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15 June - 10 July 2024 (Dates subject to change)



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Experience the Exceptional...

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OUR ARTISTS FOR THIS TRIP:
Escorted by Cameron Barclay,
Russell Dixon and Alex Foster



PLACES WE STAY

Please note that hotels are subject to final confirmation at time of printing brochure.

Hotel Bristol, Vienna (5 nights) opened in 1892, the magnificent luxurious Hotel Bristol, a Luxury Collection Hotel, set directly next to the Vienna State Opera, is ideally located to explore the major sights of the city. Saint Stephen's Cathedral, the famous Kärntner Straße Shopping Boulevard as well as cultural institutions are only a short walk away.

Carlo IV Dedica Anthology Hotel, Prague (3 nights) is a five star hotel in a neo classic design of the nineteenth century. It is located in the centre of Prague, about a ten minute walk from the famous Wenceslas Square.

Hotel Gewandhaus, Autograph Collection, Dresden (3 nights) built in 1770, this superior boutique hotel in the historic area of Dresden is just minutes walk from the major sites. All rooms are in modern Baroque style and the bathrooms are decorated in Italian marble with the added luxury of spa baths.

Steigenberger Grand hotel Handelshof, Leipzig (2 nights) is housed in a former exhibition building in the heart of Leipzig, 2 minutes walk from the St. Nicholas Church.

Hotel Goldener Anker (or similiar), Bayreuth (1 night) is a traditional, family-run hotel dating back to 1753 and enjoys a central location in the historic town of Bayreuth.

Nassauer Hof Hotel, Wiesbaden, Rhine Valley (4 nights) was built in 1813 and has always been a famous, central location to embark on tours of the Rhine Valley. It possesses a thermal spa, set in an expansive 16,000 square foot rooftop terrace!

Steigenberger Grand Hotel, Bonn (2 nights) stands tall over the Rhine, like a castle, offering great views of the Rhine and surrounding gardens.

Van der Valk Hotel, Maastricht (2 nights) is a tastefully decorated modern hotel set on the edge of Maastricht's historic centre. It is a perfect base to enjoy the André Rieu experience.



Carlo IV Dedica Anthology Hotel, Prague



Hotel Gewandhaus, Autograph Collection, Dresden



Steigenberger Grandhotel Petersberg



Vienna

VIENNA (5 nights) - Hotel Bristol

Vienna, home of Johann Strauss, magnificent palaces and buildings, the Vienna State Opera.

Highlights Include:

- Vienna State Opera performance (to be confirmed).
- Welcome dinner with music from our artists.
- Half-day guided city sightseeing tour including the City Ringstrasse with guided tour of the State Opera House, Town Hall and entrance to the magnificent Saint Stephen's Cathedral.
- Guided tour of Spanish Riding School.
- Exclusive after hours private tour at the Schönbrunn Palace with dinner and concert in the Orangerie for an evening of Strauss and Mozart.
- Visit and tour of the magnificent Museum of Fine Arts.
- Kursalon evening performances of Strauss with full orchestra or Volksoper which specialises in Strauss and other famous operetta (dependant on availability).



Ceský Krumlov

We travel to Prague via Cesky Krumlov where we will have a guided tour and free time to wander. Ceský Krumlov is a city in the South Bohemia region of the Czech Republic. It is one of the most gorgeous towns in Europe, dominated by its 13th-century castle.

PRAGUE (3 nights) - Carlo IV Dedic Anthology Hotel (previously Boscolo Prague Hotel)

Prague is widely considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in Europe and its famous Old Town Square, complete with the Astronomical Clock, is a fairy tale spectacle. We visit Dvorak Museum as well as Estates Theatre, where the first opera by Mozart was premiered. Since 1992, the extensive historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites.

Highlights Include:

- A half day sightseeing tour including Strahov Library, Prague Castle tour and St Vitus Cathedral (Prague's most recognisable landmark).
- Opera or concert in one of the many incredible theatres here including The Estates Theatre where Mozart's opera premiered or church concerts (depending on availability).
- Visit Mala Strana, St Nicholas Church, Charles Bridge, Old Town Square and the Astronomical Clock.
- Visit to Dvorak Museum with concert and a glass of wine in the historic 19th century salon.



Charles Bridge

DRESDEN (3 nights) - Hotel Gewandhaus, Autograph Collection

Dresden is distinguished by the art museums and classic architecture of its reconstructed old town. Completed in 1743 and rebuilt after WWII, its baroque church is famed for its grand dome, the Versailles-inspired Zwinger Palace houses many art museums and the rebuilt opera house is one of the most beautiful in the world.

Highlights Include:

- Opera at Dresden Semperoper (to be confirmed).
- Our city highlights tour with our local guide including the Zwinger Palace which was formerly part of the Dresden fortress.
- Visit to Gemaldergalerie Alte Meister Art Gallery, whose works originate from the 15th to the 18th century – Italian paintings of the Renaissance and Baroque as well as Dutch and Flemish paintings of such masters as Rubens, Vesmeer, Titan and many more.
- Full-day return boat ride from Dresden to Meissen. Discover the Saxon Wine Route by paddle steamer with a visit to the Albrechtsburg, stroll through the town, and explore the porcelain factory.
- Free time in Dresden.

On route to Leipzig we stop at Colditz Castle, famous as a POW camp in WWII, for a tour.

LEIPZIG (2 nights) - Steigenberger Grandhotel Handelshof

Leipzig is a city in the eastern German state of Saxony. Composer J.S. Bach is buried in the late-Gothic Church, known for concerts by its boys' choir. St. Nicholas Church was a meeting point for the "Monday Demonstrations," which led to the 1989 overthrow of communism. In the 17th century, Leipzig was one of the major European city-centres of learning and culture in fields such as music, astronomy and optics.

Highlights Include:

- Bach concert in Leipzig, the home of Bach (depending on availability).
- City tour which will include a visit to the Thomaskirche (St Thomas Church) which is most famous as the place where Johann Sebastian Bach was choir director from 1723 until his death in 1750 and where his remains currently lie.
- Visit St. Nicholas Church, The Green Vault and Mendelssohn-Haus & the Bach Museum, the Schumann-Haus & the Wagner-Haus amongst many other places of interest.
- Free time in Leipzig.



Dresden



Boat Ride to Meissen



St Thomas Church



Wagner Festival Theatre

BAYREUTH (1 night) - Goldener Anker Hotel

Bayreuth is a town on the Red Main river in Bavaria, Germany. At its centre is the Richard Wagner Museum in the composer's former home, Villa Wahnfried.

Highlights Include:

- Tour of Bayreuth, visit to Neues Schloss plus tour of Richard Wagner Museum.
- Performance of Wagner opera or concert or tour of opera house (depending on availability).

RHINE VALLEY (4 nights) - Nassauer Hof Hotel, Wiesbaden

The Rhine Valley is famous for the Rhine River, its castles, vineyards and quaint towns plus Heidelberg, setting of The Student Prince, and Wiesbaden, a lovely spa town and home to a beautiful opera house, gardens and architecture.

Wiesbaden is famous for its central location to explore the Rhine and its natural thermal springs which have attracted many famous artists including Goethe, Wagner and Brahms.

Highlights Include:

- Tour and cruise of the Rhine Valley region including castles and vineyards.
- Wine tasting plus lunch or dinner at a vineyard with music from our hosts.
- Walking tour of Heidelberg, cable car to Heidelberg Castle (famous for the setting of the Student Prince).
- Visit to Heidelberg University including library and student prison plus free time to wander the old town and enjoy your own lunch and shopping.
- Day tour of Wiesbaden including city tour and funicular ride.
- Opera at Wiesbaden Opera House (depending on availability).
- Time to enjoy Wiesbaden, a beautiful spa town with its lovely parks and architecture.
- Visit to Rudesheim, a famous small town on the banks of the Rhine including visit to Mechanical Music Instrument Museum and chairlift over vineyards.



Heidelberg

On route to Bonn, we enjoy a visit to a fairytale manor house set on the hills above Rhine before arriving at our hotel, located close to Bonn, home of Beethoven.



Rhine Valley

BONN (2 nights) - Steigenberger Grand Hotel, Bonn

Bonn is a city in western Germany straddling the Rhine river. It is known for the central Beethoven House, a memorial and museum honouring the composer's birthplace.

Highlights Include:

- Sightseeing tour of Bonn including important sites where Beethoven performed.
- Visit the Beethoven Haus and enjoy a Beethoven concert in his music room!

Today we drive to Maastricht via Cologne which is a major cultural centre of the Rhineland and has a vibrant arts scene. We visit the Cologne Cathedral which is one of the world's largest churches and the largest Gothic church in Northern Europe. We will enjoy a group lunch in one of the many character taverns this city has to offer.

MAASTRICHT (2 nights) – Van der Valk Hotel

Our chance to see André Rieu and The Johann Strauss Orchestra live as the Waltz King returns, once again, to his hometown of Maastricht and to Vrijthof Square. Join us for an extraordinary summer night of magnificent music in this magical setting!

Highlights Include:

- Premium tickets to André Rieu Live in Maastricht 2024. Premium are the best seats, central and in the front section.
- Walking tour of Maastricht.
- Time to enjoy soaking up the André Rieu atmosphere, markets and great shopping!

Today we travel from Maastricht to Amsterdam where we enjoy a full day tour, canal boat ride and lunch before flying home this evening.



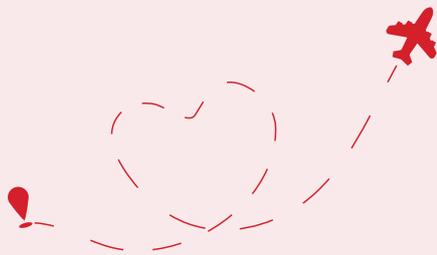
Beethoven Monument, Bonn



André Rieu



Amsterdam



\$21,950 per person
twin share
Single Room Supplement Add \$5970

Initial Deposit on booking: \$2000

Second Deposit due: 15th December 2023 \$4000

Final Balance due: 1st March 2024

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- All tours listed in brochure, all tips, portorage and taxes included.
- All breakfasts, gourmet food experiences, 9 lunches and 11 dinners included.
- Escorted by Cameron Barclay, Russell Dixon and Alex Foster.

MODERATE TOUR

All our trips are specifically designed for our core market but this trip does contain travel challenges, either because of the region visited or the walking distances or uneven surfaces that arise at some sites. We do advise that you and your doctor evaluate your level of fitness before you consider booking this tour.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All itinerary details are subject to change, but changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option.
- Initial & Second deposits are fully refundable up until final balance due date, minus an administration fee of up to \$500 plus any non-recoverable costs.
- All monies are non-refundable at final balance due date. This becomes an insurance claim.
- Payment by direct credit incurs no surcharge. Credit card payments will incur a surcharge of 1.5%.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Bookings will only be accepted with initial deposit.
- All travellers must obtain comprehensive travel insurance for international travel and insurance for domestic travel is recommended.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions on booking form.