

Music Lover's Tour to Salzburg, Vienna and Budapest, September 24 to October 7, 2024

Join us for thirteen days in Salzburg, Vienna and Budapest. We'll see fascinating sites of Mozart, Beethoven, Liszt, and many other composers, and attend quite a few world-class performances. You'll experience the culture of these incredible cities, and make new friends along the way.

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If you wish to do a nine-day trip to two cities: Salzburg and Vienna, or Vienna and Budapest. Be sure to indicate which itinerary you desire in the pull-down menu on the Book My Trip page.



Salzburg

Overview and Highlights

- 4 Days in Salzburg
- 5 Days in Vienna
- 4 Days in Budapest
- Exploring the neighborhoods of Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn and others
- Vienna State Opera House
- Budapest State Opera House
- Vienna's spectacular Musikverein
- Two Mozart Museums in Salzburg: Birth House and Wohnhaus
- Franz Liszt Museum in Budapest
- Beethoven Day in Heiligenstadt in Vienna
 - Our Beethoven Day is now longer and better. In addition to walking through his neighborhood and visiting the wonderful Beethoven Museum, we will have lunch at a traditional Viennese "Heuriger" where the composer lived when he was working on his Sixth Symphony. (A Heuriger is a restaurant in the Vienna Woods that has its own vineyard and makes its own wine.)

- “The Sound of Music” Tour in Salzburg, and many sites where “The Sound of Music” was filmed. In Salzburg
- Vienna’s Collection of Historic Musical Instruments
- Hungarian Museum of Music History
- Tours of each city led by local guide



Budapest at night: *the Danube River, Houses of Parliament, Chain Bridge, and St. Stephen's Cathedral.*

Salzburg Performances

- An evening of Mozart opera arias during a lovely dinner/concert in Salzburg's Peterskeller (the oldest restaurant in Europe). The oldest restaurant in Europe, dating from 803. (That's 803, not 1803 or 1308!)
- A Chamber Music concert in Mirabell Palace. Mozart performed here.

Vienna Performances

- And the highlight will be Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" at the Vienna State Opera!
 - The Vienna State Opera is one of the finest—if not the finest—opera companies in the world. Hearing them do "Figaro" a short walk from where Mozart wrote it would be an amazing evening. Tickets are still pending, and we expect to hear about availability in June.
- An orchestral concert in Vienna's spectacular Musikverein featuring [Beethoven's Third Symphony](#), the "Eroica"
- Johann Strauss, Jr.'s "Die Fledermaus" at Vienna's Volksoper.
 - In Dr. Nelson's opinion, this is the most Viennese piece of music ever written. The performers at the Volksoper have this music in their blood!
- Imperial Mass in Vienna's Hofburg featuring the Vienna Boys Choir. They have been singing here since 1498.



Mozart's manuscript to the beginning of "The Marriage of Figaro"

Budapest Performances

- Bizet's "Carmen" at the Budapest State Opera House.
 - The Hungarians wanted to create something more lavish than the Vienna State Opera House, which was completed a few years before. They succeeded.
- An evening of Hungarian Music and Dance
- As an option, you may wish to attend Wagner's "Flying Dutchman" at the Budapest Opera House.
 - Dr. Nelson did not include this in the itinerary because people are often tired in the last days of a tour. Still, if you wish to attend, let Dr. Nelson know and he can order tickets for you. This is not included in the cost of the trip.



The opulent Budapest State Opera House.

Itinerary for 13-day trip to Salzburg, Vienna and Budapest

- Tuesday, September 24, arrival day in Salzburg, opening dinner
 - Some people like to arrive a day or so early. Dr. Nelson can arrange this.
- Wednesday, September 25 – Friday, September 27, Salzburg. Four nights.
- Saturday, September 28, travel from Salzburg to Vienna. 2 1/2 hour train ride)
- Sunday, September 29 – Wednesday, October 2, Vienna. Five nights.
- Thursday, October 3, travel from Vienna to Budapest. 3 hour train ride.
- Friday, October 4 – Sunday, October 6, Budapest. Four nights.
- Monday, October 7, travel day
 - If you would like to stay a day or so after the trip, Dr. Nelson can arrange it.

Itinerary for 9-day trip to Salzburg and Vienna

- Tuesday, September 24, arrival day in Salzburg, opening dinner
 - Some people like to arrive a day or so early. Dr. Nelson can arrange this.
- Wednesday, September 25 – Friday, September 27, Salzburg. Four nights.
- Saturday, September 28, travel from Salzburg to Vienna. 2 1/2 hour train ride)
- Sunday, September 29 – Wednesday, October 2, Vienna. Five nights.
- Thursday, October 3, travel day.
- If you would like to stay a day or so after the trip, Dr. Nelson can arrange it.

Itinerary for 9-day trip to Vienna and Budapest

- Sunday, September 29, arrival in Vienna
- Sunday, September 29 – Wednesday, October 2, Vienna. Five nights.
- Thursday, October 3, travel from Vienna to Budapest. 3 hour train ride.
- Friday, October 4 – Sunday, October 6, Budapest. Four nights.
- Monday, October 7, travel day
 - If you would like to stay a day or so after the trip, Dr. Nelson can arrange it.



It would be impolite not to enjoy the sweets, cakes, and ice cream during the trip.

What's Included in the Price

- 13 nights in 4-star hotels, or 9 nights for a two-city tour
- Transportation from Salzburg to Vienna and from Vienna to Budapest, only one of which is included in a two-city tour
- Public transportation passes in Vienna and Budapest. There is no need for a transportation pass in the small city of Salzburg.
 - Obviously, a transportation pass for Budapest is not included in a 9-day Salzburg-Vienna tour!
- Excellent tickets to the performances listed above
- Walking tours in each city led by local guides
- All museum admissions listed in the itinerary
- Two meals a day (breakfast and lunch, or breakfast and dinner)
- Group lunches and dinners will include water and one drink per person: beer, wine, bottled water, soft drink. Subsequent drinks can be ordered and paid for individually. There are no refunds if a drink is not ordered, sorry!
- Hotel and restaurant gratuities
- Maps of each city
- David Nelson's guidance and assistance at all times
- Copious amounts of fun



Our travelers in Salzburg.

Price for Salzburg, Vienna and Budapest

- double occupancy \$5200
- single occupancy \$6325

Price for Salzburg and Vienna ONLY

- double occupancy \$3960
- single occupancy \$4810

Price for Vienna and Budapest ONLY

- double occupancy \$3600
- single occupancy \$4160

For Solo Travelers

- For those traveling alone, you may be placed in a double room with another person of the same gender who is also traveling alone. Depending on who signs up for the trip, you may be in a double or a single room, and will still pay the double-occupancy price. The only guaranteed single rooms are for those paying the single-room rate.



Horse-drawn carriages are a fun way to explore these cities.

Payment Dates

- \$500 is due upon registration
- The balance is due by July 15.
- After July 16, all payments made become non-refundable.

Terms and Conditions

- Please read our [Terms and Conditions](#).

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