

Join the University Chorale of Boston College to Explore...

Vienna & Budapest



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Daily Operating Itinerary: Subject to Change

DAY 1: DEPART USA

We depart the USA today on our overnight transatlantic flight for Budapest, Hungary. Meals and snacks are served on board.

DAY 2: ARRIVE BUDAPEST

Upon arrival in Budapest, we are greeted by our World Cultural Tours representative and escorted to our private motor coach for transfer to our hotel. We enjoy a panoramic tour of the city en route. This city is a meeting place of North, South, East and West and the intercrossing cultures are blended into a unique synthesis, while remaining characteristically Hungarian. We have the opportunity to explore the city on our own this afternoon. This evening, we gather for our Welcome Dinner together.

(D) Mercure Korona Hotel or similar

DAY 3: BUDAPEST/PERFORMANCE

After breakfast, we begin our guided sightseeing tour of Budapest, including a visit to the magnificent Roman Catholic Matthias Church. We enjoy views of the Citadel on Mount Gellert, the Royal Castle, Fishermans' Bastion, the Parliament, Heroes' Square and the Jewish Quarter dominated by Dohany Synagogue. We end our tour with a visit to the Church of St. Stephen. We have a performance this evening and dinner is under our own arrangements.

(B) Mercure Korona Hotel or similar

DAY 4: BUDAPEST/PERFORMANCE

This morning after breakfast, we enjoy the day free for independent sightseeing and exploration with our tour manager at our disposal for suggestions and ideas. Lunch and dinner are under our own arrangements today. We have a performance this evening at a local venue.

(B) Mercure Korona Hotel or similar

DAY 5: BUDAPEST - EISENSTADT - VIENNA

Following breakfast this morning, we check-out of our hotel and transfer to Vienna, stopping en route in Eisenstadt. It was here at the Bergkirche that Josef Haydn served thirty years at Kapellmeister and where his *Mass in Time of War* was first performed in 1796. We tour Schloss Esterházy, one of the most beautiful baroque palaces in Austria and have an opportunity for an impromptu performance. After lunch on our own, we continue to Vienna and check into our hotel upon arrival. Dinner is under our own arrangements this evening.

(B) Park Royal or similar

9-Day Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare
- 7 Nights Accommodation
- Luxury Motor Coach
- Tour Manager Throughout
- 3 Performances
- Breakfast Daily
- Welcome Dinner
- Farewell Dinner
- Sightseeing per Itinerary
- Fuel Surcharges & Air Taxes
- Gratuities

\$ P/P Dbl. Occ.

(Pending Air Confirmation)



DAY 6: VIENNA/PERFORMANCE

After breakfast this morning, we enjoy a guided orientation tour of the city, highlighting the Hofburg Palace, winter residence of the Hapsburg emperors; the Capuchin Church containing the imperial vaults; St. Charles' Church, a splendid example of late Baroque architecture; and the Belvedere Palace, former residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy. As we continue around the Ringstrasse, we see the Vienna Opera House, the House of Parliament, City Hall and the Burgtheater. We end our tour with a visit to Schönbrunn Palace, where we have a performance this afternoon in the Palace's Chapel. Tonight, dinner is under our own arrangements.

(B) Park Royal or similar

DAY 7: VIENNA

This morning after breakfast, we visit the Vienna State Opera which highlights the tea salon, marble hall, Schwind Foyer, Gustav Mahler Hall and the auditorium. Over the course of our tour, we learn about the history of the institution, the opera business itself and the architecture of this impressive building. This evening, we have our Farewell Dinner with folklore show at a local restaurant.

(B, D) Park Royal or similar

DAY 8: VIENNA

This morning after breakfast, we enjoy day free for independent sightseeing and exploration with our tour manager at our disposal for suggestions and ideas. Lunch and dinner are under our own arrangements today.

(B) Park Royal or similar

DAY 9: DEPART VIENNA - ARRIVE USA

After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our return flight home to the USA.

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90-61 days prior to departure - loss of deposit

45-31 days prior to departure - 50% of total tour price is forfeited

60-46 days prior to departure - 35% of total tour price is forfeited

30-0 days prior to departure - 100% of total tour price is forfeited

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