



# MELODIES OF EUROPE

## A Journey Through Europe's Classical Music Capitals 11 days – 10 nights

**Europe** is a continent where music is woven into the very fabric of its cities, from grand palaces and historic opera houses to intimate concert halls and centuries-old churches. **Melodies of Europe** invites you on an extraordinary journey through the classical capitals of the continent, where history, culture, and the timeless beauty of music converge.

Begin in **Paris**, a city of elegance and artistic grandeur. Here, the majestic Opéra Garnier stands as a testament to 19th-century craftsmanship and musical heritage, while Paris's countless salons, churches, and theaters offer daily opportunities to enjoy world-class classical performances. Travel eastward to **Strasbourg**, with its rich Franco-Germanic traditions, and then into **Germany's** heart, visiting historic cities such as **Heidelberg**, **Leipzig** and **Nuremberg**, each resonating with centuries of musical history—from Baroque masterpieces to modern orchestral innovation. In **Dresden**, experience the elegance of the Semperoper, where opera and symphonic performances have enchanted audiences for generations. The journey culminates in **Munich**, a vibrant cultural hub whose illustrious halls, including the Nationaltheater and renowned concert venues, host some of Europe's most prestigious opera, symphonic, and chamber performances.

Throughout your travels, you will have the exclusive opportunity to attend performances of your choice, from grand operas and full symphonies to intimate chamber concerts, in the very cities where musical legends lived and composed. Our team will secure tickets for you, ensuring seamless access to the finest performances available, allowing your journey to harmonize history, culture, and music into a truly unforgettable experience.

This is not merely a tour—it is a voyage through **Europe's** soul, guided by the melodies that have shaped centuries of artistic expression. Welcome to **Melodies of Europe**, where every city is a stage and every performance is a memory in the making.

### DAY 1 INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT – PARIS

Intercontinental flight to Paris. Arrival at the international airport. Reception through our partner in France and drive with a private vehicle to the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure for private activities. You may choose to stroll along the elegant avenues or simply rest after your journey. Overnight in Paris.

### DAY 2 PARIS

Breakfast at the Hotel. Morning guided tour of the City of Light, along the Champs Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, City Isle, Notre-dame, the Latin Quarter and much more. In the afternoon you will visit the Salon Frédéric Chopin, a small museum dedicated to Frédéric Chopin. At the end of the afternoon, we will go to Trocadero and take a cruise on the Seine River. After the boat ride, go to the Eiffel Tower and climb to the top platform where you can enjoy a wonderful view of the City of Light.

**Optional evening:** Attend a performance at the Opéra Garnier or another Parisian concert hall, chosen from a curated selection of opera, ballet, or symphonic performances. Overnight (B)

### DAY 3 PARIS Versailles Palais

After breakfast, we'll leave for Versailles. This was a sleepy village until Louis XIII began building a hunting lodge there in 1623. At the end of the century, the continuous expansion saw the city and the castle become the symbolic center of the absolute monarchy of the Ancien Regime. Visiting the state apartments, you will get an idea of life in the French court as you walk through the gleaming Hall of Mirrors. Stop by the legendary gardens at your own pace and admire fountains, sculptures, and beautiful well-kept gardens. The highlight of the day is the Musical Fountains Shows and the Musical Gardens with their water features spouting to the rhythm of baroque music. After visiting the Palace, we will return to Paris. Our next visit will be at the Opera House located at the Place de

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#### INCLUDED SERVICES

- Private transfers airport-hotel-airport
- Connections between cities with private vehicles and trains
- 10 nights in 4\*\*\*\* hotels with breakfast.
- All excursions & transfers mentioned in the program with local english-speaking guides.
  - ✚ City tours in Paris, Dresden and Munich
  - ✚ Half day Versailles Palace
  - ✚ Entry ticket to the Eiffel Tower
  - ✚ Day trip to Neuschwanstein and Linderhof castles
- One entrance ticket for the concert/ opera of your preference during the tour
- Entrance fees for all visits in Museums and Monuments.
- 24 h. support via Whatsapp.

#### NOT INCLUDED

- International and local flights
- City taxes (To be paid directly at the hotel)
- Tips for Guides, drivers and Porters
- Personal expenses
- Optional tours
- Other services not mentioned here







l'Opéra in the 9th arrondissement. Central to this musical journey, the Opéra Garnier is a masterpiece of 19th-century architecture and one of the world's most famous opera houses. It was built for the Paris Opera from 1861 to 1875 at the behest of Emperor Napoleon III. The Palais Garnier has been called "probably the world's most famous opera house, a symbol of Paris like Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre, or the Sacré Coeur Basilica." After the visit return to your hotel for the overnight. **(B)**

#### **DAY 4 PARIS – STRASSBOURG (510km, 5h 32m)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Travel eastward to Strasbourg, the charming city on the Rhine. Upon arrival, enjoy a walking tour of the historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, including the stunning Strasbourg Cathedral. Strasbourg has a rich musical tradition, with regular orchestral and chamber music concerts in the Strasbourg Philharmonie and local churches. **Optional evening performance:** Attend a symphony or organ recital in one of the city's acclaimed venues. Back to the hotel for a nice rest. Overnight in Strasbourg. **(B)**

#### **DAY 5 STRASSBOURG - HEIDELBERG (141km, 1h 44m)**

After breakfast, continue to Heidelberg, Germany, a picturesque town along the Neckar River, famous for its castle and historic university. After check-in, stroll through the old town. Its skyline is dominated by the imposing Heidelberg Castle, perched on a hill overlooking the old town, a striking reminder of centuries of history and architectural grandeur. Walking through the narrow, cobblestone streets of the Altstadt, visitors are enchanted by a harmonious blend of medieval, Baroque, and Renaissance architecture. Music echoes through Heidelberg, with concerts and recitals often held in the castle gardens, churches, and historic halls, creating a perfect blend of history, architecture, and melody. You may choose to attend an evening chamber music recital or a classical concert, making their experience in this romantic city not only visually but also aurally unforgettable. Overnight. **(B)**

#### **DAY 6 HEIDELBERG - LEIPZIG (475km, 4h 31m)**

After breakfast, we continue to Leipzig. The city has long been a major centre for music, both classical as well as modern "dark alternative music" or darkwave genres. The Oper Leipzig is one of the most prominent opera houses in Germany. Leipzig is also home to the University of Music and Theatre "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy". The Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, established in 1743, is one of the oldest symphony orchestras in the world. Johann Sebastian Bach is one among many major composers who lived and worked in Leipzig and, during a stay in the city, Friedrich Schiller wrote his poem "Ode to Joy". After the check-in at the hotel and a good rest, you will make an approach to these musical wonders in the city, visiting also the old town. Overnight in Leipzig. **(B)**

#### **DAY 7 LEIPZIG - DRESDEN (114km – 1h 31m)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will continue to Dresden, in the German state of Saxony, the "Florence on the Elbe". Dresden has a long history as the capital and royal residence for the Electors and Kings of Saxony, who for centuries furnished the city with cultural and artistic splendor and was once by personal union the family seat of Polish monarchs. Check in at the hotel and time to rest. We will continue with a visit to the Semperoper. The building is located on the Theaterplatz near the Elbe River in the historic centre of Dresden, one of the most beautiful opera houses in Europe. Short, guided tour of this beautiful imperial city, where you can learn the details of its unique and exciting history: the glory of its intense past, the history of the terrible bombardment it suffered in 1945, life in the socialist period and the strategy of its renaissance from 1990. We will visit the Old Market Square (Altmarkt). We will see one of the largest murals in the world: the Parade of the Wettin's House Princes and cross the famous Bridge of Augustus. One of Europe's most prominent churches, the delicate Church of Our Lady (Frauenkirche), could not be missed. The visit will culminate in one of the most beautiful palaces on the continent: Zwinger Palace. The opera house has a long history of premieres, including major works by Richard Wagner and Richard Strauss. **(B)**

#### **DAY 8 DRESDEN - NUREMBERG (316km, 3h 16m)**

Breakfast at the hotel. You will continue today to Nuremberg. Rich in tradition and layered history, Nuremberg stands today as one of Bavaria's most atmospheric and culturally vibrant cities. Its medieval heart, crowned by the mighty Imperial Castle of Nuremberg, rises above a maze of half-timbered houses, cobbled lanes, and lively market squares. Walking through the Old Town feels like stepping into the pages of the Renaissance, where merchants, artists, and craftsmen once shaped a







flourishing cultural center. Nuremberg was home to the celebrated painter Albrecht Dürer. Musically, Nuremberg has long been a center of cultural refinement. Nuremberg also carries the weight of a more somber chapter. During the 20th century, the city was appropriated by the Nazi regime as a symbolic stage for political rallies. The Nazi Party Rally Grounds Documentation Center serves as an essential site for learning and reflection. Overnight in Nuremberg. **(B)**

#### **DAY 9 NUREMBERG – MUNICH (170km, 1h 52m)**

Breakfast at the Hotel. You will leave today to Munich. Vibrant, elegant, and steeped in centuries of artistic tradition, Munich is one of Europe's great cultural capitals. Its grand boulevards, royal squares, and ornate palaces reflect the legacy of the Wittelsbach dynasty, who were among the most influential patrons of music in the German-speaking world. No symbol of this musical heritage shines brighter than the Nationaltheater Munich, home of the prestigious Bavarian State Opera. Considered one of Europe's finest opera houses, it has premiered works by Richard Strauss. The city's beauty provides a perfect backdrop to these experiences—whether strolling through the Englischer Garten, exploring the royal Residenz, or savoring Bavarian flavors in lively beer halls where folk music still echoes today. All these and more will be discovered on a walking city tour. **(B)**

#### **DAY 10 MUNICH**

Breakfast at the hotel. Your journey into the Bavarian Alps leads you to two of the most enchanting royal residences ever built: Neuschwanstein Castle and Linderhof Palace, masterpieces created by Bavaria's "Fairy-Tale King," Ludwig II of Bavaria. These palaces are not only architectural marvels—they are living tributes to the king's devotion to the world of opera and the genius of Richard Wagner. Nestled on a mountain ridge overlooking emerald valleys and pristine lakes, Neuschwanstein rises like a dream made of towers, frescoes, and romance. It is one of the most recognizable castles in the world, yet seeing it in person is truly awe-inspiring. Inside, nearly every room pays homage to Wagner's operas: murals depict scenes from Lohengrin, Tannhäuser, and Tristan und Isolde, while the architectural details reflect Ludwig's desire to step into the mythical universe Wagner created. As your guide unveils the stories behind each chamber, you will discover how the king's admiration for Wagner shaped an entire palace—turning music into architecture.

In contrast, Linderhof is intimate and opulent, the only palace Ludwig lived to see completed. Yet even here, Wagner's influence is unmistakable. The palace grounds include the Venus Grotto, an artificial cavern built specifically for private stagings of scenes from Tannhäuser, where the king listened to orchestral performances arranged just for him. It is a place where music, fantasy, and royal imagination blend into a world uniquely Ludwig's. Throughout the tour, the guide will illuminate the profound friendship—and artistic devotion—that bound Ludwig II to Richard Wagner. Their relationship transformed Bavaria's cultural landscape and left behind these extraordinary monuments where opera, myth, and royal vision intertwine. Visiting Neuschwanstein and Linderhof is more than a sightseeing excursion; it is a journey into the heart of romanticism, creativity, and musical passion—a perfect complement to your classical exploration of Europe. **(B)**

#### **DAY 11 MUNICH End of your trip**

Breakfast at the Hotel. As your journey draws to a close, we hope that every city, every landscape, and every historic hall has enriched your understanding of Europe's extraordinary musical heritage. From grand opera houses to intimate concert halls, from the footsteps of legendary composers to the living stages where their works continue to echo, you have traveled through places where the history of music was written—and where it is still played with passion today.

Melodies of Europe was created not only as a cultural voyage, but as an emotional one: a collection of moments, performances, and discoveries that together form a personal symphony of memories.

Whether you experienced a powerful opera, a gentle chamber recital, or simply allowed the atmosphere of each city to resonate within you, these melodies now belong to you.

Thank you for allowing us to guide you through this harmonious path across Europe. May the music you encountered continue to inspire you long after your return home—and may the final note of this journey be the beginning of many more.

**Until we meet again, may the melodies of Europe stay in your heart. End of our services (B)**



**(B)** Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner