

A EUROPEAN ROMANCE

ANDRE RIEU IN GALA CONCERT



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Travel

Andre Rieu in Maastricht, Operas,
Vienna, Prague, Berlin, Amsterdam

JUNE / JULY 2019

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We bring you one of the most extraordinary musical journeys: the Waltz King *Andre Rieu Live in Maastricht*, plus six incredible operas or ballets in some of the most magnificent opera houses in the world.

Experience the Exceptional...

- *Andre Rieu Live in Maastricht*, his hometown and where his DVD's are filmed plus 6 other performances.
- All the following shows are on in our cities but we are unable to confirm these until we receive final dates regarding *Andre Rieu Live in Maastricht 2019*, *Vienna Boys' Choir*, *La Boheme* in Dresden, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Rigoletto* in Berlin, *Nabucco* and *Macbeth* in Prague.
- Tours and visits to some of the most beautiful cities in the world: Vienna, Prague, Dresden, Leipzig, Berlin, Amsterdam and Maastricht.
- Visit the home towns of many famous composers including Bach and Handel.
- Care, love and music provided by our escorts, couple Bonnie and Jess.



PLACES WE STAY

Hotel Bristol, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Vienna is located right next to the Vienna State Opera and has been an inspiring meeting point for Vienna's cultural elite since 1892.

Boscolo Hotel, Prague part of the Autograph Collection of luxury private hotels is a beautiful 5 star hotel located in the centre of Prague, about ten minutes' walk from Wenceslas Square.

Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski, Dresden was built in the 18th century by a Saxon King as a pledge of love to his mistress and is located directly in Dresden's historic city centre.

Steigenberger Grandhotel Handelshof, Leipzig is housed in a former exhibition building in the heart of Leipzig, approx. 2 minutes' walk from the St. Nicholas Church.

Hotel am Steinplatz, Berlin, also part of the Autograph Collection, is a beautiful centrally located luxury hotel housed in a stunning Art Nouveau building from 1913.

Hotel Estherea, Amsterdam is an exquisite family owned hotel situated in a row of 17th century buildings on the Singel, Amsterdam's oldest major canal.

Hotel Kasteel Bloemendal, Maastricht is a romantic castle, built in 1795 and fully restored in 1995; a perfect hotel when experiencing our romantic Andre Rieu concert.



Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski, Dresden



Steigenberger Grandhotel Handelshof, Leipzig



Estherea, Amsterdam



Hotel Kasteel Bloemendal, Maastricht

DUBAI (4 nights - stopovers return including early check in) **- Sheraton Mall of the Emirates Hotel**

We begin and end our tour with flights to and from Dubai on Emirates. As we arrive into Dubai early in the morning we have arranged another night's accommodation so we can go to our rooms immediately. On return we arrive into Dubai late at night so we will again have access to our rooms immediately.

VIENNA (4 nights) **- Bristol Hotel**

Vienna, Austria's capital is famous for its cultural events, imperial sights, coffee houses, cosy wine taverns, and the very special Viennese charm. Schönbrunn Palace, the former imperial summer residence, is one of Vienna's most popular sights.

Highlights include:

- A night of Strauss and Mozart music at the famous Kursalon with dinner in the Restaurant Johann.
- Vienna State Opera performance.
- *Vienna Boys Choir* singing Mass in their resident chapel, The Royal Court Chapel which is part of the Royal Apartments, in the Hofburg Complex.

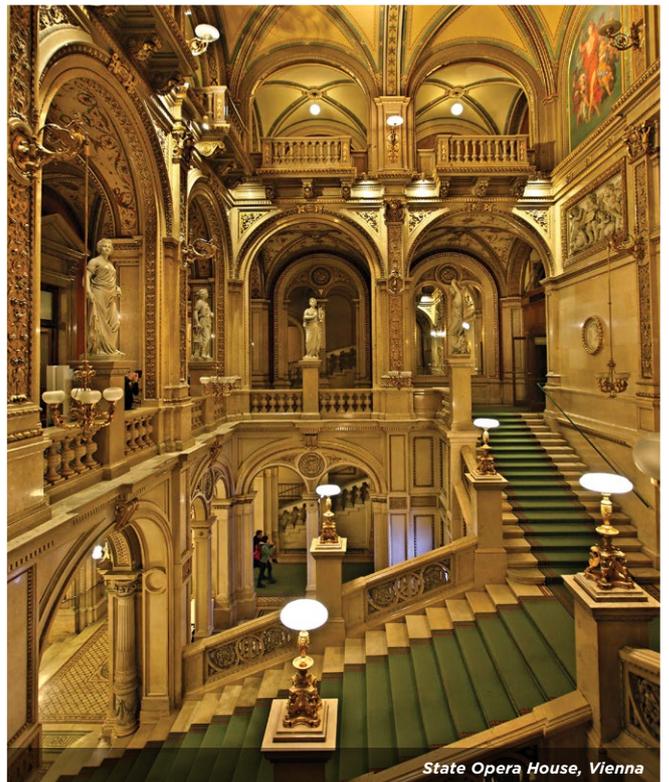


Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna

- Half-day guided city sightseeing tour including the City Ringstrasse with guided tour of the State Opera House, Town Hall, House of Parliament, and also including entrance to the magnificent Saint Stephens Cathedral.
- Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens.
- Guided tour of the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Museum of Fine Art, part of the Hofburg Complex.
- Concert at the Musikverein, with supper afterwards at Demel Cafe for Sachertorte.
- Welcome Dinner at the Schönbrunn Palace and Concert in the Orangerie for an evening of Strauss and Mozart.

PRAGUE (4 nights) **- Boscolo Prague Hotel**

Prague is widely considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in Europe and is among the most visited cities on the continent. Since 1992, the extensive historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites.



State Opera House, Vienna

Highlights include:

- *Macbeth* at National Theatre of Prague.
- *Nabucco* at the State Opera of Karlin.
- Dinner at our beautiful hotel.
- A full-day guided city sightseeing tour including the Old Town Square, Astronomical Clock, Hradcany, Strahov Monastery, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Charles Bridge and the Golden Lane.
- A guided tour of Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral (Prague's most recognisable landmark).
- Day trip to Kutna Hora, visiting St. Barbara and the Ossuary.
- Full free day off in Prague.

**DRESDEN (3 nights)
- Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski**

Dresden, capital of the eastern German state of Saxony, is distinguished by the celebrated art museums and classic architecture of its reconstructed old town.

Highlights include:

- *La Boheme* at Dresden Semperoper.
- 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. It houses 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 and time to wander in the village.



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 St. Thomas 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.

Highlights include:

- 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.
- Visits to St. Nicholas Church, Bach Museum and Mendelssohn's house.
- Free time in Leipzig.

BERLIN (4 nights)

- Hotel am Steinplatz

Berlin, Germany's capital, dates to the 13th century. Reminders of the city's turbulent 20th century history include its Holocaust Memorial and the Berlin Wall's graffitied remains. Divided during the Cold War, its 18th century Brandenburg Gate has become a symbol of reunification. On route we will stop in Halle, the native town of Handel and explore the town and its importance in his life.

Highlights include:

- Opera of *Rigoletto* and *Romeo and Juliet* ballet are on in Berlin (to be confirmed based on dates in Berlin).
- Tour of Berlin with our local guide, including the Brandenburg Castle and the Pergamon Museum which consists of 3 museums in 1.
- Visit the Musikinstrumenten-Museum of Berlin which contains Benjamin Franklin's glass harmonica and an extensive collection of Baroque wind instruments.
- Tour to Potsdam UNESCO World Heritage Site, which includes walking tour of Old Market Square, Town Hall, Babelsberg Castle.
- Boat tour of Potsdam admiring the countless palaces and wonderful parks from the Hohenzollern Dynasty and see a true piece of history.
- Brandenburg Gate and Check Point Charlie.
- Visit beautiful Sanssouci Palace and park in a guided tour.



Opera House, Leipzig



Brandenburg Gate, Berlin



Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM (4 nights)

- Hotel Estherea

Amsterdam is such an attractive city with its 17th century historical atmosphere, buildings and the intimacy of the streets, canals and squares, combined with the mentality of a modern metropolis!

Highlights include:

- Introductory cruise along the canals, seeing this beautiful city and its tree-lined views.
- Walking tour of Amsterdam, including Anne Frank House, Berghoff historic houses area and the famous floating flower market.
- Visit the van Gogh Museum – the world's largest collection of works by this mad but talented artist.
- Paint preparation demonstration in Rembrandt's reconstructed studio and visit his house where he lived between 1639 and 1658.
- Visit Rijksmuseum, the Netherlands' premier art trove, showcasing Rembrandt, Vermeer and van Gogh as well as 7500 other masterpieces over dozens of galleries.
- Tour to the countryside of the Netherlands to Marken.
- Visit a clog maker on the way and enjoy a short boat ride to Volendam. Visit a cheese factory before continuing on to Zaanse Schans for a close-up look at the windmills of the Netherlands in this open air museum.



MAASTRICHT (1 night)

- Hotel Kasteel Bloemendal

This is our chance to see Andre 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! (Final date and details to be confirmed)

Highlights include:

- Rank 1 tickets to *Andre Rieu Live in Maastricht 2019*.
- Walking tour of Maastricht.
- Boat tour of Maastricht.

AMSTERDAM (1 night)

We will stay at a smart airport hotel tonight for ease of travel for our return flight to Dubai the following day.





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Price to be announced
when Andre Rieu
concert dates are confirmed

Initial Deposit on booking	\$3,000
Second Deposit - date to be confirmed	\$4,000
Final Balance - date to be confirmed	

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- Return economy airfares on Emirates Airline Auckland - Dubai - Vienna//Amsterdam - Dubai - Auckland including all taxes.
- All accommodation as listed in itinerary - Vienna (4 nights), Prague (4 nights), Dresden (3 nights), Leipzig (2 nights), Berlin (4 nights), Amsterdam (5 nights), Maastricht (1 night), Dubai (4 nights including early check-in). All in 4 or 5 star specialty hotels, many of them boutique hotels or castles!
- Extraordinary music experiences including *Andre Rieu Live in Maastricht 2019*, performances to be confirmed, at some of the most beautiful opera houses in the world, including *La Boheme*, *Rigoletto*, *Macbeth*, *Romeo and Juliet* (ballet), *Nabucco*, *Vienna Boys' Choir*, *Vienna State Opera*.
- Special flavours including visits to Handel's house in Halle, van Gogh and Rembrandt houses and museums, Potsdam UNESCO World Heritage Site, Colditz Castle tour and full day tour to Meissen and porcelain factory tour.
- All tours and excursions as listed in itinerary including city tours of Vienna, Prague, Dresden, Leipzig, Berlin, Amsterdam and Maastricht.
- All entrances as per our itinerary, all museums and houses as listed, cheese factory and boat day cruises as listed.
- All breakfasts, 10 dinners, 7 lunches, all tips, all taxes and all portage are included.
- Escorted by Bonnie and Jess. Limited to 30 passengers.

EXPLORING TOUR

This is still a moderately paced tour, but you will be required to walk longer distances, walk on cobblestones and stand in museums. To really get the best out of this tour you need to be able to stand or walk for a couple of hours comfortably, be it at a leisurely pace.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All trips are subject to change but any changes will be of equal or greater value.
- Deposits refundable until final payment date minus any costs incurred, or an administration fee of up to \$150.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Travellers are required to obtain comprehensive travel insurance for all international trips.
- Please refer to terms & conditions on our booking form.



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