



High School Students Tour to Germany and Austria

Day 1: Arrive at the airport in Frankfurt and meet your tour manager and bus driver. Travel along the picturesque **Romantic Rhine Valley** with optional stops, e.g. to see the famous Loreley. **Check into your hotel in Bonn (2 nights).**

Bonn is birthplace of the famous composer Ludwig van Beethoven and last residence of Robert Schumann. Enjoy a guided walking tour including a visit to the Beethoven House.

Day 2: Excursion to **Cologne**. Cologne has been at the very center of German history ever since it was founded by the Romans two thousand years ago.

The Roman-Germanic Museum houses many relicts of the Roman colonization of Germany. The most important sight is the Cathedral, one of the world's great Gothic churches. Optional visit to the Chocolate Museum.

Day 3: Check out and continue to **Leipzig** which enjoys a fine reputation in the music world, thanks to the Choir of Thomas Church (Thomanerchor), the Gewandhaus Orchestra, and the Mendelssohn-Bartholdy National College of Music. Johann Sebastian Bach was cantor of the Thomas Church (Thomaskirche) for 27 years and is buried in Leipzig. En route lunch stop in **Eisenach**. On the top of the city you will find the well known castle of the Wartburg. This castle was the residence of Luther during the time he translated the bible from Hebrew and Greek into German. Visit the Bach House in Eisenach and the Georgenkirche, where Bach was christened. Georg Philipp Telemann was concert and court conductor in Eisenach. **Check into your hotel in Leipzig (2 nights).**

Day 4: Morning guided city tour to learn about the life and works of Bach, Mendelssohn and Schumann in Leipzig including a visit of the Mendelssohn House.

Afternoon excursion to **Dresden**, once called "Florence on the Elbe" because of its numerous baroque buildings still offers a lot to the visitor. The Zwinger, the old palace is the main attraction followed by the Hofkirche (court church) and the Semper Opera. Music enthusiasts all over the world are familiar with Dresden. This is due not least to the guest performances by the **Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra** and the **Sächsische Staatskapelle** working at the famous **Semper Opera House**, the **Dresdner Kreuzchor** and **Dresdner Kapellknaben** choirs. Enjoy a 3 hours guided tour of Dresden (with local guide): Visit the Semperoper (opera house) and the Zwinger palace. See the Silbermann organ at the Hofkirche cathedral. Open-air concerts and musical evenings can be enjoyed in the Baroque atmosphere of the old town and in Dresden's palaces and parks.

Day 5: Check out and proceed to **Salzburg** via **Bayreuth**. Guided walking tour of Bayreuth Opera House to learn about Franz Liszt and Richard Wagner. Continue to Salzburg. On arrival visit the 11th





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Century Hohensalzburg Fortress which dominates the city from its hilltop location. **Check into your hotel in Salzburg (1 night).**

Day 6: Check out of your hotel. If any city can claim to be the capital of music, it is the Mozart town Salzburg – many renowned composers contribute to the Salzburg Music Festival. Morning guided walking tour of the city including the beautiful Mirabell Gardens, St. Peter's Church, the Residence, and Visit Mozart's birth place, the Mozart House.

Continue to **Vienna** with stop en route to visit **Linz** where Anton Bruckner as an organist and musician, busy with the „Florianer Sangerknaben“, the boys' choir of St. Florian, and the Linz „Frohsinn“ Choir, was absorbed in harmonic patterns and changed the tradition of symphonic music in that he based his instrumentation on the sounds and facilities of the organ. You will pass **Melk** Abbey. **Check into your hotel in Vienna (2 nights).**

Vienna, the city of the waltz and home of many famous composers – Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Bruckner, Mahler and Johann Strauss are the most celebrated. In Vienna, Lehar and his contemporaries created the sparkling genre of the operetta; and Schonberg, Berg and Webern went far beyond traditional structures in their twelve-tone creations. In Vienna there is always a wide choice of performances to attend and music to hear: from the State Opera and the Philharmonic to operetta and musical, from waltzes and the songs of the wine gardens to jazz and pop.

Day 7: Half day guided city tour of Vienna . Visit the Haus der Musik (House of Music), the interactive sound museum. Afternoon free for individual sightseeing.

Day 8: Check out and get transferred to Vienna airport.

Program can be adapted to your wishes. Good will concerts for amateur music groups, workshops, master classes, joined concerts with local music groups, and festival participations can be arranged. All services are subject to availability at the time of booking.

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