



# *Along the Rhine*

## *A Floating Classical Music Fest!*

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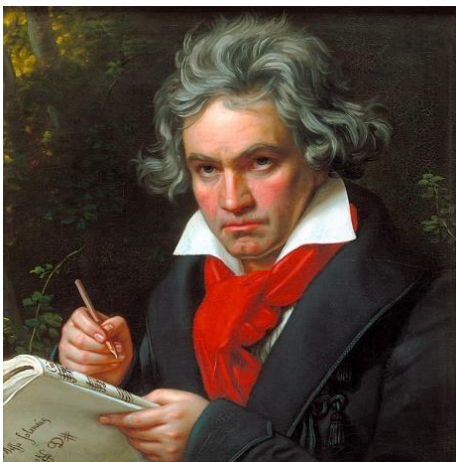
The year 2022 marks Ludwig van Beethoven's 252nd birthday! You are cordially invited to celebrate the composer's life, in his homeland, with **Performance Today™** host **Fred Child**. Designed for lovers of nature, art, culture and, of course, classical music, this customized adventure will thrill you. Together we'll cruise the Rhine River south through Holland, Germany, France, and Switzerland on board our privately chartered 1<sup>st</sup> class river ship. Enjoy intimate classical music "Perf Chats" and the rich music offered by our Performance Today™ Artist in Residence. A private concert in Beethoven's birthplace and numerous top classical concerts will also be offered. Stroll through grand museums, picturesque villages and sip delicious wines with the locals in Germany's Rhine region and in Alsace, France. Your journey culminates in the towering Alps of Switzerland on the shore of beautiful Lake Lucerne. **Space is limited.**

# *YOUR HOST, MUSICIANS & GUIDES*



**Fred Child** is the host of American Public Media's Performance Today®, the most-listened-to classical music radio show in America. Fred is also the commentator and announcer for Live from Lincoln Center, the only live performing arts series on television. In recent years, Fred has hosted a series of unique live national concert broadcasts, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic's opening concerts from Walt Disney Hall, Gustavo Dudamel's debut with the LA Philharmonic, season-opening concerts at Carnegie Hall, the Berlin Philharmonic live at Carnegie Hall, the Last Night of the Proms from the Royal Albert Hall in London, New Year's concerts by the New York Philharmonic, Seiji Ozawa's final concert with the Boston

Symphony at Tanglewood, and the ground-breaking "Spring for Music" concerts from Carnegie Hall. He has given concert talks for Lincoln Center, the Aspen Festival and Summerfest La Jolla; his CD reviews have appeared on NPR's All Things Considered; and his music reports have appeared on NPR's Morning Edition and Weekend Edition. He's been a contributor to Billboard magazine and a commentator for BBC Radio 3. While growing up in Portland, Oregon, Fred studied classical piano. He also dabbles in guitar, percussion and bagpipes. Fred loves baseball (throws right, bats left) and is an avid hiker, climber, skier, cyclist and runner and a licensed private pilot. This will be the sixth Performance Today tour Fred has hosted. Fred and his wife Wang Jie live in New York City.



**PT Arist in Residence & Concerts:** Performance Today travelers will enjoy custom, educational talks and multiple private concerts with distinguished classical performers. In addition to ship board classical performances, you will also enjoy special included concerts in symphony halls and/or Opera Houses. A special, private concert in Beethoven's birthplace is also being arranged, just for you! Music program to be released 6 months prior to sailing.

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## *ALSO JOINING YOU!*



**Amy Hyatt** is a dynamic event and travel management professional with over 22 years' experience, currently working at American Public Media and Minnesota Public Radio. Her global success includes managing events, initiatives and group trips in over 35 countries, including as a member of two Olympic committees. Amy believes in the power of public media, travel and hospitality to transform the world. Amy's values and home are deeply rooted in Minnesota. She and her Romanian-born husband Constantin live in the Twin Cities.

**Matthew Brumley** (pictured far right) is the co-founder of Earthbound Expeditions (along with his wife Danna Brumley) and has been leading and creating educational adventures worldwide for over 25 years. After completing his undergraduate studies at the Universities of Copenhagen and Moscow, Matthew went on to attend the graduate program at the London School of Economics. Matthew has lived in Copenhagen, Paris, London, Tel Aviv and San Jose, Costa Rica. Currently Matthew resides on Bainbridge Island, Washington with his wife, Danna and their two children. Matthew is a regular on-air contributor to KNKX-NPR, Seattle. This will be his fifteenth journey as lead organizer for MPR custom journeys.



# ***YOUR FLOATING MUSIC FEST PROGRAM***

**What You Can Expect:** In addition to numerous ship board concerts prepared by Performance Today, Earthbound Expeditions will also be reserve two additional exceptional concerts on shore.

- ❖ The Royal Concertgebouw, Amsterdam
- ❖ Cologne Symphony Orchestra
- ❖ Beethoven's Birthplace Private Concert: Bonn
- ❖ Lucerne Orchestra
- ❖ Strasbourg Symphony Orchestra
- ❖ Rhine Valley Classical Piano Festival

## **TRIP AT GLANCE**

7 Nights cruising the Rhine River from Amsterdam to Basel

3 Nights post-cruise in Lucerne, Switzerland

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Seven nights Rhine River cruise aboard the privately chartered, newly launched, first-class, MS Amadeus Imperial \* Musical performances and Performance Today talks while cruising \* Tour of Beethoven's birthplace in Bonn, Germany \* On-shore musical performances and concerts en-route from Amsterdam to Lucerne \* Wine and cheese tastings in Germany and France \* Explore Alsace and the UNESCO city of Strasbourg \* A private lake cruise on Lake Lucerne \* Time to stroll through picturesque timber villages \* Dining in lakeside cafes amid the towering Swiss Alps \* Fellow travelers who share your passion for classical music, food, history and culture

## **INCLUDED IN YOUR EXCLUSIVE CUSTOM CRUISE**

- Performance Today host Fred Child
- With PT guest musician/artist in Residence
- All shore excursions, plus a three-night post cruise stay in Switzerland, included! **Valued at \$2,199**
- Gratuities for your on-shore guides and drivers (excluding ship crew)
- Guided by Earthbound Expeditions founder Matthew Brumley
- Seven nights cruising the Rhine River on the deluxe MS Amadeus Imperial
- All multi-course meals while cruising with wine served at dinner
- Three nights, post-cruise stay in Lucerne, Switzerland with breakfast daily, plus a farewell feast

**Not Included:** Travel insurance \* Port fees of \$200 \* Gratuities for the ship crew \* Air tickets to/from Europe \* Any items not mentioned in your Performance Today floating festival itinerary

## **TRIP FACTS**

12 Days / 11 Nights (when including optional group air)

Optional Group flights depart: May 19, 2022

(Group Air from select U.S. cities TBA in July 2021)

Trip begins: Amsterdam, the Netherlands on May 20, 2022

Trip ends: Lucerne, Switzerland on May 30, 2022

**Pricing and cabins listed on page 11**

**SAVE UP TO \$900**  
see pricing page for details **per person**



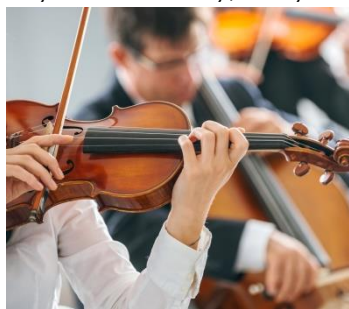


*Cruise past medieval castles and lush vineyards*

“Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy.  
Music is the electrical soil in which the spirit lives, thinks and invents.”  
Ludwig van Beethoven

## *The Adventure Begins!*

### **Day 0: Thursday, May 19 - Depart the USA for Amsterdam**



Remember, you'll need to depart the States no later than today. An optional group flights from select U.S. cities will be offered. Details will be released eleven months prior to departure.

### **Day 1: Friday, May 20 - Your Journey Officially Begins!**

Goedemorgen, welkom to Holland! Our classical music journey through Holland, Germany, France and Switzerland begins in the historic heart of Amsterdam as we board the elegant, newly launched, MS Amadeus Imperial.

This evening, enjoy a welcome aboard dinner with your Performance Today hosts, captain, guides and fellow travelers. *Sleep on board (D)*

### **Day 2: Saturday, May 21 - Cruising South to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Cologne, Germany**

After a day of cruising and exploring southern Holland and northern Germany, we arrive in the ancient Roman city of Cologne. This is the birthplace of Offenbach. We'll visit the twin-spired Cologne Cathedral, one of Europe's most beloved Gothic cathedrals. Begun in 1248, the building of this Gothic masterpiece took place in several stages and was not completed until 1880. This evening we attend an exclusive performance by your artist in residence. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*





*Visit historic palaces and castles!*

### **Day 3: Sunday, May 22 - Beethoven's Bonn**

He reinvented the symphony, reshaped string quartets, and redefined piano sonatas - but there's much more to learn about Ludwig van Beethoven, the deaf composer who changed music forever.

This morning we arrive in Beethoven's birthplace, the city of Bonn. We'll have a morning to explore this charming city, including Beethoven's house that is now a memorial site and museum. This afternoon, enjoy a concert at the celebrated **Beethoven House**. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*

### **Day 4: Monday, May 23 – Moselle Wine and Castle River Excursion**

Today our Amadeus vessel takes a special trip down the romantic Moselle River, the largest tributary of the Rhine, and docks at the old town of Cochem. The scenery in the Moselle Valley has been dominated by vineyards for millennia. Cochem itself has narrow streets, twisting alleys and medieval town gates, churches and walls. Discover the beauty of Cochem and sample some of the Riesling wines produced in this region. This evening we set off towards Koblenz. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*



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*Enjoy three nights in historic Lucerne, Switzerland!*

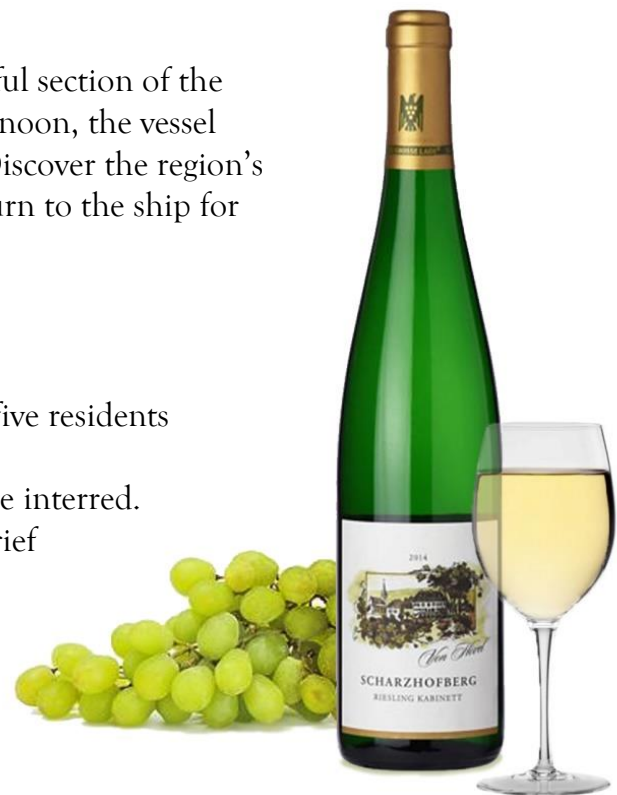
#### **Day 5: Tuesday, May 24 - Koblenz on the Rhine**

This morning we arrive in Koblenz, ideally situated at the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle rivers. The Romans, the Franks, the Holy Roman Empire, the French, and the Germans have all had a hand in this strategic city's 2,000 year history. St. Castor Basilica, the Church of our Beloved Lady, and the Emperor Kaiser Wilhelm's memorial at the German Corner, are just a few of the sites which reflect the history of the area.

This afternoon, spend time on deck as we cruise the most beautiful section of the river – the legendary Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Later this afternoon, the vessel arrives in Rüdesheim, a winemaking town in the Rhine Gorge. Discover the region's rich history of winemaking with a visit to the local museum. Return to the ship for a delicious dinner. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*

#### **Day 6: Wednesday, May 25 - A Day in Heidelberg and Speyer**

After breakfast, visit lively Heidelberg. Heidelberg is an historic city which boasts the oldest university in Germany (one in every five residents is a student). Today's port of call is at Speyer, a city known for its cathedral where eight Roman Emperors and German Kings are interred. A picturesque city, Speyer has over 2000 years of history. For a brief moment you might think you have stepped into a fairytale world with the many beautifully restored traditional timber-framed houses. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*







*Enjoy a private lake cruise on stunning Lake Lucerne*

#### **Day 7: Thursday, May 26 - Strasbourg, France**

After breakfast, the ship arrives in Strasbourg, the ancient capital of Alsace and one of Europe's most attractive cities. During a city tour you'll see the outside of the European Parliament building and have a guided tour of the inside of the city's vast and famous cathedral. The cathedral features numerous carvings as delicate as lace! Because of the richness and sheer density of Strasbourg's historic buildings, the entire city center is being adopted as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The ship casts off again as our journey continues towards Switzerland. Tonight, enjoy the Captain's Gala Farewell Dinner after your exciting day. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*

**History Buffs - The Maginot Line:** This was a line of concrete fortifications, obstacles, and weapon installations built by France in the 1930s to deter invasion by Germany and force them to move around the fortifications. It was constructed on the French side of its borders with Italy, Switzerland, Germany, and Luxembourg.

#### **Day 8: Friday, May 27 - Basel to Wagner's Lucerne via the Mountain town of Interlaken**

Today, we disembark our ship in Basel and drive deep into the heart of Switzerland to Lucerne, our base for the next three nights. We'll stop for an independent lunch in stunning Interlaken, at the base of the famous Schilthorn. An optional excursion by gondola will be offered for those who wish to visit the top of the Schilthorn for lunch and take in the stunning views of the legendary Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau mountains\*. In the late afternoon, we check into our hotel near the shores of Lake Lucerne.

*Sleep in Lucerne (B)*

*\*\$195 USD including lunch and transport from Interlaken to the top of the Schilthorn – Please inform our office by time of final payment if you wish to participate.*





*Experience the Schilthorn!*

**Day 9: Saturday, May 28 - Relax on the shores of Lake Lucerne or visit the Wagner Museum**

After breakfast and a brief orientation, visit the Lion of Lucerne monument. It commemorates the Swiss Guards who were massacred in 1792 during the French Revolution, when revolutionaries stormed the Tuileries Palace in Paris.

Then, enjoy a free afternoon and evening. Walk across the famous Kapellbrücke (Chapel Bridge) named after the nearby St. Peter's Chapel. The bridge contains a number of interior paintings dating back to the 17th century, although many of them were destroyed along with a larger part of the centuries-old bridge in a 1993 fire. Subsequently restored, the Kapellbrücke is the oldest wooden covered bridge in Europe. You may also wish to visit the superb Wagner Museum. The composer lived in a three-story mansion perched near exquisite Lake Lucerne and surrounded by dramatic Alpine vistas. It's now a showplace for all things Wagnerian. *Sleep in Lucerne (B)*

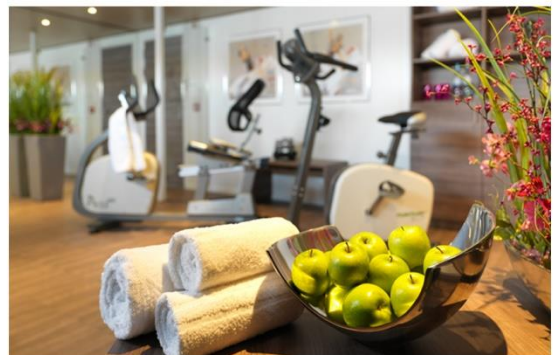
**Day 10: Sunday, May 29 – Enjoy Lake Lucerne**

This morning is all about options! You may choose to embark on the world's steepest cogwheel railway and zoom to the top of nearby Mount Pilatus which is located near Lucerne. Or relax on the shores of Lake Lucerne and enjoy some traditional fondue. This afternoon we set off for a leisurely boat excursion on beautiful Lake Lucerne. Enjoy a farewell lunch with your Performance Today host, Fred Child. Spend a final free evening in stunning Lucerne. *Sleep in Lucerne (B, L)*

**Day 11: Monday, May 30 - Your Performance Today Adventure Concludes**

*Auf Wiedersehen!* Your guide will accompany you to the Zurich airport this morning. Return home with a lifetime of happy memories. *Gute Reise! (B)*





## *THE MS AMADEUS IMPERIAL*

Entirely reserved for friends of PERFORMANCE TODAY, the newly launched Amadeus Imperial combines the luxuries of a 5-star hotel with innovative design and first-class service. This, the latest ship in the Amadeus Silver line, includes all the amenities of its sister ships.

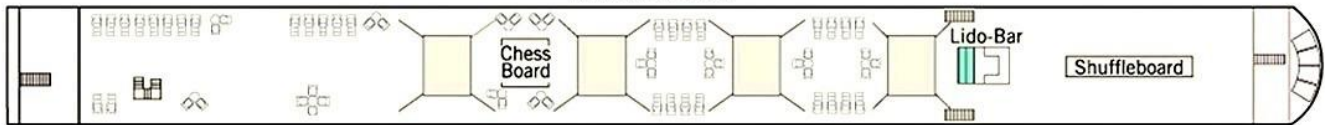
From luxurious suites (284 sq. ft.) with walk-out balconies to comfortable staterooms (172-188 sq. ft.), most cabins have automatically lowerable panorama windows offering a spectacular view of the passing river landscapes. In order to make your stay on board as comfortable as possible, all cabins have a modern bathroom and closet space.

The glass-shielded River Terrace invites you to relax outdoors, while offering a breathtaking view of your surroundings. Enjoy the highest standards of cuisine aboard the Amadeus Imperial in the stylish Panorama Restaurant, where the galley crew will ensure that you are spoilt beyond your expectations.



# MS AMADEUS IMPERIAL

## SUN DECK



## BEETHOVEN DECK



## BACH DECK



## BRAHMS DECK



Double Cabin Category	Per Person Before Discount	Deposit by October 1, 2021 & Save Per Person	Pay Final Balance by Check & Save	Price After Discounts Per Person	Single Supplement
Brahms Deck – Stateroom	\$5,099	-\$300	-\$100	\$4,699	\$800
Bach Deck – Stateroom	\$5,799	-\$400	-\$100	\$5,299	\$1,350
Beethoven Deck – Stateroom	\$6,599	-\$500	-\$100	\$5,999	\$1,350
Beethoven Deck – Suite	\$7,499	-\$800	-\$100	\$6,599	Call for details

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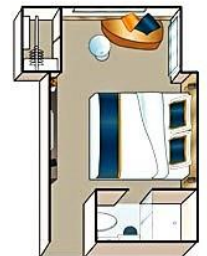
**EXTRA \$100 SAVINGS**  
for Travel Alumni



BEETHOVEN DECK SUITE  
284 sq. ft.



BEETHOVEN / BACH DECK STATEROOM  
188 sq. ft.



BRAHMS DECK STATEROOM  
172 sq. ft.

**Not included:** Gratuities for the ship staff, travel insurance, port fees and any items not mentioned in your itinerary. Port taxes, charges and fees are currently \$200 and are additional.

**Savings:** \$100 discount applies for all Minnesota Public Radio or Earthbound travel alum. If your deposit is made by October 1, 2021 and/or you make your final payment by check, you will receive the additional discounts.

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*The brand new MS Amadeus Imperial is similar to the MS Silver III*

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**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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*Itinerary Details Subject to Change*

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