# **MUNICH OPERA FESTIVAL – 2025**

# Munich and visit the Royal Palace of Linderhof – 12 days.

Departure: June 29, 2025

Return: July 10, 2025

Experience an unforgettable blend of music, culture, and emotion at the Munich Opera Festival 2025. Immerse yourself in a world where extraordinary performances meet rich traditions and history. For decades, HAT Tours has brought opera enthusiasts to this remarkable festival, and we invite you to join us for an extraordinary experience in Munich.

# LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT – A Joyful Comedy - July 1

**Donizetti's** La Fille du Régiment opens the festival with a lighthearted tale of love and duty. This charming opera, conducted by **Stefano Montanari**, features **Susan Graham** as the Marquise and **Lawrence Brownlee** as Tonio, bringing humor and heart to the stage.

### LE NOZZE DI FIGARO – Love and Intrigue - July 3

Mozart's Le Nozze di Figaro is a classic tale of love, jealousy, and mischief. Under the baton of Susanna Mälkki, enjoy Maria Bengtsson as the Countess and Philippe Sly as Figaro in this delightful production full of wit and charm.

### DON GIOVANNI – A Dark Drama - July 4

Experience the intense drama of **Mozart's** Don Giovanni, conducted by **Vladimir Jurowski. Konstantin Krimmel** stars as the notorious Don Giovanni, with a powerful cast bringing this legendary story of seduction and retribution to life.

### COSÌ FAN TUTTE – A Playful Exploration - July 5

Mozart's Così Fan Tutte is a playful look at love and fidelity. Christopher Moulds conducts a lively production featuring Olga Kulchynska as Fiordiligi and Avery Amereau as Dorabella in a fun and thought-provoking performance.

KATA KABANOVA – A Tragic Story - July 7



Janáček's Kata Kabanova tells a heartbreaking tale of love and oppression. Conducted by Mirga Gražinytė-Tyla, this powerful production features Corinne Winters as Káťa, exploring the emotional depth of this tragic opera.

### CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA & PAGLIACCI - Passion and Revenge - July 9

The festival closes with a double bill of Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci. Conducted by **Andrea Battistoni**, this dramatic pairing of operas showcases raw emotions, featuring **Ekaterina Semenchuk** and **Jonas Kaufmann** in leading role in Pagliacci.

### Your Journey Beyond the Stage

As you immerse yourself in the opulent world of the Munich Opera Festival, remember that your Journey extends beyond the stage. Embrace Munich's rich history and vibrant culture, a city where tradition and modernity entwine harmoniously. Wander through charming streets, explore local treasures, and create a narrative that intertwines with the melodies of the operatic masterpieces you'll experience. Your voyage through Munich becomes a symphony of exploration where tradition, art, and history harmoniously converge.

#### Indulgence in Luxury

As you embark on this operatic odyssey, your accommodations match the grandeur of the performances. Experience the ultimate comfort and sophistication at the newly renovated 5-star **Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Kempinski**, located only a block from the Bavarian State Opera. Enjoy eight nights of pure indulgence and treat yourself to delectable meals at the finest gourmet restaurants in Munich.

# Join Us for an Unforgettable Journey

The Munich Opera Festival 2025 is not just an event; it's an experience that will resonate with you long after the final curtain falls. Secure your place at this magnificent celebration of art, and prepare to be enthralled by opera's passion, drama, and beauty at its finest.

# **Opera performances**:

July 1 - La fille du régiment by Donizetti

July 3 - Le Nozze di Figaro by Mozart

July 4 - Don Giovanni by Mozart



July 5 - Cosi Fan Tutte by Mozart

July 7 - Kata Kabanova by Janacek

July 9 - Cavalleria Rusticana by Pietro Mascagni and Pagliacci by Leoncavallo

#### Sunday, June 29. (D)\* DEPART FOR MUNICH

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

#### Monday, June 30. (B,D). MUNICH

Upon arrival at Munich International Airport take a taxi to the super deluxe centrally located **VIER JAHRESZEITEN KEMPINSKI HOTEL**, where you stay 10 nights in Premium Rooms. This evening, we will have our Gala Welcome dinner at the hotel's gourmet restaurant.

Munich has more to offer than the BMW car factory and the 110 million gallons of beer brewed annually. For a city of its size, it has one of the finest collections of art within one museum, the Alte, and the Neue Pinakothek, and the Deutsches Museum started in 1903, to show one of the most important collections of scientific and technical matters in the world. Munich's cultural wealth, its atmosphere – a blend of gayety, tolerance, and respect for traditions have combined to make it one of the most appreciated German cities.

# Tuesday, July 1. (B). MUNICH

Morning sightseeing of this third largest city in Germany begins with a drive around the city to see the Olympic Park, the site of the 1972 Summer Olympics, the BMW headquarters, Nymphenburg Palace, and the 2 square miles of the English gardens with several beer gardens. This evening, we will see the opera **La fille du régiment** by **Donizetti** at the Bayerische Staatsoper.

### Wednesday, July 2. (B,D). MUNICH

This morning, we will take a walking tour of the Old City, founded by the monks of the Benedictine Order. We visit Marienplatz, the city hall with its famous Clock Tower, the churches of Our Lady, Holy Spirit, and Saint Peters, and to see Richard Strauss Fountain with bas reliefs showing scenes from his opera Salome. This evening, we have dinner at a gourmet restaurant.



#### Thursday, July 3. (B). MUNICH

Today is free to visit any of the most important museum of your choice. Munich has 80 museums to offer of which 21 are world renowned. We can provide a suggested list. This evening, we will see the opera **Le Nozze di Figaro** by **Mozart** at the Bayerische Staatsoper.

#### Friday, July 4. (B,L). MUNICH

This morning, we will visit Alte Pinakothek to see the notable art pieces from the 19th century. The Neue Pinakothek is undergoing renovations so that you can see its highlighted artworks at the Alte Pinakothek. Light lunch is included in the famous **Café Klenze** or **Luitpold**. This evening, we will see the opera **Don Giovanni** by **Mozart** at the Bayerische Staatsoper.

#### Saturday, July 5. (B,D). MUNICH

Today, you will visit the Bavarian Opera House - Bayerische Staatsoper, for an exclusive private tour. Located in the popular Maximilianstrasse, just steps from the Old Town, the so-called National Theater building is home to the Opera, the Bavarian State Orchestra, and the Bavarian State Ballet, and it is the largest opera house in Germany. In 1810, King Maximilian I commissioned the construction of this building which underwent bombing during WWII but was reconstructed in 1963. This prestigious venue saw the premieres of compositions by renowned composers such as Richard Wagner, Richard Strauss, and Mozart. Join rehearsals to explore the world's third largest stage and backstage area. Get invited to the King's Box, which hosted 200+ private performances for King Ludwig II. This evening, we will see the opera **Cosi Fan Tutte** by **Mozart** at the Bayerische Staatsoper.

# Sunday, July 6. (B). MUNICH

This morning, we will walk to the stunning and largest palace in Germany, the RESIDENZ PALACE, for a tour to see displays from former collections. We will also visit the small, beautiful rococo Cuvillies -Theater.

# Monday, July 7. (B,L) MUNICH

Today, we drive south of Munich to see the amazing Royal Palace of Linderhof. In 1868, King Ludwig II of Bavaria acquired the Linderhof for his Royal Palace modeled on Versailles. Richard Wagner's great opera cycles might not exist were it not for the support of his patron



Ludwig II. His enormous fairy-tale castles, which virtually bankrupted the country, were the grand sets, where no expense was spared for the staging of Wagner's operas. Often performed with Ludwig as the sole member of the audience, and in return Wagner gave him his genius and his love. Lunch is included. This evening, we will see the opera **Kata Kabanova** by **Janacek** at the Bayerische Staatsoper.

## Tuesday, July 8. (B,D). MUNICH

Today is free to visit any of the most important museum of your choice. Gala Farewell Dinner tonight at a Micheline star Les Deux.

### Wednesday, July 9. (B,L). MUNICH

Today morning is free. We will meet for lunch early afternoon at the Brenner restaurant. This evening, we will see the opera **Cavalleria Rusticana** by **Pietro Mascagni** and **Pagliacci** by Leoncavallo at the Bayerische Staatsoper.

### Thursday, July 10. (B). MUNICH

Depart from the hotel to the airport, for your flight back home, arriving the same afternoon. Auf Wiedersehn. See you again on another HAT TOUR.

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



#### LAND COST

DOUBLE: \$12,990 PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,950 PER PERSON

DEPOSIT: \$2,500 PER PERSON

BALANCE DUE: MARCH 29, 2025

#### **TOUR INCLUDES**

• 1st Category Orchestra Level seats in The Bavarian State Opera

- 10 nights in Premium rooms at the Deluxe Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Kempinski Hotel
- Buffet breakfast daily, 3 dinners with wine in gourmet restaurants and 3 lunches
- Seven operas
- Welcome reception with drinks
- Guided tours as listed in the itinerary by our special, state authorized Munich guide
- Excursion to the beautiful Royal Palace of Linderhof
- Guide, driver, and bellboy's gratuities
- Complete package with details of operas listed

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