



# POLAND & PRAGUE

## All Classical Portland

Chopin's Poland & the 77<sup>th</sup> Prague Spring Music Festival!

May 19 - 29, 2022



Join All Classical Portland host **John Pitman** and fellow classical music lovers to celebrate the life of Chopin, Dvorak, Smetana and Mozart! On this eleven-day classical music pursuit, you'll walk in Chopin's footsteps and relive his extraordinary life. Visit the very places where Frederic lived, loved and worked: the family home where he was born, the village church where he was baptized and the Frederic Chopin University of Music in Warsaw. Discover Poland's stunning cultural capital, Krakow. Visit the cathedral where the kings of this ancient land are buried, stroll the campus of the University of Copernicus and marvel at one of Europe's

largest medieval squares. Our musical quest culminates in the Czech Republic, where we'll walk in the footsteps of the Czech Republic's greatest composers, Smetana and Dvorak! Don't miss the 77<sup>th</sup> Prague Spring International Music Festival. Space is limited.

### TRIP AT A GLANCE

- 3 Nights Warsaw, Poland
- 3 Nights Krakow, Poland
- 1 Night Olomouc, Czech Republic
- 3 Nights Prague, Czech Republic
- 3 Nights optional post-tour extension to Vienna, Austria



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## JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Tickets to three Prague Spring International Music Festival events ♦ Tickets to a special Chopin piano recital in Warsaw ♦ Special visits to the homes, symphony halls and museums of the great composers ♦ A visit to Olomouc, Moravian ♦ A tour of the historic Krakow Ghetto ♦ Three magical nights each in Warsaw, Krakow, Prague ♦ Walks led by local experts in the historic city centers ♦ A traditional Klezmer dinner concert in Krakow's Jewish quarter.

## IT'S INCLUDED!

- ♪ With All Classical Portland host John Pitman
- ♪ Fully guided by an expert Earthbound Expeditions program manager
- ♪ All breakfasts plus eleven additional multi-course meals
- ♪ Ten nights of accommodation in charming, centrally located four-star hotels
- ♪ Fascinating city walking tours with expert local guides
- ♪ All entrances to museums, castles, cathedrals and palaces as listed in itinerary
- ♪ An evening dinner concert in Krakow featuring traditional Jewish Klezmer music
- ♪ Five outstanding classical concerts as listed
- ♪ All transportation on an air-conditioned motor coach
- ♪ Gratuities for your driver, local guides and Earthbound Expeditions program manager
- ♪ Fun introductory language lessons given en route by your guide
- ♪ An interesting group of like-minded classical public radio listeners

## TRIP FACTS

11 Days/10 Nights (land)

\$4,495 per person double occupancy

\$995 single supplement (waived if a roommate is found)

Optional group flight departs the US: May 18, 2022

Trip begins in Warsaw: May 19, 2022

Trip ends in Prague: May 29, 2022

Optional post-tour extension to Vienna ends: June 1, 2022



## GROUP AIR OPTION

Details coming soon!

## WAYS TO SAVE \$250

- ✓ All Classical and Earthbound Expeditions travel alumni save \$100 per person
- ✓ Pay your final balance by check and save \$100 per person
- ✓ Reserve by February 15, 2022 and save \$50

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*Explore the UNESCO, World Heritage Center of Krakow*

## **YOUR CLASSICAL ADVENTURE BEGINS...**

### **Day 0: Wednesday, May 18 – Depart home city for Warsaw, Poland**

Remember, you must depart the U.S. no later than today. An optional group flight will be offered.

### **Day 1: Thursday, May 19 - Arrive in Poland**

Dzien dobry! (Good day!) Your musical journey through Eastern Europe begins in Warsaw, Poland. Guests arriving in conjunction with the group flight may join the complimentary hotel transfer. Depending upon flight times, you'll enjoy a casual introductory walking tour of the old city center before meeting your All Classical Portland host John Pitman and Earthbound Expeditions guide for an orientation and welcome dinner. *Sleep in Warsaw (D)*

### **Day 2: Friday, May 20 - A Walk through history and the Warsaw Symphony Orchestra**

Warsaw is a fascinating city steeped in history, culture and, of course, memories of Chopin. For an overall impression of Poland's bustling capital city, we'll set off on a morning tour highlighting the city's most famous landmarks. We'll see the Royal Route with its aristocratic residences, historic churches and famous statues. In addition, we'll visit the Ghetto Memorial, the Monument of the Warsaw Uprising, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Grand Theatre, Chopin's monument, the Belvedere Palace and the Old Town.

After a delicious lunch, we will return to our hotel in the late afternoon. Rest up and relax before meeting your fellow travelers for a light dinner and evening classical concert in a historic setting. *Sleep in Warsaw (B, L, D)*



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*Discover the UNESCO, World Heritage Center of Prague*

### **Day 3: Saturday, May 21 - In Pursuit of Chopin**

Frederic Chopin is undoubtedly the best-known resident of Warsaw. He spent the first 20 years of his life in the city studying music, learning the manners of proper society and giving his first concerts. All the Warsaw newspapers wrote about the child prodigy. Walking the streets of Warsaw, you will pass many buildings where he lived, loved and worked.

Our day begins at Ostrogski Castle, which houses both the Frederic Chopin Museum and the Chopin Society. The museum contains the world's largest collection of Chopin memorabilia, comprising of various souvenirs indirectly or directly connected with Chopin or his work as a composer. The manuscripts, commemorative prints, portraits, posters, books, magazines, notes and a recording library (analogue and digital disc and tapes) and visuals library (negatives, positives, microfilms) come from domestic and foreign purchases, gifts and donations.

Next, we visit the Fryderyk Chopin University of Music, which is among the oldest and largest schools of music in Europe. Between the years 1826 and 1829, Chopin studied at the Main School of Music.

In the afternoon, we drive 30 miles west of Warsaw to the village of Zelazowa Wola, the birth place of Chopin in 1810. His house, once a thatched cottage, now resembles a romantic manor surrounded by a picturesque park full of a wide variety of plants. In 1931, Chopin's house became the Chopin Birthplace Museum, complete with a rich collection of memorabilia associated with the great composer. *Sleep in Warsaw (B, L)*



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"All the same it is being said everywhere that I played too softly, or rather, too delicately for people used to the piano-pounding of the artists here."

Chopin

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#### **Day 4: Sunday, May 22 - South to Historic Krakow**

After a hearty breakfast, we drive south to Krakow, one of Poland's most beautiful cities. A true survivor of war, Krakow is a colossus of art and architecture and Poland's best-preserved city. The Kings of Poland resided here, making the city the cultural and scientific center of the entire territory. *Sleep in Krakow (B, D)* \*Depending on museum times and availability, we may stop at Auschwitz today en route to Krakow. Some may choose to sit in a café if you prefer not to join this moving, emotional tour.

#### **Day 5: Monday, May 23 - Imperial Krakow**

This morning, we will join an engaging local guide for a walk back in time. We'll visit Central Europe's largest medieval market place at Rynek Glowny and continue to Wawel Castle, where generations of Polish kings were crowned and buried. The afternoon and evening are yours to further explore this breathtaking city at your own pace. We suggest enjoying a special dinner out and perhaps even a concert. *Sleep in Krakow (B, L)*

#### **Day 6: Tuesday, May 24 - Historic district of Kazimierz, Krakow**

Krakow itself had been a hub of Jewish civilization in Europe for several centuries, a situation aided by the tolerant mindset of Poland's Renaissance elite. The relationship between Poles and Jews was not always harmonious, but the greatest storm was brought by outside invaders in 1939.

Before World War II, the historic district of Kazimierz had been the heart of Jewish Krakow. Few Jewish families survived the conflict, and the trickle of families that returned in 1945 was too small to be called a community. For several decades, crumbling graveyards, synagogues and houses were the only palpable remains of six centuries of Jewish history in Krakow - Kazimierz was a realm of ghosts. When democratic changes came to Poland in 1989, much of Krakow was falling apart. Kazimierz, the heart of the old Jewish city, was in especially bad shape. However, the district has seen a revival in recent years, with artists and musicians opening up shops in once abandoned buildings.

After lunch, the afternoon is free to further explore the medieval quarter of Krakow. Tonight, we've planned an evening of traditional Jewish music and a festive kosher feast in the heart of Krakow's Jewish quarter, where we attend an entertaining Klezmer concert. *Sleep in Krakow (B, D)*



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### Day 7: Wednesday, May 25 - West to Mozart's Moravia, Czech Republic

Today, we drive east to the province of Moravia, Czech Republic. The wine-loving Moravians considered themselves somewhat separate from their beer-producing brothers in Bohemia. Our destination - Olomouc - is rich in history, architectural beauty, and is a prominent university town. It also contains several large and richly decorated squares and, most famously, the Holy Trinity Column. At 115 feet high, the column is an astonishing example of the Moravian Baroque style, and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Olomouc is also famous for its collection of colorful mosaics, the most unusual being the glockenspiel, which is strangely decorated with 1950 style communist motifs and figures. Before dinner, we'll enjoy a walking tour. Dinner tonight includes Moravian delicacies and regional wines. *Sleep in Olomouc (B, D)*

The work of **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**, the brilliant Austrian composer and pianist, is also connected with Olomouc. At eleven, Mozart composed Symphony No. 6 in F major during his stay in the Hauenschild's Palace.

**Historic Musical Note:** The town of Litomyšl is just a one-hour drive west of Olomouc. Friedrich Smetana was born here on 2 March 1824, near the traditional border between Bohemia and Moravia, then provinces of the Habsburg Empire.

### Day 8: Thursday, May 26 - In the Footsteps of Dvořák and Smetana: West to Prague!

After breakfast, we make our way west towards the soaring spires of Prague. We stop to explore beautiful Vysehrad Cemetery, the final resting place of the most honored Czech composers, artists, sculptors, writers, scientists and politicians. Here are the graves of Smetana, Dvořák and the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Moravian-Czech artist, Mucha.

Prague is the birthplace of Franz Kafka and the city Mozart loved best. It's also the home of the *Prague Spring International Music Festival*! For our first evening in Prague, let's enjoy a Bohemian feast together followed by a classical concert. *Sleep in Prague (B, D)*



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**Day 9: Friday, May 27 -  
Mozart's Estates Opera House**

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.

Our tour will continue to Prague's stirring medieval Jewish quarter. We'll take time to savor this culturally-rich neighborhood and stop by the Old Synagogue, which has been a place of worship for over 700 years. This afternoon, you will be treated to a tour of Mozart's historic opera house and an evening of music featuring the Prague International Music Festival!

*Sleep in Prague (B, L)*



**Day 10: Saturday, May 28 - Prague's Castle District**

We start the day with a stroll to Prague's most famous landmark, Charles Bridge, after which we'll visit the historic castle district. Then, enjoy a farewell lunch with your All Classical host. The afternoon is yours to further explore this city's charming streets. Perhaps you'll want to take in a world-class museum or concert, visit a Bohemian market, or simply wander the wondrously preserved historic old town. *Sleep in Prague (B, L)*

*\*Note: Flights normally depart Prague quite early. You may wish to have an early night this evening in preparation for your trip home.*

**Day 11: Sunday, May 29 - Return home with a lifetime of memories, or continue on to Vienna, Austria!**

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

-Itinerary subject to change-



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*You may wish to visit the Belvedere Palace while in Vienna*

## **POST-TOUR EXTENSION TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA**

\$1,195 per person double occupancy (based on 12+ guests)

\$199 single supplement

### **POST-TOUR INCLUDES**

- Transport by private motor coach to Vienna for a group larger than 14 passengers  
\*Transport will be by train from Prague if the group is smaller than 13 guests
- Guided walking tour of the city center highlighting the lives of the great composers
- A guided tour of the Musikverein, home to the Vienna Philharmonic
- A classical concert at the Sala Terrena, Mozart's first residence in Vienna
- A guided walk of the Vienna Fine Arts Museum
- Three nights in a centrally-located, four-star hotel
- Breakfast daily plus one welcome dinner

### **Day 11: Sunday, May 29 - Medieval Monasteries and Imperial Vienna**

This morning we say farewell to Prague and head south towards Mozart's second home, Vienna!

Enjoy a welcome to Vienna orientation and light guided walk before entering a medieval wine cellar for dinner. *Sleep in Vienna (B, D)*



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“Beethoven can write music, thank God, but he can do nothing else on earth.”  
Ludwig van Beethoven

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**Day 12: Monday, May 30 - 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 18th 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 to the House of Music or the Spanish Riding School to see the famous Lipizzaner horses.  
*Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*



**Beethoven and Mozart - 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. Almost every major symphony and his opera *Fidelio* were composed while he lived in Vienna. And Vienna is rolling out the red carpet to celebrate the composer's **252<sup>nd</sup>** birthday!

**Day 13: Tuesday, May 31 - Vienna's Museum of Fine Arts and the Symphony Hall**

The Museum of Fine Arts ranks among the richest and most important art collections in the world. In its corridors, 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 *fin de siècle* Vienna, 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. This afternoon, tour the Musikverein, home to the Vienna Philharmonic orchestra. *Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*

**Day 14: Wednesday, June 1 - Return home with a lifetime of memories!**

A complimentary airport transfer is included for those on the group flight. Bon Voyage!

**QUESTIONS & RESERVATIONS**

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### Meet Your All Classical Host, John Pitman



Hi! I'm All Classical Portland's Director of Music and Programming, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to host this tour of Poland and Prague. I've visited Prague before with Earthbound Expeditions, but never Poland, so this will be an exciting first for me. We are going to be immersed in a fascinating part of Europe with deep history and rich culture, and the number of concerts is thrilling! When I saw that we would be attending the Prague Spring Music Festival (a "bucket list" item), I was overjoyed.

I've been with All Classical Portland since its inception in 1983 (I had recently graduated from KBPS, located at Benson Polytechnic High School and the parent station of 89.9 FM), which I realize is unusual! However, All Classical's dedicated listeners, as well as my extraordinary colleagues, continually inspire me to improve on the service we provide to you, our wonderful family of listeners.

As program director, I work with the hosts and our producers to carefully craft each hour of music almost every day. To say I love my job is practically an understatement! When I'm not crafting the playlist or discovering new recordings and music, I'm interviewing musicians from around the world to add to All Classical Portland's online offering of reviews, spotlights and insights. You can also catch me on the air on Saturday nights, with The Concert Hall, a series that draws from our library of over 28,000 CDs.

I've been witness to tremendous growth in this service, from a part-time radio station to an internationally known broadcast and Internet entity with millions of listeners around the world. I'm very proud of this source of beauty and solace that we have created, having done so with the generous support of thousands of devoted listeners. It's my pleasure, and privilege, to share this great music with you.



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## CONCERTS: WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

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**Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra:** TBA

**Warsaw Suburbs - Zelazowa Wola**

Exclusive piano performance at Chopin's birthplace

**Krakow Dinner Concert**

Traditional Klezmer music concert and dinner in the heart of the historic Jewish Quarter

**Prague Festive Spring Music Festival**

Three classical events included!

**About the 77<sup>th</sup> Prague Spring International Music Festival**

For more than 70 years, the Prague Spring International Music Festival has ranked among the top cultural events in the Czech Republic and in Europe. This presentation of the world's best musicians, symphony orchestras and chamber music ensembles is somewhat of a phenomenon as it has survived the political upheavals and dramatic cultural changes in the seven decades of its existence. This is mostly thanks to its audience, who always appreciated and today still appreciates the true artistic quality on display.



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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. You should also feel comfortable standing for an extended 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. You can also 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, so you'll need to climb a few stairs in order to participate.

**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 nice slacks and a blazer. Women will feel more comfortable in slacks or a casual dress or skirt. 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 75 days before departure. Deposits and payments can be made by check or credit card. Read the full terms and conditions [here](#).

**Travel Insurance:** Earthbound Expeditions strongly encourages the purchase of travel insurance coverage. We include information on trip insurance in your deposit information.

**Concerts and Events:** If a planned concert or event is cancelled for any reason, another concert or event will be included in its place. This is not cause for refund. Concerts are subject to change.

**Hosted Journeys:** The inability of a host to participate in a tour is not grounds for a full or partial refund. Another respected host will attend, if the stated host cannot travel.



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