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## The 77<sup>th</sup> Prague Spring Music Festival!

Budapest \* Vienna \* Prague

May 7 - 17, 2022



Join **KBACH** host **Matt Rogers** and fellow classical music lovers for a musical journey to Budapest, Vienna and Prague! Enjoy the beauty and pageantry of classical music as it was meant to be experienced, in Europe's most legendary symphony halls and opera houses! Visit the great composers' homes and walk in their historic footsteps!

Your custom classical adventure also includes tickets to the 77<sup>th</sup> **Prague Spring International Music Festival** and **exclusive concerts in the homes of both Mozart and Liszt**. Celebrate Beethoven, Mozart, Dvorak, Smetana, Schubert, Brahms and

Mahler in style with KBACH. *Space is limited.*

### TRIP AT A GLANCE

3 Nights	Budapest, Capital of Hungary
3 Nights	Vienna, Capital of Austria
1 Night	Český Krumlov, Bohemia
3 Nights	Prague, Czech Republic



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## JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS



The 77<sup>th</sup> Prague Spring International Music Festival ♦ A private piano recital in the Franz Liszt Academy ♦ A special chamber music concert in the monastery where Mozart worked and lived ♦ Exploration of Beethoven's life while in Vienna ♦ Private tours of the homes and museums devoted to Dvorak, Liszt, Mozart and Beethoven ♦ Four superb classical concerts in Budapest, Vienna and Prague ♦ An evening cruise on the Danube ♦ Tour the State Opera

Houses of Budapest and Prague ♦ 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 ♦ Backstage tour of the Budapest State Opera ♦ A small, fun group of KBACH Public Radio friends

## IT'S INCLUDED!

- › With KBACH host Matt Rogers
- › Guided by an Earthbound Expeditions program director
- › Musical Events: Four 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 trips with KBACH and/or Earthbound Expeditions

## TRIP FACTS

11 Days/10 Nights (excluding air travel)  
\$4,795 per person, double occupancy (*Land Price*)  
\$995 single supplement  
Optional group flight departs US: May 6, 2022  
Trip begins in Budapest: May 7, 2022 at 6:00pm  
Trip ends after breakfast in Prague: May 17, 2022

**GROUP AIR OPTION** – Details coming soon!

## WAYS TO SAVE \$300!

Reserve before January 7, 2022 and save \$100 \* Pay final balance by check and save \$100 \*  
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*Discover Budapest*

## YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS...

### Day 0: Friday, May 6 - Depart home city for historic Hungary

Remember, you must depart the U.S. no later than today. An optional group flight will be offered.



### Day 1: Saturday, May 7 - Arrive in the city of Liszt...Budapest!

*Isten hozta!* Welcome to Budapest! Our musical journey through the treasures of Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic begins appropriately enough in Budapest as we land at the Liszt International Airport. After checking into your centrally-located hotel, meet your guide and KBACH host for a welcome dinner fit for a Hungarian king.

*Sleep in Budapest (D)*

### Day 2: Sunday, May 8 - Discover Budapest, the Liszt Memorial Museum & Danube Cruise

This morning we'll meet our local guide for a leisurely historic tour of the two cities, Buda and Pest. Our adventure begins in the imposing castle district of Buda, where you will enjoy commanding views of Hungary's stately parliament building and the Danube River. 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, enjoy dinner and then a gorgeous Danube scenic river cruise. *Sleep in Budapest (B, L, D)*



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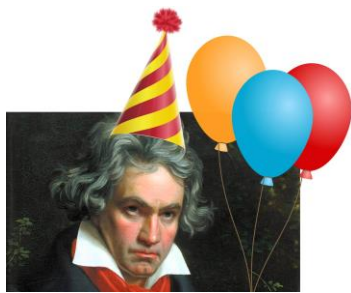


*Experience the best of Vienna*

### **Day 3: Monday, May 9 - Heroes Square 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, its glorious Fine Arts Museum and many architectural curiosities. 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: Tuesday, May 10 - West to Romantic Vienna, Austria**

*Guten Tag!* This morning we are off to the legendary home of Brahms, Mahler, Strauss, Beethoven, Mozart, the Habsburgs and the Waltz! Before entering the city, we'll visit the Vienna Central Cemetery to pay our respects to the great composers.

After, we continue our journey to Austria's musical capital and check into our hotel in the later afternoon. Then, take time to marvel at this merry city resplendent with colorful lights before joining your fellow travelers for a hearty Viennese dinner hosted by your guide. A classical concert will be offered this evening. *Sleep in the heart of Vienna (B, L)*



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*Spend a day exploring Český Krumlov in Bohemia*



### **Day 5: Wednesday, May 11 – In Pursuit of Mozart and Beethoven**

Enjoy a morning walking tour through the merry streets of Vienna. Accompanied by a local expert, learn why Vienna in the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 the Franz Schubert museum or the Belvedere Palace Museum, where works by Monet, Manet and Art Nouveau master Gustav Klimt are located. Enjoy a 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 Vienna.

### **Day 6: Thursday, May 12 - Vienna's Museum of Fine Arts and a concert at 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. In spring 2021, luckily, the museum will be presenting a very unusual tribute to Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827).

After our museum visit, we'll enjoy traditional Viennese lunch together. This evening, we will attend a stunning concert (program to be released in early 2022). *Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*



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*Enjoy the Prague Spring International Music Festival*

**Day 7: Friday, May 13 - North to Bohemia, Czech Republic**

Our home for the evening is the historic village of Cesky Krumlov. Situated on the banks of the Vltava River, this hamlet was built around a 13<sup>th</sup> 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 merry lanes, visit a Bohemian crystal shop or sample one of the many tasty Czech beers. *Sleep in Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic (B, D)*

**Day 8: Saturday, May 14 - North to the Towering City of Prague via the Dvorak Villa**

This morning 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. En route, we'll stop at the city cemetery to pay our respects to both Smetana and Dvorak. After, we will visit the Dvorak Villa. To celebrate our first evening in Prague, let's enjoy a traditional meal together followed by a classical concert. *Sleep in Prague (B, L)*

**Day 9: Sunday, May 15 - Old Town Prague, Jewish Quarter & The Prague Music Fest!**

Our historic walking tour of Prague begins in the medieval center. The Old Town Square has been Prague's heart since the 10<sup>th</sup> century and was its main market place until the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Prague Spring Music Festival concert! *Sleep in Prague (B, L)*



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### Day 10: Monday, May 16 - 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 may wish to visit one of the cities wonderful museums, do a bit of last-minute shopping or attend one last optional concert. *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: Tuesday, May 17 - Return home with a lifetime of memories

A complimentary transfer will be offered to those departing on the group flight.

*Bon Voyage!*

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### About Your KBACH Host Matt Rogers



Matt Rogers got his start in radio at 16, working for a tiny AM station in Gastonia, North Carolina. He graduated from Campbell University with a degree in Broadcast Management and has served in various roles at public radio stations around the country. Most recently, he was Program Director of All Classical Portland in Oregon, and Associate Content Director at WDAV in the Charlotte, North Carolina, metro area.

Matt has authored two books. He probably would have written more by this point, but he's also a film enthusiast who spent a few years watching the entire AFI Top 100 list. Matt's other loves include wine, travel, his cat Hattie, and the Oxford comma.



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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 may 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. Read the full terms and conditions [here](#).

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