



Silent Night

GERMANY MUSIC FESTIVAL AUSTRIA

SILENT NIGHT MUSIC FESTIVAL & TOUR COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD'S MOST BELOVED CAROL

DAY 1: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

- Overnight flight from your local airport – Meals on plane

DAY 2: SALZBURG

- Upon arrival at the airport you will be welcomed by your tour manager. Board coach and transfer to Salzburg.
- Afternoon arrival – check into hotel. Orientation walk of Salzburg.
- Welcome dinner and **Rehearsal** in Salzburg.

DAY 3: SALZBURG / OBERNDORF

- Today full day Silent Night 200 years celebration - Festival**
- Visit Silent Night sites optional per below (coach will be available for the day)
- The First **Performance** for the Silent Night Festival will be this day at the **Christkindlmarkt** in Salzburg
- Afternoon gather in Oberndorf for a special celebration of 200 years of Silent Night.
Performance in Oberndorf

Silent Night sites in area of Salzburg:

- Arnsdorf:** Franz Xaver Gruber's schoolhouse and workplace, Museum and Pilgrimage Church with carillon
- Oberndorf:** Gruber/Mohr Memorial Chapel where the carol had its world premiere, special Silent Night post office, Silent Night Museum in the Bruckmann House
- Mariapfarr:** Silent Night Museum with nativity scene, replica of "The Mohr Room" and the Pilgrimage Church
- Wagrain:** Joseph Mohr Memorial Organ in the Parish Church, Silent Night Room in the Waggerl House and Joseph Mohr's grave
- Hallein:** Silent Night district with Museum and Gruber's grave at the Parish Church

DAY 4: SALZBURG

- Breakfast at the hotel followed by **rehearsal**
- Guided **city tour of Salzburg** passing main sights and focusing on Silent Night sites including visit of the **Salzburg Museum** - You will see the **Salzburg Cathedral** in which W.A. Mozart was baptized and Joseph Mohr was baptized just hours after he was born. See the **Steingasse**, where Mohr grew up with his mother and three siblings. He attended the seminary on **Makart Square**. He attended the Academic High School, now housing the University of Salzburg with its newly renovated Large Auditorium. Joseph Mohr's autographs, proving that he wrote the poem "Silent Night" during his tenure as a cooperator in Mariapfarr, were discovered in 1996 and are on display at the **Salzburg Museum**.
- Afternoon visit of **Hohensalzburg Fortress** including funicular. Surrounded by walls and dotted with towers and battlements, Festung Hohensalzburg is one of the largest and best-preserved castles in Europe.
- The fortified castle was built in 1077, and from its lofty position, affords beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. Take a guided tour around the palatial state rooms, Gothic torture chambers, lookouts and museum collections.
- Evening Concert Performance at the beautiful **Mozarteum**
- Group dinner and overnight Salzburg.

DAY 5: OBERAMMERGAU

- Breakfast at your hotel. This morning enjoy some free time Salzburg
- Transfer to Oberammergau – 2 ½ -3 hour drive. Possible stops en route.
- Group dinner at local restaurant and overnight Oberammergau

DAY 6: OBERAMMERGAU

- **Festival Day in Oberammergau.** Enjoy full day in this beautiful small village! Admire the intimate square, local café's and the many woodcarving shops. Learn more about the history of this tiny village in the **Heimatmuseum** of Oberammergau.
- **SILENT NIGHT FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE AT THE AMMERGAUHAUS**
- Reception with drinks and snacks in the evening. Overnight in Oberammergau

DAY 7: MUNICH

- Morning departure to Munich. En route visit **Neuschwanstein Castle**. Seven weeks after the death of King Ludwig II in 1886, Neuschwanstein was opened to the public. The shy king had built the castle in order to withdraw from public life – now vast numbers of people came to view his private refuge. You will learn the story of King Ludwig's renowned and tragic reign, of his turbulent times, and of the obsession that drove him to build his fantasy castle in the mountains and ultimately destroyed him.
- Continue to Munich and enjoy a guided city tour and time to visit the **Christmas Markets**.
- Farewell dinner – possibly at the famous Hofbrauhaus.

DAY 8: DEPARTURE

Morning early transfer to Munich airport
Depart for home

FESTIVAL & TOUR INCLUSIONS

8 days / 6 nights

- 6 night accommodation in superior tourist class hotels based on 2/room with private facilities.
- Daily breakfast
- Daily 3-course dinner – set menu, excluding drinks
- Tour manager throughout, 1 per coach
- Private luxury coach for all transportation according to the itinerary
- Local guides or half day tours in : Salzburg, Oberndorf and Munich
- Visits of: Salzburg Museum (OR birthplace Mozart) / Hohensalzburg including funicular / Neuschwanstein Castle / Oberndorf guided tour / Heimatmuseum in Oberammergau
- Oberammergau Passion Play Theater and reception in Oberammergau
- Consumer Protection Insurance
- 2 mil Liability Insurance

