

A Festive Winter Waltz

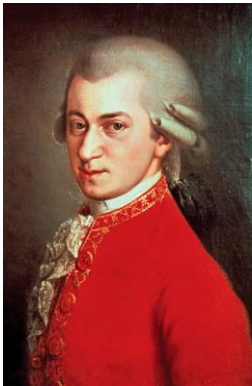


Budapest, Vienna & Prague!

December 5 -14, 2021

“Oh! Mozart! Immortal Mozart, how many visions of a brighter and better world you have imprinted on our souls.”

- Franz Schubert



Guten Tag, join like-minded travelers who share your passion for art, history, wine and classical music. On our custom festive winter waltz to Budapest, Vienna and Prague you'll 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. Enjoy a performance at the State Opera and stroll through the merry Christmas markets of Hungary, Austria and the Czech Republic. Grab your passport, don your walking shoes and join us on this festive getaway. Space is

limited.

YOUR JOURNEY

3 Nights Budapest
3 Nights Vienna
3 Nights Prague



**EARTHBOUND
EXPEDITIONS**

Earthbound Expeditions Inc.

P.O. Box 11305, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 USA

T. 800.723.8454 / T. 206.842.9775 / F. 206.238.8480

www.EarthboundExpeditions.com

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Private tours of the homes and museums devoted to Liszt, Mozart, Dvorak and Beethoven
◆ Holiday Christmas markets ◆ Four classical concerts to be performed in Budapest, Vienna and Prague ◆ An evening dinner cruise on the Danube River in Budapest ◆ Tour the State Opera Houses of Budapest and Prague ◆ Private guided walks in Budapest, Vienna and Prague with local experts ◆ Unique dining experiences in charming cafés, wine cellars and restaurants ◆ Vienna's Fine Art Museum ◆ An in-depth look into the history of Prague's Jewish community and quarter ◆ An excursion to Prague Castle ◆ A like-minded group of fellow travelers.

IT'S INCLUDED!

- * Guided by an expert Earthbound Expeditions program director
- * Exclusive private concerts in the homes of Liszt and Mozart plus two additional concerts in historic settings and historic symphony halls.
- * Walks in Vienna, Budapest and Prague with intriguing local guides
- * Evening illumination cruise in Budapest
- * Nine nights of accommodation in splendid, centrally-located 4-star hotels
- * All breakfasts, five lunches and four multi-course dinners featuring regional dishes
- * Airport transfers in Europe for those arriving and departing with the group
- * Private transport by private motor coach
- * Gratuities for your guide and driver
- * All entrances to museums listed in your itinerary
- * A pre-tour educational reading/video viewing list
- * Alumni travel discounts applied towards future trips

TRIP FACTS

10 Days/9 Nights (add one night for air travel)

\$4,195 per person land based on double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$795

Trip begins in Budapest on December 5, 2021, at 6:00pm in the lobby of your hotel

Trip ends in Prague on December 14, after breakfast

**Risk Free Reservations: Your deposit is 100% refundable until 100 days before departure.*

SAVE \$300

Save \$100 when you reserve your space before June 1, 2021 * Alumni Save \$100 * Save \$100 if you pay the final balance by check

NOT INCLUDED: Roundtrip Airfare, trip insurance and any items not mentioned in your tailor-made trip itinerary.



**EARTHBOUND
EXPEDITIONS**

Earthbound Expeditions Inc.

P.O. Box 11305, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 USA

T. 800.723.8454 / T. 206.842.9775 / F. 206.238.8480

www.EarthboundExpeditions.com



“Music embodies feeling without forcing it to contend and combine with thought, as it is forced in most arts and especially in the art of words.”

Franz Liszt

YOUR FESTIVE CLASSICAL JOURNEY BEGINS...

Day 1: Depart home city for historic Budapest, Hungary

Day 2: Arrive in the city of Liszt...Budapest!

Isten hozta! Welcome to Budapest! Our festive musical journey through the treasures of Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic begins appropriately enough in Budapest. Plan to meet your guide and fellow travelers for a welcome orientation and dinner fit for a Hungarian king. *Sleep in Budapest (D)*

Day 3: Discover Budapest, the Liszt Memorial Museum and Cruise the Danube: This morning we'll meet our local guide for an in-depth 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. After our visit, we'll be treated to a special private concert in the historic Liszt Academy.



**EARTHBOUND
EXPEDITIONS**

Earthbound Expeditions Inc.

P.O. Box 11305, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 USA

T. 800.723.8454 / T. 206.842.9775 / F. 206.238.8480

www.EarthboundExpeditions.com



The afternoon will be free to further explore this Eastern European gem, or reward yourself with a relaxing Turkish bath at one of Budapest's famous bathhouses. This evening enjoy a stunning Danube Cruise. *Sleep in Budapest (B, D)*

Day 4: Heroes' Square and Budapest State Opera House

After a leisurely morning, we 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) making it one of the largest in the world.

The afternoon is free to explore the city markets, museums and cafés before meeting your fellow travelers for a tour of the gorgeous Budapest State Opera House.

Sleep in Budapest (B, L)

Day 5: Off to Vienna: A Day with Haydn and Liszt: *Guten Tag!* This morning we are off to the legendary home of Strauss, Mozart, the Habsburgs and the waltz. En-route we will pay homage to Beethoven, Brahms, Strauss and Schubert with a visit to the Central Cemetery. Upon arrival we check into our centrally-located hotel. Then take time to marvel at this lively city resplendent with colorful lights before joining your fellow travelers for a hearty Viennese dinner in an historic Esterházy family wine cellar, frequented by both Mozart and Haydn in a by-gone era. *Sleep in Vienna (B, D)*



**EARTHBOUND
EXPEDITIONS**

Earthbound Expeditions Inc.

P.O. Box 11305, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 USA

T. 800.723.8454 / T. 206.842.9775 / F. 206.238.8480

www.EarthboundExpeditions.com



Day 6: In Pursuit of Mozart and Beethoven

Enjoy a morning walking tour through the historic streets of Vienna. Accompanied by a local expert, learn why Vienna in the 18th century was the musical capital of Europe. Today you will enjoy a guided tour of the Beethoven Pasqualati House, where Beethoven is known to have composed his Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Symphonies. From there, we'll walk in the footsteps of Mozart and tour the Figaro House.

The afternoon is yours to explore Vienna at your own leisurely pace. We suggest a visit to the House of Music or the Belvedere Palace

Museum, where the works of Art Nouveau master Gustav Klimt are located. This evening's concert is at the *Sala Terrena* within the Monastery of the German Teutonic Order. It is the very chamber where Mozart himself first performed in Vienna as a young man! *Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*

Day 7: Vienna's Fine Art Museum and Musikverien

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. After our tour of the Museum of Fine Arts, we'll have a traditional Austrian lunch. This afternoon you'll be treated to a backstage tour of the world famous Musikverien (home of the Vienna Symphony and New Year's Eve Ball).

Sleep in Vienna (B, L)



**EARTHBOUND
EXPEDITIONS**

Earthbound Expeditions Inc.

P.O. Box 11305, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 USA

T. 800.723.8454 / T. 206.842.9775 / F. 206.238.8480

www.EarthboundExpeditions.com



Day 8: North to the Towering City of Prague!

This morning we say “*auf wiedersehen*” to Vienna and 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. It’s also your home for the next three nights. Being that this is our first evening in Prague, let’s enjoy a Bohemian feast together.

Sleep in Prague (B, D)

Day 9: Old Town Prague and Jewish Quarter

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.



Our walking tour of Prague continues to the medieval center. The Old Town Square has been Prague's heart since the 10th century and was its main market place until the beginning of the 20th century. Within the Old Town Square you discover a massive monument to Jan Hus, the Church of St Nicholas, and the gothic Old Town Hall with its medieval astronomical clock and calendar.

Our exploration of Prague culminates with a Prague’s historic medieval Jewish Quarter. The Old New Synagogue (built around 1270) is the oldest active 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, you'll have some free time to explore the quaint lanes of this captivating capital. Meet this evening enjoy another included classical concert. *Sleep in Prague (B, L)*



**EARTHBOUND
EXPEDITIONS**

Earthbound Expeditions Inc.

P.O. Box 11305, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 USA

T. 800.723.8454 / T. 206.842.9775 / F. 206.238 .8480

www.EarthboundExpeditions.com



Day 10: Charles Bridge and Prague Castle: We have a full and exciting day ahead of us, so let's get going early!

Prague Castle dates from the 9th century. It is the official office of the President of the Czech Republic. The castle was also a seat of power for kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman emperors, and presidents of Czechoslovakia. The Bohemian Crown Jewels are also kept here. Prague Castle is the largest ancient castle in the world.

Enjoy an in-depth tour of the castle before sitting down for a farewell lunch. We'll toast to our classical adventure and then have a free afternoon. *Sleep in Prague (B, L)*

Day 11: Your classical journey concludes

An airport transfer is included for those on the group flight. *Bon Voyage!*

Questions and Reservations

800 723 8454

info@earthboundexpeditions.com



**EARTHBOUND
EXPEDITIONS**

Earthbound Expeditions Inc.

P.O. Box 11305, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 USA

T. 800.723.8454 / T. 206.842.9775 / F. 206.238 .8480

www.EarthboundExpeditions.com



KNOW, BEFORE YOU GO -

Health Matters: It is the responsibility of each guest to be aware of their physical abilities or limitations, and to be in sufficient good health to undertake the trip. To make the most of your journey and participate in the various planned group activities, you should be able to be on your feet and walk unassisted for two to three hours (often over uneven cobblestones or pathways) with frequent standing. If you have questions about the physical requirements for your journey, please email or call our travel office. Any preexisting physical, mental, or emotional disability that may require attention must be reported in writing prior to the beginning the journey. Although it is not mandatory to participate in every planned and included group activity, not doing so isn't cause for a refund. For those desiring additional exercise, our trips allow free time to explore at your own pace. On boats, planes, ships and ferries, guests will need to be able to maneuver unassisted up and down gangways, stairs and in between decks. Smokers may smoke outside and downwind of the group.

Concerts, Festivals and Events: If (for any reason) the organizers of a scheduled concert, festival or event cancel or postpone a planned activity with little or no notice, Earthbound Expeditions will do its utmost to secure a similar event or secure another concert(s). Strikes, unscheduled delays, lack of funds and acts of God are beyond the control of Earthbound Expeditions. Cancellation of an event, festival or concert is not cause for refund.

Hosted Journeys: If a host or special guest is unable to attend as planned, Earthbound Expeditions will do its utmost to find another host who has similar interests, talents expertise. The inability of a host to participate in a tour is not grounds for a full or partial refund.



**EARTHBOUND
EXPEDITIONS**

Earthbound Expeditions Inc.

P.O. Box 11305, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 USA

T. 800.723.8454 / T. 206.842.9775 / F. 206.238 .8480

www.EarthboundExpeditions.com