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AN EXCLUSIVE JOURNEY ON LAND AND BY RIVER SHIP TO BERLIN, LEIPZIG, SALZBURG, VIENNA, BRATISLAVA, BUDAPEST

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Attention, classical music lovers & explorers!

It’s our pleasure to welcome you aboard Discover Danube’s Finest. This exclusive classical cruise from Performance Today features stops in Berlin, Leipzig, Salzburg, Vienna, and more. We’ll be joined by special guest Andrew Staupe, a former PT artist in residence who debuted to rave reviews at Carnegie Hall and has performed with symphonies nationwide.

Join us as we explore the capital cities of classical music, wandering festive cobbled streets, strolling through marvelous museums, and savoring unique dining. We’ll celebrate history’s greatest composers, from Bach and Mozart to Beethoven and Schumann, visiting their homes, seeing the locations that inspired them, and following in their footsteps.

As befits a Performance Today cruise, this trip is filled with live music—from concerts in Budapest, Leipzig and Salzburg, to a private recital at Mozarthaus in Vienna. You’ll also enjoy tours of celebrated opera houses and symphony halls, like Vienna’s Wiener Musikverein and the Budapest Opera House. Plus, we’ll feature intimate conversations with and performances from our featured guest Andrew Staupe.

Our classical custom journeys sell out quickly, and space is limited, so we encourage you to reserve your spot soon. We look forward to sailing with you this October!

Sincerely,
Performance Today
YOUR TRIP HOSTS

Andrew Staupe will once again serve as the Performance Today Artist in Residence on this exclusive classical music adventure. Emerging as one of the distinctive voices of a new generation of pianists, Andrew made his Carnegie Hall debut to critical acclaim in 2012. He has appeared as soloist with the Baltimore Symphony, San Diego Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, Houston Symphony, Colorado Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, and many other orchestras throughout the United States. He has collaborated with distinguished conductors Osmo Vänskä, Bobby McFerrin, Jahja Ling, Gerard Schwarz, Andrew Litton, Cristian Macelaru, Larry Rachleff, Lucas Richman, Daniel Hege, and Josep-Caballé Domenech. He has performed across the United States and extensively in Europe, appearing in Russia, Holland, the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Latvia, Romania, France, and Germany. On tour in Europe, he has appeared in distinguished concert venues including the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Rachmaninov Hall in Moscow, the Salle Cortot in Paris, and the Ateneul Roman in Romania. Andrew is currently an Assistant Professor of Piano at the University of Utah, and gives frequent master classes around the country. A native of Saint Paul, Minnesota, he earned his Doctorate at Rice University. Andrew was the featured musician on Performance Today’s “Waltz Down the Danube” trip in May 2016.

When Fred Child is elsewhere on the planet, Valerie Kahler often sits in the PT host chair. Valerie grew up in a musical family, playing cello and piano to please herself and her parents, and singing loudly to annoy her siblings. She still sings loudly with the Prairie Fire Lady Choir, an a cappella rock-n-roll cover choir in the Twin Cities, and remains an enthusiastic cellist who loves to sight-read chamber music with friends. Valerie has been in classical radio for 25 years, fifteen of those as a host and producer for APM’s Classical24, a nationally syndicated 24-hour classical music service.

Matthew Brumley is the co-founder of Earthbound Expeditions and has been leading and creating adventures worldwide for 25 plus years. After completing his undergraduate studies at the universities of Copenhagen and Moscow, he went on to attend the graduate program at the London School of Economics. He has lived in Copenhagen, Paris, London, Tel Aviv and San Jose, Costa Rica. Listen to Matthew’s travel segment “Going Places” which is aired weekly on KNKX – NPR.

Reserve your space today. Call 800-723-8454 or visit www.earthboundexpeditions.com
YOUR CLASSICAL MUSIC JOURNEY

OCT. 1 – DEPART USA
Depart USA for Berlin

OCT. 2 – ARRIVE IN HISTORIC BERLIN
Guten Tag! After arriving in Berlin, those on the group flight will meet in the arrival hall of the airport and be transferred to their centrally located hotel located in the heart of Berlin. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening with your hosts and guides. Sleep in Berlin. (D)

OCT. 3 – EXPLORE GERMANY’S CAPITAL CITY
Devastated, then divided for two generations, Berlin has been rebuilding for a mere two decades. The results are stunning and have catapulted the city back to the first rank. Top-notch orchestras and opera companies thrive, several world-class museums have recently reopened and the boulevard of Unter den Linden has been re-paved. Enjoy a tour of Berlin and a free afternoon to soak up the sights on your own. An evening concert has been planned for you. Details to come. Sleep in Berlin. (B,L)

OCT. 4 – SOUTH TO LEIPZIG: HOME TO BACH, WAGNER, MENDELSSOHN AND THE SCHUMANNS
Today we will explore the historic city of Leipzig. Among the many great names in musical history who lived and worked here were Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Clara and Robert Schumann, Wagner and Mahler. Leipzig’s mu-
sical heritage also includes the world famous St. Thomas Boys Choir, which looks back on the proud tradition of almost 800 years. Enjoy lunch and informative walking tour and concert upon arrival. Sleep in Leipzig. (B,L)

**OCT. 5 – IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF BACH, MENDELSSOHN & SCHUMANN & BOARD THE AMADEUS PRINCESS**

We’ll walk in the footsteps of the Great Composers and learn first-hand how this city of high culture and trade impacted their works. After a hearty Saxon breakfast, we are off to visit the former living quarters of Robert and Clara Schumann. The Schumann House presents an exhibition on the life and work of the musical couple. Depart this afternoon for Passau, Germany where we will board our first-class river ship. Welcome orientation, ship briefing and dinner served on board. Sleep on board the Amadeus Princess. (B,D)

**OCT. 6 – SALZBURG: IN MOZART’S FOOTSTEPS**

Journey south to the town of Linz where Mozart composed Symphony No. 36 in C Major during a stopover there in 1783. Enjoy a walking tour in Salzburg with local historians and relive the life of Mozart. See the very house where Mozart was born on January 27, 1756 and enjoy a private concert featuring works by the great composers. Sleep on board. (B,L,D)

**OCT. 7 – A DAY IN VIENNA: GUTEN TAG!**

This morning cruise past charming villages and lush vineyards. After an early lunch, we arrive in the city of Mozart, Strauss, the Habsburgs and the waltz. Accompanied by a local expert, learn why Vienna in the 18th century was the musical capital of Europe. Visit Mozart’s house where he composed *The Marriage of Figaro*. Enjoy a private evening concert in the very chamber where Mozart himself first performed in Vienna as a young man. Then we’ll take an evening panoramic tour of Vienna before boarding the ship. Sleep on board. (B,L,D)

**OCT. 8 – WORLD CLASS ART & SYMPHONY HALLS**

We continue our journey through the City of Music today with a private tour of the Vienna Fine Arts Museum and Wiener Musikverein (home to the Vienna Philharmonic). You’ll have a free evening in Vienna. Ship departs for Bratislava at midnight. Sleep on board. (B,L,D)

**OCT. 9 – A DAY IN BRATISLAVA**

In the morning, the ship reaches the historic capital city of Bratislava, which was founded over 2,000 years ago. Now the capital of Slovakia, it was the capital of Hungary for a period of time during the Renaissance. Accompanied by a private guide, we’ll set off to see the major sights today. (B,L,D)

**TRIP FACTS**

- 11 Days/10 Nights
- Depart USA on Oct. 1, 2017
- Return to USA on Oct. 12, 2017
- All cabins with outside view
- Special MPR group air option for $799 from Minneapolis, Chicago, NY, LA, Seattle, Atlanta or Albuquerque. Includes all taxes, fees & airport transfers in Europe.

Space is limited. Call 800-723-8454 or visit www.earthboundexpeditions.com to reserve your spot.
OCT. 10 – BREATHTAKING BUDAPEST: CITY OF LISZT!
We arrive in Budapest, the capital of Hungary this morning. Enjoy a tour of the two cities: Buda and Pest. After lunch, visit the Franz Liszt Academy which is housed in his home. After touring the Liszt museum, you’ll be treated to a very special private concert featuring his works. Sleep on board. (B,L,D)

OCT. 11 – BUDAPEST STATE OPERA, MARKETS & THERMAL BATHS
This morning, visit the glorious Budapest State Opera House. If available, a concert will be reserved for you here. The rest of the day is yours to soak up the thermal waters at one of the city’s famous spas, visit a museum, or shop at an open-air market. Our evening culminates with a farewell dinner and special cruise passing the magnificently flood-lit buildings on both sides of the river under the illuminated Chain Bridge. (B,L,D)

OCT. 12 – BUDAPEST/JOURNEY CONCLUDES
For those on the group flight, a complimentary transport will be offered to the Budapest airport. Return home with a lifetime of memories. Bon Voyage! (B)

INCLUDED IN YOUR JOURNEY
- On-board Perf-Chats and performances with world-renowned pianist Andrew Staupe
- Three pre-cruise nights in historic Berlin and Leipzig – home to Bach, Mendelssohn and Schumann
- Seven nights of first-class small ship cruising on the romantic Danube
- Concerts in Vienna, Budapest, Leipzig and Salzburg
- Exclusive tours of celebrated opera houses and symphony halls
- Special visits in the homes of the great composers
- All meals included while on board ship
- Unique dining experiences featuring regional specialties
- Complimentary wine served during dinner while on board the ship
- Airport transfers for those arriving/departing with the group
- A like-minded group of public radio listeners and fellow classical music lovers
YOUR RIVER SHIP: **MS AMADEUS PRINCESS**

Enjoy sailing on the Danube aboard the MS Amadeus Princess. A true “luxury floating hotel”, the Amadeus Princess enchants with river breezes and stunning views. You’ll enjoy Austrian hospitality and impeccable service from our 40 crew members. Savor epicurean excellence from our international chefs in our Panorama Restaurant and Bar.

**Modern Accommodations**

Thoughtfully designed, the 78 Classic Staterooms and 2 Amadeus Suites provide a warm and cozy environment where you can do as little or as much as you’d like. Each and every stateroom has stylish touches so distinctive of the entire Amadeus fleet. Admire the generous views of the passing scenery from your oversized panoramic windows with French balconies. Connect via high-speed internet, recharge in our Amadeus Signature Beds and renew in our luxurious bath accommodations.

“This is a classical music lover’s dream! I was only not prepared for just how wonderful it would be. Andrew Staupe was superb, get him for your next trip!”

— Alicia, 2016 Danube Guest

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**DECK PLAN & PRICING: MS AMADEUS PRINCESS**

**IT'S INCLUDED: 11 DAYS – 23 MEALS CLASSICAL CONCERTS, AND ALL SHORE EXCURSIONS**

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**Single Travelers:** C-Deck add only $800. For single cabins on other decks, add $1,350 (excluding suites). Space is limited.

**Not included:** Gratuities for ship staff, travel insurance and any items not mentioned in your itinerary. Port taxes, charges & fees currently $199 and are additional.

**Savings:** Alumni discounts apply for all MPR Travel Club members. If your deposit is made by July 1, 2017 and you make your final payment by check, you will receive the additional discounts.

**Advanced, canceled or delayed sailing for cruises:** Please note that cruise schedules and tour activities can be subject to change due to changes in water levels, port accessibility, weather, labor disputes or for any other reason whatsoever. The Owner or Operator of the cruise vessel may, at any time, cancel, advance or postpone any scheduled tour and may, but is not obliged to, substitute another vessel or itinerary, and it shall not be liable for any loss whatsoever to passengers by reason of any such cancellation, advancement or postponement.

**Exclusive air rate** is in economy class and allows for no deviations or upgrades. Seat assignments are subject to the discretion of the airline, specific requests cannot be guaranteed.

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Destination / Tour Name

Discover Danube's Finest

October 1-12, 2017

Dates of Tour

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Earthbound Alumni / other discount: [ ] Yes [ ] No

Select one:
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