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**We bring you one of our most extraordinary music travel extravaganzas: the Waltz King, Andre Rieu Live in Maastricht 2018, Andrea Bocelli World Tour arena concert in Cologne, and 6 operas in magnificent opera houses: Tosca, Turandot, La Traviata, Faust, The Marriage of Figaro and The Tales of Hoffman.**

(Please note all concerts and operas are confirmed).

We stay in the following beautiful cities with a chance to explore them and the nearby towns and countryside including Prague, Dresden, Leipzig, Berlin, Cologne, Amsterdam and Maastricht as well as visit many home towns of famous composers including Beethoven, Bach and Handel!

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF THIS TOUR.

**Please note:** This tour is strictly limited to 30 passengers plus Sue and John. All passengers must be of good mobility and health.

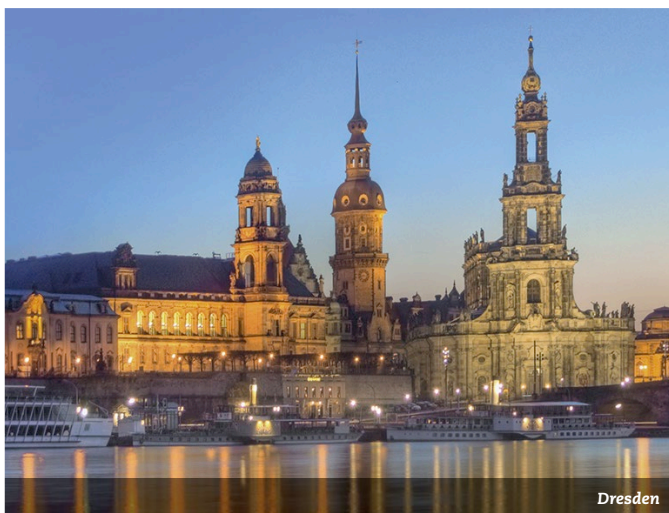
Please also note that initial deposits will be required at time of booking and refunds will only apply if we can resell your place. This is due to the fact we have had to buy all Andre Rieu, Andrea Bocelli and opera tickets in advance to ensure we are able to offer all these amazing performances within this tour.



Andre Rieu



Andrea Bocelli



Dresden

## PLACES WE STAY

**Boscolo Prague Hotel**, part of the Autograph Collection of luxury private hotels is a beautiful five 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. It 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 Steinplatz, Autograph Collection, Berlin** set in a beautiful Art Nouveau building from 1913 is our centrally located luxury boutique hotel.

**Cologne Marriott Hotel**, a stylish hotel, is a 3-minute walk from Cologne Main Station and 4 minutes from Cologne Cathedral.

**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** comprises a romantic castle, built in 1795 and fully restored in 1995; a perfect hotel when experiencing our romantic Andre Rieu concert.



## **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.

## **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. Though it suffered one large bombing raid during the Second World War, it largely escaped the utter destruction which befell so many European cities during that period and emerged largely intact. Since 1992, the extensive historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS in Prague include:**

- 👁️ *Tosca* at National Theatre of Prague (confirmed).
- 👁️ Welcome 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 Saint Vitus Cathedral (Prague's most recognisable landmark).
- 👁️ Day trip to Kutna Hora, visiting St Barbara and the Ossuary.
- 👁️ Full free day off in Prague.

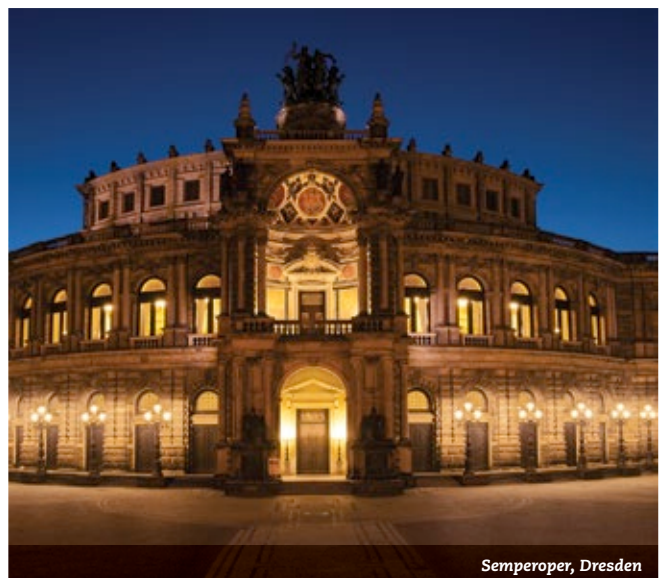
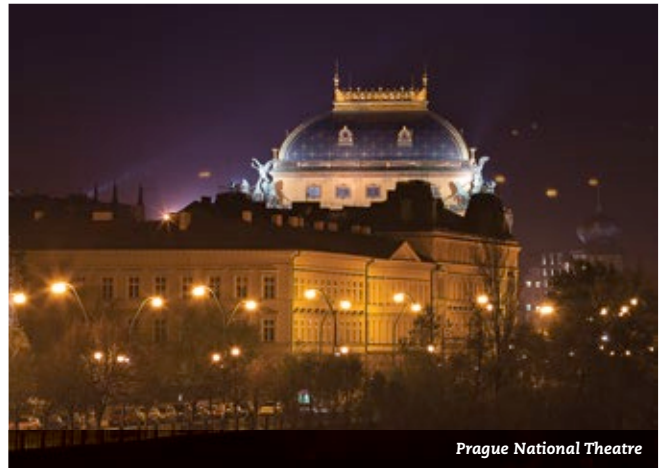
## **DRESDEN (3 nights)**

### **~ Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski**

Dresden 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 in Dresden include:**

- 👁️ *The Marriage of Figaro* opera at Dresden Semperoper (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 and time to wander in the village.

## LEIPZIG (2 nights)

### ~ Steigenberger Grandhotel Handelshof, Leipzig

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 in Leipzig include:

- 👁️ *La Traviata* opera at Opernhaus Leipzig (confirmed).
- 👁️ *Turandot* opera at Opernhaus Leipzig (confirmed).
- 👁️ 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 Steinplatz, Berlin

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 the life of Handel.

#### HIGHLIGHTS in Berlin include:

- 👁️ *Faust* at Deutsche Opera, Berlin (confirmed).
- 👁️ Tour of Berlin with our local guide includes 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 heritage site which includes walking tour of Alte Markt market square, Town Hall, Babelsburg 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

## COLOGNE (4 nights)

Today we fly to Cologne.

### ~ Cologne Marriott Hotel

Cologne, a 2,000-year-old city, is situated on the Rhine River in western Germany. A town of Gothic architecture, its most famous landmark is the twin-spired Cologne Cathedral.

#### HIGHLIGHTS in Cologne include:

- 👁 Premium tickets to *Andrea Bocelli - World Tour* at Lanxess Arena (confirmed).
- 👁 Walking tour including Old Town Cologne with our guide. Cologne Cathedral, the city's most famous landmark. Inside this UNESCO World Heritage Site, the earthly remains of the fabled Three Kings, the Magi, are believed to lie at rest.
- 👁 Bonn day tour, Beethoven's birth town, including Beethoven Haus.
- 👁 Visit Poppelsdorf Palace.
- 👁 3 hour Cologne by Night dinner cruise.
- 👁 Free time in Cologne to explore on your own.

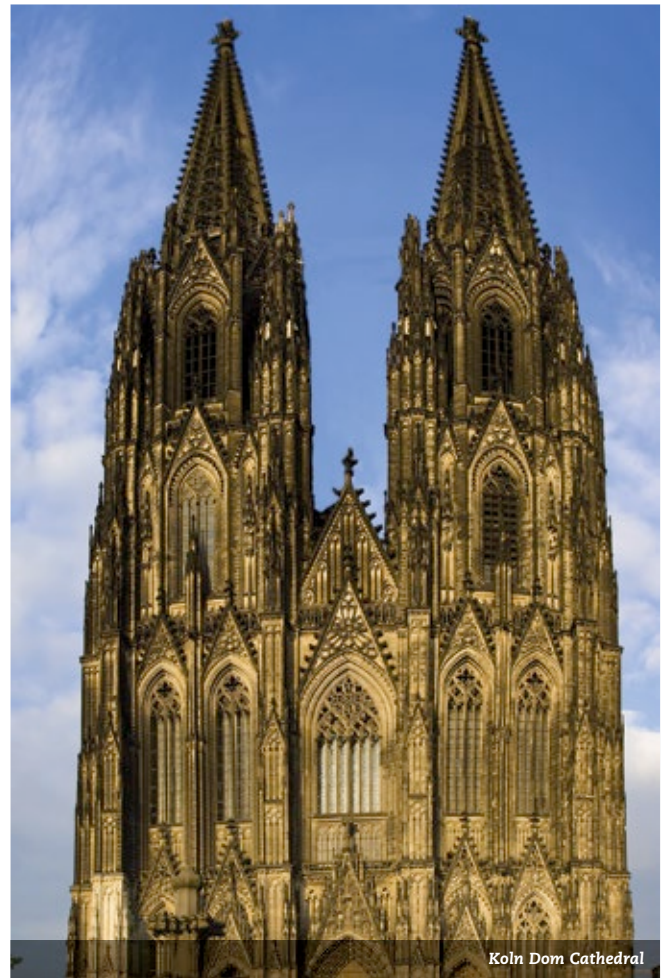
## AMSTERDAM (4 nights)

### ~ Hotel Estherea, Amsterdam

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 in Amsterdam include:

- 👁 *The Tales of Hoffman* opera (confirmed).
- 👁 Introductory cruise along the canals, seeing this beautiful city and its tree-lined views.
- 👁 Walking tour of Amsterdam, including Ann Frank's 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 Holland 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 for a close-up look at the windmills of Holland 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!

### HIGHLIGHTS in Maastricht include:

- 👁️ Rank 1 tickets to *Andre Rieu Live in Maastricht 2018* (confirmed).
- 👁️ 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.



Amsterdam



Andre Rieu



Amsterdam



Andrea Bocelli

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- For further information please ring our office or visit our website.
- All trips are subject to change but any changes will be of equal or greater value.
- All deposits are refundable up until final payment date minus any costs that the company has incurred.
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## THE YEAR AHEAD

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**\$18,760** per person  
twin share

Single Room supplement add \$6,780

Initial Deposit on booking **\$3,000**  
 Second Deposit due 25 November 2017 **\$4,000**  
 Final Balance due 13 February 2018

Deposits refundable (less costs incurred) prior to FINAL BALANCE DUE DATE. Itinerary details are subject to change, however any changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option. 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.

### THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- Return economy airfares on Emirates Airline Auckland - Dubai - Prague//Amsterdam - Dubai - Auckland including all taxes.
- All accommodation as listed in itinerary - Prague (4 nights), Dresden (3 nights), Leipzig (2 nights), Berlin (4 nights), Cologne (4 nights), Amsterdam (5 nights), Maastricht (1 night), Dubai (4 nights) including early check-ins, in 4 or 5 star specialty hotels, many of them boutique hotels or castles!
- 8 extraordinary music experiences including *Andre Rieu Live in Maastricht 2018*, *Andrea Bocelli World Tour* in Cologne, operas, at some of the most beautiful opera houses in the world, including *Tosca*, *Turandot*, *La Traviata*, *Faust*, *The Marriage of Figaro* and *The Tales of Hoffman*. All concerts and operas are confirmed.
- Special flavours including visits to Beethoven's home in Bonn, Handel's house in Halle, Van Gogh and Rembrandt houses and museums, evening Rhine cruise with dinners, Postdam UNESCO world heritage town, 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 Prague, Dresden, Leipzig, Berlin, Cologne, 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, all portorage are included.
- Escorted by Sue and John. Limited to 30 passengers.



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