



THE MAJESTIC RHINE BEETHOVEN & THE GERMAN ROMANTICS

June 6 - 17, 2024 (12 days)



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Bacharach on the Rhine

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Join engaging and knowledgeable musical hosts and celebrity musicians on a European adventure. Sail up the historic Rhine and attend a series of unique concerts and cultural excursions curated by the artistic team at the Victoria Symphony.

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Christian Kluxen, Music Director

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A WORD FROM SPECIAL TRAVEL



Dear Traveler(s),

Join us for an extraordinary journey through historic lands which have inspired artists, writers, architects and musicians for centuries. As we cruise from Holland through Germany and France to Switzerland, we'll be floating through the regions which gave rise to the Rhinemaidens, Lorelei, and all the fantasies of the Grimms. Centuries of wild myths and romantic poetry, picturesque halftimbered towns and

castle eyries form a backdrop for our cruise's unrivalled musical score, rich in the works of Beethoven and the German Romantic composers.

Falling in love with the AmaSerena for our 2018 Danube and 2019 Rhine music cruises, we are delighted to rejoin her for our glorious cruise up the Rhine from Amsterdam through Cologne and Strasbourg to Basel. This graciously appointed vessel, paired with exceptional service and fine cuisine assures a thoroughly enjoyable and worry-free holiday. A wonderful classical music program will be assembled by Matthew White, CEO of the Victoria Symphony. He will carry on what our legendary Canadian musician and impresario George Zukerman, O.C., O.B.C., started with our first classical music cruise on the Danube in 2015. He will host your musical journey and invited Lorraine Min, Terence Tam and Rachel Desoer to be our on-board feature artists on the Rhine.

Exceptional music both aboard and in magnificent venues, framed by great sightseeing opportunities along the busy Rhine River, will make for a fantastic cultural journey. This is what makes our Classical Music Travel programs so special and unique; handcrafted itineraries combining memorable musical performances with the joy of experiencing other cultures and countries. We do it in comfort and style, with engaging travel companions who share your passion for both music and travel! We look forward to having you join us!

Gerry Valtiner
Programme Director



Schloss Engers concert by Gerry Valtiner

NOTES FROM VICTORIA SYMPHONY

Welcome fellow musical traveler(s),

After almost two years of virtually traveling to digital concerts all over the world, it feels high time to get our travel bags packed and our sights set on in-person adventure! This exciting Classical Music cruise on the Rhine promises the opportunity for enjoying world class music, food, and company in equal measure.

Our musical guests on this trip through some of the most beautiful countryside in Europe are three of Canada's most accomplished soloists and chamber musicians with important ties to both Symphony Nova Scotia and the Victoria Symphony. Cruise passengers will experience not just their staggering musical talent in a series of on-board musical performances, but will also enjoy the pleasure of their warmth and perspective on the cultural activities we will experience in each of the city centres we visit. From Amsterdam to Basel, they will help us curate a series of on-board concerts, concerts in majestic off-board venues, and cultural excursions that will leave you feeling inspired. I look forward to serving as tour host to provide informal pre-concert talks and other context around each of the planned events on the itinerary.

I invite you to join us on this curated musical journey through the cultural heart of Europe!

Matthew White,
CEO of the Victoria Symphony

Matthew spent his early career as an international vocal soloist; a countertenor performing with opera companies and orchestras around the world. In 2012 he became an administrator and driver of classical music in the Lower Mainland providing strategic oversight and direction as the Executive and Artistic Director of Early Music Vancouver (EMV). Matthew took on the role of CEO at the Victoria Symphony in late 2020.



Beethoven Statue, Bonn by Mark Rash

FEATURED ARTISTS

Terence Tam, violin - Victoria Symphony

Consistently praised for his intense musicality and impressive technique, Canadian violinist Terence Tam has performed in Canada, the U.S., Australia, Europe and Japan as a recitalist and chamber musician. Currently concertmaster of the Victoria Symphony, he also previously held this prestigious position with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra in Australia and Symphony Nova Scotia in Canada.



Tam has made concerto appearances with the Toronto, Montreal, NAC Nova Scotia symphonies. An active chamber musician, Mr. Tam's performances have taken him to the Sarasota, Ravinia, Meadowmount, Banff, Aspen, Encore, Hamptons, Scotiast and La Conner music festivals. More recently he has been featured as guest violinist at the Montreal Symphony's "La Virée Musique" festival, the Sweetwater Festival in Ontario, Music in the Morning in Vancouver, and the 35th International Viola Congress in Australia, among others.

Tam studied at the Glenn Gould School of Music in Toronto, where he completed a double major with full scholarships in violin and piano. Subsequently, he pursued post-graduate studies at the Peabody Institute of Music in Baltimore as well as the Hochschule für Musik "Hanns Eisler" in Berlin, Germany. Mr. Tam is a frequent judge at regional and national music competitions and is a regular faculty member of the PRISMA Academy and Festival in Canada.

Lorraine Min, piano - Victoria Symphony

Steinway Artist and critically acclaimed Canadian pianist, Lorraine Min has dazzled audiences with her poetic artistry and dynamic virtuosity. Cited by the New York Times for her "impeccable phrase-shaping (and) crystalline sound," and by the Washington Post for her "admirable playing," Min has performed extensively throughout Canada and the U.S., in Germany, France, Mexico, the UK, Italy, Switzerland, Australia, India, and in South America. She has appeared as concerto soloist and in recital on some of the world's most important concert stages including New York's David Geffen (formerly Avery Fisher) Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Town Hall, Carnegie Hall, Merkin Hall, the Kennedy Center's Concert Hall, Vancouver's Orpheum Theatre and Chan Centre, and Teatro Politeamo in Palermo, Sicily, among others.



An avid chamber musician, Min has performed throughout North America including at the Ravinia and Tanglewood Festivals, Sitka Music Festival, in Canada's Eine Kleine Summer Music, Victoria Summer Music, PRISMA in Powell River, Fredericton and Orford Festivals, Vancouver's Music in the Morning Series, in Europe, Asia, and Australia. She can be heard on CBC, NPR, and ABC radio. Min has won top prizes at Washington International, D'Angelo, Frina Auerbach, and the William Kapell International and was a laureate in the Van Cliburn. She was a top-ranking Canadian pianist in the Harveys Leeds and Busoni Competitions as a teenager. She has recorded numerous CDs including Rachmaninoff's Second Concerto with Christian Kluxen and the Victoria Symphony.

Born in Victoria and raised in Vancouver, Canada, Min was educated at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University on full scholarship and at the Juilliard School earning her Masters and Doctoral degrees. She has been co-Artistic Director of Eine Kleine Summer Music Festival in Canada since 2015.

Rachel Desoer, cello - Symphony Nova Scotia

Rachel Desoer is a Canadian cellist. She studied at the Juilliard School, Oberlin College, McGill University, and the Banff Centre.

She graduated from Oberlin in 2008 with a Bachelor of Music.

Rachel was the cellist of the Cecilia String Quartet from 2010 to 2018. In this ensemble, Rachel toured extensively around the world, recorded four albums on the Analekta label, and taught chamber music at the University of Toronto.

Touring has allowed Rachel to perform at such inspiring venues as Wigmore Hall, The Concertgebouw (Amsterdam), Konzert Haus Berlin, and many more. The Cecilia Quartet also made educational programming a priority, and performed hundreds of presentations for schools. In 2014, the quartet created a concert series called Xenia Concerts specifically designed for children on the autism spectrum and their families. Exemplifying their commitment to the equal representation of women in music, Rachel spearheaded the commissioning of four string quartets by Canadian women composers in 2016.

Rachel continues to play recitals and concertos with orchestras regularly. She has worked most notably with the National Arts Centre Orchestra and the Canadian Opera Company. Two of her recordings have been nominated for JUNO Awards. Currently, Rachel is the Principal Cello of Symphony Nova Scotia.



Canals - Amsterdam ©iStock

PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME The final details of the concerts will be available at the beginning of 2024

Sat, June 8	Program at Het Conciert Gebouw – TBA
Sun, June 9	Program at Muziekgebouw – TBA
Tue, June 11	Ensemble featuring Terence Tam, Lorraine Min and Rachel Desoer at AmaSerena, lounge
Wed, June 12	Ensemble featuring Terence Tam, Lorraine Min and Rachel Desoer at Beethoven House
Thu, June 13	Concert by String Quartet of Villa Musica at Schloss Engers (Rhine castle)
Fri, June 14	Ensemble featuring Terence Tam, Lorraine Min and Rachel Desoer at AmaSerena, lounge
Sat, June 15	Ensemble featuring Terence Tam, Lorraine Min and Rachel Desoer at AmaSerena, lounge
Sun, June 16	Ensemble featuring Terence Tam, Lorraine Min and Rachel Desoer at AmaSerena, lounge



ITINERARY

Day 1 / Thu, June 6: DEPART CANADA

Depart for Amsterdam.

Day 2 / Fri, June 7: ARRIVE AMSTERDAM

After arrival in Amsterdam, transfer (for those taking the group flight) to our hotel and check in. During our Welcome dinner our hosts will provide an Introduction to our Rhine Concert Series (D)

Day 3 / Sat, June 8: AMSTERDAM

Start the day in Amsterdam with a city tour. The afternoon is yours to enjoy one of the famous museums (Rijkmuseum or Van Gogh for example) or perhaps a relaxing stroll through the maze of streets around the Damrak. (B,D)

— MUSICAL PERFORMANCE —
at Het Concert Gebouw.

Day 4 / Sun, June 9: AMSTERDAM

We visit the city of Delft and learn about its trademark pottery. We include a local lunch and then we'll proceed on a tour to the Zaanse Schanse Windmills and village before returning to Amsterdam. After dinner we can look forward to our second fantastic musical performance. (B,L,D)

— MUSICAL PERFORMANCE —
at Muziekgebouw.

Day 5 / Mon, June 10: AMSTERDAM EMBARKATION

Enjoy a canal boat cruise to bid farewell to the city. We'll have a view of the tall townhomes which line the canals, the beautiful old merchants' houses and enjoy the unique city from a different perspective. Then we rendezvous with the AmaSerena to embark. A light lunch on board and an afternoon of cruising await us. There

is time to get settled into our luxurious surroundings before our Welcome Drink and first dinner aboard. (B,L,D)

Day 6 / Tue, June 11: RHINE CRUISE: DÜSSELDORF – COLOGNE

Begin with a brief stop in Düsseldorf this morning and then enjoy the cruise to Cologne, home to the cathedral which is one of Germany's most revered Gothic masterpieces. Arriving in the afternoon, we'll set off on a guided tour of the historic Old Town and UNESCO-designated cathedral. Our tour then continues on to the Cologne Rathaus, Germany's oldest town hall, the Overstolzenhaus and the Festival Hall. We remain moored in the city overnight. (B,L,D)

— MUSICAL PERFORMANCE —
featuring Terence Tam, Lorraine Min and Rachel Desoer at
AmaSerena, lounge

Day 7 / Wed, June 12: RHINE CRUISE: COLOGNE – BONN

Enjoy Cologne this morning. Perhaps visit the museum or the site on Glockengasse where the original Eau de Cologne has been produced for 220 years. Then we sail to Bonn, where we will have a brief tour, visit the Beethoven-Haus Museum, and after dinner enjoy a special concert in Beethoven's city. (B,L,D)

— MUSICAL PERFORMANCE —
featuring Terence Tam, Lorraine Min and Rachel Desoer at
Beethoven House

Day 8 / Thu, June 13: RHINE CRUISE: KOBLENZ – RÜDESHEIM

Our spectacular concert this morning will be followed by a little time to stretch our legs during a walking tour of Koblenz. Then we depart to cruise through the UNESCO-designated Rhine Gorge, the most stunningly beautiful stretch of this river, before reaching our destination at the winemaking town of Rüdesheim. This stretch of the Rhine is lined with castles, scenic villages and is of course famous for the legend of the Lorelei. We'll visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music



Museum, and after dinner you have time to enjoy the town. Perhaps stroll and sample the special coffees or local wines for which the region is renowned. (B,L,D)

— MUSICAL PERFORMANCE —

by String Quartet of Villa Musica at Schloss Engers

Day 9 / Fri, June 14: RHINE CRUISE: HEIDELBERG – LUDWIGSHAFEN

Ludwigshafen is our gateway to a choice of three excursions. Visit Heidelberg, the perfectly preserved medieval city nestled in the Neckar River Valley along Germany's Castle Road. Discover the iconic red sandstone Heidelberg Castle and Great Vat, a 49,000-gallon 18th-century wine cask. For a more active adventure in Heidelberg, join a guided hike up the Philosopher's Path, aptly named during the Romantic Period, and be rewarded with panoramic views of the city. Alternatively, you can visit one of Germany's oldest cities, Speyer, a UNESCO World Heritage Site boasting the largest Romanesque cathedral in Europe and a medieval Altpörtel, or "Old Gate". (B,L,D)

— MUSICAL PERFORMANCE —

featuring Terence Tam, Lorraine Min and Rachel Desoer at AmaSerena, lounge

Day 10 / Sat, June 15: RHINE CRUISE: STRASBOURG

Strasbourg, the capital city of Alsace, offers flavours of both France and Germany because of its borderline location. We'll enjoy a panoramic tour past the stunning Parc de l'Orangerie, the European Parliament and the Place de la République before walking through the iconic "La Petite France" district, which appears to have been lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. Wander through these charming streets and past the Cathédrale de Notre Dame with its famous astronomical clock. Alternatively, the active adventurer can take a guided bike ride through the city and Parc de l'Orangerie. (B,L,D)



AmaWaterways ship, at a docking spot with a view

— CONCERT —

Chamber music by the Gryphon Trio at a local venue

Day 11 / Sun, June 16: RHINE CRUISE: BREISACH – FREIBURG

Breisach is our gateway to several different excursions, depending on your interests. We'll step back in time visiting the enchanting Alsatian town of Riquewihr, which looks almost the same as it did in the 16th century. Our walking tour gives us perfect means to admire the charming architecture and notable sights, such as the Dolder Gate. Alternatively, you may wish to go to Freiburg, founded in 1120 and home to the Freiburg Münster, a Gothic cathedral said to have "the most beautiful spire on earth." Those wishing a more active excursion can cycle through the scenic countryside; or go to the Black Forest, a magical land full of cultural traditions, as well as home to elaborate cuckoo clocks, striking half-timbered houses, castle ruins and quaint towns. (B,L,D)

— MUSICAL PERFORMANCE —

featuring Terence Tam, Lorraine Min and Rachel Desoer at AmaSerena, lounge

Day 12 / Mon, June 17: BASEL DISEMBARKATION

Transfer to either airport Basel or airport Zurich (B)
Or continue with Zurich extension program.

Performance details are preliminary and subject to change; slight adjustments to our sightseeing programme may have to be made once performance schedule is finalized.



Rhine Valley, castles and vineyards by Mark Rash

OPTIONAL ZURICH EXTENSION

Day 12 / Mon, June 17: BASEL DISEMBARKATION – ZURICH

Disembark the ship and then tour the highlights of Basel. One of Switzerland's most cosmopolitan cities, Basel is home to 40 museums (the highest concentration in the nation,) a picturesque Old Town and richly decorated Market Square, a 500-year-old Rathaus (town hall) and Switzerland's oldest zoo (built in 1870 and home to 600 animal species and exotic flora). Time for lunch in the city and then we proceed to Zurich – check into the hotel and dinner (B,D)

— MUSICAL PERFORMANCE —

Optional: Opera/Symphony



Day 13 / Tue, June 18: ZURICH

Set alongside a glistening lake and framed by the Alps, Switzerland's largest city Zurich gracefully blends its historic past with its progressive future, all fully on display during our city tour. Zurich's Old Town is a highlight where we will find medieval houses, churches and the modern Bahnhofstrasse, a mile-long street featuring exclusive fashion boutiques, stores and street cafés. The afternoon is at your disposal to explore the city or do some serious shopping. This evening relax after dinner or optional music event (B,D)

— MUSICAL PERFORMANCE —

Optional: Opera/Symphony



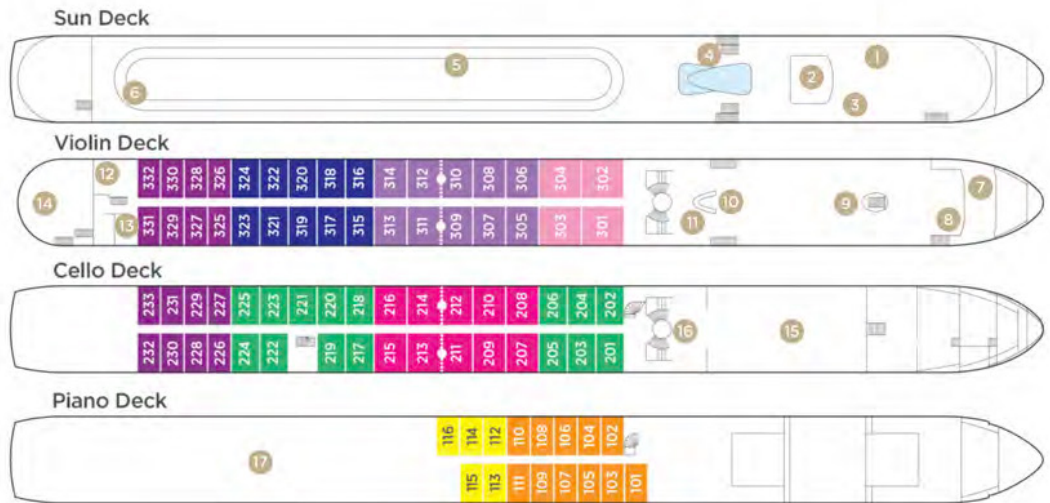
Day 14 / Wed, June 19: ZURICH - CANADA

Transfer to airport on own by taxi (B)

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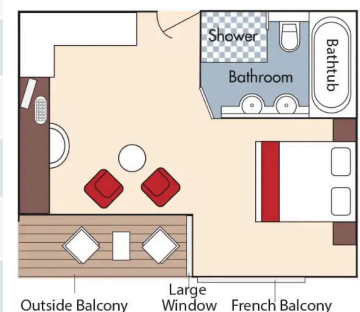
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9	Main Lounge & Bar
10	Gift Shop
11	Reception
12	Fitness Room
13	Massage & Hair Salon
14	The Chef's Table Restaurant
15	Main Restaurant
16	Elevator
17	Crew Cabins



Note: Elevator reaches the violin and Cello Deck (does not reach Piano Deck or Sun Deck)

COSTS	in CAD per person, based on double occupancy		
Cabin cat.	See AmaWaterways' website for full cabin descriptions	Twin / double	Single suppl.
Suite	Violin Deck, Forward – 300 sq. ft with twin balconies	\$13,500	+\$9,000
AA	Violin Deck, Midship – 235 sq. ft with twin balconies	\$11,900	+\$7,400
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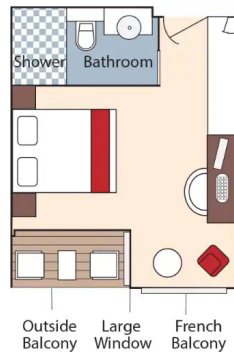
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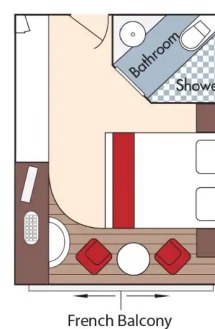
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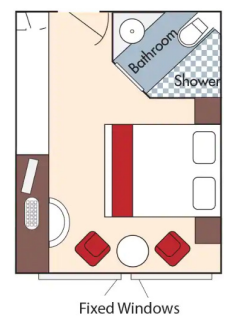
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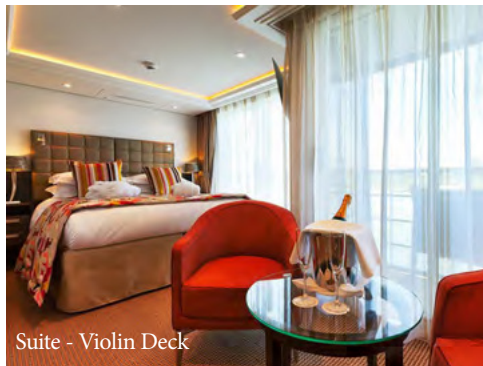
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Breakfast on the top deck



Suite - Violin Deck



Chef's Table



Pool & swim-up bar



Main Restaurant



Entertainment



On board concert audience Rhine 2019 by Mark Rash



Duesseldorf by Mark Rash

INCLUDED

- Accommodation in well-appointed four-star hotels in Amsterdam, Zurich
- 7 nights aboard the luxurious MS AmaSerena
- All concerts & special music events per itinerary
- All excursions, special events, city tours and visits as noted in itinerary
- Private coach for all transfers and land tours
- Breakfasts (B), Lunches (L) and Dinners (D) as indicated in itinerary
- All gourmet meals on board (Full Breakfast, menu service for both Lunch and Dinner)
- Complimentary wine, beer, soft drinks and specialty coffees with lunch and dinner aboard
- Free Coffee, Tea, Ice Water and Iced Tea are included all day. Cappuccino, Latte and Espresso can be requested free of charge during all meals
- Two Cocktail Receptions and Gala Dinners (Welcome Cocktail Reception and Dinner and Farewell Cocktail Reception and Gala Dinner) and special event Lunches and Dinners as noted in itinerary
- Porterage
- Gratuities for ship's crew
- Port charges and harbor taxes, local taxes and service charges

NOT INCLUDED

- Air fare and departure taxes / seat assignments fees etc.
- Insurance
- Meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Tips for excursion drivers and guides
- Drinks and items of a personal nature

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RESERVATION FORM

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☐ ZURICH EXTENSION

June 17 - 19, 2024

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TRAVEL PREFERENCES

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FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

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2nd installment of \$1,000 pp due by October 31, 2023
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Balance due by March 06, 2024
Tour documents will be sent to you approximately 14 days prior to your trip departure, provided full payment has been received.

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