

WAGNER'S RING CYCLE LEIPZIG

Leipzig – 08 days

Departure: May 07, 2018

Return: May 14, 2018



This city in Germany, once a part of the former East Germany, produced many famous composers. The birthplace of the reformation started by Martin Luther, is also the birthplace of Handel, Johann Sebastian Bach and Richard Wagner. It also served as the inspirational work place for Mendelssohn, Carl Maria von Weber and Robert Schumann. This area

also gave rise to numerous literary giants, like Goethe and Schiller. We have arranged a whole day excursion to Weimar to see the houses of these legendary writers. HAT Tours have been operating opera tours to East Germany since 1982.

Opera Performances

In Leipzig:

May 10 - **Das Rheingold**

May 11 - **Die Walküre**

May 12 - **Siegfried**

May 13 - **Götterdämmerung**

CAST for Wagner's Ring

CONDUCTOR – Ulf Schimer

Wotan – **Tuomas Pursio/ Lain Peterson**

Siegfried – **Burkherd Fritz**

Siegfried – **Thomas Mohr / Daniel Frank**



Alberich – **Pavlo Hunka / Peter Sidhom**

Brünnhilde – **Christiane Libor / Elisabet Strid**

Mime – **Dan Karlstrom**

Hundig – **Runi Brattesburg**

Erda – **Claudia Huckle**

Monday, May 07. (D)* DEPART FOR LEIPZIG

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

Tuesday, May 08. (B,D). LEIPZIG

Upon arrival at the Leipzig – Hale airport, take a taxi to the deluxe RADISSON BLU HOTEL, where we stay six nights. We will reimburse you the taxi fare. Briefing and cocktails at the hotel. Gala Welcome dinner at a gourmet restaurant.

Wednesday, May 09. (B,D). WEIMAR - LEIPZIG

Today we take a full day excursion southwest of Leipzig to WEIMAR, one-time capital of Germany after the First World War, to visit homes of the legendary writers Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Frederick Schiller. We will also see the house of composer Franz Liszt. Late afternoon return to Leipzig.

Weimar which is now the UNESCO World Heritage site was the focal point of German Enlightenment and world-famous writers Goethe and Shiller, artists Wassily Kandinsky and Paul Klee, architect Walter Gropius who founded the Bauhaus movement here and composer Franz List. It was the place where Germany's first democratic constitution was signed after the First World War, giving its name to the Weimar Republic period in German politics (1918 -33), until the Nazis brought it back to Berlin.

Thursday, May 10. (B). LEIPZIG

This morning we take a walk around the city where Richard Wagner was born. Among the sights to see near our hotel are Old City Hall, the Market place and the Auerbachs Keller. This evening we will see the opera **Das Rheingold** by Wagner at the Leipzig Oper.



Leipzig today is Germany's fastest growing city and is celebrated by the media as a hip urban center with a very high quality of living. For centuries, it was noted as a prime location for trade fairs and it is still renowned for publishers to come from all over the world to exhibit and sell their books. Since the reunification of Germany Leipzig has undergone significant changes with many high-rise buildings and the new Leipzig Opera house.

Friday, May 11. (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 afternoon we will see the opera **Die Walküre** by Wagner at Oper Leipzig.

Saturday, May 12. (B). 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 afternoon we will see the opera **Siegfried** by Wagner at the Oper Leipzig.

Sunday, May 13. (B). LEIPZIG

Today is free to visit any of the museums in the city, the Egyptian Exhibits, the Fine Arts or in der Runden Ecke. This afternoon we will see the opera **Gotterdammerung** by Wagner at the Oper Leipzig.

Monday, May 14. (B). LEIPZIG – 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: \$5,950 PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,150 PER PERSON

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- 1st Category orchestra level seats in theaters
 - Four operas
 - Deluxe centrally located hotels
 - Buffet breakfast daily, 2 dinners with wine, and 3 light meals during first intervals
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