

THE JAZZ AGE
BERLIN JAZZ FESTIVAL
PLUS PRAGUE & VIENNA!



Jazz, History, Art, Wine, Beer and World-Class Cities

October 25 - November 4, 2019



Join fellow public radio jazz enthusiasts for a **KJAZZ** adventure to the glorious cultural capitals of central Europe. Your jazz journey begins in romantic Vienna, the capital of Austria. There we will visit Belvedere Palace to view works by Klimt and Monet. Stroll the lively streets, visit the Hofburg Palace and enjoy an evening of jazz and wine tasting. Next, we are off to the city of a hundred spires, Prague! The Czechs fell in love with jazz in the roaring 20s and that affair never ended. In addition to visiting Prague castle, the old town, Charles Bridge and sampling some of the Czech Republic's finest beers, you'll also enjoy outings to jazz clubs. The jazz adventure continues on to Berlin, Germany's bustling and uber hip capital. Throughout the 1920s Berlin was considered the cultural center of Europe. Along with Chicago, Paris and New York, Berlin was one of the great jazz centers in the 1920s and 1930s. Today the city is still packed with ballrooms, jazz clubs and top talent. The **BERLIN JAZZFEST** will be in full swing while we are there and we'll have tickets! *Space is limited.*

ABOUT JAZZFEST BERLIN



Three Nights of World-Class Jazz

In early November, Berlin opens its arms to jazz! For over 50 years, jazz musicians from Berlin and all over the world have come together to play at the Jazzfest, making the festival one of the oldest and most prestigious in Europe. Among its guests have been big names such as Miles Davis, Charles Mingus and Duke Ellington. While famous US-jazz celebrities set the tone during the first decades, the Berlin Jazz Festival has progressively presented artists from all around the globe, with an increasing emphasis on contemporary European jazz.

TRIP AT A GLANCE

3 Nights Vienna

3 Nights Prague

4 Nights Berlin



INCLUDED

- Travel with KJAZZ Program host, LeRoy Downs
- Fully guided by an expert Earthbound Expeditions guide
- Tickets to the celebrated Berlin Jazz Festival (“Jazzfest”)
- Jazz outings in Vienna and Prague
- First-class, centrally-located hotels
- A tax-deductible donation to KJazz
- Special wine tastings in historic Vienna and tasty beer tastings in Prague
- All breakfasts plus ten additional multi-course traditional meals
- Historic walks with expert local guides
- Private motor coach transport throughout tour
- Airport transfers for those arriving with the group
- Private tours of museums in Vienna, Prague and Berlin
- Earthbound Expeditions makes a contribution to the respected Carbonfund annually

TRIP FACTS

11 Days/ 10 Nights (not including air travel)

*\$4,995 per person based on double occupancy

\$1,195 single supplement

October 24: Optional group flight departs LAX

October 25: Tour starts in Vienna

November 4: Tour ends in Berlin

***Save \$250:** Travel alumni save \$100 * Reserve before May 1st \$75 * Pay balance by check \$75

\$1,295 GROUP AIR OPTION: Operated by Delta, KLM and Air France

*Taxes, fees and airport transfers included while in Europe.



“If you have to ask what jazz is, you'll never know.”
Louis Armstrong

The Jazz Age in Europe



When dancer Josephine Baker visited Berlin in 1925, she found it dazzling. "The city had a jewel-like sparkle," she said, "the vast cafés reminded me of ocean liners powered by the rhythms of their orchestras. There was music everywhere."

The 1920s were the “Jazz Age” on both sides of the Atlantic and after World War I American jazz began to migrate to Europe. Berlin and Paris were seized by jazz fever and its exoticism proved extremely popular with local audiences.

Personal expression and the rebellious thought of the influential avant-garde movements dominated the 1920s art and social scene. Flappers of the 1920s were young women known for their energetic freedom, embracing a lifestyle viewed by many at the time as outrageous, immoral or downright dangerous. Now considered the first generation of independent American women, flappers pushed barriers in economic, political and sexual freedom for women.

The innovations occurring at this time in painting, design, architecture, fashion, crafts, and music are still recognizable and influential. Some of the most significant movements, such as Dada, Surrealism, Expressionism, and the fabulous Art Deco had their genesis during this time. Such events helped to re-define and re-shape all the major creative disciplines.

Themes concerning sexuality, technology, and social progress were prominent in the culture of this decade as artists, musicians, and writers aimed to produce something innovative and dynamic. For this culture of progress, experimental is the best word used to describe the artistic trends of the 1920s art decade. (“Take a Ride Back in Time to the 1920s Art,” <https://www.widewalls.ch/1920s-art/>)

Lovers of the 1920s may also wish to check out: “Babylon Berlin”, a new German mini-series which captures the spirit of Berlin during the Weimar Republic. And of course, *Jazz: A Film by Ken Burns*.





See works by Klimt in Vienna!

YOUR JAZZ JOURNEY BEGINS IN VIENNA!

Day 0: Thursday, October 24 - Optional group flight departs Los Angeles for Vienna

Day 1: Friday, October 25 - Arrive in Austria's capital city, Vienna

Upon arrival at the Vienna airport you will be met by your guide and transferred to your centrally located 4 star hotel. Relax or enjoy a stroll around town before meeting your fellow travelers, KJAZZ host and guide for a welcome orientation followed by dinner. *Sleep in Vienna (D)*

Day 2: Saturday, October 26 - Explore Vienna

This morning we set out to explore the historic heart of Vienna. Vienna is known to be a city of music and most often associated with classical music. But in the 1920s, there was a shift into the jazz era and today this musical tradition continues in jazz venues such as "Jazzland" and "Porgy and Bess." Enjoy a traditional Viennese lunch in an 18th century cellar and then a free afternoon. Meet this evening for our first jazz event. *Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*

Day 3: Sunday, October 27 - World-Class Museums and Great Wines

Enjoy a relaxing morning in Vienna or use your free time to visit the Klimt Museum, the Museum of Modern Art or the Fine Arts Museum. Your guide will be available to make sure you see the very best of Vienna today. We'll also have a wine tasting followed by a traditional lunch.

Sleep in Vienna (B, L)

Day 4: Monday, October 28 - North to the Prague, Czech Republic

After breakfast, we make our way west towards the soaring spires of Prague. En-route, we stop to explore the beautiful Vysehrad Cemetery. More than just a normal, quiet cemetery, this is the final resting place of the most honored Czech composers, artists, sculptors, writers, scientists and politicians. Here are the graves of Smetana, Dvorák and the 19th century Moravian-Czech artist, Mucha. Prague is not only the birthplace of Franz Kafka, it has produces delicious beers and a terrific jazz scene. Enjoy a Bohemian feast together this evening. *Sleep in Prague (B, D)*



Day 5: Tuesday, October 29 - Discover Prague

From its mythological inception to the present, benefactors have placed Prague on the cusp of the divine. King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor Karl IV refashioned Prague into a city of soaring cathedrals and lavish palaces. Our historic walking tour of Prague will start at its medieval center, the Old Town Square. We'll include some of Prague's most interesting sights including the Estates Opera house where Mozart himself conducted the *Marriage of Figaro* in 1787. Our tour will continue to Prague's stirring medieval Jewish quarter. We'll linger in this culturally-rich neighborhood and stop by the Old Synagogue, which has been a place of worship for over 700 years. Upon final victory, Hitler bizarrely envisioned turning this neighborhood into a museum for an extinct Jewish race. You'll have a free afternoon before meeting for a jazz concert this evening. *Sleep in Prague (B, L)*

Day 6: Wednesday, October 30 - A Full Day in Prague

We start the day with a stroll to Prague's most famous landmark - Charles Bridge, followed by a visit to the historic castle district. Enjoy another scrumptious lunch at a neighborhood cafe. The afternoon is yours to further explore this city's charming streets. Perhaps you'll want to take in a Bohemian market, a world-class museum or simply wander the wondrously preserved historic old town. *Sleep in Prague (B, L)*



Day 7: Thursday, October 31 - Berlin Jazzfest

Throughout the 1920s Berlin was considered the cultural center of Europe. Devastated by war and divided for two generations, Berlin has been rebuilding for a mere two decades. Due to its edgy and experimental culture along with the fact that most of its buildings were destroyed during World War II, Berlin is an architecturally volatile city. For the past several decades, architects have found a haven in this city for implementing a great variety of cutting edge designs. The results are stunning and have catapulted the city back to the first rank. Art and culture thrive here and several world-class museums have recently reopened over the last few years, and the boulevard of Unter den Linden has been re-laid. Recent visitors have been overwhelmed by the kaleidoscope of things to see, hear and do in what has become Europe's cultural Mecca. The Berlin Jazzfest begins tonight so we'll head out after dinner for a jazz performance. *Sleep in Berlin (B, L)*



Day 8: Friday, November 1 - Highlights of Berlin

This morning we tour the German Parliament building known as the Reichstag, located in the historical heart of Berlin. Constructed for the Imperial Diet (general assembly) of the German Empire, the Reichstag opened in 1894 and housed the Diet until 1933, when it was severely damaged by arson. Not far away is the Holocaust Memorial and the The Bebelplatz, known as the site of one of the infamous Nazi book burning ceremonies in 1933. Our march through 20th century history culminates with lunch on top of the Reichstag! Enjoy another evening of jazz at the Berlin Jazzfest! *Sleep in Berlin (B, L)*



Day 9: Saturday, November 2 - An Outing to Potsdam and the “Bridge of Spies”

After breakfast we visit historic Potsdam and tour the Schloss Cecilienhof where Truman, Churchill and Stalin outlined their plans for a post-war Europe. This is the city built by King Friedrich II. Enjoy lunch here and walk across the very bridge where spies were exchanged during the cold war. Return to Berlin in the late afternoon. Rest up and then head out of another evening at the Berlin Jazzfest. *Sleep in Berlin (B, L)*



Day 10: Sunday, November 3 – Free Day in Berlin & Evening Fest

Enjoy a free day in Berlin. Your guide will be available to offer you some great suggestions on how best to spend your day in Germany’s capital city. Meet up for an early farewell feast and then enjoy another night at the Berlin Jazz Fest. *(B, D)*

Day 11: Monday, November 4 - Return home with a lifetime of memories!

A complimentary airport transfer will be offered to those on the group flight. *(B)*





LeRoy Downs (Host)
Photo Courtesy Bob Barry Jazzography

ABOUT YOUR KJAZZ HOST

LeRoy Downs has been on the jazz scene for two decades. LeRoy started listening to jazz in his early college days. That love and passion for the music landed him a position as an overnight program host right here at what was once KLON in Long Beach and is now known world wide as KJazz, 88.1 FM KKJZ. More about LeRoy at:

<https://kkjz.org>



MEET YOUR GUIDE

Holger Zimmer is a native of Germany, though he spent his early years traveling throughout Europe and the U.S. He also studied English literature and drama in Berlin, Germany and Dublin, Ireland. He divides his time between working as a tour guide and a broadcast journalist for various international media such as BBC, ARD German Radio, ORF Austrian Radio and RTE Irish Radio. He enjoys music of all kinds – ask him about his band!

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