

VERDI'S Requiem and WAGNER'S Parsifal

Hamburg, Berlin – 11 days

Departure: March 22, 2018

Return: April 1, 2018



You have an opportunity to hear the rarely performed “Requiem” by Verdi, in Hamburg. You will also hear in Hamburg, TOSCA by Puccini and AIDA sung by Khristin Lewis. In Berlin you will hear FALSTAFF by Verdi and PARSIFAL by Wagner in the recently renovated Staatsopera Unter den Linden, with Daniel Barenboim conducting.

Opera Performances

In Hamburg:

Opera

March 24 – Tosca by Puccini at the National Opera

March 25 – Aida by Verdi at the National Opera

Concert

March 27 – Requiem by Verdi at the National Opera

In Berlin:

Opera

March 28 – Falstaff by Verdi at the Staatsopera Unter der Linden

March 30 – Parsifal by Wagner at the Staatsopera Unter der Linden

Concert

March 29 – Berlin Philharmonie t.b.a.



Thursday, March 22. (D)* DEPART FOR HAMBURG

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

Friday, March 23. (B,D). HAMBURG

Upon arrival at the Hamburg airport, take a taxi to the deluxe FAIRMONT HOTEL VIER JAHRESZEITEN, where we stay five nights. We will reimburse you the taxi fare. Briefing and cocktails at the hotel. Gala Welcome dinner at a gourmet restaurant.

Saturday, March 24. (B). HAMBURG

This morning we will take a sightseeing tour of the city by bus. This evening we will see the opera TOSCA by Puccini at the National Theater.

The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg is the second largest city in Germany. Hamburg is a major port on the river Elbe and an important financial center for centuries. It is the seat of Germany's oldest stock exchange and Germany's second largest bank, Berenberg Bank. Hamburg is also known for several theaters and a variety of music shows. From 1960 to 1962, the Beatles launched their career by playing at various music clubs in the city.

Sunday, March 25. (B). HAMBURG

This morning we will take a walking tour of this second largest city in Germany. Among the sights are the City Hall, churches of St. Michaels and St. Jacob, Counting House buildings and the Old Town. Afternoon is free. This evening we will see the opera AIDA by Verdi at the National Theater.

Monday, March 26. (B,L). LUBECK – HAMBURG

Today we drive on a full-day excursion to visit LUBECK, the leading city of the Hanseatic League which from 13th to the 15th century dominated the sale of salt produced in the mines nearby, throughout the present-day Germany and Scandinavia. They have left behind ancient works of art and Gothic architecture among them, the entrance gate to the city, the cathedral St. Mary's church, the holy spirit Hospital and the Town Hall. Lunch on route. Afternoon, return to Hamburg.



Tuesday, March 27. (B). HAMBURG

Morning is free to take a boat trip available near our hotel to sail on the Alster Lake and the canals winding through the city. This evening we will see the concert REQUIEM by Verdi at the National Theater.

Wednesday, March 28. (B). HAMBURG – BERLIN

Today we will drive southeast to arrive in Berlin, where we stay four nights at the deluxe RADISSON BLU HOTEL. By special arrangements, our rooms are in Business class on the upper floors with a beautiful view of the historical and the new heart of Berlin. This evening we will see the opera FALSTAFF by Verdi at the Staatsoper Unter der Linden.

Thursday, March 29. (B). BERLIN

Morning sightseeing tour to include Alexanderplatz, the Town Hall, the Palace of the Republic, and the Humboldt University. We drive through the Brandenburg Gate for a tour of former West Berlin to see Potsdamer Platz, the newly restored parliament, the Reichstag, the Berlin Philharmonic Hall, Charlottenburg Palace, the shop-lined Kurfurstendamm and Emperor William Memorial Church. Afternoon at leisure. This evening we will hear a concert in the Berlin Philharmonie, program to be announced.

Berlin became the capital of a newly founded Germany in 1871 and expanded rapidly during the Industrial Revolution. It lost its position as a capital to Weimar at the end of the First World War in 1918 until it was moved back by the Nazi party and Hitler in 1933. Then again, in 1945, at the Potsdam meeting it was divided into two cities, the East under the control of communists and the west a de facto West German exclave surrounded by the Berlin Wall. Following German unification in 1990, Berlin once again become the capital of all – Germany.

Friday, March 30. (B). BERLIN

This morning we walk to the Museum Island with the famous Pergamum Museum, which we will visit. Afternoon at leisure. This evening we will see the opera PARSIFAL by Wagner at the Staatsoper Unter der Linden.

Saturday, March 31. (B). BERLIN

This morning we drive northwest to Potsdam to see San Souci an elegant baroque palace and visit Cecilienhof where Truman, Stalin, and Churchill signed the Potsdam Agreement to divide



Germany after the Second World War. Afternoon free. This evening we will have our Gala Farewell Dinner at a gourmet restaurant.

Sunday. April 1. (B). BERLIN – BACK HOME

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

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



LAND COST

DOUBLE: \$6,950 PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,150 PER PERSON

TOUR INCLUDES

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- Four operas and two concerts
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