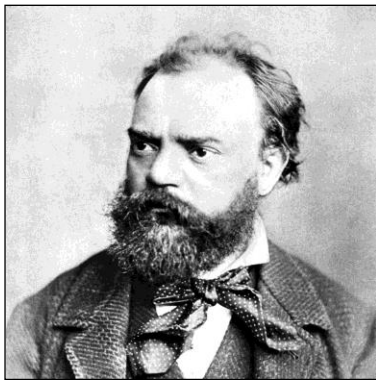




Dvorak Prague Int'l Music Festival! Budapest * Vienna * Prague September 9 - 19, 2021



Join fellow classical music lovers and Public Radio enthusiasts for the ultimate art, history, and classical music journey to Budapest, Vienna and Prague! Enjoy the beauty and pageantry of classical music as it was meant to be experienced, in Europe's historic symphony halls and opera houses! Visit the illustrious symphony halls, opera houses, museums and walk in the footsteps of the great composers.

Your tailor-made classical adventure also includes tickets to the highly acclaimed **Dvorak Prague International Music Festival** and exclusive performances in the homes of both **Mozart and Liszt and more!** Celebrate the lives of Beethoven, Mozart, Dvorak, Smetana, Schubert, Brahms, Strauss and Mahler in style. *Space is limited.*

TRIP AT A GLANCE

- 3 Nights Budapest, Capital of Hungary
- 3 Nights Vienna, Capital of Austria
- 4 Nights Prague, Czech Republic / Dvorak Prague Int'l Music Festival!



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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS



The Dvorak Prague International Music Festival ♦ A private piano recital in the Franz Liszt Academy, Budapest ♦ A special chamber music concert in the monastery where Mozart worked and lived ♦ Private tours of the homes and museums devoted to Dvorak, Liszt, Mozart and Beethoven ♦ Five superb classical recitals & concerts in Budapest, Vienna and Prague ♦ A magical evening cruise on the Danube ♦ Tour the Budapest State Opera House ♦ The Musikverein

Symphony Hall in Vienna ♦ The Prague Estates Opera, where Mozart conducted ♦ 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 ♦ A small, fun group of fellow classical music enthusiasts who share your passion for the arts and history.

IT'S INCLUDED!

- › Guided by an Earthbound Expeditions expert program director
- › Hosted by a respected American expert.
- › Musical Events: Five 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 voyages with Earthbound Expeditions

TRIP FACTS

11 Days/10 Nights (excluding air travel)

\$4,795 per person, double occupancy (*Land Price*)

\$995 single supplement

Depart the USA no later than: September 8, 2021

Trip begins in Budapest: Thursday, September 9, 2021

Trip ends after breakfast in Prague: Sunday, September 19, 2021

Airport transfers included for those arriving in the late morning and early afternoon.

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Discover Budapest

YOUR CLASSICAL JOURNEY BEGINS...

Day 0: Depart home city for historic Budapest, Hungary

Depart the USA no later than September 8, 2021. Note: The most convenient (and safe) way to travel to the city center is by Budapest airport taxi. It will cost approximately 26€ (8045 HUF) and will take only 35 minutes to reach your destination. Hotel check in is normally at 3pm.



Day 1: Sept. 9 - Arrive in the city of Liszt...Budapest!

Isten hozta! Welcome to Budapest! Your musical journey through the treasures of Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic begins appropriately enough in Budapest. After checking into your centrally-located hotel, meet your guide and host for an orientation followed by a welcome dinner fit for a Hungarian king. *Sleep in Budapest (D)*

Day 2: Sept. 10 - Discover Budapest, the Liszt Memorial Museum and enjoy an evening Danube Cruise: This morning we'll meet our local guide for a historic tour of the two cities, Buda and Pest. Our morning adventure begins in the imposing castle district of Buda where you will enjoy commanding views of Hungary's stately parliament building and the Danube. After an included lunch, we'll enjoy a special afternoon 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. **Enjoy a private piano recital by talented pianist.**

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, a gorgeous evening cruise on the Danube river. *Sleep in Budapest (B, L)*



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Experience the best of Vienna!

Day 3: Sept. 11 - The Great Synagogue and tour the 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. 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. This afternoon, join your fellow travelers for an insightful tour and playful, petite opera recital at the gorgeous Budapest State Opera House. *Sleep in Budapest (B, L) *Note: The Budapest State Opera may offer a concert this evening.*



Day 4: Sept. 12 - West to Romantic Vienna, Austria

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

We soon arrive in Austria's musical capital. Check into our hotel in the later afternoon. Then, take time to marvel at this merry city resplendent before joining your fellow travelers for a hearty Viennese dinner hosted by your guide. *Sleep in the heart of Vienna (B, D)*



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Enjoy lunch in the picturesque town of Cesky Krumlov



Day 5: Sept. 13 - In Pursuit of Mozart and Beethoven

Enjoy a morning walking tour through the lively 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 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 Franz Schubert museum or the Belvedere Palace Museum, where works by Monet, Manet and Art Nouveau

master Gustav Klimt are located. Enjoy a very special **private Mozart concert in the very chamber where Mozart** himself first performed in Vienna as a young man. *Sleep in Vienna (B)*

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 the Austrian capital.

Day 6: Sept. 14 - Tour Vienna's Fine Art Museum, the renowned Musikverein, home of the Vienna Philharmonic: 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. Enjoy lunch together and then visit the **Musikverein, home of the Vienna Philharmonic**. This evening we will attend a stunning concert (program to be released in the Spring of 2021). *Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*



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Day 7: Sept. 15 - North to Prague, via the Bohemian village of Cesky Krumlov

Enjoy lunch and a bit of free time in the historic village of Cesky Krumlov. Situated on the banks of the Vltava River, this hamlet was built around a 13th century castle with Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque elements. It is one of the most charming, central European villages and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stroll down the cobbled lanes, visit a Bohemian crystal shop or sample one of the many tasty Czech beers.

After lunch, 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. To celebrate our first evening in Prague, let's enjoy a traditional dinner together in a historic setting. *Sleep in Prague (B, D)*

Day 8: Sept. 16 - Old Town Prague, Jewish Quarter & the Dvorak Prague Int'l Music Fest!

Our historic walking tour of Prague begins in 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.

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 our walking tour, enjoy a cozy lunch at a local restaurant with your host.

Tonight, you'll attend a special **Dvorak Prague Int'l Festival concert!** *Sleep in Prague (B, L)*



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Day 9: Sept. 17 - The Dvorak Museum & Prague Dvorak Festival

After breakfast we are off at the city cemetery to pay our respects to both Smetana and Dvorak. After, we will visit the Dvorak Villa and Museum. Enjoy a hearty Czech lunch together and a free afternoon in Prague. This evening you'll attend the **Dvorak Prague Int'l Music Festival**. (B, L)

Day 10: Sept. 18 - Free day to explore Prague followed by a classical concert and farewell feast

Explore the charming streets of Prague. Perhaps you may wish to visit one of the cities wonderful museums, do a bit of last-minute shopping or, sample some tasty Czech beers in one of the cities many breweries. Enjoy a farewell feast and one final classical concert today with your host, guide and fellow travelers. *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: Sept. 19 - Return home with a lifetime of memories

A complimentary airport transfer will be offered.

RESERVATIONS & QUESTIONS

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– Itinerary & Concert Details are Subject to Change –

Bon Voyage!



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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.



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About the Dvořák Prague Festival

From the very beginning, the main goal of the Dvořák Prague International Music Festival has been to promote the good name of Czech culture via the legacy of the works of Antonín Dvořák, his contemporaries, and his pupils. And because the sole measure of the festival's success is quality, only topflight soloists and conductors and the most internationally-acclaimed orchestras and chamber ensembles come together on the Dvořák Prague concert stages, presenting music by Dvořák and other composers of the world to an international audience. The center of gravity of the festival's programming lies in music of the Romantic period, with excursions into the Classical style on the one hand and on the other to indisputable, time-tested works of the twentieth century and exceptionally the twenty-first.

About Antonín Dvořák: Antonín Dvořák (8 September 1841 – 1 May 1904) holds a place among the extraordinary figures of musical culture both in the Czech lands and in the world at large. His compositional bequest forms one of the pillars of world cultural heritage. Already during his lifetime, he became the most often-performed Czech composer worldwide and the most famous of all Czech artists.

The broad scope of his oeuvre is remarkable. His works encompass all musical genres except ballet, ranging from symphonies, symphonic poems, rhapsodies, serenades, and concertos through the most varied forms of chamber music, songs, unaccompanied choruses, and operas to large works for chorus, soloists, and orchestra. And in terms of overall quantity Dvořák ranks among the most prolific composers of his time.

VENUES

The Rudolfinum is one of the most important Neo-Renaissance edifices in the Czech Republic. In its conception as a multi-purpose cultural center it was quite unique in Europe at the time of its construction. Based on a joint design by two outstanding Czech architects, Josef Zíték and Josef Schultz, a magnificent building was erected serving for concerts, as a gallery, and as a museum. The grand opening on 7 February 1885 was attended by Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria, in whose honor the structure was named. In 1896 the very first concert of the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra took place in the Rudolfinum's main concert hall, under the baton of the composer Antonín Dvořák whose name was later bestowed on the hall.

The National Theatre: Built in the 1980s, the New Stage of the National theatre represents the work of the famous architect Karel Prager. Located directly next to the historical building of the National theatre, its controversial structure assembled from more than four thousand blown glass blocks, represents to this day one of the most discussed buildings in Prague.

Note: Additional venues will be noted when the program is released in the spring of 2021.



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