

Vienna City Music Walking Tour - in the footsteps of Vienna's most famous musicians

For centuries Vienna was the capital of a great empire where the sponsorship of the Habsburg dynasty and many of the aristocratic families at the imperial court created perfect conditions and an excellent environment for ambitious musicians and artists who were attracted to the city. More famous composers have lived here than in any other city. The Viennese musical tradition has continued for centuries from one generation to the next – and still continues today.

Experience Vienna by tracing the footsteps of famous composers such as Joseph Haydn, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Antonio Salieri, Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Schubert, Johannes Brahms, Franz Liszt, Gustav Mahler, Johann Strauß, seeing where they lived and worked, and where their music was and still is performed. At the same time experience Vienna's picturesque historic centre with its many attractions.

Start out with a visit to the Pasqualatihaus at Mülkerbastei, where Ludwig van Beethoven spent eight years of his life. Here he worked on his 4th, 5th and 6th symphonies, and above all on his opera 'Fidelio'. Proceed via Schottenstift, where Franz Liszt lived whenever he came to Vienna. Continue via the square Am Hof and smaller side streets - all stops related to Mozart's life -

to Stephansdom, which bears witness to the lives of many composers, such as Johann Strauß, Joseph Haydn, Franz Schubert, Antonio Vivaldi, Antonio Salieri and Christoph Willibald Gluck.

Continue to Dr. – Ignaz-Seipel-Platz with the Jesuiten Kirche and the former old University, where Franz Schubert received a thorough education as court chorister from 1808 to 1813 and Antonio Salieri, who discovered the boy's exceptional talent, was court music director.

The tour continues to the Mozart House, the only one of Mozart's apartments in Vienna that still exists today. The composer lived here from 1784 to 1787. The life and works of this musical genius are presented in and around this apartment on four exhibition levels. The next close point of interest is the Deutschordenshaus, where Mozart stayed in 1781, and also Johannes Brahms lived there on the top floor of the building between 1863 and 1865.

Additional highlights during this walking tour include brief stops at Kohlmarkt, where Chopin and Haydn lived – Michaeler Kirche, where Joseph Haydn played the organ and where, just a few days after Mozart's death, his own Requiem was played. The route continues via the Hofburg Chapel and Josephsplatz to the State Opera, where prominent directors such as Gustav Mahler, Richard Strauss, and Herbert von Karajan have left their mark.

The tour ends at the House of Music. In this award winning, interactive & innovative museum Joseph Haydn, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Schubert, Johann Strauß, Gustav Mahler, the Second Viennese School of Arnold Schönberg, Alban Berg and Anton Webern are introduced in their contemporary environment and by historic documents, models, costumes, modern installations and personal items.

Price: € 29, includes English speaking guide, entrance fees to Pasqualati House & House of Music

Duration: 4 hrs. Min. number of participants: 20