

## The Buxton Festival - and a first chance to see Chatsworth restored - a two night stay and two operas included

10 - 12 July 2018

£465 per person sharing a twin or double room £575 for sole use of a double room

**Includes:** 2 nights at the new Premier Inn Buxton bed & breakfast, top price stalls tickets for Idomeneo & Alzira, dinner before one performance, tour of Chatsworth House & Gardens with light lunch and all transfers

In 2018 Buxton International Festival celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> season and we are delighted to be able to offer a two night break including the two new productions for 2018 Mozart's *Idomeneo* and Verdi's rarely performed *Alzira*.

Dubbed "one of Europe's great little unmissable opera festivals" by the New York Met we will visit Buxton for the first time as a Maestro! tour in 2018 thanks to the addition of a brand new Premier Inn situated less than a mile from the beautiful Opera House. This wonderful theatre was designed by the celebrated theatre architect Frank Matcham and opened in 1903. It was completely refurbished for the Centenary Celebrations in 2003.

We will leave from our usual pick-up points in Lancashire, Merseyside, Wirral and Chester mid-morning on the 10<sup>th</sup> July and head to Buxton where we stay for two nights bed & buffet breakfast at the newly opened Premier Inn. This evening we have a pre-performance dinner before taking our stalls seats for Verdi's **Alzira**.

Wednesday morning we will depart for a morning at Chatsworth House and Gardens entering before the public opening. Chatsworth reopens on 24th March after the biggest restoration of the house, garden and park since 1820. An exhibition, Chatsworth Renewed, will highlight its makeover, from rebuilding turrets to conservation of artworks. Our tour is followed by a light lunch.

We return to Buxton mid afternoon for free time and time to rest before we attend this evening's performance ( $1^{st}$  category stalls seats) of Mozart's early and perhaps first 'mature' opera **Idomeneo**.

Thursday morning is free to spend some time in the town and have lunch (own arrangements) before we depart around 230pm for the journey back to our original pick up points.