

# SCOTCH COLLEGE Symphony Orchestra

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## EUROPE 2025

Munich – Neuschwanstein – Salzburg – Vienna –  
Esterhazy – Budapest – Prague – Dresden – Berlin

7<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

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### **2025 EUROPE TOUR**

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*(subject to change)*

As of: 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

#### **DAY ONE: Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – MELBOURNE DEPARTURE (meals/movies en route)**

##### **GROUP 1 - 20 PAX**

- 7.30pm Arrive at Melbourne International Airport and check in for your flight to Munich.  
After checking in your luggage, move through security onto departure gate.  
Now is a good time for a light snack or for some duty free shopping!
- 10.30pm Depart Melbourne for Dubai on EK0407.

#### **DAY TWO: Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – MELBOURNE DEPARTURE (meals/movies en route)**

##### **GROUP 1 - 20 PAX**

- 5.40am Arrive into Dubai and transfer to a local hotel for some time to shower and rest.

##### **GROUP 2 - 65 PAX**

- 3.00am Arrive at Melbourne International Airport and check in for your flight to Munich.  
After checking in your luggage, move through security onto departure gate.  
Now is a good time for a light snack or for some duty free shopping!
- 6.15am Depart Melbourne for Dubai on EK0409.
- 1.10pm Arrive into Dubai and some time to explore the airport. Move to your next departure gate.

##### **ALL**

- 3.55pm Depart for Munich on EK0051.
- 7.35pm Arrive into Munich International Airport. Meet your Multi-lingual Tour Manager who will stay with you throughout the tour. Board your private coach and transfer to your hotel:

Arthotel Munich  
Paul-Heyse-Straße 10,  
80336 Munich

Check-in and the rest of the evening is free to catch up on some much-needed rest.

**DAY THREE: Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – MUNICH (B,D) – Performance**

- Morning** Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.
- After breakfast, transfer to the city centre and enjoy a walking/coach tour of Munich where you will see the treasures of the old town like the Gothic Frauenkirche Church, the Marienplatz Square, the Neues Rathaus with its famous carillon, the Residenz, former residence of the Bavarian kings and much more.
- Afternoon** Lunch in chaperoned groups (own cost).
- After lunch, depart for a visit to BMW World Museum which is housed in a very unique building. En route you will also pass the of the soccer team Bayern Munich, another architectural wonder.
- Evening** Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.
- After lunch, **Performance** at the St Margaret Church OR Munich International School.



**DAY FOUR: Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – MUNICH → NEUSCHWANSTEIN → SALZBURG (B,D)**

- Morning** Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.
- After breakfast, check out of your hotel and load the coach.
- Depart for Neuschwanstein Castle, the fairy tale castle on which Disney based his castle of the Sleeping Beauty in Disneyland and enjoy the Bavarian Alps (approx. 2 hours).
- En route to the Castle, you will visit the WWII concentration camp Dachau.
- Afternoon** Lunch in chaperoned groups (own cost).
- After lunch, continue onto Salzburg (approx. 3 hours).
- Upon arrival into Salzburg, check-into your hotel:
- Hotel Berghof Graml  
Wiener Bundesstraße 55,  
5300 Hallwang bei  
Salzburg, Austria
- Evening** Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.





**DAY FIVE: Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – SALZBURG (B,D) - Performance**

Morning Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.

After breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of Salzburg. See the main sights such as the Salzburger Dom, Hohenfortress Salzburg.

Following the tour, visit Mozart's Birthplace, here you can see the violin he played when he was only 5 years old!

Afternoon Lunch in chaperoned groups (own cost).

This afternoon is free to enjoy Salzburg in chaperoned groups.

Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.

After dinner, **Performance** in the Salzburg Mozarteum University at the Orchesterhaus.



**DAY SIX: Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – SALZBURG (B,D)**

Morning Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.

After breakfast, depart for the famous Saltmines for a tour.

Afternoon Lunch in chaperoned groups (own cost).

This afternoon is free to explore Salzburg in chaperoned groups.

Evening Dinner as a group at St. Peter's Stiftskeller.

Afterwards, return to your hotel.



**DAY SEVEN: Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – SALZBURG → VIENNA(B,D)**

- Morning Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.
- After breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to Melk Abbey for a guided visit of the beautiful Benedictine Abbey which overlooks the Danube River. *The Abbey of Melk, built on the river bank of the Danube, has a fine baroque facade and an extensive library of manuscripts (approx. 2 hours).*
- Afternoon Lunch in chaperoned groups (own cost).
- After lunch, continue onto Vienna (approx. 1 hour).
- Before entering the city centre, visit the Central Cemetery of Vienna where you will see the tombs and memorials of famous composers such as Beethoven, Mozart, the Strauss family and Brahms.
- Check into your hotel:
- B&B Hotel Wien-Hbf  
Bloch-Bauer-Promenade 5,  
1100 Wien, Austria
- Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.



**DAY EIGHT: Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – VIENNA (B,D) - Performance**

- Morning Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.
- After breakfast, enjoy a guided city tour of Vienna. Here you will see the main sights of Vienna, such as Opera building and the Symphony Hall, the Ringstrasse, Hofburg and Stephans Dom.
- Afternoon Lunch in chaperoned groups (own cost).
- After lunch, enjoy a visit to the 'Haus der Musik' (House of Music). *This relatively new museum is a special museum, in that it attributes great value to interactive learning experience. It covers the history of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, the history of Vienna as a center of music making (Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Mahler, Schubert and others are documented).*
- Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.
- Performance** at Minoriten Church (TBC).
- Afterwards, return to your hotel.



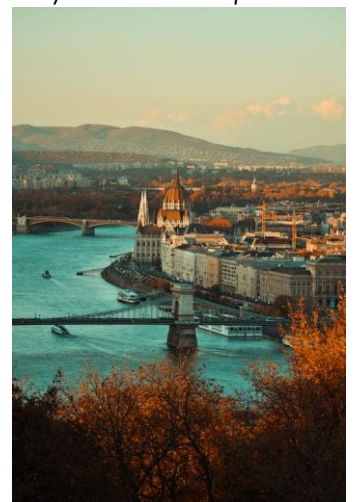
**DAY NINE: Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – VIENNA (B,D) – Sectional Clinics & Performance**

- Morning** Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.
- After breakfast, enjoy a visit to the Schönbrunn Palace, the fabulous baroque summer residence of the Hapsburg Emperors. *Here Marie-Antoinette lived as a young girl. The rococo interior is recreated as it was at its zenith. Here the six year old Mozart played for the empress inside the Palace. Also, stroll through the beautiful gardens filled with flowers and statues (imperial tour with audio guides).*
- Afternoon** Lunch in chaperoned groups (own cost).
- After lunch, transfer to Muth Hall for **sectional clinics** with members from the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.
- Following the clinics, **Performance** at Muth Hall.
- Evening** Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.
- After dinner, enjoy a visit to the famous Prater Park with its huge Riesenrad (Ferris wheel) landmark of Vienna (rides not included).



**DAY TEN: Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – VIENNA → ESTERHAZY → BUDAPEST (B,D)**

- Morning** Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.
- After breakfast, check out of the hotel, board your coach and drive to Eisenstadt (approx. 1 hour).
- Enjoy a guided visit of palace Schloss Esterhazy and the Haydnsaal. *The palace was built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century and later it was converted into a baroque building by the most powerful Hungarian Esterhazy Family. The Haydnsaal ranks among the most beautiful and acoustically perfect concert halls of the world. Its name goes back to the famous composer Joseph Haydn, who worked for nearly forty years in the service of the Esterházy family.*
- Afternoon** Lunch in chaperoned groups (own cost).
- After lunch, continue onto Budapest (approx. 2.5 hours).
- Upon arrival, check into your hotel:
- Benczúr Hotel  
Budapest,  
Benczúr u. 35,  
1068 Hungary
- Evening** Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.





**DAY ELEVEN: Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – BUDAPEST (B,D) – Performance**

Morning Continental breakfast as a group.

After breakfast, board the coach and enjoy a guided tour of Budapest. You will see all the highlights such as the Fishermen's Bastion, Opera House, Andrassy Avenue, Heroes' Square and the beautiful Parliament Building.

After the tour, visit the Liszt Ferenc Memorial Museum, where you will see his original instruments and music library. Afterwards you will continue with a visit to the Bartok Museum, the final home of this great Hungarian composer.

Afternoon Lunch in chaperoned groups (own cost).



**Performance** at Stephens Basilica (TBC) possibly with the Budapest British International School.

Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.

**DAY TWELVE: Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – BUDAPEST → PRAGUE (B,D)**

Morning Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and load the coach. Transfer to Prague (approx. 5.5 hours plus stops).

Stop in Bratislava en route. *Bratislava is the capital of Slovakia and, with a population of about 500,000, the country's largest city. Bratislava is in southwestern Slovakia, occupying both banks of the Danube River and the left bank of the Morava River. Bordering Austria and Hungary, it is the only national capital that borders two independent countries. Some free time in the city center.*

Afternoon Lunch en route in chaperoned groups (own cost).

After lunch, continue onto Prague.

Upon arrival, check into your hotel:

Vienna House by Wyndham Diplomat Prague  
Evropská 15,  
160 41 Praha 6,  
Czechia

Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.

**DAY THIRTEEN: Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – PRAGUE (B,D) - Performance**

Morning Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of the Prague Castle District including a visit to St. Vitus Cathedral, Old Royal Palace, St. George's Basilica and the Golden Lane.

Afternoon Lunch in chaperoned groups (own cost).

**Performance** at the Czech Museum of Music (TBC).

Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.



**DAY FOURTEEN: Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – PRAGUE (B,D)**

Morning Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.

After breakfast, some time to explore Prague in chaperoned groups.

Afternoon Lunch in chaperoned groups (own cost).

After lunch, some more time to enjoy Prague.

Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.

**DAY FIFTEEN: Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – PRAGUE → DRESDEN → BERLIN (B,D) - Performance**

Morning Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and load the coach.

Depart for Berlin (approx. 4 hours).

En route, stop in Dresden. Dresden is frequently called Florence of the North because of its beautiful Baroque and Renaissance architecture and top art collections.

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Dresden.

Afternoon Lunch in chaperoned groups (own cost).

After lunch, continue onto Berlin.

Upon arrival, check into your hotel:

Hotel NH Berlin Alexanderplatz  
 Landsberger Allee 26-32,  
 10249 Berlin,  
 Germany

Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.

After dinner, transfer to your venue for tonight and **Performance** at Kaiser Wilhelm Church (TBC).





**DAY SIXTEEN: Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2025 – BERLIN (B,D)**

- Morning Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.
- After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Berlin and see highlights such as the Brandenburg Gate, Berlin Cathedral, the Reichstag, Unter den Linden Avenue, the Fernsehturm (TV tower) at Alexanderplatz, remains of the East Side Gallery of the Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie.
- Afternoon Lunch in chaperoned groups (own cost).
- After lunch, you will visit the DDR Museum, an interactive museum and one of the most-visited attractions in the German capital. History comes dynamically alive as the visitor is given a first-hand introduction to life in the first Socialist state on German soil. See, touch, feel and experience the actual conditions of a long-defunct system.
- Evening Farewell dinner as a group in Berlin.

**DAY SEVENTEEN: Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2025 – BERLIN → HAMBURG DEPARTURE (B,L)**

- Morning Continental breakfast as a group at the hotel.
- After breakfast, check out of the hotel and board the coach.
- Transfer to Hamburg where you will have some free time to explore Hamburg on your own.
- Afternoon Lunch as a group at a local restaurant.
- 6.00pm Arrive at Hamburg airport and check in for your flights back to Melbourne.
- 9.00pm Depart Hamburg for Dubai on EK0062.



**DAY EIGHTEEN: Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025 – En Route (meals on the plane)**

- 6.30am Arrive into Dubai and move to your next departure gate.
- 10.00am Depart for Melbourne on EK0406.

**DAY NINETEEN: Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – MELBOURNE ARRIVAL (meals on the plane)**

- 6.25am Arrive into Melbourne.

**WELCOME HOME!**