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Vienna State Opera (Wiener Staatsoper) interior



Die Walküre © Ken Howard/Met Opera

## Easter in Vienna and Salzburg

THE SALZBURG EASTER FESTIVAL PLUS VIENNA

with Marshall McGuire | 16–26 April 2019 (11 days)

Celebrate the European spring with opera and music from Europe's finest orchestras, soloists and conductors at the Salzburg Easter Festival, along with four opulent operas at the Vienna State Opera.

### Includes:

- Enjoy premium seats for 11 world-class performances in Vienna and Salzburg
- Spend six days at the Salzburg Easter Festival, including works by Wagner, Mahler, Dvořák and Bach
- Attend performances of Puccini's *Turandot*, Beethoven's *Fidelio*, Wagner's *Parsifal* and Strauss's *Salome* at the Vienna State Opera



### Tour Leader – Marshall McGuire

Acclaimed Australian harpist **Marshall McGuire** has performed as a soloist with the Australian Chamber Orchestra, English String Orchestra, Les Talens Lyriques, Australian Brandenburg Orchestra, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and the Australia Ensemble. He has appeared at numerous international festivals, and is currently Director of Artistic Planning at Melbourne Recital Centre.

## The Ring at the Met

NEW YORK

with Scott Curry | 28 April – 05 May 2019 (8 days)

Enjoy coveted 'Ring Leader' status and Orchestra Premium seats for Cycle II of the revival of Robert Lepage's acclaimed 2013 production of the *Ring* at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

### Includes:

- Best seats in the house (Orchestra Premium) for all four operas in Cycle II of the Met's *Ring*
- Official 'Ring Leader' status, with exclusive backstage access, gala dinner, special lectures and panel discussions
- Seven nights' accommodation in the luxurious 5-star J.W. Marriott Essex House Hotel, and further optional opera performances by the Met



### Tour Leader – Scott Curry

**Scott Curry** was staff accompanist at the University of the Arts in Berlin for 23 years. He has lived and worked in Europe since 1980 as concert and opera conductor for many institutions and festivals, including at the Lotte Lehmann Academy. In Australia he has worked for opera houses in Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia, and has around 90 operas in his performed repertoire.

**OA1904  
TOUR  
PRICES**

Per person, twin-share  
Single supplement  
Excluding international airfares

AUD 12,950  
AUD 1,950

**OA1903  
TOUR  
PRICES**

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Excluding international airfares

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AUD 2,750



Real Alcázar of Seville



Die Walküre, Deutsche Oper am Rhein © Hans Jörg Michel

## iOpera Olé!

BARCELONA, VALENCIA, SEVILLE AND MADRID

with Mairi Nicolson | 15–28 May 2019 (14 days)

Experience the passion of Spanish opera and concert music with the best seats in the house for performances in Barcelona, Valencia, Seville and Madrid, plus flamenco dancing and sumptuous food and wine.

### Includes:

- At least five world-class opera performances in Barcelona, Valencia and Madrid
- Passionate flamenco performance and private guitar and opera recital in Seville
- Visits to incomparable art collections and grand cathedrals in Andalusia, Catalonia and Valencia, and tasting varied regional gastronomy



### Tour Leader – Mairi Nicolson

Mairi Nicolson's long and varied career as a broadcaster for the ABC and BBC has taken her from the Sydney Opera House to New York's Avery Fischer Hall, from the Royal Albert Hall London to Hamer Hall, Melbourne. For ABC Classic FM she currently presents a range of afternoon radio programs including *The Opera Show*, orchestral concerts, and broadcasts for Opera Australia and Musica Viva.

OA1901  
TOUR  
PRICES

Per person, twin-share  
Single supplement  
Excluding international airfares

AUD 14,500  
AUD 3,150

## The Ring on the Rhine

DÜSSELDORF, BRUSSELS AND THE LOWER RHINE

with Scott Curry | 12–24 June 2019 (13 days)

Experience Wagner's *Ring* cycle in the very setting of his epic work – on the Rhine River – with Deutsche Oper am Rhein's new production of *Der Ring des Nibelungen*.

### Includes:

- Excellent seats for the first cycle of Deutsche Oper am Rhein's new *Ring* in Düsseldorf
- Three nights in Brussels, including a performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's opera *The Tale of Tsar Saltan*
- *Lieder* recital by Viennese tenor Norbert Ernst in Düsseldorf, and visit to Drachenfels, where Siegfried fought the dragon Fafnir



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OA1902  
TOUR  
PRICES

Per person, twin-share  
Single supplement  
Excluding international airfares

AUD 10,250  
AUD 2,250



Arena di Verona (Verona Opera Festival)

## Opera Bellissima

VERONA OPERA, THE ROSSINI AND PUCCINI FESTIVALS

with Damien Beaumont | August 2019 (15 days)

Join classical music radio broadcaster Damien Beaumont for two weeks of Italian opera, visiting three of the spectacular opera festivals which thrill summertime audiences in the delightful towns of Verona, Torre del Lago and Pesaro.

### Includes:

- Premium seats for at least six performances in the Verona, Rossini and Puccini Festivals
- Unique artistic collaborations in the very towns where the great opera composers lived and worked, plus sightseeing
- Mouth-watering regional gastronomy, including fine wine in the Veneto and the delicious meats and cheeses of Tuscany and Le Marche



### Tour Leader – Damien Beaumont

**Damien Beaumont** currently presents ABC Classic FM's *Evenings* from Monday to Thursday. His popular programs have seen the release of three CDs, including Damien reading some of Percy Grainger's letters. Damien hosts many of the Network's direct broadcasts from the Sydney Opera House and other concert venues around Australia, and he has also presented concerts and events on ABC TV.

**OA1905  
TOUR  
PRICES**

Per person, twin-share  
Single supplement  
Excluding international airfares

approx. AUD 14,950  
approx. AUD 3,750



Christmas market in Berlin

## Christmas in Germany

OPERA AND MUSIC IN BERLIN, DRESDEN AND LEIPZIG

with Scott Curry | December 2019 (14 days)

Celebrate fine opera and music in the historic concert halls of Berlin, Dresden and Leipzig during the Christmas season, including performances by Berlin Staatsoper, Gewandhaus Leipzig and the Semperoper Dresden.

### Includes:

- Best seats in the house for opera and music performances in Berlin, Dresden and Leipzig
- Performances by the esteemed Berlin Staatsoper, Leipzig's Gewandhaus and the Semperoper Dresden
- Enriching pre-performance talks by Berlin-based music and opera expert Scott Curry, and visits to galleries, museums and delightful Christmas markets



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**OA1906  
TOUR  
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approx. AUD 1,500

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