



# CLASSICAL POLAND & PRAGUE

A Classical Music Adventure with  
All Classical Portland

featuring the Prague Spring International Music Festival!

May 14 – 24, 2020



Join All Classical Portland host, **John Pitman**, and fellow music lovers of classical music and celebrate the life 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. 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 **Prague Spring International Music Festival**. Don't miss out on this extraordinary musical adventure!

## TRIP AT A GLANCE

- 3 Nights Warsaw, Poland
- 3 Nights Krakow, Poland
- 1 Night Olomouc, Czech Republic
- 3 Nights Prague, Czech Republic
- 3 Nights optional post-tour extension to Vienna, Austria



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## JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Hosted by All Classical Portland ♦ Numerous concerts highlighting the works of Chopin, Mozart, Dvořák and Smetana ♦ Special visits to the homes, symphony halls and museums of the great composers ♦ Tickets to the Prague Spring International Music Festival ♦ A visit to Olomouc, Moravian Village ♦ A tour of the Warsaw ghetto ♦ Three magical nights each in Warsaw, Krakow, Prague ♦ Walks led by local experts in the historic city centers ♦ A traditional Klezmer dinner concert in Krakow's Jewish quarter ♦ A group of All Classical friends!

## IT'S INCLUDED!

- ♪ With All Classical Portland host, John Pitman
- ♪ 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 four 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
- ♪ Four classical concerts highlighting the works of Chopin, Mozart, Dvořák and Smetana
- ♪ All transportation on an air-conditioned motor coach
- ♪ Gratuities for your driver, local guides and Earthbound Expeditions program manager
- ♪ Fun introductory language lessons given en route by your guide
- ♪ An interesting group of like-minded classical public radio listeners
- ♪ Carbon off-setting credits through the Carbonfund

## TRIP FACTS

11 Days/10 Nights (land)  
\$4,495 per person double occupancy  
\$995 single supplement (waived if a roommate is found)  
Optional group flight departs the US: May 13, 2020  
Trip begins in Warsaw: May 14  
Trip ends in Prague: May 24  
Optional post-tour extension to Vienna ends: May 27



## DELTA AIRLINES OPTIONAL GROUP AIR - \$1295

Group air tickets include all taxes, fees and airport transfers while in Europe.  
Route: Portland - Amsterdam - Warsaw / Return: Prague - Amsterdam - Portland

## WAYS TO SAVE \$250

- ✓ All Classical and Earthbound Expeditions travel alumni save \$100 per person
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- ✓ Reserve by November 15, 2019 and save \$50



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Old Town Square, Krakow

## YOUR CLASSICAL ADVENTURE BEGINS...

**Day 0: Wednesday, May 13 - Optional Group Flight Departs for Warsaw, Poland**

**Day 1: Thursday, May 14 - Arrive in Poland**

Dzien dobry! (Good day!) Your musical journey through Eastern Europe begins appropriately as you land at Frederic Chopin International Airport in Warsaw, Poland. You'll be met and transferred to your centrally-located hotel. Depending upon flight times, you'll enjoy a casual introductory walking tour of the old city center before meeting your All Classical Portland host John Pitman and Earthbound Expeditions guide for an orientation and welcome dinner. *Sleep in Warsaw (D)*

**Day 2: Friday, May 15 - Discover Warsaw**

Warsaw is a fascinating city steeped in history, culture and of course, memories of Chopin. In order to get an overall impression of Poland's bustling capital city, we'll start by indulging ourselves in a morning tour which will highlight 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 part of the apartment where Chopin spent some years before leaving Poland. Today it contains furniture and instruments from his time there. A 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> century. *Sleep in Warsaw* \* A classical concert will be offered this evening! (B, L, D)



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*Charles Bridge, Prague*

### **Day 3: Saturday, May 16 - 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. It comprises various souvenirs, indirectly or directly 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, in 1810 of Chopin. His house, once a thatched cottage, it 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. Tonight you'll celebrate the genius of Chopin by attending a 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

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#### **Day 4: Sunday, May 17 - South to Krakow**

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 is Poland's best-preserved city. Because the Kings of Poland resided here, the city became the cultural and scientific center of the entire territory. *Sleep in Krakow (B, D)* \*Depending on museum times and availability, we may stop at Auschwitz today en-route to Krakow.

#### **Day 5: Monday, May 18 - 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 Główny and continue to Wawel Castle where generations of Polish kings were crowned and buried. The afternoon is yours to further explore this breathtaking city at your own pace. This evening enjoy a classical concert. *Sleep in Krakow (B, L)*

#### **Day 6: Tuesday, May 19 - Historic district of Kazimierz, Krakow**

Krakow itself had been a hub of Jewish civilization in Europe for several centuries, a situation that had been aided by the tolerant mindset of Poland's Renaissance elite. The relationship between Poles and Jews was not always harmonious, but the greatest storm was brought by outside invaders in 1939.

The historic district of Kazimierz had been the heart of Jewish Krakow until the war. Few Jewish 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. Kazimierz, the heart of the old Jewish city, was in especially bad shape. In recent years, the district has seen a revival with artists and musicians opening up shops in once abandoned buildings.

After lunch, the afternoon is free to further explore the medieval quarter of Krakow. 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: Wednesday, May 20 - West to Mozart's Moravia, Czech Republic

After, 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 and evening concert. Dinner tonight includes Moravian delicacies and regional wines. *Sleep in Olomouc (B, D)*

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: Thursday, May 21 - In the Footsteps of Dvořák and Smetana: West to Prague!

After breakfast, we make our way west towards the soaring spires of Prague. We stop 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.

Prague is the birthplace of Franz Kafka and the city Mozart loved best. It's also the home of the Prague International Music Festival. For our first evening in Prague, let's enjoy a Bohemian feast together. *Sleep in Prague (B, D)*



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**Day 9: Friday, May 22 - Prague Spring 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. Upon final victory, Hitler bizarrely envisioned that he would turn this neighborhood into a museum for an extinct Jewish race. You'll have a free afternoon before meeting to enjoy a concert at the Prague Spring Music Festival

*Sleep in Prague (B, L)*



**Day 10: Saturday, May 23 - Prague's Castle District and Evening**

**Concert:** We start the day with a stroll to Prague's most famous landmark - Charles Bridge, after which we'll visit the historic castle district. Enjoy a farewell lunch with your All Classical host. The afternoon is yours to further explore this city's charming streets. Perhaps you'll want to take in a Bohemian market, a world class museum or simply wander the wondrously preserved historic old town. This evening we meet for our final concert at the Prague Spring International Music Festival. *Sleep in Prague (B, L)*

**Day 11: Sunday, May 24 - Return home with a lifetime of memories or continue on to Vienna!** A complimentary airport transfer will be offered to those on the group flight.

-Itinerary subject to change-



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*You may wish to visit the Belvedere Palace while in Vienna*

## **POST-TOUR EXTENSION TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA**

\$1,195 per person double occupancy (based on 12 + guests)

\$199 single supplement

### **POST-TOUR INCLUDES**

- Transport by private motor coach to Vienna for a group larger than 14 passengers  
\*Transport will be by train from Prague if the group is smaller than 13 guests
- Guided walking tour of the city center highlighting the lives of the great composers
- A guided tour of the Musikverein, home to the Vienna Philharmonic
- A classical concert at the Sala Terrena, Mozart's first residence in Vienna!
- A guided walk of the Vienna Fine Arts Museum
- Three nights in a centrally located, four star hotel
- Breakfast daily plus one welcome dinner

### **Day 11: Sunday, May 24 - Medieval Monasteries and Imperial Vienna**

This morning we say farewell to Prague and head south towards Mozart's second home, Vienna!

Enjoy a welcome to Vienna orientation and light guided walk will be included before entering a medieval wine cellar for dinner. *Sleep in Vienna (B, D)*



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“Beethoven can write music, thank God, but he can do nothing else on earth.”  
Ludwig van Beethoven

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**Day 12: Monday, May 25 - 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 18th century was the musical capital of Europe. Visit Mozart’s house where he composed the Marriage of Figaro. After, you will have a guided 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 House of Music or the Spanish Riding School to see the famous Lipizzaner horses.  
*Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*



**Beethoven and Mozart - 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. Almost every major symphony and his opera *Fidelio* were composed while he lived in Vienna. And Vienna is rolling out the red carpet to celebrate the composer's **250<sup>th</sup>** birthday in 2020!

**Day 13: Tuesday, May 26 - Vienna's Fine Art Museum and the State Opera House**

The Museum of Fine Arts ranks among the richest and most important art collections in the world. In its corridors, you’ll find dazzling works by Bruegel, Rubens, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Dürer, Raphael, Titian and Velazquez. In addition, the Museum of Fine Arts is celebrating the life of Gustav Mahler. Mahler is regarded as a genius of the fin de siècle, a composer whose work is celebrated both as the culmination of the romantic symphony and a precursor to “Neue Musik.” After our tour of the Museum of Fine Arts, enjoy an included lunch at a typical Viennese Café. The afternoon is free for some independent exploration of Vienna. *Sleep in Vienna (B, L)*

**Day 14: Wednesday, May 27 - Return home with a lifetime of memories!**

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### Meet Your All Classical Host, John Pitman

Hi! I'm All Classical Portland's Director of Music and Programming, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to host this tour of Poland and Prague. I've visited Prague before with Earthbound Expeditions, but never Poland, so this will be an exciting first for me. We are going to be immersed in a fascinating part of Europe with deep history and rich culture, and the number of concerts is thrilling! When I saw that we would be attending the Prague Spring Music Festival (a "bucket list" item), I was overjoyed.

I've been with All Classical Portland since its inception in 1983 (I had recently graduated from KBPS, located at Benson Polytechnic High School and the parent station of 89.9 FM), which I realize is unusual! However, All Classical's dedicated listeners, as well as my extraordinary colleagues, continually inspire me to improve on the service we provide to you, our wonderful family of listeners.

As program director, I work with the hosts and our producers to carefully craft each hour of music almost every day. To say I love my job is practically an understatement! When I'm not crafting the playlist or discovering new recordings and music, I'm interviewing musicians from around the world to add to All Classical Portland's online offering of reviews, spotlights and insights. You can also catch me on the air on Saturday nights, with The Concert Hall, a series that draws from our library of over 28,000 CDs.

I've been witness to tremendous growth in this service, from a part-time radio station to an internationally known broadcast and Internet entity with millions of listeners around the world. I'm very proud of this source of beauty and solace that we have created, having done so with the generous support of thousands of devoted listeners. It's my pleasure, and privilege, to share this great music with you.



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## CONCERTS: What You Can Expect

### **Warsaw**

This evening we'll attend at special concert in a historic building where Chopin performed at the age of 13. We'll have a traditional Polish drink and be treated to Chopin's music by outstanding pianists.

### **Warsaw Suburbs - Zelazowa Wola (morning)**

Exclusive piano performance at Chopin's Birthplace

### **Krakow Dinner Concert**

Traditional Klezmer music concert and dinner in the heart of the historic Jewish Quarter

### **Prague Festive Spring Music Festival**

Two additional classical concerts with a great deal of variation between classic operas, chamber music and full symphonies.

### **About the Prague Spring International Music Festival**

For more than 70 years the Prague Spring International Music Festival has ranked among the top cultural events in the Czech Republic and in Europe. This presentation of the world's best musicians, symphony orchestras and chamber music ensembles is somewhat of a phenomenon as it has survived the political upheavals and dramatic cultural changes in the seven decades of its existence. This is mostly thanks to its audience, who always appreciated and today still appreciates the true artistic quality on display.



## QUESTIONS & RESERVATIONS

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Through Earthbound's proud partnership with the Carbonfund.org, Earthbound Expeditions makes annual donations so as to help offset a guest's carbon footprint associated with international flights for Earthbound Expeditions tours. For every guest who signs up on an Earthbound Expedition, \$50 will be donated back to the Carbonfund.org.

These funds will be used to purchase and retire third-party validated and verified carbon offsets in voluntary carbon offset projects around the world, but these offsets only will neutralize some of our travelers' commercial flight emissions.

More information: <https://carbonfund.org/partners/earthbound-expeditions>

## **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**

**Health Matters:** It is the responsibility of each guest to be aware of their physical abilities or limitations, and to be in sufficient good health to undertake the trip. To make the most of your journey and participate in the various planned group activities, you should be able to be on your feet and walk unassisted for two to three hours (often over uneven cobblestones or pathways) with frequent standing. If you have questions about the physical requirements for your journey, please email or call our travel office.

**Concerts, Festivals and Events:** If (for any reason) the organizers of a scheduled concert, festival or event cancel or postpone a planned activity with little or no notice, Earthbound Expeditions will do its utmost to secure a similar event or secure another concert(s). Strikes, unscheduled delays, lack of funds and acts of God are beyond the control of Earthbound Expeditions. Cancellation of an event, festival or concert is not cause for refund.

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