



Classical Poland & Prague!

Featuring the Dvorak Prague International Music Festival!

September 15 -25, 2022



Join friends of **Classic 107.3** and fellow lovers of classical music to celebrate the lives 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. In Warsaw, 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! And to top things off, you'll attend the legendary **Dvorak Prague International Music Festival**. Don't miss out on this extraordinary musical adventure! 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



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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of five classical concerts ♦ Tour the homes, opera houses & museums dedicated to Chopin, Dvořák, Smetana & Mozart ♦ Tickets to the **Dvorak Prague International Music Festival** ♦ A visit to Olomouc, a Moravian Village ♦ A tour of the Warsaw Ghetto & Prague Jewish Quarter ♦ Walks led by local experts in the historic city centers ♦ A traditional Klezmer dinner concert in Krakow ♦ Travel companions who share your passion for classical music.

IT'S INCLUDED!

- ♪ With host, John Nasukaluk Clare, CEO & General Manager of Classic 107.3
- ♪ 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 4-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: See final page of itinerary for program
- ♪ All transportation on an air-conditioned motor coach
- ♪ Gratuities for your driver, local guides and Earthbound Expeditions program manager
- ♪ Fun introductory language lessons offered 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)
 Trip begins in Chopin's Warsaw on September 15, 2022
 Trip ends in Dvorak's Prague on September 25, 2022



GROUP AIR OPTION: Air from St. Louis, Missouri. Prices and schedule will be released 11 months prior to departure.

SAVE \$300: Book by April 1, 2022 and save \$100 ♦ Pay by check and save \$100
 Travel Alumni always save \$100



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Explore Historic Krakow

Your Classical Adventure Begins!

Day 0: September 14 - Depart home city for historic Warsaw, Poland

Depart the U.S. no later than September 14, 2022.

Day 1: September 15 - Arrive in Poland

Dzien dobry! (Good day!) Your musical journey begins in Warsaw, Poland as you check in to your centrally-located hotel. Depending upon arrival times, you'll enjoy a casual introductory walking tour of the old city center before meeting your host John Nasukaluk Clare, fellow travelers and guide for an orientation and welcome dinner. *Sleep in Warsaw (D)*

Day 2: September 16- Discover Warsaw

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 start by indulging in a morning tour highlighting the city's most famous landmarks. 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 are off to the Chopin parlor. The parlor was a part of the apartment where Chopin spent some years before leaving Poland. Today, it contains furniture and instruments from his time there, including a 19th-century Buchholtz piano is one of the exhibits. The exhibition is complemented by portraits, including those of Chopin's parents and their children, as well as graphics depicting Warsaw in the early 19th century. Enjoy your first classical concert this evening.

Sleep in Warsaw (B, L, D)



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Charles Bridge, Prague

Day 3: September 17 - 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. Here he studied music, learned the manners of proper society and gave 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 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 depart for Zelazowa Wola, a village situated 30 miles west of Warsaw- 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. A Chopin concert is normally offered here and, if scheduled, we'll make sure to attend! If not, Earthbound Expeditions will arrange for you to attend an included, classical concert. *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

Day 4: September 18 - South to Krakow: The City of Kings & Copernicus

After a hearty breakfast, we drive south to 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, turning the city into the cultural and scientific center of the entire territory. *Sleep in Krakow (B, D)*

Day 5: September 19 - 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. Suggestions: Enjoy a special dinner out and, perhaps, a classical concert. *Sleep in Krakow (B, L)*



Day 6: September 20 - Historic district of Kazimierz, Krakow: After breakfast, the day is yours to explore this central European gem. You may wish to tour the famous salt mines, or make the trip to Auschwitz in order to learn about the horrific events that occurred here and pay homage to those who lost their lives here. *Note: Your Earthbound guide can assist you in booking these optional excursions.*

This evening, we visit the historic district of Kazimierz, the heart of the old Jewish city before WWII. Few 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, including Kazimierz. In recent years, the district has seen a revival of artists and musicians opening up shops in once-abandoned buildings.

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: September 21 - West to Mozart's Moravia, Czech Republic: This morning 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, the chief of which is the Holy Trinity Column which stands 115 feet high 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)*

Note: 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.



Day 8: September 22 - In the Footsteps of Dvořák and Smetana: West to Prague! After breakfast, we make our way west towards the soaring spires of Prague. En route, we'll visit the birthplace and former home of Czech composer Bedřich Smetana. Born March 2, 1824, in Leitomischl, Bohemia (then the Austrian Empire), Smetana was a composer of operas and symphonic poems and founder of the Czech national school of music. He was the first truly important Bohemian nationalist composer.

Prague is the birthplace of Franz Kafka and the city Mozart loved best. It's also the home of the Dvorak Prague 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: September 23– Dvorak Prague International Music Festival! 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. We'll cover some of Prague's most interesting sights, including the Estates Opera house where Mozart

himself conducted the *Marriage of Figaro* in 1787. 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.

You'll have a free afternoon before meeting your fellow travelers to enjoy a concert at the Dvorak Prague International Music Festival. *Sleep in Prague (B, L)*



Day 10: September 24 – Dvorak Museum

After a hearty Bohemian breakfast, we are off to explore the beautiful Vysehrad Cemetery. More than just a normal, quiet cemetery, this is 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 19th century Moravian-Czech artist, Mucha. After, we visit the fine Dvorak Museum. If available, we'll enjoy a classical concert and lecture here.

After, enjoy a farewell lunch with your host and guide.

Note: Most Int'l flights depart Prague before 8:30am. Which means you may wish to turn in early this evening. Or, stay on for a few extra nights and enjoy a few additional days in Prague.



Day 11: September 25- Return home with a lifetime of memories

A complimentary airport transfer will be offered this morning in coordination with the optional group flight. Note: May we suggest that you book one or two additional nights and spend a bit of time exploring this wonderful, charming city.

Questions & Reservations

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Meet Your Host, John Nasukaluk Clare

Classic 107.3 FM CEO & General Manager



John is the CEO & General Manager of Classic 107.3 FM in St. Louis and the weekday morning host for SiriusXM's Symphony Hall Channel76. He has served on the boards of the American Music Center (NewMusicUSA), Tippecanoe Chamber and San Antonio ChamberMusic Societies, and co-founded the Las Vegas Chamber Music Society. Attending Wichita State University, John studied violin, conducting, composition but wound up catching the broadcasting bug in public radio! Important causes have involved him in volunteering at the Las Vegas Art Museum, working with critically ill & disabled seniors in San Antonio, and teaching violin/viola to students in Texas. John lives in Swansea, is married and has two stepdaughters.

About the Dvorak 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.



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A Few of the Concert 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 Zitek 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 2022.

Know Before You Go

All New for 2021 & 2022 Journeys ~ Risk-free Booking!

*Make a new reservation on any of our 2021 or 2022 tailor-made journeys, and your deposit will be 100% refundable until January 1, 2022. Enjoy planning your trip with peace of mind. Read the Terms and Conditions below for more details. * This applies to new deposits/reservations made after Sept 1, 2020.

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.



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Reservations: A \$500 per person deposit is due at time of sign up. Final payment is due 75 days before departure. Deposits and payments can be made by check or credit card. Click [here](#) for full terms and conditions.

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.

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About Earthbound Expeditions: Founded by Matthew and Danna Brumley in 1997, Earthbound Expeditions has over 100 years of combined experience worldwide. We are frequently out in the field, meeting guests, exploring and looking for new and exciting activities.



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