

MUNICH OPERA FESTIVAL – 2026

Munich and visit the Royal Palace of Linderhof – 12 days

Departure: July 3, 2026

Return: July 14, 2026

Experience an Unforgettable Fusion of Music, Culture, and Elegance at the Munich Opera Festival 2026

Step into the world of grand artistry as the Munich Opera Festival 2026 presents a dazzling lineup of performances. For decades, HAT Tours has brought opera lovers to this celebrated festival, offering not only extraordinary productions but also an immersion into Munich's rich history and refined charm. Join us for a journey where music, culture, and sophistication meet in perfect harmony.

MACBETH – Verdi's Dark Masterpiece

*Verdi's Macbeth plunges into a world of ambition, fate, and the supernatural. **Gerald Finley** commands the stage as Macbeth, alongside **Asmik Grigorian's** riveting Lady Macbeth. **Roberto Tagliavini's** noble Banquo and **SeokJong Baek's** impassioned Macduff bring dramatic depth to this intense production. Expect a thrilling blend of psychological intrigue and Verdi's powerful score.*

TURANDOT – A Tale of Enigma and Passion

*Puccini's final opera comes alive under the legendary baton of **Zubin Mehta**. **Sondra Radvanovsky's** imperious Turandot meets her match in **Yonghoon Lee's** heroic Calaf, with **Golda Schultz** as the tender Liù. Featuring **Kevin Connors** as the Emperor Altoum and **Christian Van Horn** as the dignified Timur, this production balances grandeur, spectacle, and deeply human emotion.*

LE CENERENTOLA – Rossini's Sparkling Cinderella Story

*Rossini's La Cenerentola offers wit, warmth, and dazzling vocal fireworks. Conducted by **Antonino Fogliani**, the cast includes **Isabel Leonard** as the kind-hearted Angelina, **René Barbera** as the charming Don Ramiro, and **Erwin Schrott** as the wise Alidoro. A lively and heartwarming interpretation of the Cinderella fairy tale, it delights with both humor and elegance.*



FIDELIO – Beethoven’s Triumph of Freedom

Beethoven’s only opera, Fidelio, celebrates love’s power to overcome tyranny. Under Yoel Gamzou’s direction, Camilla Nylund shines as the courageous Leonore, with Matthew Polenzani as the imprisoned Florestan. Tomasz Konieczny’s menacing Pizarro and René Pape’s compassionate Rocco anchor this moving story of justice, heroism, and hope.

KAUFMANN LIEDERABEND – An Evening of Song

World-renowned tenor Jonas Kaufmann returns to the Munich stage for an intimate Liederabend. In this recital setting, Kaufmann’s artistry takes center stage, offering an evening of nuance, passion, and rare connection between singer and audience.

Your Journey Beyond the Stage

The Munich Opera Festival is more than performances — it’s a celebration of history, beauty, and culture. Between evenings at the opera, wander Munich’s stately boulevards, explore its museums, and enjoy the warmth of Bavarian hospitality. From historic beer gardens to plethora of museums and galleries, the city offers endless delights to complement your musical adventures.

Indulgence in Luxury

Your stay at the elegant Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Kempinski, just steps from the Bavarian State Opera, ensures unmatched comfort and style. Enjoy beautifully appointed rooms, refined service, and a prime location for exploring Munich. Savor gourmet dining, from our Gala Welcome Dinner to the Gala Farewell Dinner, each designed to be as memorable as the performances themselves.

Join Us for an Unforgettable Journey

The Munich Opera Festival 2026 promises moments that will stay with you long after the final ovation. Secure your place now for a week of world-class performances, cultural discovery, and the joy of traveling with fellow opera lovers.



Opera performances:

July 5 – **Macbeth** by **Verdi**

July 6 – **Turandot** by **Puccini**

July 9 – **Le Cenerentola** by **Rossini**

July 12 – **Fidelio** by **Beethoven**

July 13 – **Kaufmann Liederabend**

Friday, July 3. (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.

Saturday, July 4. (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 meet for our briefing and cocktails, followed by the Gala Welcome dinner at a 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.

Sunday, July 5. (B). MUNICH

Morning sightseeing by bus 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 **Macbeth** by **Verdi** at the Bayerische Staatsoper.

Monday, July 6. (B). 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 will see the opera **Turandot** by **Puccini** at the Bayerische Staatsoper.

Tuesday, July 7. (B,D). 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 have dinner at a local gourmet restaurant.

Wednesday, July 8. (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 is at your leisure.

Thursday, July 9. (B). 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 **Le Cenerentola** by **Rossini** at the Bayerische Staatsoper.

Friday, July 10. (B,L). MUNICH

Today, we drive south of Munich to see a UNESCO Heritage Site, the 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.



Saturday, July 11. (B,D) 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. This evening, we will have our Gala Farewell Dinner at a Michelin star Les Deux.

Sunday, July 12. (B). MUNICH

Today is free to visit any of the most important museum of your choice. This evening, we will see the opera **Fidelio** by **Beethoven** at the Bayerische Staatsoper.

Monday, July 13. (B). MUNICH

Today is at your leisure. This evening, we will see the **Jonas Kaufmann Liederabend** at the Bayerische Staatsoper.

Tuesday, July 14. (B). MUNICH – BACK HOME

The Concierge will assist you in organizing your transport to the Munich International Airport, for your departure 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: \$14,550 PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$2,490 PER PERSON

DEPOSIT: \$3,000 PER PERSON

BALANCE DUE: APRIL 4, 2026

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 2 lunches
- Four operas and a Liederabend
- Welcome reception with drinks
- Guided tours as listed in the itinerary by our special, state authorized Munich guide
- Excursion to the UNESCO Site, Royal Palace of Linderhof
- Guide, driver, and bellboy's gratuities
- Complete package with details of operas listed

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