



Renaissance
Tours

MUSIC, OPERA & BALLET 2018





Staatsoper Unter den Linden © Max Lautenschläger



Giselle, American Ballet Theatre. Photo © Gene Schiavone

Easter at the Berlin State Opera

with Scott Curry

27 March – 03 April 2018 (8 days)

Berlin's annual Easter opera and music festival ('Festtage') will be returning to its traditional location at Unter den Linden following the much-anticipated reopening of the Berlin State Opera House after a lavish seven-year renovation.

AT A GLANCE:

- Attend Verdi's *Falstaff* and Wagner's *Parsifal* in the newly-reopened Berlin State Opera
- Experience the rarely-performed Korngold opera *Heliane's Miracle* at the Deutsche Oper
- Attend *Adam's Passion*, a new music theatre production by Robert Wilson and Arvo Pärt; a chamber music concert in Berlin's fine Konzerthaus; a performance of the Staatskapelle Berlin and a duo-recital featuring Martha Argerich and Daniel Barenboim in the Berlin Philharmonie concert hall

TOUR LEADER – Scott Curry



Scott Curry studied piano and violin at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, and piano at the University of the Arts in Berlin, where he has lived and worked since 1980 as concert and opera conductor for many institutions and festivals. He has around 90 operas in his performed repertoire, notably many rarities from the Baroque and twentieth century.

Tour information available now

TOUR PRICES

Per person, twin-share
Single supplement*
Excluding international airfares

AUD 7,750
AUD 850

New York Spring Ballet Spectacular

with Frédérique Barbier

17–26 May 2018 (10 days)

America's cultural capital comes alive as the New York City Ballet and American Ballet Theatre perform their spring programmes simultaneously at New York's Lincoln Center.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy seven performances by the New York City Ballet and the American Ballet Theatre
- See guest artist Natalia Osipova perform the title role in the American Ballet Theatre's production of *Giselle*
- Celebrate the New York City Ballet's 100th anniversary of the birth of choreographer Jerome Robbins with a collection of his most celebrated works including *The Dreamer*, *Dances at a Gathering* and *West Side Story Suite*
- Revel in Balanchine's *Coppélia* performed by the very company that originated this classic – the New York City Ballet

TOUR LEADER – Frédérique Barbier



Frédérique has been showing off the wonders of her home town, New York City, to visitors for the past 15 years. Born in Switzerland, she studied comparative literature, philosophy and opera in the US and Germany and has a keen interest in the performing arts. A licensed tour guide in New York and Washington, DC, she is fluent in French, German, Italian and Spanish.

Tour information available now

TOUR PRICES

Per person, twin-share
Single supplement*
Excluding international airfares

AUD 9,950
AUD 2,550



Das Rheingold © Cory Weaver/San Francisco Opera



Paris

The San Francisco Ring

with Peter Bassett

18–25 June 2018 (8 days)

Francesca Zambello's acclaimed production of Wagner's *Ring* returns to San Francisco in 2018! If you missed this production first performed there as a complete cycle in 2011, or its Washington National Opera revival in 2016, then this one is definitely not to be missed.

AT A GLANCE:

- Premium category seats for all four *Ring* performances
- 7 nights' deluxe accommodation with breakfast (hotel located near Union Square)
- Enlightening pre-performance talks by Peter Bassett, a world-leading Wagner expert
- A guided visit of the superb de Young Museum and lunch at the world-famous Cliff House

TOUR LEADER – Dr Peter Bassett



Dr Peter Bassett was Dramaturge and Artistic Administrator for the 2004 Adelaide Ring and is a regular contributor to Opera Australia's programs. He has published widely on Wagner's works, recorded talks on the Ring for Decca, and has lectured in Europe, North America and throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Tour information available now

TOUR PRICES

Per person, twin-share
Single supplement*
Excluding international airfares

AUD 9,850
AUD 2,150

Opéra à la française

OPERA IN PARIS, LYON AND AIX-EN-PROVENCE

with Christopher Lawrence | 05–17 July 2018 (13 days)

In the company of classical music broadcaster Christopher Lawrence, pack your bags for a fortnight of grand opera and music in the cultural centres of France, in the glorious northern summer.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy nine performances of opera and music in Paris, Lyon and Aix-en-Provence
- Spend three full days at the prestigious Aix-en-Provence Festival
- Rediscover Paris and explore the French countryside, including the Beaujolais and Provence wine regions
- Delight the palate with regional French cuisine, spending two days in Lyon, the 'Food Capital of the World', and savour fine French wine

TOUR LEADER – Christopher Lawrence



Christopher Lawrence is best known as a presenter on *ABC Classic FM*. As a recording producer, he has been awarded an international Emmy for Performing Arts, three ARIA awards and a Churchill Fellowship. He has published several books, worked as a BBC Proms commentator, and has contributed numerous articles and critiques for Australian & international publications.

Tour information available now

TOUR PRICES

Per person, twin-share
Single supplement*
Excluding international airfares

AUD 12,950
AUD 3,250



Lake Lucerne, Switzerland



Tanglewood Festival at dusk. Photo: Stu Rosner

Music in the Mountains

VERBIER, DAVOS AND GSTAAD MENUHIN FESTIVALS
with Marshall McGuire | 30 July – 12 August 2018 (14 days)

Experience music-making as breathtaking as the scenery at the 'crème de la crème' of European summer music festivals, in Switzerland's Verbier, Davos and Gstaad Menuhin Festivals.

AT A GLANCE:

- Experience music-making of the highest calibre at the Verbier and Gstaad Menuhin Festivals, with concerts by Trifonov, Zukerman, Vengerov and Grimaud
- Meet the next generation of rising chamber music stars at the Davos Festival
- Enjoy a day on Switzerland's famed Glacier Express, the narrow gauge train that runs along the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rhaetian Railway through Albula and Bernina
- Marvel at the magnificent scenery of verdant valleys and pristine alpine lakes at every turn

TOUR LEADER – Marshall McGuire



Acclaimed Australian harpist Marshall has performed as a soloist with the Australian Chamber, English String, Les Talens Lyriques, Australian Brandenburg, Melbourne Symphony and Australia Ensemble orchestras. He is currently Head of Artistic Planning at Melbourne Recital Centre. Playing music in exotic, beautiful locations is his passion.

Tour information available now

TOUR PRICES

Per person, twin-share
Single supplement*
Excluding international airfares

AUD 14,750
AUD 2,750

Tanglewood and Marlboro

MUSIC FESTIVALS OF NEW ENGLAND
with Damien Beaumont | 10–20 August 2018 (11 days)

In the North American summer, New England comes alive with the best of symphonic, chamber and choral music at the Tanglewood and Marlboro festivals.

AT A GLANCE:

- Discover the finest new classical music talent at the Marlboro Festival, with chamber music masterworks performed by young, emerging musicians
- Attend a range of concerts at the Tanglewood Festival, with guest artists Yo-Yo Ma and pianist Yefim Bronfman
- Celebrate the centenary of Leonard Bernstein with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in collaboration with the Boston Ballet
- Explore the history and culture of the Berkshires, rich in famed literary figures, art museums and gardens

TOUR LEADER – Damien Beaumont



Damien currently presents ABC Classic FM's Evenings from Monday to Thursday. He is in demand as a guest speaker and performing narrator, and has presented concerts and other events on ABC TV.

Tour information available now

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Per person, twin-share
Single supplement*
Excluding international airfares

AUD 12,500
AUD 3,000



Conductor Asher Fisch with
Stuart Skelton and
Eva-Marie Westbroek
Image Courtesy of WASO



Edinburgh City and Castle

Tristan und Isolde in Perth

PLUS DAY TRIP TO YORK

with Alan Dodge | 17–20 August 2018 (4 days)

Under the baton of Asher Fisch, WASO continues its presentation of Wagner's masterpieces with the dramatic, philosophical and profoundly influential opera, *Tristan und Isolde*.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy the best seats in the house for a concert performance of Wagner's magnificent *Tristan und Isolde*, under renowned Wagner conductor Asher Fisch, with an exceptional array of Australian and international singers, including Stuart Skelton and Eva-Marie Westbroek
- Travel in the company of music enthusiast, gallery director and internationally-acclaimed art curator Alan Dodge AM
- Discover the Gold Rush town of York

TOUR LEADER – Alan Dodge AM



Alan began his career at the Portland Museum of Art in Portland, Maine. He moved to Australia in 1975 and was subsequently appointed Director of the Art Gallery of WA.

Tour information available now

TOUR PRICES

Per person, twin-share
Single supplement*
Excluding airfares

from AUD 1,500
from AUD 300

The Edinburgh Festival 2018

MUSIC, THEATRE, OPERA AND DANCE

with Rosamund Bartlett | 20–27 August 2018 (8 days)

Join us in 2018 for Scotland's crowning artistic celebration – the Edinburgh International Festival – where opera, music, theatre and dance bring boisterous celebration to the Scottish capital.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy at least 10 world-class performances ranging from opera and music to theatre and dance in Scotland's vibrant capital city (performances to be announced in early 2018)
- Experience many of the highlights of Edinburgh with visits to the Royal Botanic Garden, the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art and the Royal Yacht Britannia
- Visit the ancestral estate of Australia's first Governor-General, the stunning Hopetoun House in Queensferry, built in the 18th century in the style of an English landscape park

TOUR LEADER – Dr Rosamund Bartlett



Rosamund completed her doctorate at Oxford, and is the author of biographies of Tolstoy and Chekhov, and translator of their works. A musicologist who has written on art, music and literature for publications such as *The Financial Times*, *Apollo* and the programs of the Royal Opera House, she currently divides her time between Oxford and Sydney.

Tour information available Feb/Mar 2018

APPROX TOUR PRICES

Per person, twin-share
Single supplement*
Excluding international airfares

AUD 7,000
AUD 2,000



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Opera Bellissima

MILAN, THE VERDI FESTIVAL, NAPLES AND PALERMO
with Mairi Nicolson | 03–18 October 2018 (16 days)

From the north to the south, traverse Italy for peerless operatic performances in the country that can claim to have invented the art form.

AT A GLANCE:

- Delight in *Ernani* and *La finta giardiniera* at Milan's La Scala, *The Love for Three Oranges* at Naples's San Carlo and *Rigoletto* at the Teatro Massimo in Palermo
- At the Verdi Festival in Parma, attend performances of *Macbeth*, *Un Giorno di Regno*, *Attila* and *Le Trouvère*
- Take advantage of leisurely stays in Italy's most beautiful and cultured cities, with full- and half-day excursions
- Indulge in all the riches of food, wine and shopping that the great cities of Italy have to offer

TOUR LEADER – Mairi Nicolson



Mairi's career as a broadcaster has taken her from the Sydney Opera House to New York and the Royal Albert Hall London. She presents radio programs for ABC Classic FM.

Tour information available now

APPROX TOUR PRICES

Per person, twin-share	AUD 13,000
Single supplement*	AUD 2,500
Excluding international airfares	
Including airfares within Italy (Economy class)	

Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg

IN MELBOURNE with Heath Lees | (4 days)

Four tour dates available:
12–15; 15–18; 17–20 or 20–23 November 2018

In November 2018, Opera Australia puts on a spectacular production of Wagner's *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* at the Arts Centre in Melbourne to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opera's premiere.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy the best seats in the house in the State Theatre at the Arts Centre, Melbourne for Opera Australia's *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*
- Deepen your appreciation for Wagner's work with a special pre-performance talk with Prof Heath Lees, a leading world expert on Wagner
- Experience some of the artistic highlights of Victoria's vibrant capital city and surrounding areas

TOUR LEADER – Heath Lees



Heath Lees is Emeritus Professor of Music at Auckland University, and divides his year equally between New Zealand and France. Heath has presented many arts programmes on television, including the music series *Opus*, and the weekly arts show *Kaleidoscope*. In 1994, Heath founded the Wagner Society of New Zealand.

Tour information available now

TOUR PRICES

Per person, twin-share	from AUD 2,150
Per person, single	from AUD 2,550
Excluding airfares	

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