

# WAGNER'S RING CYCLE DRESDEN

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## *Dresden – 10 days*

Departure: January 27, 2018

Return: February 05, 2018



*There is a unique opportunity to see the Ring performed in the beautiful Semper Oper sung in German with English supertitles. Christian Thielemann conducts the famous staatskapelle Dresden orchestra of Willy Decker's in co-production with the Teatro Real Madrid, "Der Ring des Nibelungen" by Richard Wagner.*

## *Opera Performances*

In Dresden:

January 29 - Das Rheingold

January 30 - Die Walküre

February 01 - Siegfried

February 04 – Götterdämmerung

### **CAST**

Wotan – **Vitalis Kowaljous**

Siegmond – **Peter Seiffert**

Siegfried – **Andreas Schager**

Brünnhilde – **Petra Lang**

Alberich – **Albert Dohmen**

Mime – **Gerhard Siegel**

Fricka - **Christa Mayer**



Erda – **Janina Baechle**

Hundig – **George Zeppenfeld**

Gunther – **Boez Daniel**

Hagen – **Albert Pesendorfer**

Gertrude – **Edith Halter**

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### Saturday, January 27. (D)\* DEPART FOR DRESDEN

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

### Sunday, January 28. (B,D). DRESDEN

Upon arrival at Dresden International airport take a taxi to the deluxe KEMPINSKI TASCHENBERG HOTEL, where you will stay 8 nights. We will reimburse you the taxi fare. Briefing and cocktails at the hotel. Gala Welcome dinner at the hotel.

### Monday, January 29. (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 started by him. This evening we will see the opera **Das Rheingold** by Wagner at the Semper Oper.

DRESDEN, splendidly situated on the banks of the Elbe River, is known as the “Florence of the North,” and has long held an attraction for artists. Dresden has been home to Friedrich Schiller, master of German poetry and drama, who while spending the years 1785 to 1787 here wrote the drama Don Carlos, upon which Verdi based his opera of the same name, and the Ode to Joy, which forms the text of Beethoven's Ninth, or Choral Symphony. Composer Carl Maria von Weber lived and worked here, as did Richard Wagner. Besides the Zwinger Palace, Dresden's second major attraction is the rebuilt Semper Opera, named for its architect, Gottfried Semper. Wagner and von Weber conducted and many Richard Strauss’ operas had their premiers here.

### Tuesday, January 30. (B). DRESDEN



This morning we will take a walking tour to see Dresden's most famous landmark the Frauenkirche, The Procession of Princes and the surrounding palaces. This afternoon we will see the opera **Die Walküre** by Wagner at the Semper Oper

### Wednesday, January 31. (B). DRESDEN

This morning we will visit the Green Vault Museum to see the fantastic collection of precious objects. Afternoon free.

### Thursday, February 01. (B). DRESDEN

This morning 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 **Siegfried** by Wagner at the Semper Opera.

### Friday, February 02. (B). DRESDEN

Today is free to stroll around or visit any of the fine museums near our hotel. Afternoon free.

### Saturday, February 03. (B,D). DRESDEN

Today is free to re-visit the Zwinger Palace or the Green Vault. This evening we will have dinner at a gourmet restaurant.

### Sunday, February 04. (B). DRESDEN

Today at leisure. This afternoon we will see the opera **Götterdämmerung** by Wagner at the Semper Oper.

### Monday, February 05. (B). DRESDEN – BACK HOME

We will provide transfer from the hotel to the Dresden airport for departure Morning departure aboard your airline back home, arriving the same afternoon. Auf Wiedersehn. See you on another H.A.T. Tour.

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



## LAND COST

DOUBLE: \$4,950 PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,150 PER PERSON

## TOUR INCLUDES

- 1<sup>st</sup> Category orchestra level seats in theaters
- Four Operas
- Deluxe centrally located hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily and 2 dinners with wine in gourmet restaurants and 3 light meals during one of the intervals
- Welcome reception with cocktails
- Private sightseeing in each city
- Experienced English speaking guides
- Entrance fees to museums
- Intercity coach services
- Transportation to and from theaters
- Baggage handling
- Guide, driver and bellboys gratuities
- Complete package with details of all operas listed
- Transfers between airports and hotels on published arrival and departure days only

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