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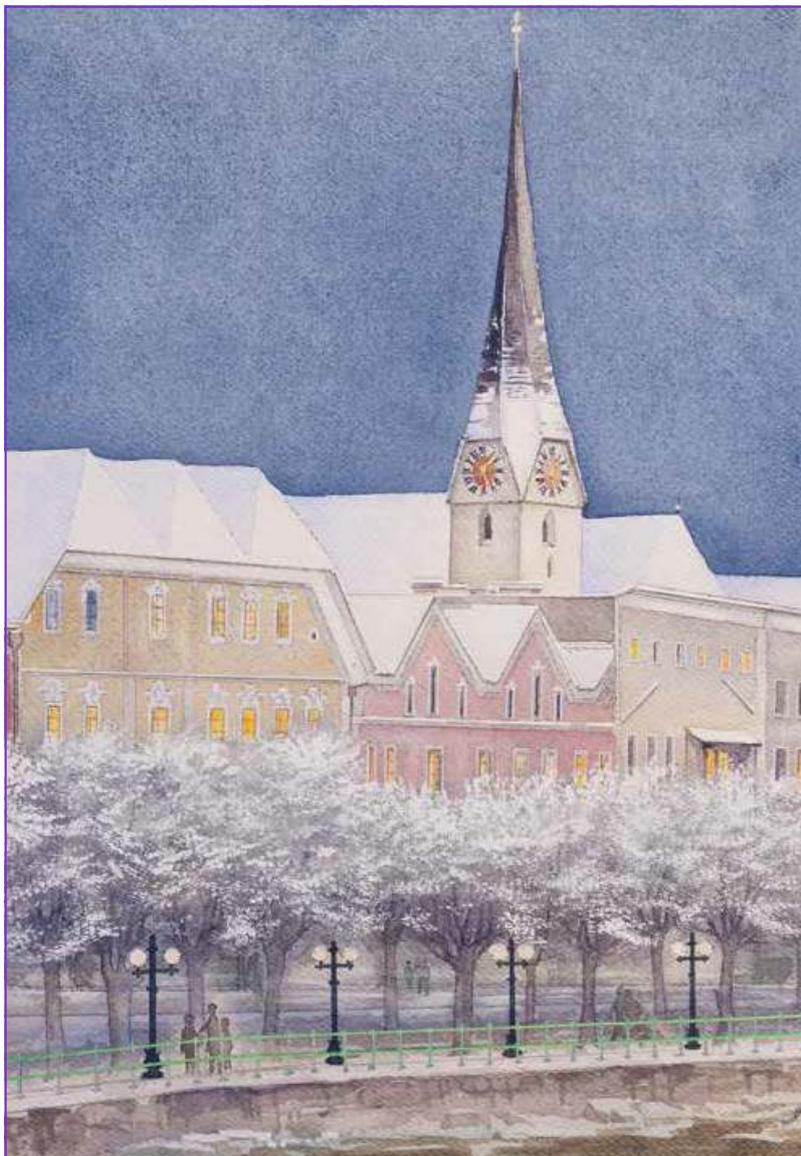
# Operetta Heaven Holidays

*Tailor-made Holidays for Music Lovers from C and H Travel Ltd*

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*Seasons Greetings for a  
Happy Christmas and a  
Peaceful and Healthy 2018  
From Carl and Helen*



**Picture: Beside the River Traun in Bad Ischl, Austria**

*Our 2018 Programme of  
Holidays for Music Lovers  
Features Opera, Operetta  
and Classical Concerts in  
beautiful places including:*

*Austria:*

*Baden (near Vienna)  
Bad Ischl  
Salzburg  
Vienna*

*Hungary:*

*Budapest*

*Germany:*

*Berlin  
Dresden*

*We can also organise  
tailor-made holidays in  
other countries such as  
France, Italy and the UK.  
Please read on for more  
information...*

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## Some Musical Highlights To Be Enjoyed in 2018

The map shows Austria and parts of Germany, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic. Callouts point to various locations with specific musical events:

- Opera, Operetta & Concerts in Berlin & Dresden All Year Round** (Germany)
- Opera, Operetta and Concerts in Vienna All Year Round** (Austria)
- La Traviata (Verdi) at Klosterneuberg, Near Vienna** (Austria)
- Baden Operetta Festival, Summer 2018**  
*The Merry Widow (Lehar) and The Beggar Student (Millocker)*  
*Bonnie and Clyde (Musical)* (Austria)
- Countess Maritza (Kalman) at the Morbisch Operetta Festival** (Austria)
- Opera, Operetta & Concerts in Budapest, All Year Round** (Hungary)
- The Lehar Festival, Bad Ischl, Summer 2018**  
*The Land of Smiles (Lehar)*  
*The Flower from Hawaii (Abraham)* (Austria)
- Carmen (Bizet) at the Bregenz Opera Festival Summer** (Austria)

Whether you love Grand Opera, Operetta or Classical Concerts there is a huge selection of wonderful music to be enjoyed in 2018.

Our programme features Summer Opera and Operetta Festivals in beautiful Austria as well as year round Opera, Operetta and Concert seasons in fabulous cities such as Vienna, Budapest, Berlin, Verona and many other European destinations.

All of our holidays can be tailored to your own preferences, which means that you can travel wherever and whenever you wish, stay as long as you like and make your own selection of performances and concerts that you wish to attend. We research and organise everything for you, with our usual exceptionally high levels of care and attention to detail, to ensure that everything runs smoothly and you have an unforgettable holiday experience filled with wonderful music.

Many of our holidays are designed for independent travellers, giving you complete flexibility and freedom. Others are escorted, meaning that we are personally on hand to welcome you and assist you as much or as little as you wish during your holiday. We welcome singles, couples and groups on all of our holidays. On the following pages you will find more information on some of the highlights, but there is much, much more that can be arranged for you. Just contact us for more information, **entirely without obligation on your part.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE FOR UK CITIZENS – there will be no changes to existing European travel, passport, or health arrangements in 2018.**



## The Lehar Festival in Bad Ischl

Bad Ischl was the home of the Composer Franz Lehar for many years. The Lehar Festival takes place every summer in one of the most beautiful towns in Austria. Bad Ischl is located one hour from Salzburg amid beautiful lakes and mountains.

For summer 2018, there will be a new fully staged production of one of Franz Lehar's most melodious and colourful Operettas *The Land of Smiles*. This bitter-sweet romantic Operetta dates from 1929. It was originally composed for the world renowned tenor Richard Tauber and contains a wealth of beautiful and lyrical melodies, including the famous *You Are My Heart's Delight*.

Over the past few years there has been a great revival of the works of the Hungarian composer Pal Abraham, including in Berlin, at Morbisch and in the USA. His music was banned by the Nazi's in the 1930's for being subversive (i.e. delightfully enjoyable!) and the gross neglect he has suffered has been proven to be entirely unjustified. The trend continues in Bad Ischl in 2018 with a new production of one of Abraham's most popular works *Die Blume Von Hawaii (The Flower from Hawaii)*. This is a must-see opportunity for all operetta lovers. Don't miss it! In addition there will be the usual programme of memorable concerts and events in Bad Ischl throughout the summer.

**The Lehár Festival runs from mid July to early September 2018.  
Escorted and non-escorted holidays are available.**



**The Lehar Festival Theatre, Bad Ischl, Austria**

## *Countess Maritza at Morbisch, Summer 2018*



The Operetta Festival at Morbisch celebrates 60 years in 2018. To mark the anniversary, one of the most popular and delightful operettas of them all has been chosen for this special celebration- *Countess Maritza* by Emmerich Kalman. The floating stage on the shore of Lake Neusiedl will provide the perfect backdrop, as the operetta is set on country estate in the Hungarian countryside. Kalman's music is a sheer delight, combining lilting, romantic Viennese waltzes with fast and furious Hungarian Czardas melodies played by gypsy violinists. This is perhaps our favourite operetta. Don't miss it. (Morbisch can be visited from Vienna or Baden).



## Operetta in Baden, Summer 2018

The annual Operetta Festival in the beautiful Spa Town of Baden bei Wien (near Vienna) attracts thousands of visitors every year. For summer 2018 there will be fully staged productions of Franz Lehar's most successful Operetta *The Merry Widow* along with *The Beggar Student* by Carl Millocker.

*The Merry Widow* needs little introduction as the world's most popular and successful operetta. Dating from 1905, the score sparkles with wonderful melodies throughout, including of course the *Merry Widow Waltz* and the hauntingly beautiful *Vilja*. Whether this your first time or your 100th hearing *The Merry Widow* never fails to work her magic for a truly uplifting experience.

*The Beggar Student* belongs firmly in the Golden Age of Operetta, dating from 1882. Carl Millocker was a successful composer, contemporary with Johann Strauss II. *The Beggar Student* was one of his most successful works, achieving around 5,000 performances. It has remained in the Austrian and German repertoire and has enjoyed recent revivals in the USA.

It is also possible to see a full scale production of Verdi's Opera *La Traviata* at Klosterneuberg Abbey (near Vienna) in July and early August.

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## Carmen at the Bregenz Opera Festival, Summer 2018



For a truly thrilling Operatic experience you should not miss a visit to the world renowned Bregenz Opera Festival. The stage is set on Lake Constanz (Bodensee). For summer 2018, the main production will be Bizet's ever popular opera *Carmen*. Repeated from 2017, this is a highly acclaimed, exciting and thrilling production which stays true to the original plot but introduces some interesting twists, making full dramatic use of the lake setting. The Festival also features a number of Orchestral concerts.

Anyone thinking of staying in Bregenz should book early as accommodation in the area is limited and fills up quickly during the Festival period.

**Please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested in visiting Bregenz.**

## Opera, Operetta, Ballet and Classical Concerts in Berlin



With three major Opera Houses and no less than eight professional Orchestras there is never any shortage of wonderful music to enjoy in Berlin all year round. The city boasts world class attractions and some of the best shopping in Europe. Berlin can be visited at any time of year.

### We are offering an Escorted Holiday to Berlin in March 2018\*

#### Programme Summary 27th March— 3rd April (Dates and length of stay can be flexible)

<b>Tuesday 27th March</b>	<b>ARRIVAL</b>	
<b>Wednesday 28th March</b>	<b>OPERA</b>	<i>Falstaff</i> (Verdi) at the Berlin State Opera
<b>Thursday 29th March</b>	<b>BALLET</b> <b>OPERA</b>	<i>Swan Lake</i> (Tchaikovsky) at the Deutsche Oper <i>Eugene Onegin</i> (Tchaikovsky) at the Komische Oper
<b>Friday 30th March</b>	<b>OPERETTA</b>	<i>The Pearls of Cleopatra</i> (Oscar Straus) at the Komische Oper
<b>Saturday 31st March</b>	<b>OPERETTA</b> <b>OPERA</b>	<i>Bluebeard</i> (Jacques Offenbach) at the Komische Oper <i>Cavalleria Rusticana</i> (Mascagni) and <i>Pagliacci</i> (Leoncavallo) at the Deutsche Oper
<b>Sunday 1st April</b>	<b>CONCERT</b>	Operatic Concert with items from <i>Carmen</i> , <i>William Tell</i> , <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> , <i>Orpheus in the Underworld</i> , <i>Paganini</i> (and more) at the Berlin Philharmonie. (Afternoon Concert)
	<b>CONCERT Evening</b>	Symphonic Concert with works by Mozart, Dvorak, Wagner at the Berlin Philharmonie. (Both concerts are possible if desired)
<b>Monday 2nd April</b>	<b>OPERA</b> <b>OPERA</b>	<i>Eugene Onegin</i> (Tchaikovsky) at the Komische Oper <i>Parsifal</i> (Wagner) at the Berlin State Opera
<b>Tuesday 3rd April</b>	<b>DEPARTURE</b>	

Airport transfers, accommodation (3, 4 or 5 Star), performance tickets and transport to all performance venues can be booked for you.

Please contact us as soon as possible for more information.

\*The Escorted Holiday option is dependent on a sufficient numbers of guests travelling, otherwise the holiday will be arranged independently on an individual basis.

## Opera, Operetta and Concerts in Vienna



A visit to Vienna is a memorable experience at any time of year. There is such a wide choice of music in Vienna throughout the year it is impossible to list everything here, but for lovers of Opera, Operetta, Ballet and Classical Music there is always a great deal to experience and enjoy.

The Vienna State Opera and the Vienna Volksoper have Opera, Operetta and Ballet performances taking place almost every day until the end of June and from the beginning of September. Classical concerts take place in beautiful and historic concert halls and palaces.

## Opera, Operetta, Ballet and Concerts in Budapest



The Hungarian capital, Budapest, is a delightful city to visit at any time of year. The Hungarian State Opera offers a full programme of Opera, Ballet and Concerts, while the nearby Budapest Operetta Theatre offers Operettas and Musicals. For something different, the Budapest Gypsy Orchestra (100+ Musicians) performs regular concerts of Hungarian and Romany music. A dinner cruise on the Danube is also recommended.

## Other Destinations

We can arrange short breaks or longer holidays to

- **Dresden** (for the Semper Oper and the newly opened Dresden Operetta Theatre)
- **Milan** (La Scala)
- **Verona** (Arena di Verone)
- **UK** (for Opera and Festivals, The International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival, Classical Concerts)

...and many other European destinations at any time of year on request. Please contact us with your wishes and we will do everything we can to fulfil them!

Please contact us for details of concerts and performances at any time of year. We can book your tickets, arrange your accommodation, book transfers, transport and excursions. All our holidays can be tailored to your own personal wishes. **All proposals and quotations are offered entirely without obligation on your part.**



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