Great Music Capitals of Europe
Vienna & Prague with MITV!

Music in the Vineyards invites you to join Michael and Daria Adams and MITV Trustees on a fabulous musical tour of Vienna and Prague next spring! Join your friends and fans of MITV for exciting concerts in both cities, including a recital by international star Yuja Wang, a concert at one of the world’s greatest halls, a performance at the famed Vienna State Opera, Dvorak’s lovely Stabat Mater in Prague, and two private chamber performances exclusively for the group, all in historic venues.

Vienna and Prague have long been united by a passion for music. A succession of Habsburg rulers linked them politically, and provided a cultural milieu where the nurturing of musicians and of new music established important musical traditions that endure to this day. On our journey we will walk in the footsteps of the great composers; visit palaces, theatres, and concert halls where music has played a significant role for centuries; and enjoy performances in both great public venues and intimate private spaces. We will also sample the fine food and wine for which Austria and Bohemia are noted, and feast our eyes on outstanding landscapes and city views.

Michael’s delightful commentary on the music you’ll hear, expert private guides who lead us through major sites, deluxe five-star hotels, fine dining, delightful cafés, free time for additional sight-seeing or shopping, and socializing with your Music in the Vineyards friends make this a cultural experience not to be missed!

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Tour Highlights

- Prime tickets to four major performances, including opera in Vienna
- Two private concerts exclusive to the group
- Commentary throughout the trip by MITV artistic directors Michael and Daria Adams
- Private tours of principal sites in Vienna and Prague with expert guides
- Visits to the pretty Easter Markets in both cities
- Private pre-hours tour of the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna, one of the finest collections in the world
- Exclusive visit to the Lobkowicz Palace in Nelahozeves, with private lunch and viewing of important Beethoven manuscripts
- Private wine tasting in the lovely Wachau region of Austria, followed by a boat ride on the Danube
- Deluxe five-star accommodations in both cities
- Fine dining in some of the region’s best restaurants
- Lunches, dinners and receptions served with wine in MITV style!

Tour limited to 25 participants or as hotel space allows.

*Tour begins April 1 in Vienna

March 31 – April 10, 2020*

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Monday, April 6 Welcome to Prague!

Today we bid auf Wiedersehen to Vienna and transfer by private motorcoach to one of Europe’s most beautiful cities, Prague. On the way we’ll stop for lunch in the border town of Mikulov. Upon arrival in Prague’s charming Malá Strana (Little Quarter), we check in to the music-themed Aria Hotel, where every room is named for a composer, and a vast music library is at your disposal. We begin our exploration of the great city with a private visit to the Strahov Monastery, founded in 1143, with views overlooking the city and a superb Baroque library.

Tuesday, April 7 Patrons of Beethoven

We ascend Prague’s Castle Hill to visit the Royal Palace, the cathedral of St. Vitus, and the Lobkowicz Palace with its prized art collection. A unique excursion west of the city takes us to the Lobkowicz family’s castle at Nelahozeves, where after a tour and lunch, resident librarians will dip into the vaults to show us original letters and other manuscripts of Beethoven. The 7th Prince Lobkowicz was one of the composer’s most valuable patrons. Evening free.

Wednesday, April 8 Dvorak & the Old Town

This morning, we privately tour the historic Estates Theatre where Mozart’s Don Giovanni and La Clemenza di Tito both had their world premieres. Passing through the Old Town Square to watch the extraordinary astronomical clock, we take a walking tour of the unique Jewish Quarter. Visits to the Old Jewish Cemetery, a veritable tumble of centuries-old tombstones, and the gothic Old-New Synagogue are fascinating. Lunch follows. Dvorak’s Stabat Mater is one of the composer’s most beautiful scores. You will hear it played this evening by the Prague Symphony Orchestra at the wonderful art nouveau Municipal House.

Thursday, April 9 Markets, Music & Gala

A free day to explore the city on your own, including Prague’s pretty Easter markets, as well as other optional visits planned for you. In the evening we enjoy another private chamber concert exclusive to the group before our gala farewell dinner.

Friday, April 10 Adié! (Farewell!)

The tour ends after breakfast and private transfers to Prague Airport for flights back to the US, arriving the same day.

Itinerary is subject to change. Meals in bold are included in the price of the tour.

Tour Registration

Tour Cost: $5,890 per person, ground only, double occupancy
Single supplement: $1,140
Deposit: $1000 per person first come, first served
After that date, call for availability.

Contact The Grand Tour to reserve your place on the tour with a credit card deposit, or send a check made payable to The Grand Tour for the deposit amount to: MITV Great Capitals Tour, The Grand Tour, PO Box 274, Peterborough, NH 03458. Registration materials can be downloaded from www.musicinthevineyards.org

Questions? Contact The Grand Tour at 800-727-2995 / info@thegrandtour.com or MITV at 707-258-5559 / info@musicinthevineyards.org