

VPR

Beethoven's Germany & Austria

A Tour With VPR Classical Host
Helen Lyons



October 9 - 19, 2020

Departure USA: Friday, Oct. 9, 2020

Day 1 - Saturday, Oct. 10: Arrive at Düsseldorf Airport

After clearing customs at the airport we'll meet our VPR Classical Host Helen Lyons and our local guide. We'll transfer to Bonn for a city tour and lunch at a local restaurant near **Beethoven's Birthplace and Museum**. After lunch we'll visit the the largest Beethoven collection in the world. Its impressive authentic documents combined with new media bear witness to Beethoven's life and compositions. Later on we'll check in to the hotel with time to relax and freshen up before dinner. We'll return to the Beethoven Haus for a **concert** entitled "Beyond the Sonatas" with Jean-Efflam Bavouzet on piano.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner
Overnight Bonn

Day 2 - Sunday, Oct. 11: Cologne/Bonn

Today we'll attend a service at the most-visited site in all of Germany: the **Cologne Cathedral**, the tallest twin-spired church (515 feet) in Europe. The Cathedral has four choirs and the services prominently feature music. Beethoven's first known public performance was in Cologne. His father advertised his age as six years, although he was in fact seven, probably to draw favorable comparisons with the child prodigy Mozart. He played 'various clavier concertos and trios'. We return to Bonn for the evening where we'll enjoy dinner together before attending a **Beethoven concert** with the Scharoun Ensemble, the Feininger Trio and the violist Ulrich Knörzer.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
Overnight Bonn

Day 3 - Monday, Oct. 12: Bonn/Rhine River Cruise

Today we'll **cruise** along the Rhine River from Bonn to Bad Honnef. Beethoven traveled along the Rhine when he was touring as a child prodigy. We'll enjoy a wine tasting at the picturesque nature park "**Siebengebirge**" with its volcanic peaks, vineyards and incomparable views of the Rhine Valley.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Wine Tasting
Overnight Bonn



Beethoven's birthplace and museum



View of Cologne's famous twin-spired cathedral from across the Rhine River



Drachenburg Castle in the Siebengebirge



Picturesque Nuremberg

Day 4 - Tuesday, Oct. 13: Nuremberg /Munich

This morning we check out of our hotel and board the high speed train from Bonn to **Nuremberg**. For centuries, Nuremberg was the undeclared capital of the Holy Roman Empire and the preferred residence of most German kings, who kept their crown jewels here. Rich with architectural wonders, it was also a magnet for famous artists, though the most famous of all, Albrecht Dürer, was actually born here. 'Nuremberg shines throughout Germany like a sun among the moon and stars,' gushed Martin Luther. By the 19th century, the city had become a powerhouse in Germany's industrial revolution. Upon arrival we'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant followed by a walking tour of the old town. We end the tour with a backstage visit of the **Opera House**. We continue our journey to Munich by coach and check in to our hotel, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight Munich



Band at Munich's famous Hofbräuhaus

Day 5 - Wednesday, Oct. 14: Munich

This morning we'll join a local guide for a fascinating walk through Munich's Old Town, weaving together the history and traditions of Munich and Bavaria. We'll visit the legendary **Hofbräuhaus** beerhall and explore the centuries-old **Viktualienmarkt**, famous for traditional crafts and gourmet food stalls. The afternoon is free to explore the city.

*Optional: Visit the **Residenz**, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs of Bavaria and the largest city palace in Germany.* Tonight we'll attend a performance at the Bayerische Staatsoper (Opera House).

Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight Munich



Salzburg, Austria birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Day 6: Thursday, Oct. 15: Salzburg/Vienna

Today we check out of our hotel and leave for **Salzburg**. The drive will take us through the lush rolling hills of Bavaria as we head into Austria. Upon arrival we'll take a walking tour of the inner city, where palaces, fountains, large squares, imposing churches, archways and the festival theaters, built into the rock, lead us towards the river and the house where Mozart was born, on Getreidegasse 9. We'll continue our travels with a stop at **St. Florian's Monastery**. We'll hear a private organ recital on the Bruckner Organ followed by a tour of the Monastery. Composer Anton Bruckner, previously a choirboy at the monastery, was the organist and is buried beneath the organ inside the church. Afterward, we continue our journey to Austria's musical capital, Vienna. We check into our hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner is planned for us at a local restaurant.

Meals included: Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner
Overnight Vienna



Beethoven's piano at the Beethoven Pasqualati House

Day 7: Friday, Oct. 16: Vienna

Enjoy a walking tour of Vienna this morning with our local guide through the picturesque heart of Vienna: visit the **Cathedral of St. Stephens** with its "lace-in-stone" spire, the symbol of Vienna; and see the **Staatsoper** (the State Opera House), opened in 1869. Stroll along the elegant pedestrian street, Kaerntner Strasse, lined with boutiques, bakeries and famous Viennese cafes. Visit **Mozart's house** where he composed the **Marriage of Figaro**. After, we will have a guided tour of the **Beethoven Pasqualati House**, where Beethoven is known to have composed his Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Symphonies. The afternoon is yours to explore Vienna at your own leisurely pace. Tonight we'll attend a **concert with the Vienna Academy Orchestra**. Program will be announced in the spring.

Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight Vienna



Grand staircase at Vienna's Staatsoper

Day 8: Saturday, Oct. 17: Vienna

Today is yours to explore Vienna independently or with your tour host Helen Lyons.

*Optional: Visit the **Secession**, home to the Beethoven Frieze, where Klimt painted the masterpiece for the 14th Vienna Secessionist exhibition in celebration of the composer. Or you may wish to visit one of the nearby markets, or **Schönbrunn Palace**, the main summer residence of the Habsburg rulers. Tonight we'll attend a **performance at the Vienna Opera House**. Performance will be announced in the spring.*

Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight Vienna

Day 9: Sunday, Oct. 18: Vienna

Our morning begins with a performance by the **Vienna Boys Choir** at the Hofburg Chapel. The afternoon is yours to explore Vienna at your own leisurely pace. A farewell dinner is planned at a local restaurant this evening.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
Overnight Vienna



Vienna Boys Choir at the Hofburg Chapel

Day 10: Monday, Oct. 19: Departure Day from Vienna

This morning we check out of our hotel and transfer to the Vienna Airport. You have the option to stay longer in Europe.

Meals included: Breakfast

LAND TOUR COST: Double Occupancy \$6,259

Single rooms are available upon request and space is limited. Extra costs apply.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Accommodations and services:

- 3 nights in Bonn at Hotel Koenigshof or similar
- 2 nights in Munich at Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Kempinski or similar
- 4 nights in Vienna at Hotel Imperial Vienna or similar
- Full time trip director services by Goodspeed & Bach
- VPR Classical Host Helen Lyons and VPR staff to accompany the group
- Luxury motorcoach transportation throughout
- First class train ticket from Bonn to Nuremberg
- A portion of the tour price benefits Vermont Public Radio

Meals:

- Full Breakfast (9) each morning at the hotels
- Lunches: Bonn (1), Nuremberg (1), and wine tasting (1)
- One (1) boxed lunch on travel day Munich to Vienna
- Dinners: Bonn (2), Munich (1), Vienna (2), includes two drinks per person and mineral water

Entrances/Tours:

- Guided tours: Bonn, Nuremberg, Munich, Salzburg and Vienna
- Excursion to "Siebengebirge" by boat and by coach
- Rhine River cruise from Bonn to Bad Honnef
- Entrance fee and guided tour of Beethoven's Birthplace and Museum in Bonn
- Entrance fee for Mozart's Birthplace in Salzburg
- Guided tour of St. Florian Monastery
- Entrance fee for Mozarthaus Vienna
- Entrance fee and tour of the Beethoven Pasqualati House

Performances:

- Private organ recital on the Bruckner organ at St. Florian Monastery
- Tickets (2) for Beethoven concerts in Bonn in Category 1 seats
- Ticket for opera performance in Munich in orchestra seats
- Ticket for opera performance in Vienna in orchestra seats
- Ticket for the Vienna Academy Orchestra in Category 1 seats
- Ticket for Mass with the Vienna Boys Choir at Hofburg Chapel

Not Included:

- Flights to Europe
- Gratuities for local guides and bus drivers
- Passport service
- Any lunches or dinners not mentioned in the itinerary
- Any items not mentioned in the itinerary



Detail from Beethoven Monument at Beethovenplatz in Vienna

GENERAL INFORMATION

Land Tour Deposit Schedule

\$1,000 per person deposit is required to book the tour.

Final payment due 65 days prior to departure - **AUGUST 4, 2020**

Land Booking Conditions and Refunds

120 days prior to departure: \$100 per person penalty applies

90 days prior to departure: \$1,000 per person penalty applies

65 days prior to departure: No Refunds

Land Cancellations: You must advise of all cancellations in writing.

Administration

This tour of Germany & Austria is designed by Vermont Public Radio and Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. to give an in-depth glimpse into the music, food, culture, and history of the area. VPR Classical Host Helen Lyons will lead the tour. Bi-lingual local guides will accompany the group in each city. A portion of the tour price benefits Vermont Public Radio, but is not considered a tax-deductible contribution according to IRS regulations.

Air Travel Arrangements (NOT included in the tour price)

Air Travel arrangements are available from Goodspeed & Bach for a service fee of \$65 per person. A customized air itinerary can also be arranged for those individuals traveling from other cities or planning different travel dates. Travelers have the option to make their own flight arrangements. Arrival city-Dusseldorf. Departure city-Vienna.

Accommodations

During the tour, accommodations will be arranged in comfortable hotels in double occupancy rooms with private shower or bath. Single rooms can be arranged for a supplementary fee of \$1,329, and are based upon availability at the time of your request (space is limited). The hotels are selected to provide a balance between central location, excellent service, character, amenities, and price. Each hotel has a unique character which will result in variations in room size, breakfast menu, and some amenities. Circumstances may arise between now and departure where the hotel may be changed. We will do our best to arrange a replacement hotel of the same quality.

Changes in the Itinerary

VPR and Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. reserves the right to alter the order of events or to make changes deemed necessary for the comfort, convenience, and safety of the participants. Every effort will be made to adhere to the printed itinerary, but weather conditions, transportation difficulties, or other circumstances beyond the control of VPR, Goodspeed and Bach, Inc., and the local suppliers could force the cancellation or substitution of events or specific services. Concerts and operas will be announced in the spring.

Reservation Procedure

To register for the tour, please fill out and return the enclosed registration form along with a per-person deposit of \$1,000. You may also register by phone 802-652-0245 or email travel@goodspeedandbach.com. Registrations will be accepted in the order in which they are received. Space is limited to 24 travelers.

Payment Policy & Schedule

Tour payments may be made by check, payable to Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. After your initial deposit of \$1,000 the balance payment is due by August 4, 2020. Deposits and payments are refundable if written notice of cancellation is received 120 days or more in advance of departure, less a \$100 per person non-refundable administration fee or 90 days prior to departure - full refund less \$1,000 per traveler. We regret that refunds cannot be made for cancellations less than 65 days prior to the departure date. Travel insurance is highly recommended, and can be purchased at an additional charge through Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. Cancellation charges also apply to additional accommodations reserved prior to, and after, the tour. Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. cannot assume responsibility for any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets. Full terms and conditions are also available at www.goodspeedandbach.com.

Physical requirements

In order to make the most of your trip, you should be able to walk independently for one to two miles, often over uneven cobblestones and be able to stand for a period of time during walking or museum tours or visits to other sights.

VPR BEETHOVEN TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Please reserve my place (submit one form per traveler).

A deposit of \$1000 per person deposit payable to Goodspeed & Bach is enclosed.

NAME (as it appears on valid passport): LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE

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Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY:

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Passport number:

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Passport expiration date MM/DD/YY:

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Passports must be valid six month after your return date from Europe.

Address (City, State, Zip):

Phone: Home _____ cell: _____

Email: _____

TRAVEL COMPANION (Last, First):

Travel preferences (please check all that apply)

Double room share: **\$6259** USD per person

I would like a single room (space is limited) additional cost: **\$1329** USD per person

I would like Goodspeed & Bach to make my flight arrangements: booking fee of **\$65** per person applies

I prefer to make my own flight arrangements

I would like travel coverage, please send me information

_____ Dietary requests, gluten free, vegetarian, vegan

I (we) have read the itinerary and terms and conditions as found below and also available on www.goodspeedandbach.com and agree to abide by all the stipulations contained therein.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

**Please make your tour checks payable to Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. and mail registration to:
34 Church Street # 5, Burlington, VT 05401**

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