

LINGUA MUSICA's 22ND MUSIC / ARTS TOUR
Celebrating the Franz Liszt Bi-centennial, the Fazioli Factory & more

LINGUA MUSICA TOURS feature classical performance, ranging from grand European Music Festivals such as the Salzburg Festival, to more intimate ones, for example, the Duszynki Chopin Festival. Enjoy opera, ballet and symphony in the great European music houses, or savouring world class music performances in ancient castles and churches throughout Europe. Each year our route is a different one, though we return to our favourites many times. We also incorporate into our tours many additional activities of cultural and historical interest, such as visits to Art Galleries, walking tours, full day excursions, stimulating lectures and visits to the homes of composers. We regard our tours as being a return to our favourite European places, accompanied by a group of friends, which is why some of our guests have returned three, four and even five times.

With the milder weather, autumn colour and less congestion, October is a delightful time to travel in Europe. We focus on the life of the phenomenal piano soloist, Franz Liszt and his associations with other Romantics of the period, and also including many other highlights in our selected locations.

We follow in Liszt's footsteps, commencing in **VIENNA** and an overnight stay in **BUDAPEST**. From here we travel to **WEIMAR** in time for Liszt's Official Birthday Celebration performance. Extensive sightseeing includes a day in **LEIPZIG** and a day excursion to **BAYREUTH**, before flying to **VENICE**, from where we include an overnight stay in the delightful little town of **SACILE**, home to the marvellous Fazioli Piano, which has become the favourite instrument of so many international concert artists. How Liszt would have adored this piano! From Venice we take a fast train to The Eternal City of **ROME**, where Liszt spent the final years of his life living at the famous Villa d'Este, which we will visit. In addition to conventional private coach travel, we have incorporated European flights and fast trains, in order to give you the very best of varied experiences during your time in Europe.

Born in Hungary, Liszt was an important and influential composer, a notable piano teacher, a conductor who contributed significantly to the modern development of the art, and a benefactor to other composers and performers, notably Richard Wagner, Hector Berlioz, Camille Saint-Saëns, Edward Grieg and Alexander Borodin. We will explore a less known side of Liszt's personality through his association with one of his most brilliant pupils, Martin Krause, who in turn taught the great Chilean maestro, Claudio Arrau ... and then Arrau's long-time friend and pupil, **RUTH NYE**.

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Sunday 16th October **VIENNA**

Check into our hotel, The Wandl, a boutique, historic hotel and one of Vienna's most central, only a short walk from St Stephens Cathedral, the Graben and the Hofburg Palace. Meet fellow travelers in the later afternoon at our first tour meeting, followed by a welcome dinner with Roma Randles and your Tour Manager.

Monday 17th October **VIENNA**

We commence our time in Vienna with an excursion along the famous Ringstrasse, which surrounds the Old City, nearly 5kms long. The Ringstrasse, built by Emperor Franz Joseph between 1858 and 1865, was designed to replace the original walls and to exhibit the many grand new architectural monuments of his city ... the great State Opera House, the Musikverein, Stadtpark, The Town



Budapest

Hall, the Burgtheater, the Parliament, the Kunsthistorisches Museum and part of the Hofburg Palace. Roma will take us on a walking tour of the inner Old City. We will discover along its cobbled back streets, Mozart's Figaro House and its environs, St Stephens Cathedral, visit the amazing Haus der Musik, the Graben and the great Hofburg Palace, finishing with a late lunch at Demel.

Evening performance.

Tuesday 18th October **VIENNA**

A free day for independent discovery with our suggestions for art galleries and other cultural highlights. Evening performance opera or concert.

Wednesday 19th October

BUDAPEST - FULL FRANZ LISZT DISCOVERY DAY

Leaving our luggage at the Wandl Hotel and taking only an overnight bag, we travel by fast inter-city train to BUDAPEST, where we will enjoy a full day in the footsteps of Liszt. Some of the main highlights will include Buda Castle, Chain Bridge, Parliament (the largest building in Hungary), Heroes' Square, St Stephen's Basilica, Fishermen's Bastion, and Andrássy Avenue, with its unique architectural style so popular in the closing years of the nineteenth century. Our hotel is the elegant Opera Hotel. Early dinner, followed by a classical performance at the beautiful Hungarian State Opera House, a short walk away.

Thursday 20th October **BUDAPEST**

After a leisurely morning, we travel in our private coach from our hotel to Vienna Airport where our Tour Manager will meet us with our luggage. We will take the mid-afternoon Lufthansa flight from Vienna to Leipzig-Halle airport. Dinner will be served on arrival at the luxurious Leipzig Marriott Hotel.

Friday 21st October **LEIPZIG**

Today we enjoy a comprehensive exploration of this renowned 'City of Music' with its connections with J.S.Bach, Liszt, Schumann, Mendelssohn and more. We will visit the lovely Mendelssohnhaus, lunch in an historic restaurant associated with Goethe, visit the newly restored lovely Boserhaus with its valuable Bach archives; and our day will finish with a choral performance at 6pm in the St. Thomas Church, after which we travel by private coach to Weimar.

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Saturday 22nd October WEIMAR

Franz Liszt's 200th Birthday! This morning we will meet our Guest Escort, Ruth Nye, before A Liszt Tour on foot and by bus, during which we will visit many of the places associated with him during his many years in Weimar. It will conclude in the delightful Gartenhaus, where Liszt taught so many promising and already established young pianists without fee, for several months during each of his final eight years. Here Ruth will deliver a lecture.

We will lunch in Goethe's favourite little inn, The White Swan. After a leisurely afternoon we will attend the official **LISZT 200TH BIRTHDAY CONCERT**.

PROGRAM:

WEIMAR NEUE KONZERTHALLE

Weimar Festival Orchestra

Conductor : Christian Thielemann

Piano Soloist : Konstantin Scherbakow

Wagner: Tannhauser Overture

Liszt: Piano Concerto in A dur

Liszt: Totentanz

Liszt: Les Preludes

Sunday 23rd October WEIMAR

Today we take a delightful excursion to **BAYREUTH**, the beautiful little city associated most of all with Richard Wagner. We will explore this charming town, visit the extraordinary Wagner Festspielhaus, lunch in a charming Italian restaurant. Ruth Nye and Roma Randles will hold a discussion about the differing aspects of Wagner and the relationship between Liszt and the Wagner family in a private home, one of the lovely 200 yr old houses of Bayreuth.

Monday 24th October WEIMAR

This morning we have scheduled what will be a marvellous guided tour of **UNESCO** Heritage listed parks and places surrounding Weimar. Afternoon concert.

Our day concludes with dinner in the delightful candle-lit Restaurant Frauentor.

Tuesday 25th October VENICE - SACILE

Reluctantly saying goodbye to memorable Weimar, this morning we drive to Frankfurt Airport, for our Lufthansa flight to Venice and then a short drive to the fascinating little Italian gem, **SACILE**. (We will take just an overnight bag from our bus leaving our main luggage in the care of our driver.) Our charming hotel is the Hotel Due Leoni.

During the afternoon we will have a guided tour of the famous **Fazioli Piano Factory** ... a unique experience not only for pianists, but for all interested in music. This place is a calm silent oasis ... anything but what the word 'factory' suggests. The introspective silence is broken only occasionally by the gentle sound of a piano being tried, or of a tremulous sound of strings being worked upon. The workers here are dedicated artists - how Liszt would have adored the Fazioli piano! Afterwards we will adjourn to the Fazioli Concert Hall for a lecture by Ruth Nye, followed by a piano / violin recital ... with music which will include some from Liszt's Italian period. Dinner in a Sacile restaurant.

Wednesday 26th October SACILE / VENICE

After breakfast there will be free time walk around Sacile's beautiful water-side setting, before we depart for our guided tour of Venice. We will be met by our Guide for a tour of this unique and marvellous city, where Liszt had written of its mystery and of its impact on Byron, commencing with a vaporetto ride along the Grand Canal to Piazza San Marco. Our day will include lunch in either Sacile or Venice. We return by vaporetto to the Venice Mestre Rail Station, in time for our fast train trip to Rome. It will be possible to have dinner on the train.



Livenza River, Sacile, Italy

Thursday 27th October ROME

Our hotel is the beautiful and tranquil Victoria Hotel Roma, centrally situated by the 2000 year old Aurelian Wall in the historical centre of Rome facing the beautiful Villa Borghese Park, just minutes walk from Via Veneto and Villa Borghese.

This morning will be a restful one, giving you time to explore our hotel's marvellous surrounds, the Pantheon, plus a short walk to the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, Spanish Steps, Piazza Venezia, Piazza del Popolo and Via Condotti. Our guide will collect you from the hotel immediately after lunch for a guided walk and tour on the excellent 'hop-on-hop-off' experience to introduce Rome's most significant sights.

Evening performance, which could be opera, ballet or concert. Program details to be advised.

Friday 28th October ROME

We depart for a marvellously interesting day visiting the Villa d' Este, set in its splendid and mesmerising gardens of cypresses and fountains. (Certainly Liszt found these mesmerising during his final years when he resided here. We are told he would sometimes spend full days in contemplation in the gardens before he wrote his superb final works incorporating the sounds evoked here.) This day will include lunch in Tivoli and a lecture entitled, "Late Liszt" from Ruth Nye. We will also enjoy a performance of music from Liszt's Italian period.

We return to Rome where we bid goodbye to Ruth Nye.

Saturday 29th October ROME

Today we commence with a morning guided tour, going further afield to St Peter's Basilica and the Vatican, returning via Trastevere, often referred to as the Village Within the City.

In the evening we meet for a Farewell Dinner.

Sunday 30th October ROME

Our wonderful Liszt tour concludes after breakfast, after which it will be possible to extend your time in Rome. If you would like us to extend your booking at the Victoria Hotel Roma please let us know and we will be happy to arrange this on your behalf.

Additional Performance details not available at the time of printin will be posted to our website, www.linguamusicatours.com, as they become available.

BOOKING DETAILS - LINGUA MUSICA TOUR 2011

TOUR PRICE:

Standard Tour: \$8,570 per person twin -share

Single Supplement: \$1,170 per person

Experience has shown that if you are travelling alone you will be much more comfortable with the Single Supplement. Please contact us if you would like to discuss this with us.

DEPOSIT: \$1,000 due 16TH JUNE 2011 with completed Booking Form (available from Lingua Musica) sent to:

ROMA RANGLES
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BALANCE: AUD\$7,570 due 16TH AUGUST 2011

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- 14 nights' accommodation in centrally located 4* hotels
- 8 Classical Music Performances, including Opera
- 3 in-depth lectures by Ruth Nye, MBE, FRCM
- On-Tour Informative talks, plus a comprehensive Tour Handbook containing information on orchestras, soloists and conductors, and detailed programme notes for all major performances.
- Comprehensive sight-seeing with local English-speaking guides
- All breakfasts, plus 12 meals as indicated in the Itinerary
- All admissions, bus & metro tickets when on guided tours
- Services of the Tour Director or Manager
- Two x Lufthansa Economy air fares: Vienna-Leipzig(Halle) and Frankfurt-Venice
- Eurostar train travel (1st Class) Vienna-Budapest
- Eurostar train travel (1st Class) Venice-Rome
- Travel by private, air-conditioned coach
- Hotel Porterage - one bag per person, where available
- All tips and taxes

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

International flights and airport transfers are not included in this tour. Please contact us if you would like assistance with your travel arrangements. We would be happy to assist.

YOUR HOTELS:

The Hotel Wandl, Vienna
Hotel Opera, Budapest
The Leipzig Marriott, Leipzig
The Elephant Hotel, Weimar
Hotel Due Leoni, Sacile
Victoria Hotel Roma, Rome

ROMA RANGLES Dip.Mus.; B. Mus.; Dip.
Ed. (University of Melbourne)

TOUR DIRECTOR

Roma Randles is a highly qualified and experienced musician and music educator with a lively personality. She has had much success for more than twenty years, with European tours of this kind. Roma incorporates into her tours many events beyond the norm, and perhaps that is what makes them so special. Experts and guest lecturers in many fields are an annual feature. Roma's tours have a proven record for excellence of both content and organisation.



On ground arrangements are in the hands of tried and trusted local operators, and there is no area of the first class accommodation and content not personally experienced by her many times. Having lived for eight years in Europe, and having since continued to travel extensively, Roma knows well and loves the chosen locations of her tours and regards them as being a return to her favourite European places accompanied by a group of friends. This is why some participants have returned two, three and four times.

PROF. RUTH NYE, MBE, FRCM GUEST ESCORT

Australian born Ruth Nye, was invited to New York to study with Chilean maestro, Claudio Arrau, by Arrau himself after he heard her play in Australia. She continued to study and travel with Arrau extensively on concert tours over a period of 30 years, up until his death in 1991.



Ruth Nye had a distinguished career as a concert pianist, before turning her attention to teaching. She has built a widespread reputation as one of the world's foremost piano teachers. Ruth Nye is currently on the faculty of the Yehudi Menuhin School in Surrey, UK and the Royal College of Music in London, UK. She holds master classes and lectures throughout the world.

Ruth Nye was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 2007 Queen's Birthday Honours list. In 2008 a Fellowship of the Royal College of Music was conferred on her by HRH The Prince of Wales.

Lingua Musica has been very honoured to have Ruth Nye join us on tour on many occasions in order to present some lecture/ piano recitals. With her great knowledge combined with a charming personality, she has delighted us all. We welcome her in joining us on this Tour and look forward to her wisdom and knowledge as she shares with us her memories and knowledge of the great maestro, Claudio Arrau, and through him, her knowledge of that other great maestro, Franz Liszt.

DEBORAH TRESISE, B.Sc. University of Melbourne, Australia TOUR MANAGER

Deborah enjoyed a successful sales and marketing career, eventually managing her own technology consultancy for many years whilst raising her family. Always a great lover of the Arts, she has completed many courses in both art and music. Deborah manages the multitude of organisational tasks that constitute a successful tour and is very much hands-on in all aspects of "behind the scenes".

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