WAGNER'S RING CYCLE 1 in MUNICH 2027

Munich and visit the Royal Palace of Linderhof – 11 days

Departure: July 15, 2027

Return: July 25, 2027

Experience Wagner's Ring in Munich a remarkable journey where great opera, royal history, and Bavarian elegance converge during the world-renowned Munich Opera Festival.

The Bayerische Staatsoper *presents the complete* ***Der Ring des Nibelungen*** *in* ***Tobias Kratzer's*** *acclaimed new production, conducted throughout by* ***General Music Director Vladimir Jurowski****.*

We attend all four evenings of the cycle - Das Rheingold, Die Walküre, Siegfried, and Götterdämmerung as well as two exceptional Festival Song Recitals featuring ***Jonas Kaufmann*** *and* ***Anna Netrebko*** *at the Nationaltheater, the opera house where he first rose to international prominence. Under Jurowski's leadership, the Bayerische Staatsoper continues to be recognized as one of the world's great Wagner houses, while Kratzer's thought-provoking production has captured the attention of Wagnerians across Europe and beyond.*

An outstanding cast, led by ***Nicholas Brownlee*** *as Wotan,* ***Miina-Liisa Värelä*** *as Brünnhilde,* ***Ekaterina Gubanova*** *as Fricka,****Benjamin Bruns*** *as Siegfried,* ***Irene Roberts*** *as Sieglinde and* ***Joachim Bäckström*** *sings Siegmund,* ***Simone Schneider****,* ***Georg Nigl*** *as Alberich,* ***Sean Panikkar*** *as Loge and* ***Matthias Klink*** *as Mime complete the principal cast.*

Exceptional opera deserves exceptional surroundings. Our home for nine nights is the legendary ***Vier Jahreszeiten Kempinski Munich****, the city's grand hotel for more than 150 years. Located on the elegant Maximilianstrasse, just a short walk from the National theater, it has long been the preferred address for artists, dignitaries, and discerning travelers visiting Bavaria's cultural capital.*

Cultural Exploration

Between performances, we discover the rich artistic and royal heritage of Munich. Highlights include a private visit to the Bayerische Staatsoper, including the King's Box and backstage areas, an excursion to Linderhof Palace where King

Ludwig II staged private performances of Wagner's works, visits to the Alte Pinakothek and the Munich Residence, and guided exploration of Munich's historic Old City, from Marienplatz to the Richard Strauss Fountain.

*For Wagnerians, Munich occupies a unique place in operatic history. It was here that **Das Rheingold** and **Die Walküre** received their world premieres, and it remains one of the world's great Wagner cities. The 2027 Munich Opera Festival offers a rare opportunity to experience a complete Ring cycle in a major new production, conducted by one of today's most compelling Wagner interpreters, in the city where Wagner's legacy continues to thrive. The Munich Opera Festival 2027 promises moments that will stay with you long after the final ovation.*

Opera performances:

July 17 – **Das Rheingold** by **Wagner**

July 18 – **Die Walküre** by **Wagner**

July 19 – **Festival Song Recital** with **Jonas Kaufmann**

July 22 – **Siegfried** by **Wagner**

July 24 – **Götterdämmerung** by **Wagner**

Thursday, July 15. (D*). DEPART FOR MUNICH

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

Friday, July 16. (B,D). MUNICH

Upon arrival at Munich International Airport take a taxi to the super deluxe centrally located **VIER JAHRESZEITEN KEMPINSKI HOTEL**, where you stay 9 nights in Premium Rooms. This evening, we will meet for our briefing and cocktails, followed by the Gala Welcome dinner at a gourmet restaurant.

Munich has more to offer than the BMW car factory and the 110 million gallons of beer brewed annually. For a city of its size, it has one of the finest collections of art within one museum, the Alte, and the Neue Pinakothek, and the Deutsche Museum started in 1903, to show one of the most important collections of scientific and technical matters in the world. Munich's cultural wealth, its atmosphere – a blend of gayety, tolerance, and respect for traditions have combined to make it one of the most appreciated German cities.

Saturday, July 17. (B). MUNICH

Morning sightseeing of this third largest city in Germany begins with a drive around the city to see the Olympic Park, site of the 1972 Summer Olympic, the BMW headquarter, Nymphenburg Palace and the 2 square miles of the English gardens with several beer gardens. This evening we will see the opera **Das Rheingold** by **Wagner** at the **Bayerische Staatsoper**.

Sunday, July 18. (B,D). MUNICH

This morning we will take a walking tour of the Old City founded by the monks of the Benedictine Order to see Marienplatz, the city hall with its famous Clock Tower, the churches of Our Lady, Holy Spirit and St. Peters and to see Richard Strauss Fountain with bas reliefs showing scenes from his opera Salome. Afternoon at leisure. This evening we will see the opera **Die Walküre** by **Wagner** at the **Bayerische Staatsoper**, during intermission dinner is included.

Monday, July 19. (B,L). MUNICH

This morning, we will visit Alte Pinakothek to see the notable art pieces from the 19th century. The Neue Pinakothek is undergoing renovations so that you can see its highlighted artworks at the Alte Pinakothek. Lunch is included in the famous Café Klenze or Luitpold. This evening, we will see the **Festival Song Recital** with Jonas Kaufmann at the **Bayerische Staatsoper**.

Tuesday, July 20. (B,L). MUNICH

Today, we drive south of Munich to see a UNESCO Heritage Site, the Royal Palace of Linderhof. In 1868, King Ludwig II of Bavaria acquired the Linderhof for his Royal Palace modeled on Versailles. Richard Wagner's great opera cycles might not exist were it not for the support of his patron Ludwig II. His enormous fairy-tale castles, which virtually bankrupted the country, were the grand sets, where no expense was spared for the staging of Wagner's operas. Often performed with Ludwig as the sole member of the audience, and in return Wagner gave him his genius and his love. Lunch is included. We will return to Munich late afternoon, evening at leisure.

Wednesday, July 21. (B). MUNICH

Today, you will visit the Bavarian Opera House - Bayerische Staatsoper, for an exclusive private tour. Located in the popular Maximilianstrasse, just steps from the Old Town, the so-called National Theater building is home to the Opera, the Bavarian State Orchestra, and the Bavarian State Ballet, and it is the largest opera house in Germany. In 1810, King Maximilian I commissioned the construction of this building which underwent bombing during WWII but was reconstructed in 1963. This prestigious venue saw the premieres of compositions by renowned composers such as Richard Wagner, Richard Strauss, and Mozart. Join rehearsals to explore the world's third largest stage and backstage area. Get invited to the King's Box, which hosted 200+ private performances for King Ludwig II. This evening is at your leisure.

Thursday, July 22. (B,D). MUNICH

Today is free to visit any of the most important museum of your choice. Munich has 80 museums to offer of which 21 are world renowned. We can provide a suggested list. This evening we will see opera **Siegfried** by **Wagner** at the **Bayerische Staatsoper**, during intermission dinner is included.

Friday, July 23. (B,D). MUNICH

This morning we will visit the Munich Residence Palace which has been open to the public as a museum since 1920 and is today one of the most important palace museums in Europe. Afternoon at leisure. This evening, we will gather for an early light dinner before attending a special musical highlight, the **Festival Song Recital**, featuring **Anna Netrebko** at the Bayerische Staatsoper

Saturday, July 24. (B,D). MUNICH

Today you are free to visit the famous Museum Square of Munich with the Alte (old) Pinakothec or Neue (new) Pinakothec and Art galleries with their fabulous collection of fine arts. This evening we will see the opera **Götterdämmerung** by **Wagner** at the **Bayerische Staatsoper** , during intermission dinner is included.

Sunday, July 25. (B). MUNICH - BACK HOME

The Concierge will assist you in organizing your transport to the Munich International Airport, for your departure back home, arriving the same afternoon. Auf Wiedersehn. See you again on another HAT TOUR.

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

Land Cost

Double: $ 15,500 per person

Single Supplement: $ 2,990 per person

Deposit: $3,000 per person

Balance due: April 15, 2027

Tour Includes

- 1st Category Orchestra Level seats in The Bavarian State Opera
- 9 nights in Premium rooms at the Deluxe Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Kempinski Hotel
- Buffet breakfast daily, 5 dinners with wine in gourmet restaurants and 2 lunches
- Four Operas and Festival Songs
- Welcome reception with drinks
- Guided tours as listed in the itinerary by our special, state authorized Munich guide
- Excursion to the UNESCO Site, Royal Palace of Linderhof
- Guide, driver, and bellboy's gratuities
- Complete package with details of operas listed

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