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2019 Music Tours

A delightful collection of music tours with expert speakers

The Cultural Travel Company's 2019 programme includes music tours to **Mozart's Salzburg Festival, Leeds Opera North, The Ring in Budapest** and **Wagner's Ring Cycle in Leipzig**.

These short tours include tickets to some of Europe's best music festivals, with talks on the music by musicologists and broadcasters like Professor John Irving, the BBC's Stephen Johnson, Simon Rees and Dr John Allison, editor of *Opera* magazine. One dinner and an itinerary of visits is also included, but there is also plenty of free time for independent exploration.

[Celebrating Mozart – the Mozart Week Festival in Salzburg](#)

Renowned performer and lecturer Professor John Irving leads this 5-day tour to Salzburg. With five concerts, including Sir András Schiff performing with the Capella Andrea Barca and mezzo-soprano Cecilia Bartoli, there are also guided walks around Salzburg and talks at the Mozarteum.

From £1,825 (pp, two sharing) includes six music tickets, accommodation, breakfasts & 1 dinner, admissions, private coach and the lecturer's talks. Departs 24 January 2019.

[Opera in Leeds – Opera North's Winter Repertoire](#)

Experience Opera North in its 40th anniversary year, with a programme of operas from Janáček's tragic *Káťa Kabanová* to Mozart's *Magic Flute* and a double-bill finale of the scandalous *Rite of Spring* followed by Puccini's tale of greed and inheritance, *Gianni Schicchi*. There are talks on the music by Dr John Allison, editor and music critic, and the chance to explore the city centre's architectural heritage.

From £1,175 (pp, two sharing) includes 3 opera tickets, accommodation, 1 dinner, admissions and the lecturer's talks. Departs 21 February 2019.

[Wagner's Ring in Leipzig – A masterpiece in the city of his birth](#)

BBC radio broadcaster and music journalist Stephen Johnson accompanies this tour to Wagner's birthplace, giving talks on the music and this 2019 production of the Ring Cycle. With an overnight stay in Bayreuth and the chance to visit the composer's former home, there are also guided tours of Leipzig's principle museums.

From £1,950 (pp, two sharing) includes category two opera tickets, accommodation, breakfasts and 1 dinner, private coach, admissions & the lecturer's talks. Departs 30 April 2019.

[The Ring in Budapest – Wagner on the banks of the Danube](#)

This acclaimed production of Wagner's Ring cycle returns to the Hungarian capital in 2019, with Ádám Fischer the inspirational artistic leader and conductor. In between the concerts there is time to visit Budapest's key sights, and a private concert at the Liszt Academy. Musicologist and dramaturg Simon Rees gives lectures on the Ring Cycle and its history.

£1,225 (pp, two sharing) includes 3 hotel accommodation, 1 dinner with wine, opera tickets for 4 performances, private coach travel and the lecturer's talks. Departs 12 June 2019.*

For further information and to book, please call **020 3370 1988** or visit **www.culturaltravel.co.uk**

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Notes to editors:

The Cultural Travel Company offers exceptional cultural travel experiences at affordable prices. Accompanied by first-rate speakers, we explore many of the cultural highlights of Europe and the UK. Art, architecture, archaeology, history and music are all on the menu, and on each carefully-paced itinerary there's a mix of guided tours, lively lectures, group dinners and free time.

We set up The Cultural Travel Company to deliver inspiring trips, art journeys, and historical learning at reasonable prices. We have achieved fantastic value for money by focusing on the core ingredients, using sensible hotels, cutting the frills and allowing greater freedom than is usual on this sort of trip.

The Cultural Travel Company is a division of Martin Randall Travel, Britain's largest and most innovative specialist in cultural tours. For nearly 30 years Martin Randall Travel have offered immaculately-planned tours across the globe. We draw on the same experience and expertise and share their unrivalled pool of speakers.