

BRUCKNER TOUR 2015 - ITINERARY

August 15 – 25, 2015

August 15, 2015 (Saturday) - VIENNA

Arrival in Vienna

19:30 Get together and Welcome Dinner in Vienna (excl drinks)

Overnight in Vienna

Hotel Intercity

Mariahilfer Strasse 122

1070 Vienna

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August 16, 2015 (Sunday) - VIENNA

Breakfast at the hotel

09:00 - **Morning City tour of Vienna** incl University (plaque), pass Währinger Strasse 41 where Bruckner lived and composed his 2nd, 3rd and 5th symphonies, Heßgasse 7 where Bruckner lived and witnessed the burning of the Ringtheater next door – he was able to secure his music from his apartment, pass Musikverein – Bruckner performed on the organ of the “Grosser Musikvereinssaal”, finally make a stop at the Piaristenchurch where Bruckner took his composer exam.

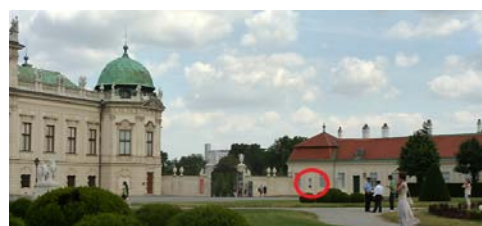


Free time for lunch

Afternoon Tour

Guided tour Central Cemetary

+ stop the Belvedere (Kustodenstöckl – here Anton Bruckner died October 11, 1896)



Overnight in Vienna

August 17, 2015 (Monday) - VIENNA

Breakfast at the hotel

09:00 - **Morning city walk of downtown Vienna** where you will see

St.Stephen's (Bruckner checked and certified the organ), on the way to the Imperial Palace pass the publishing house Doblinger (they printed Bruckner's “Entsagen”, “Festkantate”, Mass in e-moll, Mass in f-moll and more), pass the Hofmusikkapelle where Bruckner performed with the Vienna



Boys Choir, Café Griensteidl (in Bruckner time's Café Größenwahn) he liked this Café very much and spent a lot of time there.

Augustiner Church (Bruckner had the debut performance of his Mass in f-Moll (WAB28) on June 16, 1872 with the Philharmonic Orchestra – Bruckner was conductor)

“Theyer und Hartmuth” – there Bruckner bought usually his paper (the shop is no longer existing).

Kärntner Straße 9 – Swarovsky St. Anna – Bruckner was piano teacher in this school 1870 – 1874,

Alte Universität – Bruckner loved this building very much and had a small lecture hall there (no longer existing).



Free time for lunch

Afternoon at leisure for independent sightseeing or shopping.

18:30 – coach transfer to Grinzig

19:30 - Evening Dinner in Grinzing in one of the famous wine taverns with traditional Austrian food, wine and music.

On the way to Grinzing stop at the Grinzing Cemetary to see the grave of Gustav Mahler.



Overnight in Vienna

August 18, 2015 (Tuesday) – VIENNA / ST.FLORIAN

Breakfast at the hotel

09:00 departure from the hotel to St.Florian via the Danube Valley incl a short guided tour in Dürnstein, and a boat ride on the Danube from Dürnstein to Melk.

Melk: free time for lunch and the possibility to see the church of the breathtaking Monastery of Melk.



Bruckner visited his friend Josef Marböck and gave piano lessons to the children of Marböck - you can see a memorial plaque on the house Hauptstrasse 12.

On the way to St.Florian mention Oed – a small village where Bruckner's grandfather was born (no visit of Oed – no stop).

18:00 Dinner in St.Florian at the Gasthof Koppler – Zur Kanne



20:00 – Chamber Concert at St. Florian
Optional concert (Fee 25 Euros)

Programme:

Music by Beethoven, Debussy and the String Quintet by Bruckner
Minetti Quartet
Peter Langgartner, Viola
Sala Terrena, St. Florian

Overnight in nice guesthouse in St. Florian / Ansfelden

August 19, 2015 (Wednesday) - LINZ

Breakfast at the guesthouse

08:00 Morning City Tour / City Walk of Linz

You start with a ride of the Pöstlingberg train up to the Pöstlingberg Mountain where you have a great view of the city.

After this train ride, we will take a guided city walk through the downtown area of Linz.

During this tour you will also see the "Alte Dom" where you can see the last still original preserved Organ of Bruckner and the "Brucknerstiege" display of Bruckner's time in Linz.

You will see the memorial plaque on "Hofgasse 232" where Bruckner attended the college of education.

Other Bruckner related sights you will see during the tour: Stadtpfarrkirche – memorial plaque (the organ from Ludwig Moser was constantly enhanced due to Bruckner's instigation), Neuer Dom – memorial plaque for the performance of Bruckner's Mass in e-Moll and a glass window where you can see Bruckner and Beethoven, the Brucknerhaus (concert hall of Linz) and the Bruckner memorial in front of the Brucknerhaus.

Lunch on your own

Afternoon at leisure of independent sightseeing – return to St. Florian

Return to St. Florian for a private welcoming reception hosted by Dr. Klaus Laczika, one of the founders of the BrucknerTage Festival.

20:00 – Bruckner Organ Night in the Monastery Church of St. Florian

Bruckner Organ Night incl visualization of the church interior and hospitality in front of the church interior.

Interpreter:

Johann Vexo, Nancy and Paris French organ music



Gereon Krahfert, Merzig	Improvisation
Daniel Glaus, Bern	Composition
Giampaolo di Rosa, Rome	Organ
Jürgen Schaal, Mannheim	Trombone
Simon Johnson, London	English organ music

Overnight in St. Florian / Ansfelden

August 20, 2015 (Thursday) – Upper Austria

Breakfast at the guesthouse

09:00 - Visit Enns and Kronstorf and continue to St. Florian
Anton Bruckner lived and worked as school assistant in the “old schoolhouse” of Kronsdorf (which is now a small museum and you can see his room where he lived).
From Kronsdorf Bruckner walked several times a week from Kronsdorf to Enns, where his teacher Leopold von Zenetti lived. Von Zenetti was Regens Chori of the Parish Church of Enns. You can see a memorial plaque on the house of Kirchenplatz 7 where von Zenetti lived.



Steyr: you can see on the square in front of the Parish Church the 1st Bruckner memorial (formed by Viktor Tilgner and Fritz Zerrisch – 1898). Bruckner liked Steyr very much and visited often his friend Franz Xaver Bayer, who lived in Steyr.

Continue back to St. Florian – Bruckner was a choirboy of St. Florian. At this time he lived in the school house of his teacher Bogner in the village of St. Florian (Marktplatz 2) where he came back again as young teacher. While he was in St. Florian as teacher he composed his important Requiem (WAB 39) and “Missa solemnis” b-Moll.



The monastery and the monastery church of St. Florian with its organ was Bruckner’s spiritual home. For this reason, it is the focal point of our tour.

Bruckner is buried under “his” organ in the monastery church of St. Florian.

Guided Tour through the Monastery of St. Florian where we will be taken into the crypt to see Bruckner’s sarcophagus.

20:00 Concert “Bruckner on 2 pianos” Monastery St. Florian (Sala Terrena)

The performance of a Bruckner symphony on 2 pianos has already become a tradition during the St. Florian Brucknertage.

The performance of a symphony on 2 pianos was a popular practice in the 19th century.

Programme:

A. Bruckner Symphony No 9 – D-Moll (Version of Karl Grunsky for 2 pianos)

A. Bruckner Symphony No 9 – Finale (Arranged for 2 pianos by William Carragan)
(Prof. Carragan will provide a brief introduction)

Interpreters:
Till Alexander Köber and Reihold Puri-Jobi, Pianos

Overnight in St.Florian / Ansfelden

August 21, 2015 (Friday) Winghaag / Kefermarkt
Breakfast at the guesthouse

09:00 - Visit Ansfelden (birthplace of Anton Bruckner), Leonding (he celebrated on July 10, 1863 in the house of his friend Otto Kitzler that he had finished his studies), Hörsching (in the school house of Hörsching Bruckner got his first education in playing the organ, Winghaag (Bruckner worked there 1841 and 1842 as school assistant) and Kefermarkt (here you will visit the very famous and beautiful gothic winged altar)



On today's tour, we will stop for lunch at the Schlossbrauerei Weinberg (NOTE: the cost of the lunch is not included but this was a favorite stop during our first Bruckner tour.)

20:00 – Concert Altomonte-Orchestra – St.Florian Monastery Church

Programme:

C. Debussy Nuages from Trois Nocturnes
A. Bruckner Symphony No 9 – D-Moll

Interpreter:
Altomonte Orchestra
Conductor:
Remy Ballot

Overnight in St.Florian / Ansfelden

August 22, 2015 (Saturday) - SALZBURG
Breakfast at the guesthouse

08:00 - **Full day tour to Salzburg** incl guided tour through the downtown area.

For those who have prebooked tickets:
11:00 – Matinee concert in the Grosses Festspielhaus in Salzburg: Vienna Philhamonic Orchestra performs Mahler's Symphony No 9



All the other free time in Salzburg

After Lunch Walking tour of Salzburg downtown area:

Discover the countless architectural and historical artistic highlights of the enchanting baroque city of Salzburg.

You will see the Mirabell Palace, the Getreidegasse with the world famous Mozart's birthplace and all the marvellous and impressive buildings in the old part of the city. Pass by the Festival Houses where the Salzburg Festival is held every year, stroll along the narrow streets and enjoy the flair of this old city.

Overnight at a hotel in Wels

Best Western Amedia Hotel

Adlerstrasse 1

4600 Wels

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August 23, 2015 (Sunday) – back to VIENNA

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning (09.30) guided tour through the Kremsmünster Abbey.

The Abbey was founded 777 by duke Tassilo III of Bavaria and is one of the oldest abbeys of central Europe. Situated on a striking ice age terrace above the town, it dominates the whole Krems valley. The monks (order of S. Benedict) lead a famous gymnasium which has existed since 1549, and an astronomical and geophysical observatory ("Mathematical tower"). We will see the library with miscellaneous Bruckner manuscripts, the imperial hall, the treasure chamber, the Tassilo chalice and gallery of paintings and art objects.



Duration of the guided tour is approx 1 hour

After the guided tour of the Abbey we will continue with a guided tour of the Mathematical Tower. The observation tower itself (built 1749–1756) represents the first high-rise of Europe. In this vicinity the eldest geomagnetism station of the world was established, and also the first weather station of Austria-Hungary. We will get a guided tour through the Mathematical Tower or tower of sciences including science collections, astronomy and others, panorama terrace.

Duration tour approx 90 minutes



**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIMING OF THIS VISIT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS PATER ALTMANN HIMSELF WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU THE BRUCKNER MANUSCRIPS AND WE DO NOT HAVE A FINAL CONFIRMATION YET WHEN HE HAS TIME!
So it could also be that the rest of the programme changes a little!**

On the way to Vienna visit Grein (inside visit of the theatre of Grein - there are many old monasteries, castles and ruins, but the town theatre of Grein is unique and a sight of European significance. It was built into the former granary of the town hall by the citizens of Grein in 1791. It is regarded as the oldest town theatre of Austria that is still in its original condition and it can be visited every day of the week. There are still regular performances in the theatre)

Bruckner presented the Grein Musiktafel (choral society) with a musical "motto," (his WAB 148) which he composed in 1874.

Continue then to Klosterneuburg to visit the Klosterneuburg Abbey with the breathtaking Altar of Verdun.



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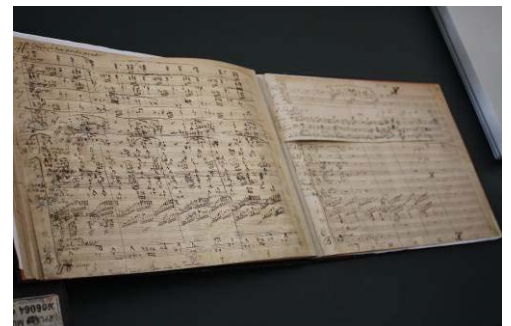
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August 24, 2015 (Monday) – VIENNA

Breakfast at the hotel

As our tour concludes we have a full day in Vienna to catch up on some shopping and explore the sights of this fascinating city. If you haven't had your fill of all things Bruckner, we will provide you with a list of Bruckner-related sites that we passed on the bus tour (Währinger Strasse 41 and Heßgasse 7). You can explore on your own or we might pull together an ad-hoc group to do some sightseeing together.



14:00 - We have scheduled a rare opportunity to visit The Österreichische Nationalbibliothek where the Director of the Music Library will show us some of Bruckner's actual manuscripts and other papers.

19:30 - Farewell Dinner at the hotel

Overnight in Vienna

August 25, 2015 (Tuesday) – Departure

Breakfast at the hotel

Check out and departure to the Airport

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Price Programme:

In Twin/Doubleroom EUR 1.395,00

Single Supplement EUR 450,00

Please note that this price is valid for minimum 20 paying guests.

The following services are included in this package price:

4x overnight 4**** centrally located Hotel Vienna

6x overnight nice guesthouse/gasthof in St. Florian or Ansfelden

10x breakfast at the hotel/guesthouse

Tickets for the concerts of the Brucknertage St. Florian as stated in the programme
(Aug 19 + Aug 20 + Aug 21) (18th at and additional fee)

Coach service and sightseeing tour (incl entrance fees) as stated in the programme

English speaking tour manager from Aug 15 evening till Aug 24 evening

Welcome and Farewell Dinner at hotel in Vienna (excl drinks)

Leisure Dinner at a Viennese Heurigen (excl drinks)

Tips for tour manager and coach driver

All fees and taxes.