

## The Royal Over-Seas League

# ART & MUSIC IN VIENNA

A FIVE NIGHT ESCORTED HOLIDAY | 11 – 16 MAY 2018

Vienna established itself as the undisputed centre of Europe's musical life from the middle of the 18th-century. A hundred years later the city's reputation as an artistic melting pot was consolidated and strengthened by the works of artists such as Klimt and Schiele and the architect Otto Wagner. This creative genius was added to what was already there – an Imperial capital city adorned with grand and beautiful architecture including Emperor Franz Josef's famous Ring, lined with the great buildings of state. For all its pomp and magnificence, Vienna has somehow kept the atmosphere of a small city, simultaneously imposing and intimate. It is the perfect destination for everyone with an interest in art, music and history. Join ROSL members for a fascinating holiday which combines guided visits to Vienna's great galleries and museums with a series of world class opera and music performances.



## THE ITINERARY

**DAY 1** We fly to Vienna from London Heathrow and transfer to our hotel, the 5\* Grand Hotel Wien. Dinner will be included at a local restaurant this evening.

**DAY 2** We begin our stay in Vienna with a visit to the Belvedere Palace. Today, this houses an important collection of works by Austrian artists, including Gustav Klimt's iconic painting, The Kiss. This afternoon we will visit the Hofburg, the palace from which the enormous empire was managed. We'll also see the tombs of every Hapsburg monarch nearby.

**DAY 3** This morning we visit the magnificent collections at the Kunsthistorisches Museum. Here we find one of the most important collections of Old Masters in the world alongside dazzling decorative arts, including Benvenuto Cellini's famous Salt Cellar. The afternoon will be free.

**DAY 4** We drive out to Schönbrunn this morning. This was the summer palace of the Imperial family. Here we will see the State Rooms and have time to enjoy the park that surrounds the palace. Back in Vienna, we'll go to the magnificent Museum of Applied Arts where the full glory of Vienna's creative genius can be enjoyed.

**DAY 5** We begin the day with a visit to the Mozart House, where 'Le nozze di Figaro' was composed. Next we go to Stefandom, the city's cathedral and afterwards there will be free time to explore on your own. The Jewish Museum and the Albertina, one of the world's greatest collection of drawing, are both highly recommended.

**DAY 6** We will depart from the hotel in the late morning for the airport and the flight back to London.

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

### Flights with British Airways:

Depart London Heathrow 11.35, arrive Vienna 14.55

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## MUSIC PROGRAMME

**12 May:** **Concentus Musicus Wien**  
**Brahms Hall** at the **Musikverein**  
Works by **Purcell, Vivaldi** and others

**13 May:** **Vienna State Opera**  
*Simon Boccanegra* by **Verdi**  
Conductor: **Evelin Pido**  
Thomas Hampson sings the title role, Marina Rebeka is his long-lost daughter, Amelia. The cast also includes Dmitry Belosselskiy and Francesco Meli.

**14 May\*:** **OPTION 1: Vienna State Opera**  
*Don Pasquale* by **Donizetti**  
Conductor: **Frederic Chaslin**  
Danielle de Nise sings the role of the naughtiest minx in all opera, Norina. Nicola Alaimo is the duped Don and Adam Plachetka is his friend, Malatesta.

**OPTION 2: Konzerthaus**  
Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, conductor Daniele Gatti. Danil Trifonov is the soloist in the Piano Concerto No. 3 by Prokofiev. The programme also included Symphony No. 1 by Mahler.

**15 May:** **Musikverein**  
**The Great Hall**  
English Baroque Soloists and the Monteverdi Singers,  
Conductor: **Sir John Eliot Gardiner**  
Four Cantatas by **JS Bach**:  
*BWV Nos 19, 78, 101 and 140*

\*Please choose which performance on 14th May you would like to attend and advise at time of booking.

Price from £2,573 (single supp. £398) per person for five nights including flights, accommodation with breakfast, two dinners, tickets for four performances, all sightseeing, entrance fees and gratuities and the services of a member of ROSL staff and a local guide.

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