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FEATURED ARTIST

Jon Kimura Parker

*Minnesota Orchestra's Creative Partner
for Summer at Orchestra Hall*

Known for his passionate artistry and engaging stage presence, pianist **Jon Kimura Parker** has performed regularly at the Berlin Philharmonic, Carnegie Hall, London's South Bank, the Sydney Opera House and the Beijing Concert Hall. In 2019, he was appointed the Minnesota Orchestra's first-ever Creative Partner for Summer at Orchestra Hall, a new role in which he is serving as a creative force behind the Orchestra's summer festival and appearing each summer as a host, performer and personality. He is also artistic director of the Honens International Piano Competition and artistic advisor for the Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival.

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PARIS HONFLEUR D-DAY BEACHES GIVERNY CHATEAUX

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Bonjour! It's April in Paris and we're inviting you to join friends and fans of Minnesota Public Radio and the Minnesota Orchestra for a classical music adventure along the beautiful Seine River.

Board the privately chartered *MS Renoir* River Ship for a seven night journey through Normandy, where our merry

group will be stopping to explore villages, markets D-Day Beaches and Monet's Gardens. You'll also savor delicious regional specialties and experience world-renowned French hospitality.

And finally, la musique! We've included a robust program of classical music curated and performed on board by pianist Jon Kimura Parker, Minnesota Orchestra's beloved Creative Partner for Summer at Orchestra Hall. Plus, a classical music performance in Paris. S'il vous plait, join us for a unique floating classical music festival in Paris and Normandy!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Ousley".

Melissa Ousley
On-Air Host, YourClassical MPR



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Melissa Ousley
*On-Air Host
YourClassical MPR*

In the fall of 2019, Melissa Ousley became the regular host of Minnesota

Public Radio's live broadcasts with the Minnesota Orchestra. Those Friday nights quickly became a highlight of her week. As she puts it, "The exhilaration that comes from playing a small part in bringing such outstanding concerts to our listeners is hard to describe." Melissa's passion for music began as a kid growing up just outside of New York City. While she earned a bachelor's degree from the Eastman School of Music, she's quick to point out that her decades of work in radio is what has taught her the most. When she's away from the airwaves, Melissa loves to run, read, and spend time with friends and family. This will be Melissa's second hosted cruise.



Aloysia Friedmann
Violin

Aloysia Friedmann is the Founder and Artistic Director of

Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival, in Washington State. Her broad-ranging career has included international tours with New York's Orchestra of St. Luke's and a special appearance on Broadway with Dustin Hoffman. Most recently she's been chosen as one of Musical America's 2018 Professionals of the Year. She is the Associate Concertmaster of the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra in Houston. Her chamber music colleagues have included Frederica von Stade, Lynn Harrell, Cho-Liang Lin, the Montrose Trio, and the Miró Quartet in festivals from Santa Fe to Hong Kong. Ms. Friedmann is currently on the board of Chamber Music America. She and her husband, Jon Kimura Parker have a daughter Sophie and they enjoy traveling, eating Japanese food and hiking.



Matthew Brumley
Earthbound Expeditions

Matthew is the founder of Earthbound Expeditions and

has been leading and creating public radio and museum adventures worldwide for 25 plus years. After completing his undergraduate studies at the universities of Copenhagen and Moscow, he went on to attend the graduate program at the London School of Economics. He has lived in Copenhagen, Paris, London, Tel Aviv and San Jose, Costa Rica.



Danna Brumley
Earthbound Expeditions

Danna Brumley is the co-founder of Earthbound Expeditions. She studied

French language and Civilization at the Université d'Aix-Marseille and Sociolinguistics at La Sorbonne Nouvelle in Paris. After completing her studies, she lived in Paris for several years, after which she began guiding tour groups throughout Europe. Thanks to Earthbound, Danna has worked in Western and Eastern Europe, Central and South America, Africa, Asia and the Caribbean.



Amy Hyatt
Custom Travel Manager

Amy Hyatt is a dynamic event and travel manager with over 25

years' experience, currently working at American Public Media and Minnesota Public Radio. Her global success includes managing events, initiatives and group trips in over 40 countries, including as a member of two Olympic committees. Amy believes in the power of public media, travel, hospitality and empathy to transform the world. Her values and home are deeply rooted in Minnesota.

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YOUR CLASSICAL JOURNEY BEGINS

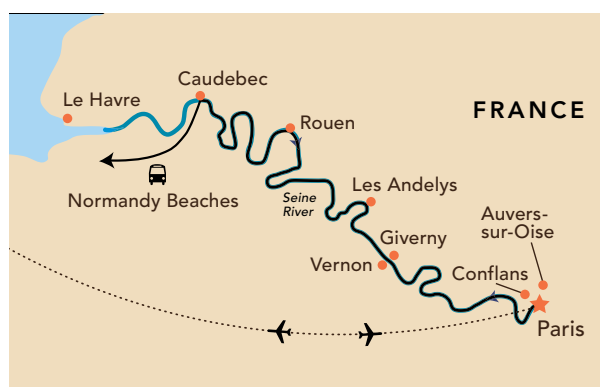
DAY 0 MARCH 31, 2024:

DEPART USA

Optional group flight departs the USA today for the City of Light—Paris!

DAY 1 APRIL 1: ARRIVE IN PARIS

Our journey through Paris and Normandy officially begins in historic Paris. Board the ship in the afternoon, enjoy a ship orientation, and settle into your elegant accommodations. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner, with your hosts and Earthbound Expeditions guides. Sleep on board. (D).



DAY 2 APRIL 2: MONET'S GARDENS

Over This morning we set out for Giverny, the village where Claude Monet lived and found the inspiration for his Water Lilies. You'll see the gardens in all their glorious splendor and have time to walk beneath the

weeping willow and the little green bridge immortalized in his paintings. You'll also tour his charming home, filled with the objects and art he loved. Stroll the village of Giverny before returning to the MS Renoir for dinner. (B,L,D)

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DAY 3 APRIL 3: THE SEASIDE TOWN OF HONFLEUR

Honfleur, a town of painters and Impressionism, possesses that something extra that makes it irresistible. The changing light on the Seine estuary inspired Courbet, Monet, Boudin and many others. Today dozens of galleries and artists' studios continue to display a wide choice of classical and modern paintings. Sleep on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 APRIL 4: THE D-DAY BEACHES OR BAYEUX

After breakfast, begin your full-day tour to the historic beaches of Normandy. Drive past Gold Beach, Courseulles sur Mer and Juno Beach on your way to visit such World War II landmarks as Omaha Beach and the American Military Cemetery. For those who prefer a slower day, there will be an option to visit Bayeux and its famous tapestry and other more leisurely pursuits. The choice is yours! Have dinner and relax aboard the ship tonight or take an evening stroll. Sleep on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 APRIL 5: A DAY IN ROUEN

The city of Rouen, which stretches along the Seine, is Normandy's cultural, historic, gastronomic, and vibrant capital. Monet's canvases of the cathedral have made it the best-loved building in town, but many other glories stand out, including fine museums and the church dedicated to tragic visitor Joan of Arc. It was here in the 14th century courthouse where Joan of Arc was sentenced to death and on the nearby Market Square where she was burned at the stake. Sleep on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 APRIL 6: A DAY WITH VAN GOGH AND JOSEPHINE BONAPARTE

Famous for its many visiting painters (Cézanne, Daubigny, Pissarro, Corot, Van Gogh), and as the burial place of Vincent Van Gogh and his brother, Theo, Auvers-sur-Oise is located just 25km north of Paris. Enjoy a stroll of the village's highlights. After lunch, join an excursion to the Chateau de Malmaison, the former residence of Empress Joséphine de Beauharnais, wife of Napoléon Bonaparte. Your local guides will regale you with stories about the history of the estate and the famously passionate and stormy relationship of Joséphine and Napoléon. Return to our ship for dinner. Sleep on board (B,L,D)

DAY 7 APRIL 7: VERNON: CIDER TASTING AND DOMAINE DE VILLARCEAUX

Enjoy a walk in the Domaine de Villarceaux, a stunning chateau surrounded by magnificent gardens. We'll also taste the pride of Normandy: cider and Calvados. Made typically with apples, but also pears on occasion, French cider is a refreshing beverage for the over 21 crowd. Think of Calvados as cider's aged sister, in the form of brandy, which makes a good (consumable) souvenir of France. This evening, enjoy a gourmet feast as we cruise overnight to Paris. Sleep on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 APRIL 8: FLAVORS OF PARIS

This morning, local experts will treat you to a walking tour of the highlights of Paris. Meals will be enjoyed

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Space is limited. Call **800-723-8454** or visit www.earthboundexpeditions.com to reserve your spot.



Palais Garnier Opera House



Monet's famed lily pond in Giverny

independently today and we'll meet up for an included concert tonight (or tomorrow, TBA). Sleep in Paris (B)

DAY 9 APRIL 9: THE OPERA GARNIER

Tour the beautiful Opera Garnier this morning followed by a festive farewell lunch together. The afternoon is yours to further explore Paris or relax and people watch in a café. (B,L)

DAY 10 APRIL 10: DEPART PARIS OR, JOIN MPR'S PERFORMANCE TODAY HOST FRED CHILD ON THE RHONE RIVER!

Return to the USA today, or join MPR Performance Today host, Fred Child on a classical cruise on the Rhone River. Discover the land of Van Gogh and Picasso! Explore Roman ruins, sunny open-air markets and enjoy wine tastings in Provence and Burgundy! *Custom cruise dates with MPR's Fred Child are April 11- 20! (B)

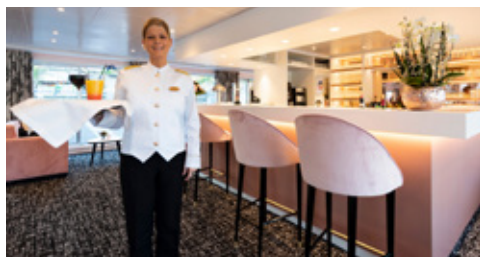
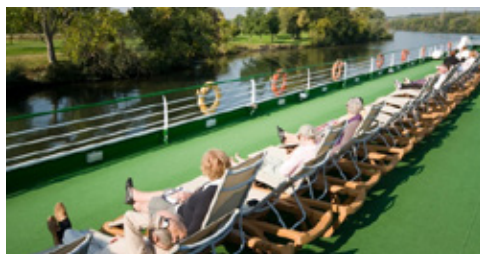
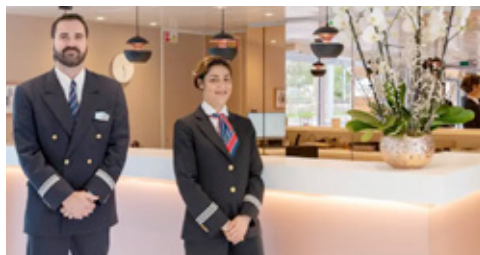
**We will assist in organizing a transfer from Paris to Nice on the morning of April 10 for guests joining the Performance Today Rhone River Cruise.*

TRIP FACTS

- 10 Days/ 9 Nights
- Depart the USA on March 31, 2024
- Arrive in Paris on April 1
- Board ship on April 1
- Journey ends on April 10

INCLUDED IN YOUR JOURNEY

- Hosted by Melissa Ousely of Minnesota Public Radio
- Special on-board performances featuring Minnesota Orchestra Summer Creative Partner and host Jon Kimura Parker
- A pre-trip gathering for cruise guests at Orchestra Hall with tickets to a performance
- All shore excursions
- Complimentary one-year subscription to Minnesota Orchestra's Digital Concert Hall
- Guided by Matthew and Danna Brumley of Earthbound Expeditions
- Visits to Normandy's top historic sites including the D-Day Beaches
- Tastings of cider, Calvados and other regional specialties in Normandy
- Two post-cruise nights in Paris in a centrally located hotel
- A classical concert in Paris
- Tour the Opera Garnier
- An historic walking tour through Paris
- All meals included on board, plus one meal while in Paris



YOUR RIVER SHIP: ***MS RENOIR***

The *MS Renoir* is a jewel on the French waterways. This cruise ship, which departs from Paris, travels along the Seine and allows guests to experience the charm of northern France in an unforgettable way. By adopting the “French chic” spirit, the ship’s design emphasizes elegant and graphic classicism. You will feel at home from the moment you embark this cruise ship, where stylish design meets the highest levels of comfort and invite you to relax and enjoy the exceptional ambience on board.

Your accommodations on board are both elegant and comfortable. Cabins are spread over two decks: on the

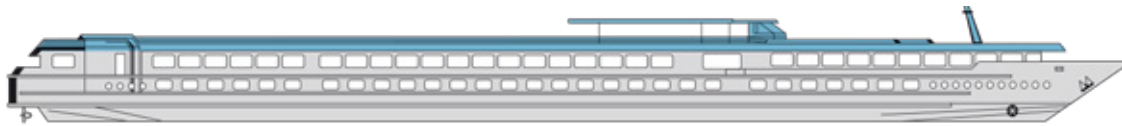
upper deck, they have large bay windows with French balconies; on the main deck the cabins have large windows.

Located on the upper deck, you can dine in style, enjoying the luxurious ambience while large bay windows allow you to fully enjoy the fascinating passing river landscapes. On this same deck is also the elegant lounge and bar. Comfortable sun loungers are provided on the sun deck with a large shaded area, the ideal place to relax and admire the surrounding landscapes. Our friendly personnel will cater to your every wish with our famous hospitality.

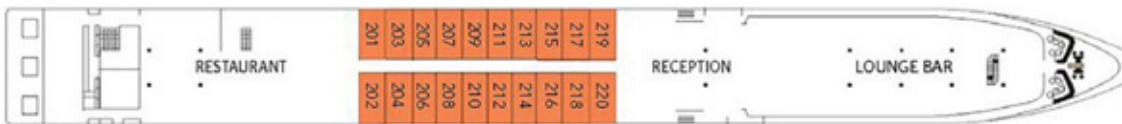
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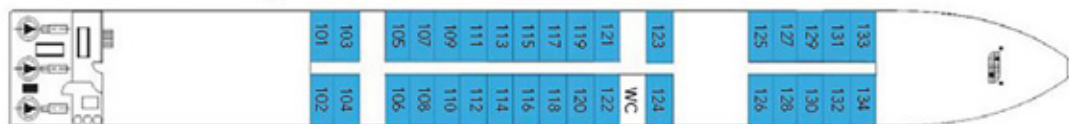
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Additional Savings: All MPR and Earthbound travel alum receive an additional \$100 discount.

*Final Balance by Check Discount may only be applied to final balances over \$3,000 per person.

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