

# ANTONY JEFFREY'S AMAZING MUSIC TOUR TO EUROPE - JUNE 2016

*Berlin  
Philharmonie*



As some of you know, for the last two years, I have organised private opera and music journeys in Europe for friends and others who have become our friends. In April 2014, with the help of my friend Andrew Neill in London, we did a whistle stop tour of the operas of Wagner and Strauss around Europe. This year in June it was a little more sedate and we visited five cities in northern Europe from Prague to the Estonian capital Tallinn.

2016 promises to be the best yet. From 1 to 17 June we visit Berlin, Paris, Hamburg and Leipzig, taking in many wonderful performances and venues, staying in charming four star hotels, and undertaking fascinating excursions with expert local guides. We work with Travel Bear, a travel agency in Vienna who specialise in classical music tours. They organise all travel logistics, including performance tickets, accommodation, excursions, guides and transport. Travel Bear owners, Claudia and Michael Weymayer have become good friends and either Claudia or Michael will accompany our tour to ensure everything runs smoothly and we all enjoy ourselves.

For those of you who don't know, I have worked at a senior level in the music scene in Australia for forty years including Opera Australia, Australian Chamber Orchestra, Song Company and many others, so planning and leading tours such as this for like minded people is a great pleasure. In addition to accompanying you to the performances, on most days I give a talk about the performance on the day.

## *Highlights*

- ◆ **Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde* at the Deutsche Oper Berlin with Stephen Gould and the incomparable Nina Stemme as Isolde**
- ◆ **Berlin Philharmonic plays Stravinsky under John Eliot Gardiner at the fabulous Philharmonie concert hall**
- ◆ ***Don Giovanni* at the Komische Oper**

- ◆ A new production of Martinu's fascinating *Juliette*, based on Georges Neveux's play *Key of Dreams*, starring the fabulous Rolando Villazon and Magdalena Kozcena
- ◆ Orchestre de Paris plays Mahler and Beethoven at Jean Nouvel's controversial new concert hall, Philharmonie de Paris
- ◆ Reimann's *Lear*, which many argue is the greatest post-war European opera at Palais Garnier in Paris
- ◆ *La Traviata* at the Bastille in Paris
- ◆ Strauss's gorgeous *Daphne* at Hamburg State Opera
- ◆ St Matthew Passion at JS Bach's Thomaskirche in Leipzig played by the great Bach specialists, John Eliot Gardiner, his choir and ensemble at the famed annual Leipzig Bach Festival
- ◆ Christian Tetzlaff plays all Bach's solo violin partitas and sonatas at the Bachfest

*Palais Garnier, L'Opéra de Paris*



## *Our Itinerary*

**Wednesday 1 June** Arrive Berlin, stay Hotel Casa Camper. Welcome dinner

**Thursday 2 June** Berlin, Hotel Casa Camper.

Talk in hotel by Antony Jeffrey after breakfast on *Juliette*.

City tour with local guide Ruth Büttner by coach

**19.30:** *Juliette* (Martinu) with Rolando Villazon and Magdalene Kozcena (two of the most magnetic stars of today's opera world) at Berlin Staatsoper at Schiller Theater

**Friday 3 June** Berlin, Hotel Casa Camper.

Talk in hotel after breakfast

Museums Island for a visit of the various museums

**20.00:** Berlin Philharmonic concert at Philharmonie. Conductor John Eliot Gardiner

**Saturday 4 June** Berlin, Hotel Casa Camper.

Visit to Jewish Museum, otherwise at leisure

**19.30:** *Don Giovanni* (Mozart) at Komische Oper

**Sunday 5 June** Berlin, Hotel Casa Camper.

Talk in hotel after breakfast

Date at leisure

**16.00:** *Tristan und Isolde* (Wagner) Stephen Gould & Nina Stemme at Deutsche Oper

**Monday 6 June** Transfer to Berlin airport, flight to Paris (AF1535 BER-CDG 15.10-16.55)



Hotel Best Western Premier Opera Faubourg

**Tuesday 7 June** Hotel Best Western Premier Opera Faubourg. City tour by coach with local guide

19.30: *La Traviata* (Verdi) at Paris Opera Bastille

**Wednesday 8 June** Hotel Best Western Premier Opera Faubourg.

Talk in hotel after  
breakfast. Day at leisure

20.30: Concert by  
Orchestre de Paris at  
Philharmonie de Paris.  
Mahler 1 and  
Beethoven Emperor  
Concerto, Richard  
Goode (pf) conducted  
by Herbert Blomstedt



*Philharmonie de Paris*

**Thursday 9 June** Hotel Best  
Western Premier Opera  
Faubourg. Talk in hotel  
after breakfast by  
Antony Jeffrey. Day at  
leisure

19.30: *Lear* (Reimann) at  
Paris Opera Palais Garnier

**Friday 10 June** Free morning in Paris, then transfer to airport,  
flight to Hamburg (AF1510 CDG-HAM15.55-17.25) Hotel Europäischer Hof

**Saturday 11 June** Hotel Europäischer Hof

Talk in hotel after breakfast

Guided visit to Elbphilharmonie {futuristic new concert hall) and Speicherstadt

19.30: *Daphne* (Richard Strauss)

**Sunday 12 June** Hotel Europäischer Hof

11.00: Philharmonic Concert at Laeiszhalle. R. Strauss: *Till Eulenspiegel; Tod und Verklärung*.

Then rest of day at leisure

**Monday 13 June** Train to Leipzig; Seaside Park Hotel Leipzig.

Group Dinner at restaurant in Leipzig

**Tuesday 14 June** Seaside Park Hotel Leipzig.

After breakfast walking tour with local guide

21.00 Sonatas and Partitas (JS Bach) at Thomaskirche

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**Wednesday 15 June** Seaside Park Hotel Leipzig.

Talk in hotel after breakfast Day at leisure

20.00: Handel: Ode for St Cecilia's day; Haydn: Mass in B flat;

JS Bach: Sanctus from Mass in B minor. RIAS Chamber

Choir & Orchestra/ Norrington, at Nikolaikirche

**Thursday 16 June** Seaside Park Hotel Leipzig.

Talk in hotel after breakfast. Day at leisure

20.00: JS Bach: St Matthew Passion BWV 244. Monteverdi

Choir and English Baroque Soloists/ John Eliot Gardiner, at  
Thomaskirche



*Daphne*

## Optional extra days at the Bach Festival in Leipzig

**Friday 17 June** Seaside Park Hotel Leipzig

20.00: JS Bach: St Matthew Passion (Mendelssohn arrangement), international soloists, MDR Choir, Gewandhaus Orchestra/ Riccardo Chailly at Gewandhaus

**Saturday 18 June** Seaside Park Hotel Leipzig,

20.00: JS Bach Cantatas BWV 148, 48, 60 and 105 . Balthazar Neumann Choir and Ensemble/ Olof Boman at Nikolaikirche

**Sunday 19 June** Seaside Park Hotel Leipzig

18.00: Festival Closing Concert. JS Bach: Mass in B minor BWV 232. Les Arts Florissants/ William Christie

*Christian Tetzlaff*



### Costs

	Per person, shared double room	Per person, single supplement
The cost of the whole tour is as follows:	€4,950	€6,325
The cost per night of extra three nights and concerts in Leipzig from 17-19 June, including breakfast and performance tickets	€200	€255

A deposit of \$1,000 per person will be requested in October, and another in January 2016. The final amount due will be billed in March 2016 in Australian dollars.