

Guten Tag!



I warmly invite you to join me, **Emily Moss, music director at WCPE, The Classical Station**, and fellow classical music lovers for an unforgettable journey through three of Europe's great musical capitals: **Budapest, Vienna and Prague!** Together, we'll experience the magic of classical music in magnificent concert halls, historic opera houses, and the very homes where the legendary composers lived. In addition, we'll enjoy traditional cuisine in charming restaurants and discover great works of art in world-class museums.

The year 2027 promises to be especially memorable as Vienna marks the 200th anniversary of Beethoven's death with an extraordinary array of concerts and musical celebrations honoring his enduring legacy. Our musical highlights include four exceptional concerts, an intimate piano recital honoring Franz Liszt, and a private chamber music performance in a historic setting associated with Mozart. We'll also explore the lives of Beethoven, Mozart, Liszt, and Dvořák, visit historic opera houses, and discover Europe's extraordinary musical heritage.

I hope you'll join us for a wonderful celebration of music, friendship, and discovery!
Space is limited.

TRIP AT A GLANCE

3 Nights	Budapest, capital of Hungary
3 Nights	Vienna, capital of Austria
3 Nights	Prague, capital of the Czech Republic

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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- An exclusive piano recital at the prestigious Franz Liszt Academy
- An intimate chamber music concert in a historic monastery, former residence of Mozart
- Walk in Beethoven's footsteps through musical Vienna
- Private visits to the homes and museums of Dvořák, Liszt, Mozart
- A total of four exceptional classical concerts in Budapest, Vienna, and Prague
- A magical evening cruise along the Danube River
- Behind-the-scenes tours of Budapest's and Prague's magnificent opera houses
- Savor regional cuisine in charming cafés, atmospheric wine cellars, and inviting restaurants
- Marvel at masterpieces in Vienna's renowned Museum of Fine Arts
- Share unforgettable moments with like-minded lovers of music, art, and culture

YOUR MUSICAL JOURNEY INCLUDES!

- Travel with Emily Moss, music director at WCPE, the Classical Station
- Fully guided by an experienced, hand-selected Earthbound Expeditions guide
- Five memorable classical concerts in magnificent historic settings
- Discover Budapest, Vienna and Prague on engaging, guided walking tours
- Nine nights in splendid, hand-selected, centrally located 4-star hotels
- Delightful regional cuisine, including daily breakfasts, seven traditional lunches, and four multi-course dinners
- Airport transfers in Europe for guests arriving on day the trip officially begins and ends
- Comfortable private motor coach transportation throughout your journey
- All gratuities for your guide and driver
- Admission to museums and historic attractions featured in your itinerary
- Exclusive alumni travel discounts toward future adventures with WCPE
- Beautiful music, extraordinary cities, wonderful food, and the pleasure of traveling with like-minded classical music lovers.

TRIP FACTS

10 Days/9 Nights (excluding air travel)
$7,195 per person, double occupancy *(land price)*
$1,995 single supplement
Trip begins in Budapest: September 28, 2027
Trip ends after breakfast in Prague: October 7, 2027

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Enjoy the beauty of classical music in Europe's legendary concert halls

Day 0: Depart for Historic Hungary!
Our musical adventure begins! Depart your home city today on your overnight flight to Budapest, Hungary's magnificent capital.

Day 1: Tuesday, September 28 – Welcome to Budapest, the City of Liszt!
Isten hozta! Welcome to Budapest! Our musical journey through Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic begins in the enchanting city of Franz Liszt, one of history's greatest pianists and composers. Upon arrival at Liszt Ferenc International Airport, transfer to our centrally located hotel. This evening, meet your Earthbound guide and WCPE host for a festive welcome dinner fit for a Hungarian king! *Sleep in Budapest (D)*

Day 2: Wednesday, September 29 – Discover Budapest and Franz Liszt's Legacy
This morning, join our local expert to explore the historic treasures of Buda and Pest, the two cities united in 1873 to form Budapest. Wander through Buda's magnificent Castle District, enjoying sweeping views of the Danube and Hungary's majestic Parliament.

Following a traditional Hungarian lunch, visit the fascinating Liszt Memorial Museum, once the composer's home. Discover his remarkable life, musical legacy, and personal treasures. Liszt helped establish Budapest's prestigious Music Academy, served as its first president, and generously taught without accepting a salary. Our visit concludes with an intimate private piano recital celebrating his genius.

This evening, gather for dinner before enjoying a magical cruise along the illuminated Danube, with Budapest's grand bridges and architectural landmarks providing a dazzling finale to our day. *Sleep in Budapest (B, L, D)*



Experience the best of Vienna

Day 3: Thursday, September 30 – Budapest's Heroes' Square, Great Synagogue and Magnificent Opera House
After a leisurely breakfast, we'll venture into the heart of Pest to discover grand Heroes' Square, one of Budapest's most impressive landmarks. Admire the towering Millennium Monument, crowned by the Archangel Gabriel, and the magnificent Museum of Fine Arts, surrounded by elegant architecture celebrating Hungary's rich history. Next, we'll see the remarkable Dohány Street Synagogue, the largest synagogue in Europe and a magnificent example of 19th-century Moorish Revival architecture.

Following lunch, we're in for a musical treat! Enjoy a guided tour of the splendid Hungarian State Opera House, a neo-Renaissance masterpiece celebrated for its lavish interiors and superb acoustics. *Sleep in Budapest (B, L)*

Day 4: Friday, October 1 – Journey West to Vienna, the City of Music!
Today we bid farewell to Budapest and journey west through the picturesque countryside to Vienna, Austria's magnificent musical capital! For centuries, this elegant city has inspired legendary composers, including Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, Mahler, and the Strauss family.

Before reaching the city center, we'll visit Vienna's historic Central Cemetery, the final resting place of Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, and Johann Strauss II. It's a moving opportunity to honor the musical giants whose masterpieces continue to enrich our lives.

This afternoon, we'll settle into our centrally located hotel, with time to explore Vienna's elegant streets, inviting cafés, and magnificent architecture. As evening approaches, soak up the city's timeless charm before gathering with fellow travelers for a delicious traditional Viennese dinner. *Sleep in Vienna (B, L, D)*



Day 5: Saturday, October 2 – In Pursuit of Mozart and Beethoven



Enjoy a morning walking tour through the romantic 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*. Afterward, tour the Beethoven Pasqualati House, where Beethoven is known to have composed his Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Symphonies. Enjoy lunch together and a bit of free time this afternoon. This evening enjoy a special **Mozart concert in the very chamber where Mozart** himself first performed in Vienna as a young man. *Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*

Historic Note: Vienna Celebrates Beethoven's 200th Anniversary!
2027 marks the 200th anniversary of Ludwig van Beethoven's death in Vienna, where he lived and composed many of his greatest masterpieces. Throughout the year, Austria's magnificent musical capital will honor his extraordinary legacy with special concerts, performances, and cultural celebrations. From his nine symphonies to his beloved *Fidelio*, Beethoven's music continues to inspire audiences worldwide. What better time to explore Vienna, walk in the footsteps of this musical genius, and experience the timeless beauty of classical music in the city he called home!



Day 6: Sunday, October 3 – Vienna's Museum of Fine Arts and the renowned Musikverein
This morning, discover Vienna's magnificent Museum of Fine Arts, home to one of the world's greatest art collections. Admire masterpieces by Bruegel, Rubens, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Raphael, Titian, and Velázquez.

After our museum visit, we'll gather for a traditional Viennese lunch. Afterward, enjoy a guided tour of the legendary Musikverein, home of the Vienna Philharmonic. Enjoy a classical concert in Vienna this evening. *Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*

Day 7: Monday, October 4 – Journey to Prague, the City of a Hundred Spires
After breakfast, we bid farewell to Vienna and journey north through Bohemia's picturesque countryside toward enchanting Prague, a city of soaring spires and extraordinary musical heritage. Beloved by Mozart and birthplace of Franz Kafka, Prague has inspired generations of artists and composers.

Along the way, we'll pause to honor Czech musical legends Smetana and Dvořák and visit the historic Dvořák Villa. Upon arriving in Prague, we'll settle into our hotel before gathering for a festive traditional Czech dinner. *Sleep in Prague (B, D)*

Day 8: Tuesday, October 5 – Prague's Old Town and Jewish Quarter
Following breakfast, we'll set out with our local expert to explore Prague's enchanting medieval heart, beginning in magnificent Old Town Square, the city's gathering place for centuries. From here, we'll stroll into the historic Jewish Quarter to discover the remarkable 13th-century Old-New Synagogue, Europe's oldest active synagogue, and the atmospheric Old Jewish Cemetery. After our walking tour, we'll relax over lunch at a charming local restaurant, with time afterward to enjoy Prague at your leisure.

This evening, we'll reunite for another special classical music concert. *Sleep in Prague (B, L)*

Day 9: Wednesday, October 6 – 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 historic 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 here in protest against the Warsaw Pact invasion. Protests against police brutality held here in 1989 led to the Velvet Revolution, which culminated in the end of communism for Czechoslovakia.

Enjoy a farewell lunch with your host, then stroll the charming streets of Prague. Perhaps you'll wish to visit one of the city's wonderful museums or do a bit of last-minute shopping. This evening we meet for one wonderful final concert. *Sleep in Prague (B, L) *Note: Flights normally depart Prague quite early. You may wish to have an early night this evening.*

Day 10: Thursday, October 7 – Return home with a lifetime of memories
Complimentary airport transfers will be offered to those departing today.

Bon Voyage!

Meet Your WCPE Host



Emily Moss is the Music Director at WCPE, The Classical Station, where she oversees daily classical music programming and develops special broadcasts around composer birthdays, holidays, and station events. She draws on the station's music library to choose works and recordings that pair familiar favorites with pieces listeners may be hearing for the first time. She also researches composers and their music for announcers to share on air and contributes programming highlights to the station's quarterly magazine. Emily got her start at WCPE as a late-night announcer and went on to serve as assistant music director before stepping into her current role in 2022.

Inspired by her maternal grandmother, Emily began playing piano at age four. She studied classical piano performance at Valdosta State University and taught private piano lessons for 13 years. She also directs the choir at Fuquay-Varina Presbyterian Church, has toured England with a competitive chamber choir, and has composed music for independent films and video games.

Outside the studio, Emily is the founder of Land of Luna, where she creates handcrafted, nature-inspired macramé artwork. Explore her work at landofluna.com.

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