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## The Prague Spring Music Festival!

Budapest \* Vienna \* Prague

May 7-17, 2020



Join **KBACH** host **Matt Rogers** and fellow classical music lovers for a musical journey to Budapest, Vienna and Prague! Enjoy the beauty and pageantry of classical music as it was meant to be experienced, in Europe's most legendary symphony halls and opera houses! Visit the great composers' homes and walk in their historic footsteps through Central Europe's romantic musical capitals.

Your custom classical adventure also includes the renowned **Prague Spring Classical Music Festival**. And, 2020 marks **Beethoven's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday**. We will celebrate Ludwig's birthday in style in the city he called home, Vienna! Walk in the footsteps of Haydn, Dvorak, Smetana, Liszt, Mozart, Schubert, Brahms and Beethoven this spring with KBACH. Space is limited.

### TRIP AT A GLANCE

3 Nights	Budapest, Capital of Hungary **** Hotel K+K Hotel Opera
3 Nights	Vienna, Capital of Austria **** Hotel Kaiserhof Wien
1 Night	Český Krumlov, Bohemia **** Hotel Zlaty Andel
3 Nights	Prague, Czech Republic **** Prague Marriott



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## JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS



The Prague International Music Festival ♦ Exploration of Beethoven's life while in Vienna ♦ Private tours of the homes and museums devoted to Dvorak, Liszt, Mozart and Beethoven ♦ Four superb classical concerts in Budapest, Vienna and Prague ♦ A cruise on the Danube ♦ The State Opera Houses of Budapest and Prague ♦ A special chamber music concert in the monastery where Mozart worked, performed and lived ♦ Private guided walks in Budapest, Vienna and Prague with local experts ♦ Unique dining experiences in charming cafes, wine cellars and restaurants ♦ Vienna's Fine Art Museum ♦ Backstage tour of the Vienna State Opera House ♦ A small, fun group of KBACH Public Radio friends

### IT'S INCLUDED!

- ⌋ With KBACH host Matt Rogers
- ⌋ Guided by an Earthbound Expeditions program director
- ⌋ Musical Events: Four classical concerts in historic settings
- ⌋ Historic orientation and sightseeing walks in Vienna, Budapest and Prague
- ⌋ Ten nights of accommodation in splendid 4-star, centrally-located hotels
- ⌋ All breakfasts, five traditional lunches and three multi-course dinners
- ⌋ Airport transfers in Europe for those arriving and departing with the group
- ⌋ Travel by private motor coach
- ⌋ Gratuities for your guide and driver
- ⌋ All entrances to museums listed in your itinerary
- ⌋ Alumni travel discounts applied towards future trips with KBACH and/or Earthbound Expeditions

### TRIP FACTS

11 Days/10 Nights (excluding air travel)  
\$4,795 per person, double occupancy (*Land Price*)  
\$995 single supplement  
Optional group flight departs US: May 6, 2020  
Trip begins in Budapest: May 7 at 6:00pm  
Trip ends after breakfast in Prague: May 17

**\$995.00 GROUP AIR OPTION** - Roundtrip: Includes all taxes, fees and airport transfers while in Europe



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*Discover Budapest!*

## YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS...



### **Day 0: Depart home city for historic Hungary**

*An optional group flight is available.*

### **Day 1: May 7 - Arrive in the city of Liszt...Budapest!**

*Isten hozta!* Welcome to Budapest! Our musical journey through the treasures of Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic begins appropriately enough in Budapest as we land at the Liszt International Airport. After checking into your centrally-located hotel, meet your guide and KBACH host for a welcome dinner fit for a Hungarian king. *Sleep in Budapest*

### **Day 2: May 8 - Discover Budapest, the Liszt Memorial Museum and Danube Cruise**

This morning we'll meet our local guide for a leisurely historic walking tour of the two cities, Buda and Pest. Our tour will take us from the imposing castle district of Buda to Hungary's stately parliament building in Pest. This afternoon we'll enjoy a special tour of the Liszt Ferenc Memorial Museum. Liszt, the founding president and professor of the Academy, accepted no salary for his teaching and donated a treasure trove of personal belongings to the institution, including his Chickering piano and composing desk.

Your afternoon will be free to further explore this East European gem, or reward yourself with a relaxing Turkish bath at one of Budapest's famous bathhouses. Tonight take in the stunning views while enjoying your evening meal on a cruise along the Danube River.

*Sleep in Budapest*



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*Experience the best of Vienna*

### **Day 3: May 9 - Heroes Square and Budapest State Opera House**

After a leisurely morning, we will travel beyond the banks of the Danube deeper into Pest to explore impressive Heroes Square with its mighty statue of the Angel Gabriel, its glorious Fine Arts Museum and many architectural curiosities. Then we are off to the Great Synagogue in Dohány Street, also known as the *Tabac-Schul*, the Yiddish translation of *dohány* (tobacco), after the Hungarian name of the street. It is a monumental, magnificent synagogue, with a capacity of 2,964 seats (1,492 for men and 1,472 in the women's galleries) making it one of the largest in the world. The afternoon is free to explore the city markets, museums and cafes before meeting your fellow travelers for a performance at the gorgeous Budapest State Opera House. *Sleep in Budapest*

### **Day 4: May 10 - West to Vienna, Austria**

*Guten Tag!* This morning we are off to the legendary home of Brahms, Mahler, Strauss, Beethoven, Mozart, the Habsburgs and the Waltz! En-route to Vienna we visit Vienna's central cemetery in order to pay our respects to the great composers.

After, we continue our journey to Austria's musical capital. We check into our hotel in the later afternoon. Then take time to marvel at this merry city resplendent with colorful lights before joining your fellow travelers for a hearty Viennese dinner hosted by your guide in an historic Esterházy family wine cellar, frequented by both Mozart and Haydn in a by-gone era. *Sleep in Vienna*



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*Spend a day exploring Český Krumlov in Bohemia!*



#### **Day 5: May 11 - In Pursuit of Mozart and Beethoven**

Enjoy a morning walking tour through the merry streets of Vienna. Accompanied by a local expert, learn why Vienna in the 18<sup>th</sup> century was the musical capital of Europe. Visit Mozart's house where he composed the *Marriage of Figaro*. After, you will have a guided tour of the Beethoven Pasqualati House, where Beethoven is known to have composed his Fourth, Fifth and

Seventh Symphonies. The afternoon is yours to explore Vienna at your own leisurely pace. We suggest a visit the House of Music or the Belvedere Palace Museum, where the works of Art Nouveau master Gustav Klimt are located. Enjoy a private evening concert in the very chamber where Mozart himself first performed in Vienna as a young man. *Sleep in Vienna*

**Historic Note:** Born in Bonn in 1770, Beethoven was 17 years old when he first traveled to Vienna to study under Mozart. There is evidence that Beethoven lived in more than 60 different places (some sources mention at least 80) during his 35 years in Vienna.

#### **Day 6: May 12 - Vienna's Fine Art Museum and the Vienna State Opera House**

The Museum of Fine Arts ranks among the richest and most important art collections in the world. Here you'll find dazzling works by Bruegel, Rubens, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Dürer, Raphael, Titian and Velazquez. In addition, the Museum of Fine Arts is celebrating the life of Gustav Mahler. Mahler is regarded as a genius of the *fin de siècle*, a composer whose work is celebrated both as the culmination of the romantic symphony and a precursor to "Neue Musik." After our tour of the Museum of Fine Arts, enjoy an included lunch at a typical Viennese Café. *Sleep in Vienna*



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*Enjoy the Prague Spring International Music Festival!*

**Day 7: May 13 - North to Bohemia, Czech Republic**

Our home for the evening is the historic village of Cesky Krumlov. Situated on the banks of the Vltava River, this hamlet was built around a 13<sup>th</sup> century castle with Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque elements. It is one of the most charming, central European villages and a UNESCO site. Stroll down the merry lanes, visit a Bohemian crystal shop or sample one of the many tasty Czech beers. *Sleep in Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic*

**Day 8: May 14 - North to the Towering City of Prague via the Dvorak Villa**

This morning we'll make our way north towards the soaring spires of Prague. Arguably Europe's most beautiful city, Prague is the birthplace of Franz Kafka and the city Mozart loved best. En-route we'll stop at the city cemetery to pay our respects to both Smetana and Dvorak. After, we will visit the Dvorak Villa. To celebrate our first evening in Prague, let's enjoy a traditional dinner together followed by a classical concert. *Sleep in Prague*

**Day 9: May 15 - Old Town Prague and Jewish Quarter**

Our historic walking tour of Prague begins in the medieval center. The Old Town Square has been Prague's heart since the 10<sup>th</sup> century and was its main market place until the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Within the square you discover a massive monument to Jan Hus, the Church of St Nicholas (completed in 1735), and the gothic Old Town Hall with its medieval astronomical clock and calendar.

We then continue to Prague's historic Jewish Quarter. The Old-New Synagogue (Staronová synagoga), built around 1270, is the oldest working synagogue in Europe and one of Prague's earliest gothic buildings. The Old Cemetery, founded in 1478, is Europe's oldest surviving Jewish cemetery and is a highlight of the city tour. After the walking tour, enjoy some free time to explore the quaint lanes of this captivating capital. Meet this evening for our third included concert. *Sleep in Prague*



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### Day 10: May 16 - Charles Bridge and Wenceslas Square

We have a full and exciting day ahead of us, so let's get going early! We start our walking tour with Wenceslas Square. Originally a horse market, the square is the main center of modern Prague and has been the backdrop for a great deal of Czech history. In 1969, university student Jan Palach set himself on fire in protest against the Warsaw Pact invasion. Then in November 1989, protest meetings against police brutality were held here, leading to the Velvet Revolution, which culminated in the end of communism for Czechoslovakia.

This evening meet your guide and host to attend the Prague International Music Festival.  
*Sleep in Prague*

### Day 11: May 17 - Return home with a lifetime of memories

A complimentary transfer will be offered to those departing on the group flight.

*Bon Voyage!*

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### About Your KBACH Host Matt Rogers



Matt Rogers got his start in radio at 16, working for a tiny AM station in Gastonia, North Carolina. He graduated from Campbell University with a degree in Broadcast Management and has served in various roles at public radio stations around the country. Most recently, he was Program Director of All Classical Portland in Oregon, and Associate Content Director at WDAV in the Charlotte, North Carolina, metro area.

Matt has authored two books. He probably would have written more by this point, but he's also a film enthusiast who spent a few years watching the entire AFI Top 100 list. Matt's other loves include wine, travel, his cat Hattie, and the Oxford comma.



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## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

**Physical requirements:** In order to make the most of your custom journey and join all included activities, you should be able to walk at a moderate pace, independently for one to three miles, often over uneven cobblestones and be able to stand for a period of time during walking or museum tours or visits to other sights. Naturally, you may always choose to bow out of an activity and enjoy the sites while sipping a tea or coffee in a café. Or, hire a taxi, pedicab or horse drawn carriage at your own expense to get you to the next attraction. Remember, you'll also need to be able to maneuver your luggage through the airport. Some museums may not have an elevator which means that to participate; you'll need to climb a few stairs.

**Dress:** In general, we suggest "casually smart" dress and a good pair of walking shoes. You may leave your formal attire and family jewels at home. \*If attending classical concerts, men may wish to bring a blazer and nice slacks. Woman will feel more comfortable with a nice outfit as well. \*Over the years, we have noted that Europeans and North Americans are dressing less formally for classical events.

**Reservations:** A \$500 per person deposit is due at time of sign up. Deposits are refundable for 60 days from your deposit date, minus a cancellation penalty of \$75 per person. Final payment is due 90 days before departure. Deposits and payments can be made by check or credit card. Full terms and conditions at: <https://earthboundexpeditions.com/the-boring-stuff>

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