



Art and Music in Europe

15 Days | Winter 2022-2023

The experience of a lifetime is waiting for you. Every detail from the cities you'll stay in to the cultural discoveries you'll make have been customized by your teacher for your group. Take a look at your personal itinerary for a sneak peek of what's in store.

Included on tour



Round-trip flights on major carriers; full-time Tour Director; project-based learning program, EF's personalized learning experience; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily unless otherwise specified.

Sightseeing: Dresden; Prague; The Sound of Music sightseeing; Venice

Entrances: Warsaw Ghetto Monument; Chopin Museum; Pierogi Making Class; Zwinger Museum; Bach Museum Complex; Terezin (Fortress, Ghetto Museum, Madeburg Barracks); Sedlec Ossuary/Church of Bones (Kutna Hora); St. Vitus Cathedral Wallenstein Gardens; Czech Folklore Evening; Boesendorfer Piano Factory; Vienna Central Cemetery; Mozart's Birthplace; Sound of Music Evening; Salt Mines; Hohensalzburg Funicular; Evening Concert in Salzburg; Glass blowing factory; La Fenice; Guggenheim, Venice

Overnights: Warsaw (2); Dresden (1); Leipzig (2); Prague (2); Vienna (1); Salzburg (3); Venice (2)



Your Itinerary

Day 1: Fly to Poland

Board your overnight flight to Warsaw!

Day 2: Warsaw

Arrive in Warsaw

Arrive in Warsaw, Poland's capital since 1611.

Walking tour of Warsaw

View ornate Renaissance facades and elegant baroque townhouses during your walking tour of Warsaw, which brings you through the enchanting Old Town—closed to all traffic except horse-drawn carriages—to Starego Miasta Square, the city's former marketplace.

Day 3: Warsaw

Time for a Group Leader-arranged church service

Attend a church service with your Group Leader this morning.

Walking tour of the Warsaw ghetto

On your walking tour explore the Warsaw Jewish Ghetto, a German-constructed area that housed all members of the Warsaw Jewish community during the second World War. Thousands of Jews were dispatched from the ghetto to the Treblinka Concentration Camp in the summer of 1942, which led to the Ghetto Uprising. Visit the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes, which marks the center of the ghetto.

Visit the Chopin Museum

Visit the museum dedicated to the Polish composer, Frédéric Chopin.

Pierogi-making class and dinner

Learn how to make this local specialty, and then enjoy it for dinner!

Day 4: Warsaw | Dresden

Travel to Dresden

Arrive in Dresden, which was once called “the Florence on the Elbe” before the city was devastated by bombing during World War II. Following extensive rebuilding and design, this celebrated city of the arts is once again a center of German art and culture.

Day 5: Dresden | Leipzig

Guided sightseeing of Dresden

Travel by way of Dresden, once considered by many to be the most beautiful city in the world. Pass the renovated Semper Opera House, Zwinger Palace, and a statue of Martin Luther. You'll also see the magnificent Grünes Gewölbe (Green Vault), where the Saxon crown jewels and priceless coins are kept.

Visit the Zwinger Museum

Visit the magnificent Zwinger Palace. Destroyed by the Allies' infamous Dresden firebombing in 1945, it was subsequently rebuilt and remains one of the most impressive examples of baroque architecture in Eastern Europe. Inside the Palace pause before the works of such luminaries as Raphael, Rembrandt, Dürer, and Titian as you stroll through the Old Masters' Gallery.

Travel to Leipzig

Arrive in Leipzig, a city with a rich musical and political history. Today Leipzig is a major German transportation and intellectual hub, boasting Europe's largest train station and a vibrant student atmosphere.

Day 6: Leipzig

Self-guided tour of the Leipzig Music Trail

Take a self-guided tour of the Leipzig Music Trail that routes through the city. This trail highlights important sites and monuments dedicated to genius musicians like Wagner, Strauss, Bach, Eisler, Mahler and Schubert.

Explore Spinnerei on your own

Once a factory town built around a cotton-spinning mill, Spinnerei is now a thriving artist's community. Enjoy some time to explore the various galleries on site and talk to some of the artists who call this place home.

Visit the Bach Museum

Immerse yourself in the life of Johann Sebastian Bach as you visit this interactive museum. In this house that once belonged to friends of the Bach family, listen to examples of baroque instruments, explore the city of Leipzig as it was when Bach lived here and see some original manuscripts.

Day 7: Leipzig | Prague

Travel via Terezín to Prague

Travel to the fortress town of Terezin, or Theresienstadt. During World War II the entire population was evacuated and this quaint, medieval town was used as a concentration camp for some 140,000 Jewish detainees. Theresienstadt was twice beautified for a visit by the Red Cross, who were wholly fooled by the town's true purpose. Visit the Ghetto museum, which displays artifacts and artwork by the Jewish prisoners, and documentary films depicting this dark chapter in the town's history.

Arrive in Prague

Encounter the legendary beauty of Prague, former capital of the Holy Roman Empire. Dubbed the City of One Hundred Spires, the city boasts an enchanting mix of diverse architecture, Bohemian culture, and storied history. Despite many recent changes, the undeniable charm of centuries past still permeates from the cobblestone streets and countless gothic spires piercing the skies.

Day 8: Prague

Excursion to Kutna Hora

Today, you will travel to the medieval town of Kutna Hora. Take some time to explore on your own. Then, walk down the road to visit the Ossuary, or bone church, in Sedlac. Inside you will find that this gothic church is completely decorated with human bones. Local monks decided on this unusual form of decorating after the church's expansion uncovered thousands of bones in mass graves from 14th-century plague and 15th-century Hussite Wars.

Guided sightseeing of Prague

Your tour begins at the celebrated Prague Castle (Hradcany). In the castle's courtyard, you'll peek inside the magnificent St. Vitus Cathedral, which took over 600 years to complete. From the Castle, you'll continue to the gardens of Wallenstein Palace, and then to the Lennon Wall, where your guide will share stories of Prague during the Cold War. Cross the Charles Bridge, adorned with 30 beautiful baroque statues, to the 13th-century Old Town (Stare Mesto). Here you'll see Market Square, famous for its 15th-century astronomical clock.

Czech folklore evening

Experience a lively night of Bohemian spirit that will leave your hands clapping, your feet tapping and your face smiling. Enjoy an authentic Czech dinner as you are entertained by a folklore ensemble playing the country's best-known songs and performing traditional Czech and Moravian dances. Be sure to note the performers' traditional folk dress, or Kroje. It showed which village you were from and if you were single or married.

Your Itinerary

Day 9: Prague | Vienna

Travel to Vienna

Vienna has long played a central role in the changing face of Europe and has adapted many times to war, revolution, siege and the rise and fall of empire. Filled with buildings of imposing elegance and beauty, the capital of Austria also doubles as the capital of Classical music. Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn, Strauss, Brahms, and Schubert are just some of the musical geniuses that resided, composed and performed in Vienna.

Visit the Boesendorfer Piano Factory

Visit the Boesendorfer Piano Factory and see the production process of the piano from start to finish.

Day 10: Vienna

Visit the Vienna Central Cemetery

Zentralfriedhof, or the Central Cemetery, is the largest in Austria. Opened in 1874 it is believed to contain the graves of more than a million people. It is also the final resting place of some of the world's most influential musicians. Here you can pay homage to Johann Strauss Jr. and Sr., Franz Schubert, Johannes Brahms, Hugo Wolf, Christoph Gluck, Antonio Salieri, Ludwig von Beethoven and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. You may also have time to visit the St. Marx Cemetery where Mozart is said to be buried in an unmarked grave.

Exploration time in Vienna

Enjoy time to explore Vienna on your own. You might enjoy an excursion to the Hofburg Palace to admire its stately courtyards and ornate gardens, or visit the famous State Opera House. Otherwise, you might choose to visit the city's fine museums and churches, or spend your time in one of Vienna's many cafés sampling the local delicacies.

Travel to Salzburg

Welcome to Salzburg - famed for its alpine views, chocolate production, stylish architecture and being the setting for *The Sound of Music*. One of Austria's most charming and accessible cities awaits you.

Day 11: Vienna | Salzburg

Sound of Music themed guided sightseeing of Salzburg

Who can forget Salzburg in *The Sound of Music*? Today, enjoy a guided sightseeing of Salzburg's most famous sights from the movie classic such as: the gazebo, the mansion, and the fountain.

Visit Mozart's birthplace

Visit Mozart's birthplace, where he composed almost all of his earliest works (and learn the legend that says this famed Salzburger is still buried in an unmarked pauper's grave somewhere outside of Vienna).

Sound of Music evening

Join us tonight at the centuries-old Stieglkeller in the heart of Salzburg's Old Town for an evening of Austrian song and cuisine. Performers sing excerpts from *The Sound of Music* and musicians play Mozart as you dine on schnitzel and strudel.

Day 12: Salzburg

Visit the Berchtesgaden salt mines

Here you'll begin a fascinating underground journey through the 450-year-old salt mines-via train, boat, and wooden slides! Dressed in traditional mining costumes and under the dim light of miners' lamps, you'll trace the story of the "white gold" that brought wealth and prosperity to Bavaria and nearby Salzburg literally meaning "fortress of salt".

Visit the Hohensalzburg Fortress

Hohensalzburg Fortress, built in 1077 by Archbishop Gebhard and considerably enlarged by Archbishop Leonhard von Keutschach(1495-1519), is the largest, fully-preserved fortress in central Europe. The medieval princes' apartments and the Fortress Museum are of particular interest and since 1892 the fortress is easily reached by funicular railway departing from the Festungsgasse.

Attend an evening concert

Enjoy a musical concert performance this evening in Salzburg. (Pending scheduling)

Day 13: Salzburg | Venice

Travel via Innsbruck to the Venice region

Located at the intersection of several Alpine passes, Innsbruck is the capital of the beautiful Austrian province of Tyrol and the site of two Winter Olympics (1964 and 1976). Enjoy time to explore this quaint Austrian town today.

Arrive in the Venice region

Arrive in magical Venice, home of Marco Polo. Known globally for its gondoliers and glassware, Venice is also a heady mix of busy piazzas thronging with pizzerias and cafes, as well as deserted streets alongside canals that often lead to hidden gems such as churches or local restaurants serving regional delicacies.

Day 14: Venice

Guided sightseeing of Venice

Begin your tour of La Serenissima (the city's nickname meaning "the most serene") on the island of Giudecca, where you will attend a glass-blowing demonstration and discover why Venice is famous for its glassware. Then cross the lagoon to the city's main island for a visit to St. Mark's Square, "the finest drawing room in Europe," according to Napoleon. Allegedly buried under the altar of the basilica are St. Mark's remains, which were smuggled out of Alexandria in a barrel of salt pork to prevent a thorough search by the city's Muslim guards in the 11th century. Also see the Grand Canal and the 324-foot Campanile (Bell Tower), whose steps were originally built so that a noble could ascend on horseback. Look for the clock where two bronze figures have been striking the hour for more than 500 years.

Visit La Fenice Theater

Founded in 1792, this beautiful and opulent theatre has staged the world premieres of numerous operas including works by Rossini, Bellini, and Verdi. Learn about the history behind how this theatre came to be and the devastating fire that almost claimed its future.

Visit the Guggenheim Museum

Peggy Guggenheim's former residence houses some of the most comprehensive modern-art collections in the world. A dedicated patron of the arts, she decided to move her collections to Venice after her collection grew to exceed the space she had in her New York gallery.

Day 15: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight

Your Tour Director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

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—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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