

EXPLORING OPERA AND GREAT MUSIC IN CENTRAL EUROPE

Berlin, Krakow, Vienna and the Janacek Festival in Brno

Antony Jeffrey's next musical extravaganza follows a path away from the tourist centres to the cultural treasures of less well known cities and towns in the Czech Republic and Poland: Krakow, Wieliczka, Olomouc, Slavkov and Brno. By contrast we also return to central Europe's great musical cities Berlin and Vienna.

Krakow, Poland



The centre piece of this fascinating journey is not in Berlin or Vienna, but in beautiful Brno, capital of Moravia, where the Czech nation's Centenary is being celebrated with a Festival devoted to its greatest composer, Leos Janacek. Productions will be given of all his operas by top companies and directors from all over Europe.

B | R | N | O Brno city logo

In Brno we attend five operas and three concerts featuring Janacek and his Czech contemporaries and we visit several historic towns, villages and museums. Our stay in Poland's miraculously preserved old city Krakow, full of ancient art, architectural wonders and a splendid new opera house will be a memorable experience for us all.

Woodcut of Brno in 16th century



Our visits to Berlin and Vienna need no special advocacy. Consistently over the years I have found these two cities to be the leading centres of fine Western music making with their many superb orchestras, (no fewer than eight in Berlin), the finest opera companies in Europe and their incredibly devoted and knowledgeable audiences. Every visit to these fabulous cities gives me a special thrill.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- * At least 12 performances in Krakow, Brno, Vienna and Berlin
- * Guided visits to wonderful historic villages, heritage sites and museums in the Czech Republic and Poland
- * A performance at the restored Staatsoper Unter den Linden, Berlin, recently re-opened after eight years
- * Concerts in Berlin's splendid Philharmonie and Vienna's great traditional Konzerthaus with its three magnificent 19th century halls
- * Performances at the Janacek Festival of his operas *Makropoulos*, *Destiny*, *Sarka* and the dramatised song cycle *Diary of One who Vanished*, plus Smetana's beautiful opera *Libuse*

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Itinerary

The 15 night tour starts in Krakow on 20 November in Krakow and finishes in Berlin on 5 December. At this point, only our program for the Janacek Festival in Brno is confirmed and booked. I will advise the full program and itinerary in April once the various concert halls and opera companies announce their 2018/19 seasons



Coat of arms, Slavkov Castle



Johan Strauss in Stadtpark, Vienna



Berlin Philharmonie

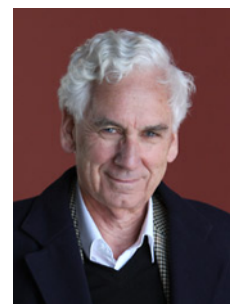
Bookings

The tour price is €4,920 (currently about \$A7,600) per person twin share. The supplement for a single room is €980. A deposit of \$A500 is required to secure your booking, but is refundable if you are not satisfied with the full program when it is advised. As much of the tour is away from major tourist centres, we have been able to keep costs low, yet still offer the best facilities. The tour cost includes:

- ☞ Accommodation in centrally located four or five star hotels
- ☞ All capacious European style breakfasts, two dinners and farewell lunch
- ☞ Best available tickets for twelve performances
- ☞ Private coach travel Krakow-Brno, flights Vienna - Berlin, train and coach transfers and taxis where necessary
- ☞ Detailed pre-tour notes, booklet and talks before performances by Antony Jeffrey
- ☞ Qualified English speaking local guides and entrance fees to at least eight excursions, galleries, museums or historic places during the tour
- ☞ The whole tour is accompanied and all logistics managed by our Vienna-based European agent Claudia Czaak

Contact Me

This special musical excursion will be limited to 12 people to maintain its intimacy, always desirable for small group cultural tours. Browse my website and read the blogs of previous tours at www.antonyjeffrey.com. Already a great deal of interest has been shown so please contact me as soon as you can. Call me on 0425 206 312 or email me at antony@antonyjeffrey.com to discuss options or make a booking.



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