

# Sally & Antony Jeffrey's Musical Journeys

## THE LURE OF THE ALPS: Summer Festivals in Austria, August-September 2023

For years, Sally and I have been wanting to take a group to Austria's incomparable summer festivals. Covid interfered in 2020 but in August 2023 we believe we have created the perfect arrangements to enjoy them at their best. We have no doubt the three we have selected will give us the most outstanding musical experiences, all in spectacular Alpine settings.



### **Salzburg, Aug 19-23**

The Salzburg Festival has been operating since 1920 and is the premier music Festival in Europe. Surrounded by the snow-capped mountains of the Salzkammergut, it is a gorgeous fairy-tale town devoted to music, now with three main events a year, in January, at Easter and the Summer festival in July/ August. We won't know the program until the end of the year, but we know the Vienna Philharmonic is the resident orchestra, and there will be 200 performances of opera, concerts and theatre performed by the world's greatest artists in the many large and small venues.

### **Innsbruck Festival of Early Music, Aug 24-28**

We drive across Austria's ever-changing alpine Tyrol to Innsbruck nestling in a valley surrounded by mountains and the location of its fascinating festival of early music thronging with the finest vocal and instrumental ensembles specialising in every conceivable kind of dance, choral, religious and court music and early opera from the Middle Ages to the baroque. Like Salzburg, the whole town and its wealth of old venues is given over to its colourful Alten Musik Festwochen and the unique range of visiting artists.

*Haus der Musik, Innsbruck*



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## **'Schubertiade at Schwarzenberg, Aug 29-Sep 3**

In some ways, the Schubertiades that take place every summer in two West Tyrolian villages are the most treasured musical events in Austrian summers. Lovers of lieder and chamber music flock from everywhere and they are sold out up to a year in advance. Though our visit is over a year away, our seats are already booked and detailed programs available. We will attend seven intimate recitals in the tiny Angela Kaufmann Hall in Schwarzenberg, high up in the Alps featuring major artists and composers like Schumann, Brahms, Wagner, Liszt and of course swathes of Schubert!

**To match the natural outdoor wonders** of your musical journey, we avoid all flights, trains and buses. Our old friend and agent from Vienna, Claudia Czaak and her husband Michael will drive us everywhere in two people-mover private cars. There will be plenty of time for excursions to historic and scenic places as we move between festivals, and organised visits to museums, castles and other great places in Salzburg, Innsbruck and Bregenz on Lake Constance (where we stay during the Schubertiade). The cars will collect you on 19 August at the nearest major airport, Munich, and deliver you back to Munich on 3 September. No waiting around and plenty of time for al fresco strolls and hikes during the 16 day tour. Welcome!

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