

# Vienna & The Verona Opera Festival!



**June 11 - 22, 2022**

*“You may have the universe if I may have Italy.”*

Giuseppe Verdi

Join **K-Mozart's Suzanna Guzman** and fellow opera, art and food lovers for a journey to Vienna, Slovenia, Verona and Lake Como. Enjoy the beauty and pageantry of opera music as it was meant to be experienced, in Europe's most legendary palaces, symphony halls and opera houses! Visit the great composers' homes and walk in their historic footsteps through Europe's most romantic musical capitals. Imagine savoring a fine red wine in an Italian vineyard, viewing rare renaissance art, strolling through colorful outdoor markets and undiscovered Slovenian villages. To top it off, you'll attend **Mozart's Don Giovanni** and **Monteverdi's Orfeo** at the Vienna State Opera, then **Bizet's Carmen** and **Verdi's Aida** at the ancient Roman arena in Verona. Experience the fullness of *Bella Italia* and historic Vienna with **K-Mozart's Suzanna Guzman**.

## **YOUR JOURNEY**

4 Nights Mozart's Vienna, Austria  
2 Nights Stunning Lake Bled, Slovenia  
3 Nights Romantic Verona, Italy  
2 Nights on the shores of stunning Lake Como



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## INSIDER EXPERIENCES

Attend Carmen and Aida, two fabulous operas at the Roman Arena in Verona ♦ Tickets to Mozart's Don Giovanni at the Vienna State Opera House ♦ Tickets to Monteverdi's famed opera, Orfeo at the Vienna State Opera ♦ Private guided walks in Vienna and Verona with local experts ♦ Unique traditional dining experiences ♦ Tour Mozart's Figaro House and Beethoven's Residence in Vienna ♦ Vienna's Fine Art Museum Instruments ♦ Wine tastings with the producers in Italy ♦ Verona, the city of Romeo and Juliet ♦ A private tour of the Roman Arena of Verona ♦ Stunning Lake Bled & gorgeous Lake Como ♦ A small, fun group of fellow art, food, wine and opera lovers!

## IT'S INCLUDED!

- › Travel with **K-Mozart's Suzanna Guzman**
- › Guided by an Earthbound Expeditions expert program director
- › A minimum of four opera performances will be included
- › Airport transfers in Europe for those arriving with the group
- › Eleven nights of accommodation in carefully selected four-star hotels
- › All breakfasts, plus ten additional multi-course meals
- › Transportation by air-conditioned coach & Vaporetto (*i.e., water taxi*)
- › Wine and cheese tastings while visiting the producers
- › Guided visits to the top museums of Vienna
- › Walking tours in each city visited with intriguing local guides
- › Country outings in Austria, Slovenia and northern Italy
- › A like-minded group of fellow music enthusiasts and opera lovers

## TRIP FACTS

12 Days/11 Nights (*add one more day/night for air travel*)

\$6,795 Double Occupancy PP Land only

\$1,595 Single Supplement

Optional Group Flight departs on June 10, 2022

Your opera adventure begins in Vienna on June 11, 2022

Your journey culminates on Lake Como on June 22, 2022



**SAVE \$400:** Save \$100 when you pay your final balance by check ❖ Travel alumni save \$100 Reserve by January 1, 2022 and save \$200

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**NOT INCLUDED:** Airline tickets, travel insurance and any items not listed in your tailor-made opera itinerary.

**RESERVATIONS:** A \$1000 reservation deposit is required to secure your space on this K-Mozart tailor-made opera adventure. Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure.



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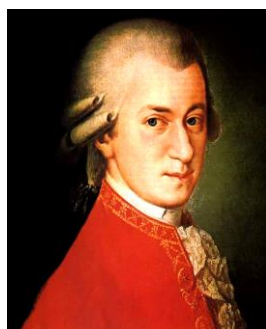
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*"He roused my admiration when I was young; he caused me to despair when I reached maturity; he is now the comfort of my old age."*  
 - Gioachino Rossini on Mozart

## *Your Opera Journey begins....*



### **Day 0, June 10: Depart Home City for Historic Vienna!**

This morning we are off to the legendary home of Strauss, Mozart, the Habsburgs and the Waltz! **Note:** An optional group flight from Albuquerque will be offered. Remember, if you are booking your own flight, you must depart the US no later than today.

### **Day 1, June 11: Arrive in Vienna**

*Guten Tag!* After arriving in Vienna, check into your centrally-located hotel. You'll have time to freshen up before meeting your hosts and guide for an evening welcome dinner and orientation. *Sleep in Vienna (D)*

### **Day 2, June 12: Fine Arts Museum & Mozart's *Don Giovanni* at the State Opera House**

The Museum of Fine Arts ranks among the richest and most important art collections in the world. In its corridors, you'll find dazzling works by Bruegel, Rubens, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Dürer, Raphael, Titian and Velazquez. Enjoy lunch together and then enjoy a free afternoon in Vienna. Tonight, let's meet for our first opera, Mozart's *Don Giovanni* at the State Opera house *Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*



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*Haydn's Theatre, Schloss Esterházy*

### **Day 3, June 13: In Pursuit of Mozart & Beethoven: Orfeo, Vienna State Opera**

Enjoy a morning walking tour through the streets of Vienna. Accompanied by a local expert, learn why Vienna was the musical capital of Europe in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Specifically, you'll enjoy a brisk walk highlighting the history of Saint Stephan's cathedral. This is the very place where Mozart was married, received his last rites and where Joseph Haydn was a choir boy. Just behind the cathedral you'll find Mozart's house where he composed the *Marriage of Figaro*. After our visit, enjoy lunch in a charming café. You'll want to make sure to sample one of Vienna's legendary pastries.

This afternoon, enjoy a backstage tour of the Vienna State Opera House and a tour of the Beethoven House. The late afternoon is yours to explore this romantic city at your own leisurely pace. May we suggest the Palace Museum, where Art Nouveau master Gustav Klimt's works are located. This evening, enjoy Monteverdi's masterpiece, *Orfeo*, at the Vienna State Opera. *Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*

### **Day 4, June 14: Enjoy a Day in Historic Vienna**

Your guide will be available to offer you numerous ideas on Vienna's top sights and hidden gems. Tonight, you may choose to attend Verdi's masterpiece *Falstaff*, at the Vienna State Opera. *Sleep in Vienna (B)*

### **Day 5, June 15: South to Lake Bled via Haydn's Schloss Esterházy**

Before leaving Austria, we'll visit Austria's Burgenland province and the town of Eisenstadt. The major attraction here is the Schloss Esterházy (1364). The composer Joseph Haydn became director of the Esterhazy's musical and theatrical production programs in 1761, and lived there for 29 years, conducting and composing for the castle's residents and guests. Next up, we'll visit a charming wine estate where you will enjoy a wine tasting and lunch. Our afternoon culminates with our arrival in mountainous Slovenia. For the next two days you'll enjoy the stunning scenery of Lake Bled and the Julian Alps. *Sleep near Lake Bled (B, L, D)*



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*Discover stunning Lake Blend, Slovenia!*

#### **Day 6, June 16: Villages, Castles and Vintage Gorge**

*Dobro jutro!* (DOH-broh YOO-troh) or “good morning.” Breathe the sub-Alpine air and luxuriate in the gorgeous surroundings! You’re at the foot of the towering Julian Alps where Lake Bled offers up stunning scenery and a perfect location to explore the mountains, lakes and meadows of this magnificent region. Today’s agenda includes an easy two-mile walk to stunning Vintgar Gorge. There you’ll walk on a flat trail and suspended bridges above a rushing river and powerful cascading waterfalls. Then we are off to the little island on Lake Bled in a “*pletna*,” a special boat used on Lake Bled. The small church on the island dates back to the 10<sup>th</sup> century, but the present building was built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. According to local tradition, a husband who can carry his newly-married bride the 99 steps up from the dock into the church will be ensured a happy marriage, and ringing the bell in the church will make dreams come true. In the afternoon, you’ll have some free-time options. Perhaps you would prefer to enjoy a coffee or a glass of vino in a lakeside café, or stroll around the lake. *Sleep near Lake Bled (B, L)*

#### **Day 7, June 17: Julian Alps & Carmen in the Roman Arena of Verona**

This morning we are off to Verona, Italy via Ljubljana, Slovenia’s quaint gorgeous capital. Enjoy a short, guided visit before being set free for lunch and the chance to browse the canal-lined cobblestone streets. In the afternoon, enjoy a wine tasting at an estate. We arrive in Verona in the late afternoon, where you’ll spend the next three nights. This evening you have tickets to *Carmen*, to be performed inside the ancient Roman arena of Verona. *Sleep in Verona (B, L)*



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*Attend two magnificent operas in the Roman Arena of Verona*

#### **About the Roman Arena of Verona**

After the Colosseum in Rome and the amphitheater in Capua, the Roman arena in Verona is the third largest Roman amphitheater. With its gigantic dimensions of 140 meters in length and 110 meters in width, it dominates the Piazza Brà from the north. Its great acoustics and unique location make the Roman arena the ideal location for events, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors to Verona every year during the festival season to see the opera and theatre performances.

#### **Day 8, June 18: Verona and Verdi's *Aida***

This morning we'll meet up with an informative local guide and set out to explore the heart of Verona. Our walking tour will include a tour of the Fondazione Arena di Verona, the Roman arena where you'll enjoy two great operas. A highlight of this arena tour is the Arena Museo Opera (AMO). The AMO unveils the creative process which brings an opera to the stage. Librettos, photographs, letters, scores, sketches, set design and costume designs display the striking work of the elements which lead to the genesis of an opera.

Our guided tour continues on to the Piazza delle Erbe. Enjoy a multi-course lunch together at the Café Dante, which features regional specialties. The rest of day is dedicated to La Dolce Far Niente, which means the "sweetness of doing nothing." Or, perhaps you may wish take to a little time to visit Padre Filippini church, where Maria Callas was married in 1949. This evening you will be treated to Verdi's *Aida*! *Sleep in Verona (B, L)*



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*Enjoy Verdi's Aida, in an ancient Roman arena!*

### **Day 9, June 19: Romantic Verona**

The day is yours to visit Verona's shops, top museums and romantic streets. We suggest a visit to the Casa di Giulietta, Museo Archeologico, Museo Archeologico al Teatro Romano or perhaps you may wish to join a local cooking school. There are so many delightful options!

*Sleep in Verona (B)*



### **Day 10, June 20: West to Stunning Lake Como Donizetti's Bergamo**

Domenico Gaetano Maria Donizetti was an Italian composer, best known for his almost 70 operas. Along with Gioachino Rossini and Vincenzo Bellini, he was a leading composer of the bel canto opera style during the first half of the nineteenth century and a probable influence on other composers such as Giuseppe Verdi.

Time permitting, we will stop by and visit the Donizetti Museum, Bergamo. Then, after lunch, we will make our way north to our home on Lake Como.

Many believe this to be Italy's most beautiful region and Lake Como certainly is a wonderful place. Take some time to enjoy the rich atmosphere of this northern Italian gem. This evening, come together for a multi-course dinner. *Sleep in charming Lake Como (B, D)*



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*Enjoy two nights on stunning Lake Como*

**Day 11, June 20 Stunning Lakefront Villages & Gorgeous Gardens**

Today is ideal for scenic ferry rides, lakefront village hopping and, if you have the energy, hiking up to medieval castles. Your guide will escort you to the village of Bellagio and offer up a comprehensive orientation before setting you free to explore this elegant lakefront town at your own leisurely pace. Those of you who love gardens you might wish to tour the Villa Cipressi and the legendary, Botanical Garden of Villa Carlotta.

This evening we gather to toast to our shared opera adventure. After, enjoy a farewell feast.

*Sleep in Lake Como (B, D)*

**Day 12, June 29: Return Home with a Lifetime of Memories!**

Your journey concludes this morning after breakfast. Airport transfers are included for those joining us on the group flight. *Buon viaggio!*

*– Itinerary Details Subject to Change –*



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# *Opera Highlights!*

## *Vienna!*

- ❖ Mozart's *Don Giovanni*: Vienna State Opera
- ❖ Monteverdi's *Orfeo*: Vienna State Opera
- ❖ Verdi's *Falstaff* may be offered as an option if one of the above operas is not available.

## *Verona!*

- ❖ Bizet's *Carmen*: Ancient Roman Arena Opera Festival
- ❖ Verdi's *Aida*: Ancient Roman Arena Opera Festival



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## Meet Your K-Mozart Host!



Suzanna Guzmán, mezzo-soprano, is a native of East Los Angeles and one of the original Associate Artists of Los Angeles Opera. Well-known for her portrayal of the title role in Bizet's *Carmen*, she has appeared as a principal soloist with orchestras and opera houses around the world including the Metropolitan Opera, Washington National Opera, Dallas Opera, Opera de Genève, and San Diego Opera to name a few. She made her professional debut with Bilingual Foundation of the Arts in the musical "Wanted: Experienced Operators" starring Carmen Zapata

and returns to the States following her appearance in the lead role of the Art Banker in the successful international tour of Michael Nyman's *FACING GOYA*. Conducted by John Kennedy and directed by Ong Keng Sen, this multi-city production was performed in conjunction with the Spoleto Festival USA 2014 and the Singapore International Festival of Arts. The 2015 - 16 season saw Ms. Guzmán in acclaimed performances of *Candide* as the Old Woman, *Dead Man Walking* as Mrs. DeRoucher with Townsend Opera, *Cinderella* as the Fairy Godmother with the Gateway Playhouse in Bellport, NY, and the critically-acclaimed, mobile opera *Hopscotch* as "Lucha the eldest," with *the Industry*, an experimental-opera company in L.A., directed by Yuval Sharon and music by Mark Lowenstein.

Ms. Guzman has long been a champion of new music, having created lead roles in operas by Jake Heggie, Daniel Catán, GianCarlo Menotti, Ian Krouse, and Tobias Picker. Winner of awards and honors for music, she has been Grammy nominated for the 2006 Best Classical recording of Carlos Chávez: Volume III with Southwest Chamber and Tambuco Percussion Ensemble, Helen Hayes Award nominated for Best Actress, first place winner of San Francisco Opera, Opera Guild and the national finalist in the Metropolitan Opera National competition.

An advocate of Arts Education, she regularly performs her one-woman show, **Don't Be Afraid; It's Just Opera!** across the United States and is widely recognized for her mentorship to California students. Recent acknowledgements include the 2012 Hispanic Scholarship Foundation's "Mentor of the Year Award," 2012 Spirit of California Award from the State of California's Latino Legislative Caucus, 2013 Mexican American Foundation award for Woman of the Year and the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Nederlander Organization for her work in the arts and community. She serves on the USC Thornton School of Music Board of Councilors, on UCLA's *Design for Sharing* board, and received her honorary Ph. D in Music from Occidental College. Ms. Guzmán served as host for the KCET television show "OPEN CALL" for over 145 episodes.



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## *Know before you go!*

**Physical requirements:** In order to make the most of your custom journey and join all included activities, you should be able to walk at a moderate pace, independently, for one to three miles, often over uneven cobblestones. You should also feel comfortable standing for an extended period of time during walking or museum tours or visits to other sights. Naturally, you may always choose to bow out of an activity and enjoy the sites while sipping a tea or coffee in a café. You can also hire a taxi, pedicab or horse-drawn carriage at your own expense to get you to the next attraction. Remember, you'll also need to be able to maneuver your luggage through the airport. Some museums may not have an elevator, so you'll need to climb a few stairs in order to participate.

**Dress:** In general, we suggest "casually smart" dress and a good pair of walking shoes. You may leave your formal attire and family jewels at home. If attending classical concerts, men may wish to bring nice slacks and a blazer. Women will feel more comfortable in slacks or a casual dress or skirt. Over the years, we have noted that Europeans and North Americans are dressing less formally for classical and opera events, with the exception of opera performances at the Vienna State Opera.

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