



INTERNATIONAL CURTAIN CALL

2024 DELUXE OPERA & MUSIC FESTIVAL TOURS

ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVALS

GLYNDEBOURNE – LONDON ROYAL OPERA – GARSINGTON FESTIVALS (July 3 – 16, 2024)

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL: Giulio Cesare; Die Zauberflöte & The Merry Widow.

ROYAL OPERA – COVENT GARDEN: Così Fan Tutte, Tosca & Madama Butterfly.

GARSINGTON FESTIVAL: Un Giorno di Regno & Le Nozze di Figaro.

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL

Wednesday–Thursday, July 3-4: (D)

Departure from your U.S. Get-Away City on your Flight to LONDON HEATHROW.

Upon arrival at Heathrow — our *Hostess* will meet you to take you to our Coach for the drive to our *Glyndebourne*- Eastbourne-Sussex 5-Star Deluxe GRAND HOTEL EASTBOURNE, by the Sea, a Victorian-Style Grand Resort Hotel.

The afternoon is free to unpack and relax before meeting for Dinner this evening.

Evening— This evening, we will meet in the *Grand Lobby* and stroll to its elegant, high ceiling *Garden Room Restaurant*— for our WELCOME DINNER with wine.

Friday, July 5: (B, D)

BRIGHTON ROYAL PAVILLION:

After English Breakfast at the *Grand*, we meet our Guide and board our Coach for the drive to BRIGHTON- the lovely Seaside Resort.

Upon arrival, we'll visit the iconic *Royal Pavillion*— a distinctive Asian-style Palace built for *King George IV*, whose rooms and Gardens are fully restored.

We'll then have a stroll around *Brighton*.

After our stroll, we board our Coach to return to our *Grand Hotel*.

Afternoon/Evening—In late afternoon, we meet in the *Grand Lobby*, and board our Coach to drive to the *Glyndebourne Festival* with time to explore its beautiful grounds.

Then we enter the *Glyndebourne Opera Theater* to attend its Production of:

Handel' **GIULIO CESARE**, featuring Louise Adler, Svetlana Stoyanova, Beth Taylor; Aryeh Nussbaum Cohen, Ray Chenez/Laurence Cummings—Conductor

(*Glyndebourne Opera Festival*).

During the long Interval between the Acts, we have our Bistro-style DINNER with wine at *Glyndebourne's Nether Wallop Restaurant*.

After "*Cesare*", we board our Coach for our return to the *Grand*.



GLYNDEBOURNE OPERA HOUSE

Saturday, July 6: (B)

FREEDAY; OR OPTIONALEXCURSION— LEWES CASTLE & ANNE OF CLEVES:

For those choosing this option:

After Breakfast at the *Grand*, we meet our Guide and board our coach for the drive to LEWES CASTLE— the 1000-year-old Castle built by *William the Conqueror*. It offers stunning panoramic views across Sussex.

After visiting the Castle, we Tour the *Barbican House Museum of Sussex Archaeology*.

We then stroll to ANNE OF CLEVES HOUSE, a stunning 15th century timber-framed medieval house gifted to Anne of Cleves after her short-lived marriage with King Henry VIII.

Afternoon/Evening— This afternoon, we meet in the *Grand Lobby*, and board our Coach to drive to the *Glyndebourne Festival* to attend:

Mozart's **DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE**, featuring Lauren Snouffer, Aleksandra Olczyk; Paul Appleby, Rodion Pogossow, James Platt/Constantin Trinks—Conductor

(*Glyndebourne Opera Festival*).

During the long Interval between the Acts, we are free to stroll around the grounds and have Independent dinner at the *Glyndebourne Restaurant "Mildmay"*.

After "*Zauberflöte*", we meet our Coach for our return to the *Grand*.

Sunday, July 7: (B, D)

FREE DAY: After Breakfast in the *Grand*— In Eastbourne at leisure to explore the town, walk around the seashore, and prepack for our next day departure to London.

Evening— This afternoon, we meet in the *Grand Lobby*, and board our Coach to drive to the *Glyndebourne Festival* to attend:

Lehár's **THE MERRY WIDOW**, featuring Danielle de Niese, Soraya Mafi; Germán Olvera, Thomas Allen/John Wilson

(*Glyndebourne Opera Festival*).

Our FAREWELL GLYNDEBOURNE DINNER with wine is at the Festival's Gourmet "*Middle & Over Wallop*" Restaurant. during the long interval between the Acts

After "*Merry Widow*", we board our Coach for our return to the *Grand*.



LONDON- BIG BEN & PARLIAMENT

LONDON (Royal Opera & Garsington)

Monday, July 8: (B, D)

After English Breakfast at the *Grand*, we'll board our Coach for the drive to LONDON, arriving at our 5-STAR DELUXE HOTEL MAY FAIR, centrally located in the lovely Mayfair-Picadilly area.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Evening— This evening, we meet in the *May Fair Lobby*. When we're assembled, we'll proceed to its Dining Room for our WELCOME DINNER with wine.

Tuesday, July 9: (B)

ST. PAUL AND TOWER OF LONDON;

After English breakfast at the *May Fair*, we meet our *London Guide* and drive to:

The *Tower Of London*, built by *William the Conqueror*, to see the Prisons which housed famous Patriots and Royal Monarchs.

Then, we'll enter the *Royal Treasury* to see the magnificent *Crown Jewels*.

Next, we visit *St. Paul's Cathedral*, one of the most famous sights of London.

Evening— **FREE EVENING** to explore the lovely Mayfair area and Picadilly;

OR—

Perhaps on our own, attend a Piano Recital Concert at *Wigmore Hall* to hear

ANDREAS HAEFLIGER— performing works of Beethoven, Schubert and Berg (*Wigmore Hall*).

Wednesday, July 10: (B, Opt. L)

FREE DAY; OR OPTIONAL

TATE MUSEUMS & OLD GLOBE TOUR:

FREE DAY to explore London on our own;

OR—For those choosing this Option—

After Breakfast at the *May Fair*, we meet our Guide and board our Coach to drive to:

Tate Museum to see its Permanent British Art Collection from 1500 A.D. to now— including works of *Hogarth, Reynolds, Gainsborough, Constable and Turner*.

We'll then board the *Tate Boat* for a short Cruise on the *Thames* to the *Tate Modern Museum* to see its Modern Art Collection, including works by *Picasso, Rothko, Matisse, Beuys, and Surrealism Artists*.

We'll then drive to the *Swan Restaurant* at the *Old Globe Theater* for Lunch with wine.

After Lunch we'll proceed to the Old Globe for our Private Guided Tour of the *Old Globe Theater*.

Evening— This evening, we meet in the *May Fair Lobby* and board our Coach for the drive to the ROYAL OPERA HOUSE— COVENT GARDEN to attend:

Mozart's **COSÍ FAN TUTTE**, featuring Golda Schultz, Samantha Hankey, Jennifer France; Daniel Behle, André Schuen, Gerald Finley/Alexander Soddy—Conductor

(*Royal Opera House – Covent Garden*).

After "*Cost*", we meet our Coach for our returns to the *May Fair*.



ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Thursday, July 11: (B,)

BUCKINGHAM PALACE & WESTMINSTER ABBEY:

After our English Breakfast at the *May Fair*, we meet our Guide and board our Coach to drive First to:

Buckingham Palace, the official residence of Britain's Sovereigns since 1837, where we'll have a Highlights tour of the Palace (if then permitted).

Next, we'll drive to the Historic *Westminster Abbey* to Tour the *Abbey*, an Architectural Masterpiece of the 13th-16th Centuries where we'll see the impressive Shrine of *St. Edward the Conqueror*, the traditional place of Coronations, Royal Weddings and burials of English Monarchs—seeing the Monarchs' Tombs and important elements of the Abbey. We then return to the *May Fair*.

Evening— This evening, we meet in the *May Fair Lobby* and board our Coach for the drive to the Royal Opera—Covent Garden to attend Puccini's **TOSCA**, featuring Angel Blue; Russell Thomas, Ludovic Tézier/Andrea Batetistoni—Conductor

(*Royal Opera House – Covent Garden*).

After the "*Tosca*", our Coach returns us to the *May Fair*.



GARSINGTON OPERA HOUSE

Friday, July 12: (B, D)

FREE MORNING: to explore other sights..

Afternoon/Evening— We meet in the *May Fair Lobby* and Board our Coach for the drive to the GARSINGTON OPERA FESTIVAL, at the former Getty Wormsley Estate to attend Verdi's:

UN GIORNO DI REGNO, featuring Christine Rice, Madison Leonard; Joshua Hopkins, Henry Waddington, Oliver Sewell, Grant Doyle/Tobias Ringborg—Conductor (*Garsington Opera Festival*).

DINNER with wine will be served during the Interval at *The Festival Marquee Boundary Restaurant*, overlooking the cricket grounds.

After "*Regno*", we return to the *May Fair*.

Saturday July 13: (B)

FREE DAY; OR OPTIONAL

CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS TOUR:

FREE DAY to explore other London Sights on our own, perhaps to visit the remarkable *British Museum*

For those choosing this option—

After English Breakfast at the *May Fair*, we meet our Guide and board our Coach for the drive to *Churchill War Rooms*— to tour the headquarters of former Prime Minister Winston Churchill as he directed England in World War II.

Evening— **FREE EVENING** to explore London at night, OR— You can choose to attend a WEST END MUSICAL or PLAY.

Sunday, July 14: (B, D)

FREE MORNING: toat leisure.

Afternoon/Evening— We meet in the *May Fair Lobby* and Board our Coach for the drive to the GARSINGTON OPERA FESTIVAL, at Wormsley, to attend:

Mozart's **LE NOZZE DI FIGARO**, featuring Samantha Clark, Claire Lees, Susan Bickley, Bethany-Horak-Hallett; David Ireland, Rafael Fingerlos, Neal Davies, Paul Nilon/ Tobita Berglund—Conductor (*Garsington Opera Festival*).

We'll enjoy a traditional PICNIC DINNER overlooking the Cricket Grounds or Deer Park during the long Interval between the Acts.

After "*Figaro*", we board our Coach for our return to the *May Fair*.

Monday, July 15: (B, D)

FREE DAY:

After Breakfast, free day to explore the city, shop and pre-pack for our journey home.

Afternoon/Evening— In late afternoon, we'll meet in the *May Fair Lobby*, and board our Coach for the drive to:

Sarastro's Restaurant with its opera-singing Waiters, at Covent Garden near the Royal Opera, to enjoy our PRE-OPERA FAREWELL DINNER with wine.

We then stroll to the Royal Opera House, to attend:

Puccini's **MADAMA BUTTERFLY**, featuring Hrachuhi Bassénz, Enkelejda Shkoka; Seokjong Baek, Lauri Vasar, Colin Judsson, Jeremy White/ Kevin John Edusei (*Royal Opera House-Covent Garden*).

After "*Butterfly*", our Coach will return us to the *May Fair*.

Tuesday, July 16: (B)

After English Breakfast at the *May Fair*, we transfer Independently to LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT, for our return flights home.

[*Note— Transfers can be provided by ICC at cost to Heathrow Airport, upon request].

Land Price: \$9,945
Single Supplement: \$1,925

*Airfare arranged by Participants and not included in the Tour Price.