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CAREER ENRICHMENT



Music Education Journey to Austria

9 days / 7 nights

June 8-16, 2024

\$5,699 (Based on double occupancy)

\$999 (Single Supplement)

Enjoy the unique culture and traditions of Austria while you spend time with the locals. This adventure includes a variety of the arts and educationally based interactions.

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Musical Highlights

- ✓ The primary professional objective of this journey is meaningful interaction and collaboration with a focus on **music education curriculum**, discussions on access to band and choral classes in schools, and an exchange of knowledge.
- ✓ *As your journey will be during the summer, a visit to a local school will not be possible. However, opportunities will be found to interact in various settings with local musicians, educators, and local people.*
- ✓ Explore behind the scenes at **Vienna State Opera**, the world's largest repertory operation to discover much that otherwise remains hidden from the evening operagoer.
- ✓ Indulge in the exquisite melodies of a **private concert**, performed by a talented young classical musician.
- ✓ Stop in St. Florian in route to Salzburg to see the **Bruckner Organ** at the monastery. Meet with one of their organists to learn about the instrument, and maybe try it out yourself!
- ✓ Attend an **evening classical concert** in Salzburg

Cultural & Community Connections

- ✓ Explore the delightful **Houses of Music** in Vienna, who work in cooperation with the local schools to awaken curiosity about music and have fun making music as early as possible.
- ✓ Savor an exquisite evening with a **delightful dinner and local wine sampling** at a charming winery.
- ✓ Visit Mirabell Gardens, Nonnberg Abbey, the gazebo at Hellbrunn Castle and Mondsee Basilica with your guide sharing their tie to the *Sound of Music*.
- ✓ Take part in the guided tour at the **Mozart Haus in Vienna**, where the legendary composer once lived.
- ✓ Visit a **traditional farm** and taste some of the products.

Optional Extension

- ✓ Optional *post extension* to **Prague** will be offered

What's Included:

- 4* accommodations throughout
- All transportation and activities outlined in the itinerary
- Group transfers to and from the international airports
- International air (gateway city set tentatively out of JFK)
- Local English-speaking guides throughout
- Meals as mentioned and most tips (including guides)

Not Included:

- Personal expenses at the hotel
- Meals not specified
- Tips for maids and porters
- Passport renewal or issuance
- Domestic flight to gateway city
- Covid tests where applicable



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📍 New York City

DAY 1, Saturday, June 8, 2024

Fly to Vienna

Depart from New York City area and make your way to Vienna, Austria. Austria is famous for their food, classical music, jewelry, and landscapes. The capital city, Vienna has a rich history which is traced back to 500 BC when it was inhabited by the Celts.

📍 Vienna

DAY 2: Sunday, June 9

Welcome to Vienna

Upon arrival, the group will be met and transferred for check-in at your lovely local hotel or bag drop depending on flight time.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

4-star **Hotel Josefshof am Rathaus** is located in an idyllic side street in Vienna's historic Josefstadt district. The city center with all its sights, theatres, museums, shopping streets and the Vienna Ringstrasse are just a few minutes' walk away. You are also perfectly connected to the public by the nearby underground and tram lines. Their rooms are located in two historic buildings. Therefore, they are individually designed and each one is unique. What they all have in common, however, is the typical Viennese flair, state-of-the-art facilities, and premium box spring beds. The hotel has onsite dining and a bar.

Enjoy an afternoon **orientation talk and tour** with your national guide to learn the most important facts about the city as you take a first walk through town.

Gather as a group for a **welcome briefing** back at the hotel this afternoon.

Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Hotel Josefshof (or similar)
Included meals: Lunch & Dinner



📍 Vienna

DAY 3: Monday, June 10

Cultural Program

Please Note: Breakfast is included daily at your hotel.

Set out this morning for a guided city tour of Vienna passing **Ringstrasse Avenue, Hofburg**, walking through the city center to see **St. Stephens Cathedral**. A quick visit of St. Stevens will give you a view of the front of the nave and part of the northern side before heading onward to Hofburg. The Hofburg is the former principal imperial palace of the Habsburg dynasty. Built in the 13th century the palace was expanded several times and served as the imperial winter residence. Spend some time exploring **Schönbrunn Palace** for a self-guided tour of the palace. During the reign of Maria Theresa, as an imperial summer residence, Schönbrunn Palace became the glittering focus of court life.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

The afternoon the group will enjoy a guided tour of **Mozarthaus Vienna**, where the legendary composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart once lived. Explore the very rooms where Mozart and his family resided, gaining insight into his life, creative process, and the era's musical intricacies. Immerse yourself in history as expert guides unveil the stories behind Mozart's masterpieces, offering a unique glimpse into the world of one of classical music's greatest prodigies.

Dinner is on your own this evening.

Overnight: Hotel Josefshof (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch



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DAY 4: Tuesday, June 11

Educational & Cultural Activities

This morning the group will begin your explorations with a visit to the **State Opera House of Vienna**. Peek behind the scenes of the world's largest repertory operation and learn a lot of interesting facts about the history of the house, its architecture, and the opera business. From the foyer, you will walk up the grand staircase through the state rooms (Tea Salon, Marble Hall, Schwind foyer, Gustav Mahler Hall) to the auditorium (with a view of the stage).

Lunch is on your own this afternoon.

This afternoon is set aside for a **private chamber concert** with local musicians. Indulge in the exquisite melodies of a private concert, performed by a talented young classical musician. Immerse yourself in an intimate musical experience as their nimble fingers bring timeless compositions to life. End the evening with a delightful dinner together with the musicians and find out what it is like to work as a musician in Vienna.

Dinner will be provided this evening. We will invite a musician or two to join you for the meal.

Overnight: Hotel Josefshof (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

📍 Vienna

DAY 5: Wednesday, June 12

Explore Vienna

This morning the group will visit the **House of Music**. Since the Museum opened its doors in June 2000, exciting, reciprocal links have been established between Haus der Musik and Austrian schools. Experience the magic of the House of Music like never before. Discover real life experiments about Beethoven & co. and take the chance to virtually conduct the famous Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

Lunch is on your own this afternoon.

Enjoy some **free time** this afternoon in Vienna to explore independently. This will be your time to shop, relax or do additional sightseeing by individual arrangement. Your national guide will be happy to answer questions or provide guidance.

Savor an exquisite evening with a **delightful dinner and local wine sampling** at a charming 'Heurigen' wine tavern nestled on the outskirts of Vienna. Indulge in delectable regional flavors expertly paired with a selection of fine wines, all while surrounded by the serene vineyard landscapes. This intimate culinary experience offers a taste of Austrian culture and the perfect blend of relaxation and gastronomic delight.

Overnight: Hotel Josefshof (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner





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Photo Credit: St. Florian Gallery

📍 Salzburg

DAY 6: Thursday, June 13

Travel to Salzburg

After breakfast and hotel check-out, make your way via motorcoach to **Salzburg** (4-hours).

In route stop at **St. Florian Monastery** for a visit with their organist. They will show you the famous '**Bruckner Organ**' and play it for you as well. You will have a chance to see how the organ works, what it looks like inside and how the different combinations of stops sound. Listen to some pieces and even try out playing the organ yourself! The Monastery of the Canons Regular of St. Augustine's Order at St. Florian is a place of meeting and devotion, the cultural center of the region and a famous pilgrimage site.

After lunch on your own head onward to Salzburg to check into your hotel.

The **Hotel am Mirabellplatz** breathes history – from the vaulted cellar, where lively parties were once held, through to the rooms, which are entirely different from each other. If this house could tell its own story, there would be enough material for a full-length feature film. Built in the mid-17th century by Prince Archbishop Paris Lodron as a Stadtpalais (city palace), guests have been welcomed to this place since 1816 – first at the inn and guest house, then at the hotel. The hotel has a variety of onsite dining and a coffee bar.

Dinner will be provided this evening.

Overnight: Hotel am Mirabellplatz (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

📍 Salzburg

DAY 7: Friday, June 14

Explore Salzburg & Free Time

After breakfast, enjoy a guided walking tour of Salzburg city center with an aim to learn about Mozart's life in Salzburg. Walk through the famous **Getreidegasse**, see Mirabell Gardens (with their lovely flowers), with a view to the Hohensalzburg fortress on the hill and the impressive Salzburg Dom. Feel the pulse of Mozart's legacy as you delve into the tales of his life in Salzburg, turning every corner into a symphony of discovery.

Lunch is on your own today with some free time to explore Salzburg,

Dinner will be provided this evening along with tickets to a classical concert in the area (will adjust to best night based on schedules closer to travel).

Note: We are happy to assist with additional **concert or theater tickets** for this journey once we know more about what performances are available during your travels (additional expense).

Overnight: Hotel am Mirabellplatz (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner





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📍 Salzburg

DAY 8: Saturday, June 15

Sound of Music Tour & Farm Visit

Set out this morning for a tour of the footsteps of the famous Trapp family including **Nonnberg Abbey**, the gazebo at **Hellbrunn Castle** and **Mondsee Basilica**.

Benedictine Nonnberg Abbey lies a little above the city at the foot of the Festungsberg, famous, in addition to its Gothic architectural elements, for its murals and smaller works of art. It is also here that the story told in the Hollywood production of "The Sound of Music" begins.

The basilica Mondsee reached international fame because the wedding scene in the movie was filmed inside. Pope John Paul II upgraded the church to a basilica in 2005.

Next visit Hellbrunn Castle to see some of its 60 hectares of green spaces. Aside from artistically landscaped gardens, you will discover meadows, ponds, and a big playground for children. Located on the grounds is the gazebo in which Liesl and Franz sang to each other in the movie.

During your tour today the group will stop for **coffee/pastry at a traditional coffee house**. A must during your visit to this beautiful country.

Lunch is on your own today (individual expense).

Nestled between rolling hills and alpine beauty, Salzburg's agricultural heritage is a harmonious blend of fertile fields, **family-owned farms**, centuries-old techniques, and artisanal cheese production. From vibrant vineyards or farms producing exquisite food & beverage to bountiful orchards yielding fresh fruits and local dairies crafting delectable cheeses, the region's commitment to sustainable practices ensures that every bite tells a story of authenticity and care.

Say goodbye as you reflect and share memories over a farewell dinner.

Overnight: Hotel am Mirabellplatz (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

📍 Depart

DAY 9: Sunday, June 16

After breakfast depart for the **Munich airport** today for your flight home. Depending on the flight time, lunch is by individual arrangement with free time to explore.

Alternatively, those extending to visit Prague will depart as a group and make your way to the Czech Republic this morning.

Overnight: N/A

Included meals: Breakfast



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