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LEIPZIG WAGNER FEST 22

Oper Leipzig, July 6-15, 2022

The city of Richard Wagner's birth is the very appropriate location for the staging of the master composer's tetralogy and, in July 2022 our party of Wagner aficionados will travel to Leipzig to attend the revival of the acclaimed Rosamund Gilmore **Ring Cycle** production during four performance evenings at the Oper Leipzig, led by Maestro Ulf Schirmer helming the superb Gewandhausorchester.

The cast is promising to be superb, with world-class Wagner artists such as René Pape, Michael Volle, Evelyn Herlitzius, Andreas Schager, Lise Lindstrom, Iain Paterson and Simon O'Neill all scheduled to be present on stage. No celebration of Wagner would be complete without his final work, *Parsifal*, and we are delighted to extend our time in Leipzig to round out our program in memorable fashion. With an operatic history of more than 300 years, Leipzig, formerly part of East Germany and playing a pivotal role in the 1989 protest movement, is also renowned for its history as a commercial center and its multifaceted music and cultural scene.

Owing to its unique system of passageways, the city exudes a distinctive flair. Stylish boutiques and top department stores invite visitors to shop and stroll. The innovative Leipzig Music Trail connects twenty-three of the most significant music sites in the city center and the new G2 Art Space opposite St. Thomas Church presents over 50 artworks from the private Hildebrand Collection. Emerging, as well as renowned artists from the so-called New Leipzig School are on display, including Tilo Baumgärtel, Neo Rauch, David Schnell and Matthias Weischer.

We have selected the perfectly situated Steigenberger Grand Hotel Handelshof for the nine night stay and breakfast is included each day. Our exceptional and musically knowledgeable Leipzig guide Dipl. Dolm. Hiltrud Wiesner will take us on an exploratory tour of the city center, with visits to the Mendelssohn House and the University of Music. A tour of the wonderful Gewandhaus will also be arranged during our stay.

On one of the non-performance days the party will head for the equally intriguing city of Dresden for a guided visit of its impressively restored historic section.

Leipzig Halle airport (LPH) may be reached with convenient German internal air connections from the international hubs at Frankfurt and Munich. Another convenient option is the rail service directly from Frankfurt airport, taking approximately four hours.

Hotel:

Steigenberger Grandhotel Handelshof

"Am Naschmarkt" Satzgässchen 6, 04109, Leipzig

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Superior rooms for single occupancy, deluxe rooms for double occupancy. Suites upon request.?

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Independent arrivals:

Optional car service: Act 1 will assist with transfers from Berlin Brandenburg Airport or Leipzig/Halle Airport or Leipzig main rail station.

Wednesday, July 6

Independent check in.

Welcome reception in the hotel.

Thursday, July 7

Breakfast is included daily to be taken at leisure. Morning relaxed walking tour of the inner city including the Bach Museum and Thomaskirche. A coffee break will be included.

Independent lunch.

5:00pm ***Das Rheingold***

Dinner at location to be decided.

Friday, July 8

Mid-morning meet and transfer by coach to the Mendelssohn-Haus. (www.mendelssohn-stiftung.de [4]) Private tour and possibly a short piano recital.

Transfer to the Gewandhaus for a short tour and talk (subject to confirmation).

Independent lunch.

5:00pm ***Die Walküre***

Intermissions 30 – 40 minutes (estimate)

Dinner will be served during intermissions in the exclusive festival event dining area.

Saturday, July 9

Daytime at leisure.

Lunch with invited guest(s) to be confirmed or on an alternative date.

5:00pm ***Siegfried***

First intermission refreshments in dining event area.

Post-performance light supper party with artists and Oper Leipzig guests (subject to confirmation and may take

place on another date).

Sunday, July 10

Optional: Join other festival attendees for a guided tour of *The Young Richard Wagner* permanent exhibition at the Old St. Nicholas School followed by a short concert and typical Wagner menu lunch at the restaurant.

5:00pm ***Götterdämmerung***

First intermission dinner followed by second intermission desserts.

Monday, July 11

Exclusive visit to Oper Leipzig Wagner Festival 22 lead sponsor Porsche at their Leipzig Centre. Following a warm welcome, a behind the scenes tour of this innovative plant will appeal to both high performance car enthusiasts as well those more generally interested in future of the motor industry. An exciting test drive on the factory circuit may be added for the thrill seekers.

A stylish lunch at the centre's dining room rounds out the visit.

Note: Late afternoon alternative date for the Gewandhaus tour.

Tuesday, July 12

Full day excursion by private coach to Dresden and Graupa. Starting in Graupa, view rare photographs and manuscripts at the world's oldest Wagner Museum. This is the location that inspired the composition of *Lohengrin*. Refreshment break before the short transfer to Dresden and a tour of highlights of the Old Town followed by lunch. A tour of the Semperoper Dresden and/or the Green Vault Treasury collection at the Royal Palace will be included. Should a Semperoper performance be scheduled closer to date, the day may be reconfigured to attend.

Wednesday, July 13

Enjoy a full day at leisure, with optional activities under development.

Thursday, July 14

Morning is open.

4:00pm ***Parsifal***

Dinner to be served during the intermissions.

Back at the hotel: Celebratory post-festival toast to the time spent together in Leipzig.

Friday, July 15

Independent departures with car service assistance.

Pricing guideline to *not* confirmed until itinerary is completely finalized

- \$9,750 per person double occupancy
- \$10,950 single

Tentative Cast Information (*all to be confirmed*):

All *Ring* operas:

Conductor: Ulf Schirmer

Director: Rosamund Gilmore

Das Rheingold:

Fricka Kathrin Göring

Freia Gabriela Scherer

Erda Karin Lovelius

Wotan Michael Volle

Donner Anooshah Golesorkhi

Froh Matthias Stier

Loge Thomas Mohr

Fasolt Sebastian Pilgrim

Alberich Markus Brück

Mime Dan Karlström

Die Walküre:

Sieglinde Elisabet Strid

Brünnhilde Allison Oakes

Siegfrune Sandra Maxheimer

Siegmond Simon O'Neill

Hunding Tobias Kehrer

Wotan Iain Paterson

Grane Ziv Frenkel

Siegfried:**Siegfried** Andreas Schager**Mime** Dan Karlström**Der Wanderer** Iain Paterson**Erda** Karin Lovelius**Alberich** Tuomas Pursio***Götterdämmerung:*****Brünnhilde** Lise Lindstrom**Gutrune** Gal James**Waltraute** Kathrin Göring**Siegfried** Stefan Vinke**Gunther** Tuomas Pursio**Hagen** Sebastian Pilgrim***Parsifal:*****Conductor:** Ulf Schirmer**Kundry** Evelyn Herlitzius**Amfortas** Tuomas Pursio**Titirel, 2. Galsritter** Randall Jakobsh**Gurnemanz** René Pape**Parsifal** Andreas Schager**Klingsor** Kay Stieffermann



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