



U3A NATIONAL MUSIC APPRECIATION NETWORK



U3A GOES TO MUSIKTAGE MONDSEE

Details are now available for the U3A Music Network visit to the Mondsee Musiktage in summer 2008, departing London on Saturday 30 August and returning on Saturday 6 September.

Mondsee is in the beautiful Salzkammergut area of Austria, some 25 km from Salzburg. The Musiktage Festival is now in its 11th year. Started under the guidance of Andreas Schiff, the Festival is now led by celebrated cellist Heinrich Schiff, and features chamber music performed in the concert hall attached to the Schloss.

Our programme (and price) includes:

- Scheduled British Airways flights from Heathrow to Munich, with coach transfers to and from Mondsee
- 7 nights bed and (excellent!) buffet breakfast at the four-star Hotel Leutnerbräu, in the centre of Mondsee and 5 minutes from the concert hall
- Good tickets for five concerts
- Two conducted excursions, with an English-speaking guide, to sights of interest in the Salzkammergut (to include the Mozart family house in St Gilgen, Mahler's summer house in Steinbach, the famous salt mines of Hallstatt and other attractions). These outings will include lunch.
- A conducted tour of Mondsee, with an English-speaking guide
- A guided tour around Salzburg
- Boat trips on the Mondsee and the beautiful Traunsee

There will be other opportunities to visit Salzburg (45 minutes away by bus), and ample leisure time to explore the beautiful surroundings in this Austrian lake district.

The programme for the week is:

Saturday 30 August: Fly to Munich from London Heathrow (Terminal 5) by British Airways flight BA954 departing 1355, arrival Munich at 1650. Coach to Mondsee, evening "getting to know you" dinner (not included in price):

Sunday 31 August: Conducted tour of Mondsee and its museums; afternoon at leisure, and evening concert:

Monday 1 September: Conducted excursion to Attersee, Steinbach (Mahler's summer house), Neukirchen nature park, Altmünster, Gmunden (lunch), boat trip on Traunsee, return late afternoon for relaxation before the evening concert:

Tuesday 2 September: A day in Salzburg by coach, returning by bus in time for the evening concert:

Wednesday 3 September: At leisure. Evening concert:

Thursday 4 September: Full day excursion to St Gilgen (Mozart family house), St Wolfgang (White Horse Inn), Bad Ischl (former villa of Emperor Franz Joseph I) and Hallstatt (Salt mines

via cable car). Lunch at Hallstatt. Return to Mondsee for possible group gourmet supper at Seehotel Lackner (price not included):

Friday 5 September: Relaxation and maybe shopping, possible additional trip to Salzburg by public bus (€10.40 round trip). Evening concert:

Saturday 6 September: Depart hotel for Munich, for the BA flight back to London (leaves Munich 1300, arrives London Heathrow (Terminal 5) 1400.

The chamber concerts at the Festival include both classical and contemporary pieces, but with particular emphasis on the works of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert. Expect to be challenged as well as entertained! Full details of programmes will be available in early March, and will be made available to all U3A members signing up for this holiday.

Please note that there may be some minor changes to this programme, depending on circumstances.

PRICE

The price per person will be £750, including all taxes and service charges. This represents a small increase on our original estimate, caused by the adverse movement of sterling against the euro. Single supplements are chargeable, and are shown below. The price does not include:

- evening meals and other meals. Lunches on Salzkammergut excursions are however included in the price. (Note that tables are reserved in nearby restaurants for light meals after concerts if you so wish)
- bus fares to and from Salzburg (appx return fare £8, bus journey 45 minutes)
- optional gratuities

The above price is based on double room occupancy. 2 small single rooms are available for a supplement of £40 per person, and some doubles are available for single occupancy for a supplement of £100 per person. These are subject to availability and will be on a first come first serve basis.

WHAT NEXT?

A deposit of 10% of the appropriate price is required **before the end of March**, the balance to follow before 25 June (to enable confirmation of air tickets).

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You will be responsible for ensuring that your passport and travel insurance details are up to date. This holiday is arranged independently, and is insured through the U3A group travel policy, although **personal travel insurance is strongly advised**.

Full details of check in arrangements and other details will be sent to participants well before departure. You will also be required to let me have passport details before confirmation of travel; this is a normal airline requirement.

