

European Route of Historic Theatres

Emperor Route

Tour proposals across Czech Republic and Austria



Tour A <i>Journey in km</i>	Four historic theatres of the nobility in and around Prague Important theatres were constructed in the "Golden City" in the 18th and 19th centuries. The nobility in the countryside wanted to be entertained too and built private theatres in its idyllic castles. These small palace theatres turn out to be beautiful like gems.
Day 01	<i>Arrival in Prague</i>
	UNESCO World Heritage Prague city centre
	Estates Theatre (1783) One of the oldest theatres in Europe, which is continuously be used since its opening in 1783.
	<i>Overnight stay in Prague</i>
Day 02 <i>80 km</i>	Palace Theatre Mnichovo Hradiště (1833) The neoclassical Palace Theatre, located in a Baroque castle built in 1703, is fully preserved in its style from 1833. The theatre presents a small exhibition of theatrical costumes and props.
<i>85 km</i>	Kačina near Svatý Mikuláš
	Palace Theatre Kačina (1851) This richly decorated theatre is located in one of the finest neo-classical building in the Czech Republic, the Kačina Castle.
<i>85 km</i>	Litomyšl with its historic streets
Day 03	UNESCO World Heritage Palace Theatre Litomyšl (1798) The theatre of the Renaissance castle is entirely preserved including stage machinery and lighting. It presents a unique collection of historic backdrops of the famous imperial court painter Josef Platzer.
<i>230 km</i>	<i>Journey to Český Krumlov</i>

Tour B <i>Journey in km</i>	Castles, citizens and amateur theatre Theatre buildings were built not only for professional acting. Often nobles and citizens themselves took the initiative and created venues for their own amateur dramatics in castles, palaces and even town halls.
Day 03 <i>(110 km)</i>	<i>Arrival in Český Krumlov</i> <i>If only Tour B: Arrival over Prague</i>
	Castle Theatre in Český Krumlov (1767) The majestic castle complex with its theatre is part of UNESCO World Heritage Český Krumlov. Stage machinery and lighting, stage sets, costumes, props and the theatre library are original 18th-century.
	UNESCO World Heritage Český Krumlov
Day 04 <i>60 km</i>	Palace Theatre Weitra (1885) A splendid Renaissance castle with an elegant theatre in Neo-Rococo style for amateur performances of the count's family.
<i>70 km</i>	Grein old town, picturesquely situated on the Danube
	Castle Greinburg Austria's oldest medieval residential castle, whose heart forms an idyllic Renaissance courtyard.
	Historic City Theatre Grein (1791) The oldest civic theater in Austria, from amateur actors built in a former granary.
<i>130 km</i>	<i>Journey to Vienna</i>

Tour C <i>Journey in km</i>	Historic theatre in Vienna and Graz Vienna is the city of music and theatre. But in Graz the famous architects of the Habsburg monarchy, Fellner and Helmer, established a glorious opera house too.
Day 05	<i>If only Tour C: Arrival in Vienna</i>
	UNESCO World Heritage Vienna old town The Vienna State Opera (1869) and the Burgtheater (1888) both were badly damaged in the second world war, but still show wonderfully crafted staircases and foyers. The Austrian Theatre Museum in Palais Lobkowitz, the first baroque city palace of Vienna, offers temporary exhibitions presenting various topics of theatre history.
	Theater an der Wien (1801) The legendary theatre of Imanuel Schikaneder, the librettist and first Papageno of the opera "The Magic Flute", is the site of important world premieres for 200 years.
	<i>Overnight stay in Vienna</i>
Day 06 <i>200 km</i>	UNESCO World Heritage Graz old town
	Playhouse Graz (from 1776) The Playhouse is one of the few theatres with an Italian style auditorium north of the Alps. Today it is a nearly 250-year-old architectural mosaic of three periods: 1776, 1825 and 1964.
	<i>Overnight stay in Graz</i>
Day 07 <i>5 km</i>	UNESCO World Heritage Eggenberg Castle (1666) Eggenberg castle is a unique work of art of the Baroque: It resembles a complex symbolic illustration of the entire universe. The castle park from 1802 appears in the spirit of the Romantic era, as "... a perfect, the diversity of nature replicating, landscape painting".
<i>5 km</i>	Opera House (1899), Graz The splendid neo-Baroque building is the second largest opera house in Austria and a prime example of the theatres of the famous architect duo of Habsburg monarchy, Fellner and Helmer.
<i>(200 km)</i>	<i>Departure from Graz or via Vienna</i>