more of Munich. B

### June 7, 2023 - Wednesday

#### Chiemsee - Salzburg

After a hearty breakfast, we board our motorcoach and drive to Chiemsee, a beautiful fresh-water lake. We will take a boat trip to Herrenchiemsee Castle, built by "mad" King Ludwig II. A carriage ride will take us to the castle, which also houses the King Ludwig II Museum. Time for lunch at leisure before we reach Salzburg in the afternoon. Salzburg is home to Mozart and The Sound of Music, delicious chocolate, and the most quaint pedestrian streets. Check in to our centrally located hotel for an evening at leisure. Hildrun will assist with dinner recommendations; there are endless options to choose from. B

### June 8, 2023 - Thursday

#### Salzburg

After breakfast, we head out on foot to learn everything about Salzburg. We start at a violin maker's workshop to learn about the restoration work and maintenance of local masterpieces, tonal adjustments, and how to make new instruments. Then, tour the Mirabel Garden, Residence, and Salzburg Cathedral. Next, we see the Rock Riding School. Erected in 1693-94 and used as a summer riding school and for animal hunts. The audience was seated in 96 arcades carved into a rock on three floors. It also hosted a Baroque theater. From 1926, the Rock Riding School hosts the annual performances of the Salzburg Festival. Time for lunch at leisure before we visit St. Peter's Monastery, a Benedictine monastery and former cathedral dating back to 696. If you have the strength, you can walk up the hill to Nonnberg Abbey. An optional concert is offered tonight at the Rock Riding School

## Bavarian Countryside



(this will be confirmed once the official Salzburg Festival program becomes available). B

### June 9, 2023 - Friday

#### Sound of Music - Mozart - Special Dinner

Breakfast is served before we head out to hum along to the tunes of "The Sound of Music." We will enjoy Hellbrunn Castle and Leopoldskron castle (the rear view was used for the Trapp family home and where Maria and the baron dance on the balcony during the ball scene). We will admire the pavilion, the gardens, and the romantic courtyard. We will also make a stop for photos at Lake Wolfgangsee and visit the Mondsee Church, where Marie and the von Trapp captain got married. Back in the center of Salzburg, we will take a leisurely break for lunch before we visit the birthplace of Mozart. The house is now transformed into a three-floor exhibit showcasing Mozart's life: how he grew up, his start in music, who his friends and patrons were, family relationships, his passion for opera, and much more. Tonight we have included a Mozart dinner in the St. Peter Stiftskulinarium restaurant. This is the oldest restaurant in Central Europe, with a unique ambiance and delicious cuisine. B | D

### June 10, 2023 - Saturday

#### Melk Abbey - Vienna

Breakfast is enjoyed before we board our motorcoach and head toward Vienna. After a short two-hour drive, we make a stop to visit the bright yellow Benedictine Abbey of Melk. High above the town of Melk on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube, this abbey contains the tomb of Saint Coloman of Stockerau and the remains of several members of the House of Babenberg - Austria's first ruling dynasty. The library is one of the most impressive features, with roughly 100,000 volumes and the ceiling fresco by Paul Troger. There is a beautiful church and several paintings to be found, but



## Vienna State Opera



## Strudel for Everyone!



## Prague: Charles Bridge



the real treasures are the two Melk Crucifixes, one said to contain a piece of Christ's cross. After a short drive through the picturesque Wachau region, we welcome you to the "City of Waltz," Vienna. Vienna is the beating heart of Europe. Vienna is old, Vienna is new, and it is proud of its imperial heritage, its arts, culture, music, coffee houses, and pastries. You will love the location of our hotel, and you will enjoy a traditional Viennese dinner in a cozy historical ambiance. Find yourself in the same room in which Beethoven and Mozart enjoyed dinner. B | D

### June 11, 2023 - Sunday

#### Vienna

Enjoy breakfast at our wonderful hotel. Next, off by foot to visit the highlights of Vienna: We begin with attending a mass with the Vienna Boys Choir (pending confirmation of the Choir's schedule), St. Stephan Cathedral, St. Michael Church (premiere of the Mozart Requiem), and the House of Music to learn about Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Strauss, and Mahler. We will take a guided tour of the Vienna State Opera in the afternoon. An optional concert is offered tonight at the Kursalon Vienna (this will be confirmed once the official program becomes available). What a day! B

### June 12, 2023 - Monday

#### Vienna

After a delightful breakfast, we take a short walk to the Hofburg Palace to experience the world-famous Spanish Riding School. Enjoy the stunning Lipizzaner horses and the demonstration of their "haute école" movements of classical dressage, including the highly controlled, stylish jumps and "airs above the ground"-movements. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy Vienna. Stroll, shop, and people-watch from the beautiful cafes. Take a cruise on the Danube River, visit the exclusive sparkling wine cellar of "Schlumberger," visit the Schönbrunn Palace, home to the Habsburg rulers, or visit the Sisi Museum located inside the Imperial

Palace, which today serves as the official residence and workplace of the President of Austria. Empress Elisabeth "Sisi" (1837-1898) enjoyed an informal upbringing before marrying Emperor Franz Joseph I at the age of sixteen. Her very liberal ideas, call for a republic structure, and efforts for the poor and troublesome made her very popular among the Austrian people. Take an evening tour of the Wiener Ferris Wheel to see the city's lights; you will love Vienna! B

### June 13, 2023 - Tuesday

#### Vienna - Prague

After a relaxed breakfast, we depart for Prague. We will stop on the way for lunch in a local village in South Bohemia. Elegant townhouses gather around the local square and the greatest beer is served, the original Budvar beer, the Budweiser! It's time to savor the city's pleasant atmosphere with a tankard of world-famous beer. We continue our journey and reach the "City of a Hundred Spires," Prague. It is well known as world's most beautiful city, not only because of its unique architectural style surrounded by tunnels, Bohemian lamps, old bridges, beautiful squares and historical buildings but also because of its musical tradition. Praguers live music with passion; it's in their blood. As a good tradition, children learn how to play at least one musical instrument. Since the 17th century, Prague has become very important in the world's music scene. The city was chosen by Mozart to release its famous Opera Masterpiece Don Giovanni, at the State Theatre. It has, been the birthplace of influential composers such as Antonin Dvorak, who composed the Symphony No. 9, and Bedrich Smetana, known for his opera The Bartered Bride. We will visit the Rudolfinum before we check into our beautiful hotel. Situated on Jan Palach Square on the bank of the river Vltava and in operation since 1885, it has always been associated with music and art. Currently, the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra and Galerie Rudolfinum are based in the building. Its largest music auditorium, Dvořák Hall, is one of the main venues of the Prague Spring

International Music Festival and is noted for its excellent acoustics. The evening is yours to relax and enjoy our hotel. B

### June 14, 2023 - Wednesday

#### Prague

Breakfast is served in beautiful surroundings. Then, we head out on foot to see more of Prague. This majestic and mysterious city is steeped in castles, cathedrals, and medieval squares. The cobbled lanes and preserved architecture are globally renowned, and unlike many Eastern European cities, Prague was largely spared the demolition of World War II. The city was merely a province in the Austro-Hungarian empire and mostly managed to avoid being rebuilt during the 18th and 19th centuries. This resulted in abundant Baroque, Gothic, and Renaissance architecture, making the city an open-air museum. We will experience Charles' (Karl's) Bridge, the impressive Prague Castle, and Strahov Monastery. The afternoon is yours to enjoy; don't miss the traditional sweet "tredelnik" baked on every corner. Prague will take your breath away ...so will our farewell dinner tonight. Guaranteed! B | D

### June 15, 2023 - Thursday

#### Traveling home

All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Prague airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and to clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying west across The Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B | Meals during flights

*Itinerary subject to change.*

B = Breakfast

L = Lunch

D = Dinner



#### Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room:	\$4,295
Per person in a single room:	\$5,395

*Limited number of single rooms available.*

*Triple rooms are not available on this trip.*

*We offer "Pair & Share" service. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate if you would like to share a room!*

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration. The balance is due on March 1, 2023, and is non-refundable. Cash, check, and credit card payments are accepted (no processing fees).

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#### Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3 4

This tour involves an extensive amount of walking, stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. This trip is **not** recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are recommended.

#### Hotel Accommodation:

Munich: Hilton City or similar

Salzburg: Hotel Auersperg or similar

Vienna: Hotel Wandl or similar

Prague: Hotel Mozart or similar

*This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 30 travelers. Should the number fall below 20, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.*

#### Included:

- 10 nights during the tour at minimum 4-star hotels
- 10 x breakfast
- 1 x lunch
- 3 x dinner
- All transportation as per tour program
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Full-time English-speaking professional tour guide
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Headphones where required
- Executive Travel Host, June 4-15, 2023
- Detailed travel documents, handed out three weeks prior to departure (hard-copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as per November 6, 2022

#### Hotel Accommodation:

*Final accommodations are confirmed with the delivery of your travel documents, 30 days prior to departure.*

#### Not Included:

- Airfare
- Airline baggage fees for your second checked bag. Your first checked piece up to 50 lbs is free
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Gratuities to guides and drivers (estimate at total of \$12 per day)
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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June 4, 2023	Detroit - Munich	5:45 PM - 8:20 AM (June 5, 2023)
June 15, 2023	Prague - Amsterdam	6:20 AM - 7:50 AM
June 15, 2023	Amsterdam - Detroit	8:50 AM - 11:15 AM
June 15, 2023	Detroit - Omaha*	3:50 PM - 5:00 PM

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