

# *Wagner Days in Budapest 2019*

With a decade-long history, the Wagner in Budapest Opera Festival is a source of considerable pride: over the course of the past 10 years, the “**Danube’s Bayreuth**” has staged the complete Bayreuth Canon, i.e. all ten pieces performed on the Green Hill during the composer’s lifetime.

The staged performances feature the best Wagner singers year after year, presenting stars such as Waltraud Meier, Evelyn Herlitzius, Linda Watson, Annette Dasch, Christian Franz, Gerhard Siegel, Walter Fink, Iréne Theorin, Robert Dean Smith, Jay Hunter Morris, Elisabet Strid, James Rutherford, Bo Skovhus, Anja Kampe, Johan Botha or Matti Salminen. Following the artistic intentions of Wagner, each performance is a genuine Gesamtkunstwerk, offering the audience an all-round artistic experience, centred around the powerful music of the Maestro. The artistic director and conductor of the globally acclaimed event series is **Ádám Fischer**. The **Ring** will be performed twice during the **Wagner Days in 2019** as following:

13. and 20.June 2019, Thursday:

**The Rhine Gold**

14. and 21.June 2019, Friday:

**The Valkyrie**

15. and 22.June 2019, Saturday:

**Siegfried**

16. and 23.June 2019, Sunday:

**Twilight of the Gods**



We have put together the following **offer** for you to the **Ring** of the Nibelung:

**1.day**, Thursday, 13. or 20.June:

Arrival. During the **sightseeing tour in Budapest** we are going to visit the Heroe's Square, the Vajdahunyad Castle and the Széchenyi Bath. Our tour will take us to the beautiful Andrassy road, where we want to look at the memorial museum of **Ferenc Liszt**, whose last flat in Hungary was here, in the building of the former Academy of Music.

On the same tour we will visit the Saint Stephen's Cathedral, the largest church in Budapest and we can marvel at the wonderful view of Danube from the Gellért Hill.



We recommend you the **Hotel Novotel Centrum\*\*\*\***. This beautiful building in Art Nouveau style is situated in the centre of Budapest, on the Rákóczi street, near the Great Boulevard.

The Wagner Days are played in the **Palace of Arts**, in a new concert hall, on the riverbank.

The **Rhine Gold** will be performed on the first evening. It begins at 18.00.

Transfer from and to the hotel.

**2.day**, Friday, 14. or 21.June:

We would like to visit the **Castle District** with the famous neogothic Matthias Church and the Fishermen's Bastion.

Our tour will take us to the **National Gallery** as well, where you can see pictures by Hungarian painters.

The **Valkyrie** will be performed this evening. It begins at 16.00.

Transfer from and back to the Hotel Novotel Centrum\*\*\*\*.

**3.day**, Saturday, 15. or 22.June:

We will visit the **Memorial House of Béla Bartók**. It was the last home of the great Hungarian composer in Hungary.

Our tour will take us to Óbuda (Old Buda). Although this former nice town has hardly kept its old character, but it is worth visiting two museums here.

One of them is the exhibition by the world-famous painter of op-art, **Victor Vasarely**, who was born in Hungary.



The other one is the museum of **Imre Varga**. He is the most famous contemporary Hungarian sculptor. He has lots of works in all Europe. His life-work is a very interesting survey of our age from the 1960-s to the present. Both traditional statues and modern compositions are made by him.



**Siegfried** begins at 16.00 in the Palace of Arts.

Transfer from and to the Hotel Novotel Centrum\*\*\*\*.

**4.day**, Sunday, 16. or 23.June:

Half-day excursion to the **Royal Palace in Gödöllő** (30 km).

Our tour will take us to the largest Baroque palace in Hungary, that was used by the royal family between 1867 and 1918. After a hard period in the last 50 years the building has been beautifully renovated.



**Twilight of the Gods** begins at 16.00 in the Palace of Arts. Transfer from and to the Hotel Novotel Centrum\*\*\*\*.

**5.day**, Monday, 17. or 24. June:

Half-day excursion to **Szentendre** which is a town of artists with a picturesque Mediterranean atmosphere. During a walk we will visit an exhibition by the world-famous Hungarian ceramic artist, Margit Kovács. You can have a chance to go shopping in free time.

Transfer to the airport.



## PRICES:

### For 2 persons:

900 EUR/person in double room.

### For 4 persons:

800 EUR/person in double room.

### For 6-9 persons:

700 EUR/person in double room.

Extra charge for single room: 220 EUR.

### From 10 persons:

500 EUR/person in double room.

Extra charge for single room: 140 EUR.

This prices include:

-4 nights at Hotel Novotel Centrum\*\*\*\* with breakfast.

-Entrance fees into the mentioned museums.

-Diriver-guide or bus and guide for all the itineraries.

Tickets for all the 4 operas of the **Ring**:

1.category 250 EUR.

2.category 220 EUR.

3.category 170 EUR.

4.category 130 EUR.

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