



## **Romantic Musical Capitals** **Budapest, Vienna & Prague** Join long-time WRR host Barry Samsula September 28 - October 7, 2025



Join long-time WRR classical host Barry Samsula and fellow music, food and history lovers for an unforgettable journey to Budapest, Vienna, and Prague. Experience the legacy of Liszt, Beethoven, Mozart and Dvořák. Tour Europe's iconic symphony halls and historic opera houses. This exclusive, tailor-made journey includes private museum tours and tickets to concerts in Prague, plus private performances at the homes of Mozart and

Liszt. Walk in the footsteps of the great composers and immerse yourself in history. Space is limited—reserve your place today for this once-in-a-lifetime musical adventure!

### **TRIP AT A GLANCE**

3 Nights	Budapest, Capital of Hungary
3 Nights	Vienna, Capital of Austria
3 Nights	Prague, Czech Republic



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## JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

A private piano recital at renowned 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 ♦ Five superb classical concerts in Budapest, Vienna and Prague ♦ An evening cruise on the Danube ♦ 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 ♦ Travel with friends of WRR Public Radio who share your passion for music!

## IT'S INCLUDED!

- › Travel with longtime classical WRR host Barry Samsula
- › Guided by an expert Earthbound Expeditions program director
- › Musical Events: Five stunning classical concerts in historic settings
- › Historical orientation and sightseeing walks in Vienna, Budapest and Prague
- › Nine nights of accommodation in splendid, centrally located, 4-star, hotels
- › All breakfasts, plus ten additional multi-course meals highlighting local cuisine
- › Airport transfers in Europe for those arriving on Sept. 28 and departing on Oct. 7
- › Travel by private comfortable motor coach
- › Gratuities for your guides and coach drivers
- › All entrances to museums listed in your custom WRR itinerary
- › Alumni travel discounts applied towards future trips with WRR and/or Earthbound

## TRIP FACTS

10 Days/9 Nights (excluding air travel)

\$5,395 per person, double occupancy (*Land Price*)

\$1,495 single supplement

Trip begins in Budapest: September 28, 2025

Trip ends after breakfast in Prague: October 7, 2025

## WAYS TO SAVE \$300!

Reserve before May 1, 2025, and save \$100 \* Pay final balance by check and save \$100 \*  
Earthbound alumni save \$100



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*Spend three magical nights in Budapest*

## YOUR CLASSICAL JOURNEY BEGINS...

### **Day 0: Depart home city for historic Hungary**

Remember, you must depart the U.S. no later than today.

### **Day 1: Sunday, September 28 - 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 in Budapest, as you fly into Liszt International Airport. After checking into your centrally located hotel, meet your guide and WRR host for a welcome dinner fit for a Hungarian king.

*Sleep in Budapest (D)*

### **Day 2: Monday, September 29 - 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, for 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 a renowned Hungarian pianist.

Your afternoon will be free to further explore this East European gem or reward yourself with a relaxing soak at one of Budapest's famous bathhouses. Tonight, enjoy dinner followed by an exquisitely scenic Danube River cruise. *Sleep in Budapest (B, L, D)*



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*Enjoy four stunning classical concerts*

**Day 3: Tuesday, September 30 - Heroes Square and 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: Wednesday, Oct. 1 - 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 late 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. *Sleep in the heart of Vienna (B, L, D)*



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*Explore the World Heritage village of Český Krumlov in Bohemia*

**Day 5: Thursday, October 2 - In Pursuit of Mozart and Beethoven**

Enjoy a morning walking tour through the bustling 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* and stroll the streets where Beethoven once walked. After a hearty included lunch at a Vienna wine cellar, the afternoon is yours to explore this magical city at your own leisurely pace. May 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? This evening, we'll hear a special Mozart concert in the very chamber where Mozart himself first performed in Vienna. *Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*

**Day 6: Friday, October 3 - Vienna's Museum of Fine Arts and a tour of 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.

After our museum visit, we'll enjoy a traditional Viennese lunch together. This evening, we will attend another stunning concert together. Program is coming soon.

*Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*

**Beethoven Historic Note:** Born in Bonn in 1770, Beethoven was 17 years old when he first traveled to Vienna to study under Mozart. Amazingly, Beethoven lived in more than 60 different places (some sources mentioned at least 80) during his 35 years in Vienna.



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*Enjoy the Prague Spring International Music Festival*

**Day 7: Saturday, October 4 - North to Prague and Bohemia, Czech Republic**

This morning we're off to the Czech Republic! Situated on the banks of the Vltava River, Cesky Krumlov 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 picturesque lanes, visit a Bohemian crystal shop or sample one of the many tasty Czech beers.

This afternoon 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 have a traditional meal together. *Sleep in Prague (B, D)*

**Day 8: Sunday, October 5- 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 marketplace 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 evening concert! *Sleep in Prague (B, L)*



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### **Day 8: Sunday, 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. You may wish to visit one of the city's wonderful museums, do a bit of last-minute shopping or attend one final 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 9: Monday, October 7 - Return home with a lifetime of memories**

A complimentary transfer will be offered to those departing today.

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## **Meet your WRR host Barry Samsula!**



Barry Samsula joined WRR as a part-time announcer in 2009 before coming onboard full-time as the morning host in 2012. During his tenure, he built a robust and loyal audience of listeners who enjoyed his amicable personality and friendly on-air delivery. Samsula initiated his popular “March Buddies” segment adjacent to WRR’s longstanding March of the Day feature, where he acknowledged birthdays, anniversaries, and other dedications sent from listeners.

Additionally, Samsula served as co-host for WRR’s live broadcast of the final two nights of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 2017 and emceed the awards ceremony for the organization’s Juniors competition in 2019. For nearly a decade, Samsula helped host numerous other remote broadcasts for WRR, including the Classic Café at One Arts Plaza and WRR’s annual Christmas caroling events. Barry retired in 2022, after spending 13 years on air at WRR.





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