

WAGNER'S RING CYCLE BERLIN – 2024

Berlin – 10 days

Departure: March 16, 2024

Return: March 25, 2024

Presenting the Grand Wagnerian Spectacle - Berlin's Epic "Ring Tetralogie"

*Prepare to embark on a mesmerizing journey into the heart of German opera as the extensively renovated Staatsoper Unter den Linden in Berlin proudly presents Richard Wagner's monumental "Ring Tetralogie." This awe-inspiring opera event promises to immerse you in the grandeur and drama of Wagner's magnum opus like never before. Under the masterful baton of conductor **Philippe Jordan**, the Bühnenfestspiel orchestra will bring Wagner's legendary music to life, creating an experience that will resonate deep within your soul.*

*As the curtains rise, you'll find yourself amid a Wagnerian world where gods, heroes, and mythical creatures collide. **Tomasz Konieczny**, a virtuoso in his craft, takes on the role of Wotan, while the captivating **Anja Kampe** embodies the fierce and iconic Brünnhilde. **Andreas Schager's** powerful voice brings Siegfried to life, and **René Pape's** commanding presence portrays Hunding. Adding a touch of intrigue, **Rolando Villazón** masterfully weaves the cunning character of Loge.*

*But the opulent offerings don't end there. The experience continues with Mozart's enchanting "The Magic Flute," conducted by the skilled **Giulio Cilona**. **Ante Jerkunica** brings the noble Sarastro to life, while **Matthew Newlin's** vocals grace the role of Tamino. **Markus Brück's** resonant voice portrays the Speaker, while the dynamic duo of **Kyle Miller** and **Jörg Schörner** take on the parts of the Priests. **Hye Young Moon** enchants as the **Queen of the Night**, and **Lilith Davtyan's** poignant performance captivates as Pamina. The charming **Meechot Marrero** embodies Papagena, and **Phillipp Jekal** adds a playful twist to Papageno.*

*A crescendo of emotions awaits you with "The Queen of Spades" under the skilled guidance of conductor **Sebastian Weigle**. **Sondra Radvanovsky's** spellbinding portrayal of Lisa tugs at the heartstrings, while **Martin Muehle** takes on the complex character of Hermann. **Hannah Schwarz's** elegance shines through as the Countess, and **Lucio Gallo** adds depth as Count Tomsky. **Dean Murphy's** rich voice embodies Prince Jeletzki, completing this captivating cast.*



*To top your experience, indulge in eight luxurious nights at the esteemed 5-star **Hotel Regent Berlin** a home away home for **HAT Tours** guests in Berlin for **last 10 years**. This haven of comfort has been a cherished home away from home for HAT Tours guests in Berlin for the past decade. The hotel is situated just a block from the Unter den Linden Opera House and offers a perfect blend of elegance and convenience. To satiate your culinary desires, savor gourmet dinners at Berlin's finest restaurants. Be prepared to be swept away by the grandeur, emotion, and artistry that awaits you in Berlin's epic "Ring Tetralogie."*

Opera Performances

In Berlin:

March 18 - **Das Rheingold** by Richard Wagner at Staatsoper Unter den Linden

March 19 - **Die Walküre** by Ricahrd Wagner at Staatsoper Unter den Linden

March 21 - **Siegfried** by Richard Wagner at Staatsoper Unter den Linden

March 22 - **The Magic Flute** by Mozart at the Deutsche Oper

March 23 - **The Queen of Spades** by Tchaikovsky at the Deutsche Oper

March 24 - **Götterdämmerung** by Richard Wagner at Staatsoper Unter den Linden

Ring Cycle's CAST:

HUNDING - René Pape

BRÜNNHILDE - Anja Kampe

SIEGFRIED - Andreas Schager

WOTAN - Tomasz Konieczny

LOGE - Rolando Villazón

FRICKA - Claudia Mahnke

ERDA - Anna Kissjudit

ALBERICH - Johannes Martin Kränzle

MIME - Stephan Rügamer

THE WANDERER - Tomasz Konieczny

HAGEN - Stephen Milling



Saturday, March 16. (D,B). DEPART FOR BERLIN

Depart this evening aboard any airline of your choice for Berlin, Germany arriving the next morning. Dinner and light breakfast served on the plane.

Sunday, March 17. (B,D). BERLIN

Upon arrival at Berlin International airport take a taxi to the super deluxe **HOTEL REGENT BERLIN** where you will stay 8 nights. Briefing, cocktails and Gala Welcome dinner at the hotel.

Monday, March 18. (B). BERLIN

Morning sightseeing tour by bus to include Alexanderplatz, the Town Hall, the Palace of the Republic and the Humboldt University. We drive through the Brandenburg Gate for a tour of former West Berlin to see Potsdamer Platz, the newly restored parliament, the Reichstag, the Berlin Philharmonic Hall, Charlottenburg Palace, the shop-lined Kurfürstendamm and Emperor William Memorial Church. This evening we will see the opera **DAS RHEINGOLD** at Staatsoper Unter den Linden.

Berlin became the capital of a newly founded Germany in 1871 and expanded rapidly during the Industrial Revolution. It lost its position as a capital to Weimar at the end of the First World war in 1918 until it was moved back by the Nazi party and Hitler in 1933. Then again, in 1945, at the Potsdam meeting it was divided into two cities, the East, under the control of communists and the West, a de facto West German enclave surrounded by the Berlin Wall. Following German unification in 1990, Berlin once again become the capital of the whole of Germany.

Tuesday, March 19. (B, D). BERLIN

Morning is free to take a cruise on River Spree or a short walk to see the memorial to the Jews who lost their lives during the second world war. This afternoon we will see the opera **DIE WALKÜRE** at the Staatsoper Unter den Linden. Dinner and drinks are included at the opera house.

Wednesday, March 20. (B,L). POTSDAM – BERLIN

Today, we will take an excursion to Potsdam to visit Cecilienhof Palace, where President Harry Truman, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin of Soviet Union met in July 1945 to decide on the future of Germany and postwar Europe. We will also see Frederick the Great's Rococo complex of gardens. Lunch in the charming city of Potsdam. Afternoon return to Berlin.



Thursday, March 21. (B,D). BERLIN

In the morning we will take you on a guided tour to the so called “Museum Island” where the Old National Gallery, the Bode Museum, The Egyptian Museum or the Pergamum Museum are located. This evening we will see the opera **SIEGFRIED** at the Staatsoper Unter den Linden. Dinner and drinks are included at the opera house

Friday, March 22. (B,L). BERLIN

Morning visit of the Reichstag, the German Parliament, reopened in 1999 having gone through a reconstruction, led by architect Norman Foster. Lunch will be served at the famous Käfer restaurant while enjoying a beautiful view of the city. This evening we will see the opera **THE MAGIC FLUTE by Mozart** at the Deutsche Oper.

Saturday, March 23. (B). BERLIN

As it is impossible to visit all the museums on the Museum Island in one day you are free to return. You will be given a 3-Day Museum Pass - which will give you free entrance to 56 museums in Berlin. We will be providing you with a list of all the museums where the 3-Day Museum Pass can be used. This evening we will see the opera **THE QUEEN OF SPADES** by **Tchaikovsky** at the Deutsche Oper.

Sunday, March 24. (B,D). BERLIN

Today we discover the off-beaten track of Jewish life in Berlin and it’s neighborhood. We will visit by bus The Jewish quarter. The Jewish people have lived everywhere in Berlin, and Jewish life outside city centre was fascinating. We will go to places like Pankow, Weissensee and Prenzlauer Berg. We will also see the only synagogue that opened in former Communist East Berlin, as well as Europe’s largest Jewish cemetery. Starting mid-afternoon we will see the opera **GÖTTERDAMMERUNG** at the Staatsoper Unter den Linden. Dinner and drinks are included at the opera house.

Monday, March 25 (B). BERLIN – BACK HOME

We will assist you in arranging transfer from the hotel to the airport in Berlin for departure aboard your flight back home arriving the same afternoon. Auf wiedersehn. See you on another HAT TOUR.

* B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner (including wine)



LAND COST:

DOUBLE: \$11,900 PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,350 PER PERSON

DEPOSIT: \$2,500 PER PERSON

BALANCE DUE: DECEMBER 16, 2023

TOUR INCLUDES

- 1st Category Orchestra Level seats in theaters
- Six operas
- 8 nights at the Super Deluxe centrally located 5-star hotel Regent
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Four dinner with wine in a gourmet restaurant, and 2 lunches with drinks
- Welcome reception with cocktails
- Private sightseeing
- Excurion to Potsdam
- Experienced English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees to museums
- Transportation to and from the opera house
- Guide, driver and bellboys gratuities
- Complete package with details of all operas listed

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