



INTERNATIONAL CURTAIN CALL

## 2025 DELUXE OPERA & MUSIC FESTIVAL TOURS

SALZBURG SUMMER FESTIVAL & VIENNA OPERA SEASON OPENING WEEK

(August 24 – September 8, 2025)

**SALZBURG FESTIVAL—** Andrea Chenier; Macbeth; Maria Stuarda; Castor Et Pollux; Vienna Philharmonic- Weinberg Symphony#2 + Bruckner's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony; Berlin Philharmonic- Mahler's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony.

**VIENNA –** Otello, Iolanta, Die Zauberflöte, Carmen.



SALZBURG – MIRABELL GARDENS, OLD TOWN & FORTRESS

### SALZBURG FESTIVAL

#### Saturday-Sunday, August 23-24: (D)

Departure from your U.S. Get-Away City on your flight to SALZBURG.

Upon Arrival, you'll Independently arrange your Transfer to our 5-Star DELUXE HOTEL SHERATON SALZBURG, beautifully situated in the "Old Town", next to the magnificent *Mirabell Gardens and Palace*, famous for their lush greenery and Baroque charm.

As we enjoy our full Buffet Breakfasts each morning at its *Mirabell Dining Room* or *Terrace*, we have lovely views of the *Mirabell Gardens* and can easily have a short stroll from the Sheraton Terrace through the lovely gardens.

**Evening—** On this, our first evening in *Salzburg*, we meet in the *Sheraton Lobby* and stroll to its lovely *Mirabell Dining Room* for our WELCOME DINNER with wine.

The rest of the evening is at leisure, to stroll through the town, or have a good sleep.

#### Monday, August 25: (B)

#### SALZBURG WALKING TOUR:

After Buffet Breakfast at the *Sheraton*- we meet our Guide *Heidi Federle* for an interesting walking tour of *Salzburg*. Our first stop is the *MIRABELL GARDENS AND PALACE*, where we'll admire the Grand Foyer and the elegant Grand Staircase, a popular wedding spot.

We'll then continue our stroll through the charming cobblestone streets to "Old Town" *LINZERSTRASSE* ("Old Roman Road"), and and visit the historic *Cemetery* and *Mausoleum*. Highlights include notable burial sites, including Mozart's widow Costanza and her family.

Crossing the *he Salzach River* we'll explore the *Cathedral* where Mozart was baptized, the *Collegiate Church*; and the *Residenz-Archbishop's Palace*, with a possible visit to it's Royal Apartments. We'll finish with the vibrant Old Town Squares, the Festival Theaters hosting our performances, and the famous *Getreidegasse*, Salzburg's main shopping street known for it's intricate trade signs.

**Evening—** Tonight, we meet in the *Sheraton Lobby* and board our Coach for the drive to the Festival's *GROSSES FESTSPIELHAUS* to attend:

Giordano' **ANDREA CHENIER**, featuring Stikhina; Beczala, Salsi, Pinar/Armiliato.

(*Grosses Festspielhaus- Concert format*)

After "*Chenier*", we board our Coach for the drive back to the *Sheraton*.



SALZBURG CATHEDRAL



**Tuesday, August 26: (B, OPTIONAL L)**

**FREE DAY; OR OPTIONAL**

**"BAVARIAN VERSAILLES" TOUR:**

For those electing this Option—

After your Buffet Breakfast in the *Sheraton*, we meet *Heidi* and board our Coach for the drive through the Bavarian Alps to Prien.

On arrival, we'll board our Boat for the nice Cruise on beautiful Lake Chiemsee to the **HERRENCHEMSEE ISLAND**.

We'll tour the *Herrenchiemsee Castle and Gardens*, built in the style of the French "Versailles" by "Mad" King Ludwig II, the friend and patron of Richard Wagner.

LUNCHEON with wine is at the Castle's popular *Herrenchiemsee Schlosswirtschaft*.

After Lunch, we board our Boat to return to Prien to board our Coach to return to the *Sheraton*.

**Evening**—The evening is at your leisure to relax and explore Salzburg.

**Wednesday, August 27 (B, L)**

**DELUXE MOZART MUSIC TOUR:**

After our Buffet breakfast at the *Sheraton*, we meet *Heidi* and first walk to the Mozart' **WOHNHAUS**, where the Mozarts lived.

We'll tour the *Autographenkeller* led by its Curator, seeing Mozart's original Music Manuscripts in the Mozarteum Archives.

We then enter the *Wohnhaus*, to view Mozart' exhibits and musical instruments from that time.

If available, we'll see an interesting Mozart Video of "*Mozart in Salzburg*".

Then on to the **GEBURTSHAUS** (Mozart's Birth-House) for a Special Private Concert on Mozart's Piano there by a Mozarteum Pianist.

After the concert, *Heidi* will lead us through the Mozart' family Rooms and exhibits.

We then have our LUNCHEON with Wine at the traditional **ST. PETERSKELLAR**.

**Evening**—Tonight, we meet in the *Sheraton Lobby* and board our Coach to drive to the Festival's **FELSENREITSCHULE** to attend:

Rameau's **CASTOR ET POLLUX**, featuring De Bique; d'Oustrac, Van Mechelen, Mauillon, /Currentzis.

(*Felsenreitschule Theater- Concert format*)

After "*Castor*", we board our Coach for our return to the *Sheraton*.



LAKE CHIEMSEE

**Thursday, August 28: (B)**

**FREE DAY**—to explore Salzburg on your own, perhaps to visit the Fortress above the town.,

**Evening**—Tonight, we meet in the *Sheraton Lobby* and board our Coach to drive to the **GROSSES FESTSPIELHAUS** to attend the:

**VIENNAPHILHARMONIC CONCERT**  
— **Wesler-Möst** Performing:

Weinberg's *Symphony #2 -String Orchestra*  
and *Bruckner's 9th Symphony*

(*Grosses Festspielhaus*).

Our Coach then returns us to the *Sheraton*.



SALZKAMMERGUT LAKE VILLAGE

**Friday, August 29: (B, L)**

**SCHLOSS HELLBRUNN EXCURSION:**

After our Buffet Breakfast at the *Sheraton*, we meet our Coach and drive to *Schloss Hellbrunn*, the Archbishop's Summer Home.

We'll see and participate in the *Schloss'* famous *Water Games, Trick Fountains* and *Grottos*, to understand the former Archbishop's strange sense of humor.

We can then visit the *Schloss'* Interior and walk through its lovely Park and Gardens.

LUNCHEON with wine will be served at the Castle's *Gasthaus Hellbrunn*.

After Lunch, our Coach will drive us back to the *Sheraton*.

**Evening**—Tonight, we meet in the *Sheraton Lobby* and board our Coach to drive to the Festival's **GROSSES FESTSPIELHAUS** to attend:

Verdi's **MACBETH**, featuring Grigorian; Sulimsky, Nazmi, Castronovo/Jordan.

(*Grosses Festspielhaus*)

**Saturday, August 30: (B)**

**FREE DAY**—to explore Salzburg on your own, perhaps to do some shopping.

**Evening**—Tonight, we meet in the *Sheraton Lobby* and board our Coach to drive to the **GROSSES FESTSPIELHAUS** to attend:

Donizetti's **MARIA STUARDA**, featuring Lindsey, Oropesa; Davronov, Kulagin, Lehman/ Manacorda.

(*Grosses Festspielhaus*)

After "*Stuarda*", we'll board our Coach for our return to the *Sheraton*.

**Sunday, August 31: (B, D)**

**FREE DAY**—to explore Salzburg and perhaps to pre-pack for our journey to Vienna.

**Evening**—Tonight, we meet in the *Sheraton Lobby* and board our Coach for the drive to the *Goldener Hirsch* for our DINNER with wine.

We then enter the **GROSSES FESTSPIELHAUS** to attend the: **THE FESTIVAL FINALE— THE**

**BERLIN PHILHARMONIC CONCERT/ Petrenko**— Performing:

The massive Mahler' 9th Symphony.

(*Grosses Festspielhaus*)

Our Coach then returns us to the *Sheraton*.

**Monday, September 1: (B, D)**

**SALZKAMMERGUT EXCURSION:**

After Buffet Breakfast in the *Sheraton*, we meet *Heidi* and board our Coach for an extraordinary day as we drive through the beautiful *Salzkammergut Lake region* around Salzburg to explore its beauty—

1st- to **HALLEIN**- To have a special Tour of its Salt Mines and understand its history and importance to the region.

Then to **ST. GILGEN**- to stroll through the charming Village and see Mozart's Mother's house, where his sister Nannerl later retired.

Next— our **BOAT CRUISE** on beautiful *Lake Wolfgangsee* to view the lovely countryside and charming Villages around the Lake- to

**ST. WOLFGANG**- We'll Tour the famous *Pilgrimage Church* and see its unique altars. We'll then have time to walk through this quaint Village and do some shopping; or have an Independent light Lunch at the *White Horse Inn*, the subject of a popular Viennese Operetta.

We'll then Drive to **MONDSEE**- the quaint Village and see the Church where the "*The Sound of Music*" Wedding took place.

At day's end, we'll drive to the elegant **SCHLOSS FUSCHL** at *Lake Fuschl* to have our **FAREWELL SALZBURG DINNER** with Wine at its Lakeshore **Terrace**, with a gorgeous view of lovely *Lake Fuschl*, as the sun goes down and lights come on around the Lake.

After Dinner, we return to the *Sheraton*, and pack for our next day's journey to **Vienna**.



SCHLOSS FUSCHL

## VIENNA OPERA OPENING WEEK



VIENNA STAATSOPER

### Tuesday, September 2: (B, D)

After Breakfast at the *Sheraton*, we board our coach for the drive to Vienna arriving at our 5-Star DELUXE HOTEL GRAND VIENNA, on the Ringstrasse, across from the *Vienna State Opera*.

**Evening—** On our first evening in Vienna—

We meet in the *Grand Lobby* and proceed to its Top-Floor Terrace Gourmet Restaurant—1870s *Le Ciel Rotunda Dining Room* for our WELCOME DINNER with wine.

### Wednesday, September 3 (B)

#### FINE ARTS MUSEUM TOUR:

After our Buffet Breakfast in the *Grand*, we meet our *Viennese Guide Kathi Trost*, for a lovely stroll through the important sights on the Ring—the *Burg Garden*, *Hofburg*, and other sights.

We'll arrive at the KUNSTHISTORISCHE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, built in 1791 to house the Imperial Hapsburg Collections—the largest *Bruegel* Collection in the world, the Masterworks of *Raphael*, *Vermeer*, *Velazquez*, *Rubens*, *Rembrandt*, *Dürer*, *Titian*, & *Tintoretto*.

We'll visit the renovated *Wunderkammer* Collection of precious objects, and see many amazing creative art decorative pieces.

We'll then stroll back to the *Grand*.

**Evening—** This evening, we meet in the *Grand Lobby* and stroll across the Square to the VIENNA STAATSOPER, where we'll attend its New "Magic" Production of *Mozart's*

**DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE**, featuring *Saenz*, *Fang*, *Pregardien*, *Nagl*, *Fischesser/Jordan*.

(*Vienna Staatsoper*)

After "*Zauberflöte*", we stroll back to the *Grand* OR to the favorite *Sausage Stand* behind the Opera House for a traditional Viennese Sausage with soda or beer.



KUNSTHISTORISCHE MUSEUM

### Thursday, September 4: (B, L)

#### SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE:

After Breakfast in the *Grand*, we meet *Kathi* and board our Private Coach for the drive to the beautiful SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE:

We'll tour its *Imperial Royal Apartments*, and interesting *Carriage Museum*, seeing its Coronation and Baroque Carriages.

We'll then have some time to stroll through its lovely *Park and Gardens*.

After *Schönbrunn*, we'll board our Coach to return to the *Grand*.

After a short break to clean up and refresh, we'll meet in the *Grand Lobby*, and stroll to the nearby *Gasthaus Zur Oper* Restaurant for our Traditional Viennese LUNCHEON of *Wienerschnitzel* (its speciality) and Beer.

**Evening—** This evening, we meet in the *Grand Lobby*; and stroll across the Square to the *Vienna Staatsoper*—to attend Verdi's

**OTELLO**, featuring *Soghomonyan*, *Tezier*; *Osuna*; *Byström/Bertrand de Billy*.

(*Vienna Staatsoper*)

After "*Otello*", we stroll back to the *Grand*.



SCHONBRUNN PALACE

### Friday September 5: (B, Opt. L)

Free Day in Vienna; OR —OPTIONAL

#### BURGENLAND EXCURSION:

For those choosing this Excursion: After Buffet Breakfast in the *Grand*—

We meet *Kathi* and board our Coach for the drive via *Luxembourg Palace* into "*Austria-Hungary*" to EISENSTADT—

First— We'll stroll through its lovely *Park to Esterhazy Palace* for a Tour of the Palace, including *Haydn Hall*, where *Haydn's* Orchestra entertained Prince Esterhazy.

We'll then walk to *Haydn's Home*, now the *Haydn Museum*, where he composed for the Prince— seeing several Exhibits depicting *Haydn's* life and works.

Then— we drive to the medieval Town of *Rust* for our LUNCHEON with wine at the popular Seaside Restaurant *Katamaran*, at *Lake Neusiedl*.

After Lunch, we'll proceed to *Rust's* Old Town Center— for a short walk through this quaint charming Town from the middle ages, where numerous *Storks* nest on the roofs of the Village. We can also visit the Village Church to see its Medieval Frescoes.

We'll then board our coach for our return to Vienna.

**Evening—** This evening is free at leisure.

### Saturday, September 6: (B, D)

#### VIENNA HISTORY WALKING TOUR:

After Buffet Breakfast at the *Grand*, we meet *Kathi*, for our Guided Tour through Vienna's Historic *First District*:

We first stroll through the *Ringstrasse* seeing its *Private Palaces & Courtyards*, and the *Mozart Figaro House* en route to Vienna's landmark, the magnificent ST. STEPHAN'S CATHEDRAL, for our Guided Tour of this magnificent Cathedral.

We continue through Vienna's *1st District*—

to visit the interesting *Vienna House of Music*, viewing the history of its music, Conductors, and the Vienna Philharmonic.

We see demonstrations of how music and sounds are made; Music rooms of *Vienna Composers—Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Strauss and Mahler*; and have the opportunity to conduct the *Vienna Philharmonic* via an inter-active Video.

**Evening—** This evening, we'll meet at the *Grand Lobby*; and stroll across the square to the traditional HOTEL SACHER, for our FAREWELL DINNER with wine served in its elegant Private Marble Hall Dining Room.

We then enter the *Vienna Staatsoper* to attend Tchaikovsky's **IOLANTA**, featuring *Yoncheva*; *Popov*, *Stanchev*, *Pinkhasovich/Zangiev*.

(*Vienna Staatsoper*)

After "*Iolanta*", we return to the *Grand*.

### Sunday, September 7: (B)

**FREE DAY—** Today, our last day in Vienna is free to do some shopping, pre-pack for our journey home, or independently arrange one of these OPTIONAL events after Breakfast:

LIPPIZANER'S PROFESSIONAL SPANISH HORSE RIDING PERFORMANCE with Full Dress & Music; OR

MASS AT HOFBURG CHAPEL with the singing of the Vienna Boys Choir.

**Evening—** This evening we meet in the *Grand Lobby* and board our coach for the drive to the VIENNA VOLKSOPER, to attend Bizet's

**CARMEN** (Cast to be announced).

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

### Sunday, August 26: (B)

After our Buffet Breakfast at the *Grand*—

\*We'll arrange Independent Transfers to the VIENNA AIRPORT for our return flights home.

[\*Or International Curtain Call- at your request can arrange a Private Airport-Hotel transfer for you upon arrival at Salzburg and/or departure from Vienna, based on our cost.]

\* Land Price: \$10,825  
Single Supplement: \$2,175  
\* Excluding Airfare