



Lingua Musica Tours

SWISS FESTIVALS, MOUNTAINS AND MORE

TOUR DIRECTOR: ROMA RANGLES, LINGUA MUSICA

Commences Geneva 31st August 2011

LINGUA MUSICA TOURS feature classical performance, ranging from grand European Music Festivals such as the Salzburg Festival, to more intimate ones, for example, the Duszynski Chopin Festival. Enjoy opera, ballet and symphony in the great European music houses, or savour 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.

Our Swiss Festivals tour commences in Geneva, where our stay in a luxurious hotel will delight. Our enthusiastic guide, who well loves her city, will introduce you to as much of Geneva as possible before we commence our journey of prestigious classical music festivals and spectacular mountain train journeys.

The first of our journeys brings us to picturesque **GSTAAD** in Saanenland, for part of the famous **YEHUDI MENUHIN FESTIVAL**, which the renowned maestro started and which has grown in prestige year by year, attracting the cream of the world's artists.

The **MONTREUX-VEVEY SEPTEMBRE MUSICALE** also features world-renowned artists during its annual music weeks and you will enjoy greatly additional Swiss Riviera experiences here. **SION**, the Capital of the Department of the Valais, spectacularly located below rugged peaks, is both a skiing and walking paradise. Its annual Classical Music Festival has become very popular within the music world.

And of course, **LUCERNE**, that sophisticated small city on the Lake of the same name is, like France's Aix-en-Provence, the venue for another of Europe's most popular classical Music Festivals. Every year one is confident of encountering the most distinguished orchestras, conductors and soloists in the world. We will enjoy part of this Festival as well as Lucerne's other attractions.

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Wednesday 31st August

GENEVA

Our tour commences in Geneva, where we will be staying in the luxurious **HOTEL d' ANGLETERRE** on the enchanting Geneva Harbour, with its famous dazzling white fountain, richly flowered parterres, aquatic fauna, swans, gulls, ducks, and myriad of colorful Regatta sails. Meet Roma Randles and fellow travellers in the later afternoon at our first tour meeting, followed by a welcome dinner. (D)

Thursday 1st September

GENEVA

This morning we commence our time in Geneva with a guided walking tour through the heart of Geneva's historic and picturesque Old Town, the Cathedral and City Hall, its secret alleyways and squares with flowers. We will visit some of the more important landmarks, including the Cathedral of Saint-Pierre with its austere Calvinist interior. Place Neuve, site of Geneva's Grand-Théâtre, the prestigious Conservatory of Music and the Rath Museum. We will also visit the Place du Bourg-de-Four, around the beautiful eighteenth century flowered fountain. Here you will discover magnificent examples of sixteenth and eighteenth century architecture.

Your afternoon is free for further leisurely exploration of this beautiful city.

Friday 2nd September

GSTAAD

Transfer to Gare de Geneve for commencement of our spectacular train journey to **GSTAAD** in the heart of the Swiss Alps. There will be time for you to explore the village during the afternoon.

The first courses of dinner will be served in our hotel restaurant, before the transfer to our first **MENUHIN FESTIVAL** concert. Dessert and coffee will be served afterwards. (D)

Saturday 3rd September

GSTAAD

This morning we will enjoy our second **MENUHIN FESTIVAL** concert in a typical village church after which you will have time to explore further before a repeat of the Bernerhof's split dinner and transfer arrangements. (D)

Our third **MENUHIN FESTIVAL** concert this evening in its unique and impressive venue, is in fact the finale of the entire Menuhin Festival 2011.

Sunday 4th September

GSTAAD

Today will be free for independent discovery.

Monday 5th September

GSTAAD

Today we will enjoy an excursion in our private coach to **INTERLAKEN** in the mighty Jungfrau. We will ascend by funicular to a point from where you will be able to gaze out over the region's crystal-clear lakes and fantastic falls. Lunch will be included. (L)



Tuesday 6th September

MONTREUX

This morning we descend to Montreux, situated on the shores of Lake Geneva and surrounded by the majestic Swiss and French Alps. Here we stay at the superbly sited HOTEL EDEN PALACE, with its marvellous Belle Époque reception areas overlooking the lake.

Dinner will be served in one of the hotel restaurants this evening. (D)

We will attend two performances of the prestigious MONTREUX-VEVEY FESTIVAL.

Wednesday 7th September

MONTREUX

This morning we take the short bus ride to nearby VEVEY, for a tour of this charming town and discussion on those who made it their home, including Igor Stravinsky, Ernest Hemingway, Charlie and Oona Chaplin, to name a few. Lunch will be served in the delightful Market Square, before we board a Lake Steamer for a ride to the famous and chilling Chateau de Chillon. (L)

Thursday 8th September

SION

After a free morning, we meet in the early afternoon for another interesting train journey to SION below its towering peaks, with glimpses of Mediaeval castles.

Dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant prior to transfer to our first SION FESTIVAL concert. (D)

Friday 9th September

SION

Today will be a leisurely day exploring the environs of Sion.

Dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant prior to transfer to our second SION FESTIVAL concert. (D)

Saturday 10th September

LUCERNE

We will be drive through Swiss hills and farming vistas to our beautiful lake-side HOTEL HERMITAGE. You will have time to relax before dinner in our hotel. (D)

Sunday 11th September

LUCERNE

This morning we will enjoy a guided walking tour focusing on the many sights of this delightful Swiss city. We will also visit the lovely "Tribtschen", the home of Richard and Cosima Wagner for several years, now a museum. It is also where he worked on Die Meistersinger and Parsival.

This evening we will dine early at our hotel, before our first LUCERNE FESTIVAL concert. (D)

Sunday 12th September

LUCERNE

Today is your own for independent exploration in Lucerne. Or take an optional spectacular journey by river steamer and funicular railway to beautiful Bergenstock with its many walking tracks, for lunch. (Not included in Tour Cost.)

Evening LUCERNE FESTIVAL performance.

Monday 13th September

LUCERNE

There will be free morning before our lunchtime LUCERNE FESTIVAL performance.

This evening we will review our experiences during our Farewell Dinner. (D)

Tuesday 14th September

LUCERNE

Our wonderful tour concludes after breakfast with your transfer to Lucerne Rail Station for a short journey to ZURICH, from where there is the choice of many flights and trains to most major European cities.

Visit our website, www.linguamusicatours.com for a full Brochure, including performance details.

BOOKING DETAILS:

Standard Tour: \$AUD 8,690 per person twin -share

Single Supplement: \$AUD 950 per person

DEPOSIT: \$AUD 500 due 30TH APRIL 2011 with completed Booking Form, available from Lingua Musica. (Your deposit is used to secure Festival Performance Tickets.)

FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT: 30TH JUNE 2011

Cheques payable to LINGUA MUSICA.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- 14 nights' accommodation in centrally located 4* hotels
- 10 Festival Performances
- In-depth lectures, plus a comprehensive Tour Handbook containing information on orchestras, soloists and conductors, and detailed programme notes for all major performances.
- Comprehensive sight-seeing and full day excursions, with local English-speaking guides
- All breakfasts, plus meals as indicated in the Itinerary
- All admissions' tickets when on guided tours
- Services of the Tour Director or Manager
- Travel by fast rail and private, air-conditioned coach
- Hotel Porterage - one bag per person, where available
- All tips and taxes

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

International flights and airport transfers to and from your hotel at the commencement and conclusion of the Tour are NOT included in this tour. Please contact us if you would like assistance.

YOUR HOTELS:

Hotel Angleterre, Geneva
Hotel Bernerhof, Gstaad
Hotel Eden Palace au Lac, Montreux
Hotel des Vignes, Sion
Hotel Hermitage, Lucerne

GETTING THERE:

Geneva is easily accessible by TGV from Paris. Your Tour Price includes transfer to Lucerne Rail Station plus a train ticket to ZURICH, from where is the choice of many flights and trains to most major European cities.