

Hamburg, Berlin, Dresden – Germany 2024

Hamburg, Leipzig, Dresden – 11 days

Departure: April 30, 2024

Return: May 10, 2024

Unveil the Splendors of Hamburg, Leipzig, and Dresden Through Enchanting Opera Experiences!

Step into a world of cultural magnificence as we invite you to explore the captivating cities of Hamburg, Leipzig, and Dresden, through the lens of exquisite opera performances.

Hamburg

*Hamburg, a cultural gem nestled along the Elbe River, boasts an array of renowned museums and a vibrant music scene. The Hamburg Opera, a hallmark of the city's cultural identity, on **May 3**, presents a mesmerizing rendition of **Mozart's "La Clemenza di Tito."** The masterful conducting of **Adam Fischer** elevates this performance to new heights, inviting you to be enchanted by the artistic brilliance that graces the stage.*

Leipzig

*In Leipzig, the birthplace of Richard Wagner, the echoes of musical legends reverberate through time. **Richard Strauss** takes center stage with two captivating operas – the enchanting on **May 4 "Der Rosenkavalier"** and on **May 5** the intense and dramatic "**Elektra.**" Leipzig's operatic scene exudes an aura of artistic excellence, promising an unforgettable experience that immerses you in the rich compositions of Strauss and the city's deep musical heritage.*

Dresden

*Dresden, known as the "Florence of the Elbe," is a treasure trove of cultural wonders. **Verdi's** powerful "**Otello**" on **May 8** and **Mozart's** timeless masterpiece, "**Die Zauberflöte,**" on **May 9** come to life against the backdrop of the city's stunning architecture. The Semper Opera and the renowned Zwinger Museum provide the perfect setting for these exceptional performances, adding a layer of grandeur to your musical journey.*

Luxurious Accommodations

*As you embark on this enchanting tour, we've curated accommodations that mirror the opulence of these operatic cities. In Hamburg, bask in the lavish comfort of the super deluxe **Fairmont Four Seasons Hotel** on the picturesque Alster Lake. Leipzig welcomes you to the deluxe **Steigenberger Icon Grandhotel Handelshof**, where modern luxury intertwines seamlessly with historical charm. Finally, in Dresden, the splendid **Kempinski Taschenberg Hotel** invites you to indulge in unparalleled luxury near the heart of the city's cultural treasures.*



Cultural Exploration

Our exploration extends beyond the operatic stage. A journey to the historic city of Weimar allows you to immerse yourself in the legacy of Germany's literary and artistic luminaries. The homes of legendary writers Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Friedrich Schiller bear witness to the city's vibrant past, inviting you to delve into its rich history and cultural tapestry.

Opera Performances

In Hamburg:

May 3 – **La Clemenza di Tito** by **Mozart**, conducted by **Adam Fischer** at *Hamburg Opera*

In Leipzig:

May 4 – **Der Rosenkavalier** by **Ricard Strauss**

May 5 – **Elektra** by **Ricard Strauss**

In Dresden:

May 8 – **Otello** by **Verdi** at the Semperoper

May 9 – **Die Zauberflöte** by **Mozart** at the Semperoper - **Sebastian Wartig**

Tuesday, April 30. (D)*. DEPART FOR HAMBURG

Depart this evening, aboard any airline of your choice to Hamburg, Germany. Dinner and light breakfast served on the plane.

Wednesday, May 1. (B,D). HAMBURG

Independent arrival at Hamburg International Airport. Take a taxi to the super deluxe **FAIRMONT FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** on Alster Lake where we stay for four nights. This evening we will have our Briefing with cocktails, followed by Gala Welcome dinner at the hotel's gourmet restaurant

Thursday, May 2. (B,D). HAMBURG

This morning we take an orientation sightseeing tour of the city by bus, to see the Elbphilharmonie, the Port of Hamburg, Warehouse district, Nikolai Memorial, Reeperbahn, the nightlife district of St. Pauli and other sights. Afternoon is free to visit any of the fine arts



museums nearby; the Art Gallery, Gallery of Contemporary Arts, the Bucherius Kunst Forum, Museum of Art and Industry, as well as the Brahm's Museum amongst others.

Hamburg - Germany's Second-Largest City and Historic Port Hub

Discover the allure of Hamburg, the dynamic Free and Hanseatic City, standing as Germany's second-largest urban hub. Hamburg boasts a rich maritime legacy positioned along the majestic Elbe River, serving as a pivotal port city for centuries. Unveil its financial prowess, hosting Germany's oldest stock exchange and the esteemed Berenberg Bank. The city resonates with cultural vibrancy, offering diverse theaters and captivating music spectacles. A legendary chapter in music history unfurled as the Beatles ignited their iconic journey from 1960 to 1962, igniting stages across local music clubs. Hamburg beckons, a fusion of history, finance, culture, and musical enchantment.

Friday, May 3. (B). HAMBURG.

This morning we take a walking tour, of the second largest city in Germany. Among the sights are; the City Hall, churches of Saint Michaels and Saint Jacob, Counting House buildings, and the Old Town. This evening we will see the opera **La Clemenza di Tito** by **Mozart**. One of the most renowned conductor **Adam Fisher** is conducting this opera at **Hamburg State Opera**.

Cast:

Conductor - Adam Fischer
Emperor Tito - Bernard Richter
Vitellia - Tara Erraught
Sesto - Michèle Losier
Servilia - Katharina Konradi
Annio - Kangmin Justin Kim

Saturday, May 4. (B). HAMBURG - LEIPZIG

Today we will drive to Leipzig where we stay three nights at the deluxe **STEIGENBERGER ICON GRANDHOTEL HOTEL**. This evening we will see the opera **Der Rosenkavalier** by **Richard Strauss** at **Oper Leipzig**.

Cast:

Conductor - Christoph Gedschold
Die Feldmarschallin Fürstin Werdenberg - Solen Mainguené
Der Baron Ochs auf Lerchenau - Tobias Schabel
Octavian, genannt Quinquin - Stepanka Pucalkova
Herr von Faninal - Mathias Hausmann
Sophie - Olga Jelínková
Jungfer Marianne Leitmetzerin - Caroline Stein



Experience the vibrant pulse of Leipzig, Germany's thriving urban hub. Celebrated as the nation's fastest-growing city, Leipzig garners media acclaim for its hip ambiance and exceptional quality of life. A historical fair-trade hub, Leipzig's legacy endures as a global gathering point for publishers showcasing their literary creations. Post-reunification, Leipzig has transformed, embracing modernity with towering structures and the striking new Leipzig Opera House. Discover a dynamic city that seamlessly marries its rich heritage with a contemporary flair. Explore Leipzig today and be part of its captivating evolution.

Sunday, May 5. (B) LEIPZIG

This morning we visit the Thomas Church where Johann Sebastian Bach played the organ and is buried. On Whit Sunday in 1539, Martin Luther gave a Sermon here to inaugurate the reformation. We also visit the home of composer Felix Mendelsohn. This evening we will see the opera **Elektra** by **Richard Strauss** at **Oper Leipzig**.

Cast:

Conductor - Christoph Gedschold
Klytämnestra - Karin Lovelius
Elektra - Ricarda Merbeth
Chrysothemis - Jennifer Holloway
Vertraute - Merit Nath-Göbl
Schleppträgerin - Lorraine Pudelko
Aufseherin - Kathrin Göring

Monday, May 6. (B,D). LEIPZIG

Morning free to stroll around the nearby city center or visit the museum Grassi with its collection of arts and musical instrument or the Bach Museum. This evening we will have dinner at a gourmet restaurant.

Tuesday, May 7. (B,D). LEIPZIG – DRESDEN visit Weimar

This morning we first drive to and stop in WEIMAR. The one-time capital of Germany after the First World War. We visit the homes of the legendary writers Johan Wolfgang von Goethe and Frederich Schiller. We will also see the summer residence of composer Franz Liszt. We then drive on to Dresden, where we stay three nights at the deluxe KEMPINSKI TASCHENBERG HOTEL. This evening we will have our Gala farewell dinner at a the hotel's gourmet restaurant.

Dresden often hailed as the "Florence of the North," beckons with its artistic allure. Nestled along the banks of the Elbe River, this enchanting city has long captivated artists. Friedrich Schiller, a master of German poetry and drama, found inspiration here, penning "Don Carlos" and the iconic "Ode to Joy." Composer Carl Maria von Weber and maestro Richard Wagner



also graced these streets. At the heart of Dresden's charm lies the magnificent Zwinger Palace, while the Semper Opera, meticulously rebuilt, stands as a testament to Gottfried Semper's architectural brilliance. Here, not only Wagner and von Weber conducted, but Richard Strauss also introduced the world to his operatic performances. Immerse yourself in Dresden's cultural legacy, experience the symphony of history and art, that continues to echo through its vibrant streets.

Wednesday, May 8. (B). DRESDEN

Morning sightseeing by bus for an orientation tour of this city, made famous by Augustus the Strong, to see the rococo and baroque architecture collection, started by him. This evening we will see the opera **Otello** by **Verdi** at the **Semper Oper**.

Cast:

Conductor - John Fiore
Otello - Gregory Kunde
Jago - Aleksei Isaev
Desdemona - Hrachuhí Bassénz
Cassio - Joseph Dennis
Rodrigo - Timothy Oliver

Thursday, May 9. (B). DRESDEN

This morning we will visit the Green Vault Museum to see the fantastic collection of precious objects. This afternoon we will visit the Zwinger Palace, to see the huge collection of Old Masters, from Rembrandt to Ruben. This evening we will see the opera **Die Zauberflöte** by **Mozart** at the **Semper Oper** the renowned opera singer **Sebastian Wartig** is playing Papageno.

Cast:

Sarastro - Dimitry Ivashchenko
Königin der Nacht - Maria Perlt-Gärtner
Pamina - Tuuli Takala
Papageno - Sebastian Wartig
Erste Dame - Ute Selbig

Friday, May 10. (B). DRESDEN

Depart from the hotel to the Dresden Airport for departure aboard your airline back home arriving the same afternoon. See you on another H.A.T. Tour.

* B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner (including wine)



LAND COST

DOUBLE: \$10,950 PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,550 PER PERSON

DEPOSIT: \$2,500 PER PERSON

BALANCE DUE: JANURAY 30, 2024

TOUR INCLUDES

- 1st Category Orchestra Level seats in theaters
- Five operas
- Deluxe centrally located hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily, 3 dinners with wine in gourmet restaurants
- Welcome reception with drink
- Private sightseeing in each city
- Trip to Weimar
- Luxury transport in-between the cities
- English speaking local guides
- Entrance fees to museums
- Transport to and from theaters
- Baggage handling
- Guide, driver and bellboy's gratuities
- Complete package with details of operas listed

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