

California Dreamin'

Wine and Music in Napa & San Francisco with WBJC!



Hudson Vineyards, Napa Valley
below: Esa-Pekka Salonen

Join WBJC and the inimitable Jonathan Palevsky this summer for an exceptional tour filled with great wine and superb music in San Francisco and California's Napa Valley sure to delight your senses!

Discover the history, dynamic culture and artistry of viticulture on excursions to several notable vineyards producing world-class wines. Raise a glass and enjoy carefully curated wine tastings along with a behind-the-scenes look at the vintner's craft and challenges facing the region today while settling into our home for three nights at the Napa River Inn. Enjoy stunning views across rolling hills, vineyards, and estates, and charming towns, as our private motorcoach plies the greater valley, and affords a broader view of this distinctive region. Our itinerary gives ample time to explore outstanding wineries including samples along the way of a wide range of sparkling wines, and the famed Cabernets, Chardonnays, Zinfandels, and Pinots this region is known for. We will be joined one evening by vintner Fritz Hatton, one of the foremost wine auctioneers in the world, and a classical pianist himself.

Napa, however, is so much more than wine. Our visit wouldn't be complete without a visit to Napa's popular Oxbow Public Market with its riverside deck and oyster bar. In addition, one of our vineyards will host a private chamber concert exclusive to the group.

When we head south to San Francisco, spectacular music becomes the main focus of our journey. The city has long been one of America's few true opera capitals, and we will visit its beautiful home, the beaux arts War Memorial Opera House, built in 1932, for two performances by San Francisco Opera. The recently late, lamented Finnish composer Kaija Saariaho's powerful one-act drama *Innocence*, called a

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- A week in the glorious wine country of Napa Valley, and San Francisco, one of the great food cities in the world
- Prime tickets to three major performances, featuring two operas at the renowned San Francisco Opera and a superb program by the San Francisco Symphony
- Private chamber concert at a Napa vineyard
- Visits to some of Napa's best vineyards, to sample reds, whites, and sparkling wines
- Dining at fine restaurants in San Francisco and wine country
- "Food hop" to explore delicacies of the city and SF's distinctive neighborhoods
- Deluxe accommodations in the eclectic town of Napa and on iconic Nob Hill in San Francisco
- Private, air-conditioned coach transportation throughout the tour

San Francisco Opera, *Magic Flute*

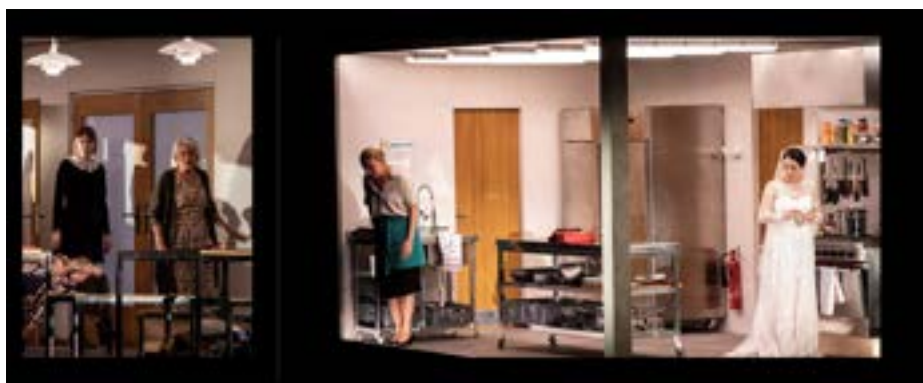


“masterpiece” by the New York Times, precedes Mozart’s glorious, fairy tale opera, *The Magic Flute*, in a production by the widely acclaimed director Barrie Kosky.

Across the street, the San Francisco Symphony led by its renowned music director, Esa-Pekka Salonen, celebrates a Bruckner anniversary year with the Austrian’s great 4th Symphony (“Romantic”) as well as Schumann’s dramatic Piano Concerto, his only one, with the virtuoso pianist Yefim Bronfman as soloist.

Beautiful San Francisco, surrounded by water on three sides, is relatively small. Yet that belies the city’s diversity and international flavor, and its standing as a culinary mecca on par with some of the greatest cities in the world. We’ll sample fine restaurants and make food stops among two of the city’s varied neighborhoods. Our hotel is the iconic Fairmont on Nob Hill where all your rooms face lovely San Francisco Bay.

Join us and experience the exuberance of this magical city and outstanding wine country!



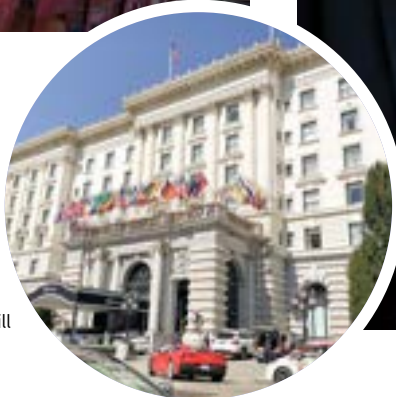
San Francisco Opera, *Innocence*



left: WBJC’s Program Director, Jonathan Palevsky



right: Oxbow Public Market



Fairmont Hotel, Nob Hill

Tour cost: \$5,785 per person, ground only, based on double occupancy. Single supplement: \$980

Registration deadline: April 19, 2024. After this date, call for availability.

Tour limited to 25 participants

Registration form can be found on **www.wbjc.com**

Questions?: Contact The Grand Tour at info@thegrandtour.com or 603.532.6265

The California tour is organized exclusively for WBJC by The Grand Tour Travel Company, Peterborough, New Hampshire.



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