



Concert Tour

**WACHAU VALLEY and VIENNA
AUSTRIA**

Southampton Youth Orchestra

20 – 28 July, 2008

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Sunday, July 20

LONDON to VIENNA/WACHAU

- 10.0 Meet at King Edward's bus stops, Hill Lane. Bring food for the journey. Check in with group leader showing passport. Load Brijan coaches (A and B)
- 10.30 Leave for Heathrow Terminal 5
- 12.30 Check in
- 14.55 BA Flight BA704 to Vienna. Snack provided on plane.**
- 18.10 Arrive Vienna.** Collect luggage. Meet tour guide and our coach and transfer to Wachau valley
Arrive **Wachau region** – a UNESCO world heritage area and check-in at hostel Yspertal. Shinaglweg 1, 3683 Yspertal . This is actually a private boarding school for sixthformers, specialising in eco-education.
<http://www.hlaysper.ac.at/privatinternat/start.htm>
- 21:30 Dinner
- 23.30 Own rooms.

Monday, July 21

WACHAU

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 10:00 Rehearsal in hall
- 12:00 Rehearsal ends
- 13:00 Lunch at hostel
Afternoon at hostel (if wet, sports hall available) or short excursion to Ysperklamm Gorge (coach and walk)
- 18.00 Set-up and sound-check
- 19.30 (time??) CONCERT in the Hall at Yspertal**

Programme:

Overture Egmont Beethoven 8'
 Carnival of Venice Anon 6'
 Soloist: Alex Drouët-Lewis (trumpet)
 Symphony No 1 Brahms 45'

20.30 End of concert

21.00 Dinner

23.30 Own rooms

Tuesday, July 22

WACHAU

08.30 Breakfast at hostel. Collect lunch box.

10.00 Board coach and depart for **Melk Abbey** – a UNESCO world heritage site.



Guided tour of Melk Abbey and picnic lunch

Board **MS Austria** to start a **river cruise on the Danube**. You will see beautiful old villages, steep vineyards and medieval castles and pass the medieval town of Dürnstein where King Richard Lionheart once was imprisoned. Spitz to Dürnstein. Disembark at Dürnstein and enjoy some time at leisure in this beautiful medieval village! Return to hostel by coach.

16.30 Rehearsal

19.30 (time??) BBQ provided at hostel

23.30 Own rooms

Wednesday, July 23

WACHAU

08.30 Breakfast at hostel

10.0 Rehearsal

12.0 Rehearsal ends

13.00 Lunch at hostel

14.00 Suggestion that we go to Krems for some shopping and sight seeing in the town centre ?? Is this feasible? Would we go back to Yspertal before going on to Ybbs?

18.00 Set-up and sound-check

20.00 CONCERT at the Stadtsaal, Ybbs in aid of the 'Children of Chernobyl'

Programme:

Overture Semiramide	Rossini	11'
Concertino Op 26	Weber	10'
Soloist: Paul Waldron (clarinet)		
Hunter's Moon	Vinter	10'
Soloist: Alex Joyce (horn)		
Kol Nidrei	Bruch	10'
Soloist: Natalie Haggard (cello)		
Fantasy Overture Romeo and Juliet	Tchaikovsky	19'

21.30 Dinner provided at local restaurant

23.00 Return to hostel

23.30 Own rooms

Thursday, July 24

WACHAU to VIENNA

8.30 Breakfast at hostel and check-out

10.00 Board coach and depart for Vienna.



12.00 Arrive **Vienna** and check-in at Hotel Academia, Pfeilgasse, 1080 Vienna

During term time, this is a University Hall of Residence, but it functions as a hotel in the holidays.

13.00 Lunch at Hotel

One of the great capitals of Europe, Vienna was for centuries home to the Habsburg rulers of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Today the empire is long gone, but many reminders of the city's imperial heyday remain, carefully preserved by

the tradition-loving Viennese.

From the late 18th century on, Vienna's culture -- particularly its musical forte -- was famous throughout Europe. Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Strauss, Mahler, and Bruckner all lived in the city.

And at the tail end of the 19th century the city's artists and architects -- Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele, Oskar Kokoschka, Josef Hoffmann, Otto Wagner, and Adolf Loos among them -- brought about an artistic revolution that swept away the past and set the stage for the radically experimental art of the 20th century.

15:00 Guided city tour of Vienna with **Ring Avenue**, the **Hofburg Palace**, the **Opera House**, **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, **Mozart's "Figaro House"**, **City Hall** and **Schoenbrunn Palace (entrance included)**.

18:00 Tour ends

19:00 Dinner provided at hotel

20.30 Evening rehearsal at hotel

23.30 Own rooms

Friday, July 25

VIENNA

08:30h Breakfast at hotel
Collect packed lunch

10:00-
12:00 Visit the outstanding "**House of Music**" (entrance included) to experience the following attractions:
* *The Great Masters of Viennese music tradition: Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Strauss.*
* *The Virtual Conductor*
* *The Waltz Dice Game*
* *The Vienna Philharmonic Museum*
* *New Year's Concert Experience (35 min.)*
* *The Sonosphere*
* *The Brain Opera*

12:00-
13:00 Lecture by a member of **Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra** at House of Music.

Picnic at Burggarten

Time for shopping and sight seeing in Vienna's city centre. Check in with group leaders at regular intervals. It is highly recommended that you take the opportunity to sample one of Vienna's famous coffee shops

16.00 Return to hotel. Snack tea.

17:30 Depart (changed) for Karlskirche

18:00 Set-up and sound-check with the organ

19:30 CONCERT IN KARLSKIRCHE

Programme:

Overture Egmont Beethoven 8'

Kol Nidrei Bruch 10'

Natalie Haggard (cello)

1st movement Oboe Concerto K293 Mozart 10' (Weiner Uraufführung)

Lydia Drabkin-Reiter (oboe)

Symphony No 3 (Organ Symphony) Saint-Saëns 34'

21:00 Concert ends

21:30 Dinner provided at Augustinerkeller. Coach back to hotel

23.30 Own rooms

Saturday, July 26

EISENSTADT

08:00 Breakfast at hotel

Collect lunch box

09:00 Board coach and depart for province **Burgenland**. Take instrument, stand, music, concert clothes



10:00 Visit **Eisenstadt** - where Joseph Haydn lived for 30 years. Eisenstadt is the capital as well as the cultural and educational centre of the province of Burgenland. This charming Baroque town - its buildings influenced by the Prince Esterhazy dynasty - is Austria's smallest and youngest provincial capital. Eisenstadt had its heyday in the 18th century when it was ruled by Prince Nikolaus Esterhazy.

11:00 Visit the **Esterhazy Palace** where Haydn conducted the court orchestra almost every evening.

12.30 Depart for Schlosshof in Lower-Austria
En-route pass by **Rohrau** - see the birthplace of the world-famous composers Joseph and Michael Haydn.

14:00 Arrive Schlosshof and enjoy the beautiful baroque palace and gardens
www.schlosshof.at

Time to enjoy the facilities of Schlosshof. Visit the gardens and the farm where they keep local rare breeds including the white horses.

15:00 Set up and sound-check. Change

16:00 **CONCERT**

Programme:

Overture Semiramide	Rossini	11'
Carnival of Venice	Anon	6'
Soloist: Alex Drouët-Lewis (trumpet)		
Concertino Op 26	Weber	10'
Soloist: Paul Waldron (clarinet)		
Suite No 1 Op 71a from the Nutcracker	Tchaikovsky	25'

17:00 End of concert

17:30 Private guided tour of Schlosshof

18:30 Meal at Schlosshof restaurant. Return to Vienna by coach

23.30 Own rooms

Sunday, July 27

VIENNA

8.30 Breakfast at hotel

10.00 Guided tour of the Musikverein (split up into 2 groups)

12.30 Lunch at Frascati Italian Restaurant (1060 Wien, Barnabiteng 3.
5872981)

13.30 Depart for Grinzing

Swimming at Krappfelwaldbad swimming pool. (This is an open-air public swimming pool with lifeguards. There are lovely views over Vienna)

18.00 Depart for Heurigen Maly

19.00 Dinner

20.15 Enjoy a concert given by the Salonorchester 'Alt-Wien' at Vienna's Kursalon Hübner

21.45 approx Concert ends. Return to hotel by coach

23.30 Own rooms

Monday, July 28

VIENNA to LONDON

8.30 Breakfast at hotel

10.00 Check-out from hotel

Depart for **Prater Amusement Park**
Ride on the famous Great Ferris Wheel included



Lunch at Wieselburger Bierinsel.

15:45 Depart for Vienna International Airport
16:15 Check-in at Vienna International Airport
18:15 Depart to London on BA705
20.40 Arrive London Heathrow Airport Terminal 5
21.30approx Leave Heathrow having collected luggage
23.00approx Arrive at bus stops outside King Edward's School, Hill Lane

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**Package price per person, based on a minimum of 60 paying passengers,
including 2 passengers free of charge in a more bedded room**

€ 720 (EUR) per person in more bedded rooms (~ £ 545)

€ 230 (EUR) Single supplement

LAND & AIR

- 8 nights accommodation including all taxes and service charges in budget accommodation (Wachau 4 nights, Vienna 4 nights)
- 3 meals per day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) including with a Welcome Dinner & Farewell Dinner
- One English-speaking tour guide experienced in Concert tour management throughout
- 1 Double-decker Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach throughout
- One guided tour in Vienna
- Boat trip on the river Danube in Wachau valley
- Entrance fees for Melk Abbey, House of Music in Vienna and Esterhazy Palace in Eisenstadt

- Ride with Giant Ferris Wheel in Vienna

CONCERTS

4 professionally organized concerts in Wachau region (2), Eisenstadt region (1) and Vienna (1)

Concert arrangements include the following:

Venues Hire

Publicity including Flyers and Posters for each concert

Concert Programs

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- Lecture by member of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra in Vienna

TOURING WEBSITE

Not included in price:

- TIPS TO GUIDES AND DRIVERS: a fair estimate may be approx EUR 25 per person for the entire tour
- Items of a personal nature such as: excess baggage, laundry, telephone calls, and travel insurance
- Costs to rent instruments and musicians for accompaniment
- Tickets for Salon orchestra concert