

# CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PATRONS TOUR: EUROPE 2024

*I unusual journey with R. Crusoe & Son*  
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Come inside the newly reopened Liechtenstein City Palace, sparkling and resplendent after an extensive five-year renovation. Vienna.

**T**he Chicago Symphony Orchestra has recently enjoyed successful tours in the U.S. and Canada. Now, it's time for Conductor Riccardo Muti, the orchestra, and the patrons to return to Europe.

In January 2024, the patrons tour Vienna, Budapest, Milan, and Rome and attend four extraordinary CSO performances and a recital by a CSO ensemble.

Along the way, we celebrate exceptional music by the CSO and have some outstanding experiences, including:

- \* Visiting a brand-new art museum in Vienna
- \* A lecture by one of the world's leading da Vinci experts
- \* A curator-led tour of the Borghese Gallery
- \* A private Vatican Choir recital in St. Peter's Basilica
- \* Plenty of time to socialize with CSO musicians

The tour is sold in two segments: VIENNA and BUDAPEST; MILAN and ROME.

## VIENNA

On Saturday, 20 January 2024, depart on an overnight flight to *Vienna, Austria*. Upon arrival, a private driver takes you to our luxurious hotel, the Imperial.

After check-in, join us for an optional tour of the newly renovated and expanded Wien Museum Karlsplatz,

known the world over for its Klimt and Schiele collections.

*This evening, with a group of CSO musicians sit down to a classic Viennese dinner at Gmoa Keller.*

Monday begins with a guided tour of the brand-new Heidi Horten Collection of Modern and Contemporary art. The story behind Horten's collection and museum opening is fascinating. Lunch follows at Duchardt, which features Austrian and French cuisine.

Enjoy some leisure time before we attend our first CSO CONCERT at the Musikverein. Join us for a *post-concert reception with CSO musicians.*

Tuesday begins with a visit to the newly reopened Liechtenstein City Palace. Continue to the Schubert Geburtshaus, a museum created in the composer's birth house. Get to know the composer through his musical work, his family, and his friends. Before leaving, *we hear a brief performance by a CSO ensemble.*

Enjoy some leisure time this afternoon, or join us for an optional guided art museum visit.

This evening sit down a pre-concert dinner before attending our next CSO CONCERT at the Musikverein.





Visit Budapest's domed Parliament on the River Danube.

## BUDAPEST

On Wednesday, 24 January, we're off to *Budapest, Hungary*. On arrival, we board a funicular that climbs to the top of the old city of Buda. Here, we catch gorgeous views and have lunch at Halaszbastya Restaurant. Follow up with a brief tour of Buda's most important sites—Matthias Church, the old town, the Royal Castle.

Check in to our hotel, the lovely Ritz-Carlton Budapest. Get comfortable in your room before we gather for a pre-concert dinner at the Ritz. Our next CSO CONCERT is at the Béla Bartók National Concert Hall. After the performance, *enjoy drinks with a group of CSO musicians*.

Thursday morning, *we're off with a group of CSO musicians for a tour of Parliament and a panoramic view of old Pest—the Hungarian State Opera House; Andrássy Avenue, home to many of the city's cultural institutions; Heroes' Square; and the "Holocaust Tree of Life," which commemorates 400,000 Hungarian Jews murdered during World War II.*

Enter historic Dohány Street Synagogue, which stood on the border of the Budapest Ghetto created by the Nazis.

*Sit down to lunch today with CSO musicians at a popular restaurant. The evening and dinner are at your leisure.*

If you are not joining us on the continuation of the tour in Milan and Rome, make your way to the Budapest airport to catch your flight home.

## PATRONS TOUR: EUROPE 2024 CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERTS

RICCARDO MUTI  
CONDUCTOR

### VIENNA

MUSIKVEREIN

MONDAY, 22 JANUARY

GLASS	<i>The Triumph of the Octagon</i>
STRAVINSKY	Suite from <i>The Firebird</i>
STRAUSS	<i>Aus Italien</i>

MUSIKVEREIN

TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY

PRICE	Symphony No. 3
PROKOFIEV	Symphony No. 5

### BUDAPEST

BÉLA BARTÓK NATIONAL CONCERT HALL

WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY

GLASS	<i>The Triumph of the Octagon</i>
MENDELSSOHN	Symphony No. 4
STRAUSS	<i>Aus Italien</i>

### MILAN

LA SCALA

SATURDAY, 27 JANUARY

GLASS	<i>The Triumph of the Octagon</i>
STRAVINSKY	Suite from <i>The Firebird</i>
STRAUSS	<i>Aus Italien</i>

### ROME

TEATRO DELL'OPERA DI ROMA

MONDAY, 29 JANUARY

Program TBD

## MILAN

On Friday, 26 January, we fly to *Milan, Italy*, arriving mid-afternoon at our hotel, the elegant Mandarin Oriental Milan. It stands in the heart of the city, close to the Duomo. Have dinner at your leisure.

On Saturday morning, we head for the Museo Nazionale della Scienza e della Tecnologia Leonardo da Vinci, the world's largest museum dedicated to da Vinci—the engineer and humanist.



Here we have a *private lecture and tour* by Sara Tagliagamaba, one of the world's leading experts on da Vinci. She speaks on the artist's work in automation, robotics, architecture, and hydraulics, sharing her incredible insights from years of research on the man and his work.

Continue to the Biblioteca Pinacoteca Accademia Ambrosiana, founded in the early 1600s, to browse the collection, including da Vinci's final painting, "Portrait of a Musician," and the Atlantic Codex, the world's largest collection of da Vinci's writings and drawings. Also

here: masterpieces by Caravaggio, Raphael, Titian...

Enjoy some free time. If you'd like, join us for a look at da Vinci's "The Last Supper" at the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie.



Get to know a different side of da Vinci.

Gather for a pre-concert dinner at the hotel, then we're off to our next CSO CONCERT, this one at La Scala.

## ROME

On Sunday, we board a non-stop train bound for Rome. Enjoy a boxed lunch during the three-hour ride.

In Rome, we begin at the Borghese Gallery, where a curator shows us the collection's most significant works.



La Scala: Beautiful music, world-class elegance. Milan.



Come inside St. Peter's Basilica. Remember to look up. Rome.

At Hotel de la Ville, check in and settle into your room. Take some time to relax before we pick up a group of CSO musicians who join us for a visit to San Luigi dei Francesi Church to view Caravaggio's phenomenal "St. Matthew Cycle." Then sit down to dinner with the musicians at the lively Tre Scalini Restaurant in Piazza Navona.

Monday begins at the awe-inspiring Sistine Chapel, where we have a semi-private tour followed by breakfast at the Vatican Museum.

Next, visit St. Peter's Basilica, with a private performance by the Vatican Choir in the Cappella Giulia.

Continue to the Colosseum and its Hypogeum, the latter opened in 2021 after many years of reconstruction. In the Hypogeum—a system of chambers under the Colosseum floor—gladiators were readied for their very public battles.

We now attend our final CSO CONCERT, this one at Teatro dell'Opera di Roma, followed by a post-concert dinner with a group of CSO musicians.

On Tuesday, 30 January, depart for the airport on your own to catch your flight home.

### For Patrons Interested in Segment II Milan & Rome Only

Consider arriving in Milan for an extra day and night prior to joining patrons coming from Budapest. Group activities and costs will be announced based on the number of participants. Please email Allyson Reese, areese@rcrusoe.com or call 312-980-8019 if you are interested.

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## SEGMENT I: VIENNA & BUDAPEST

\* **Day 1: United States**  
**Saturday, 20 January 2024**

Depart on a flight to Vienna. *Overnight in flight.*

\* **Day 2: Vienna, Austria**  
**Sunday, 21 January 2024**

Arrive Vienna, private transfer to hotel, optional walking tour of Wien Museum Karlsplatz, dinner with a group of CSO musicians. *Imperial Hotel Vienna.*

\* **Day 3: Vienna**  
**Monday, 22 January 2024**

New Heidi Horton Collection, walking city tour, lunch, afternoon and dinner at leisure, CSO CONCERT at the Musikverein, post-concert reception with CSO musicians. *Imperial Hotel Vienna.*

\* **Day 4: Vienna**  
**Tuesday, 23 January 2024**

Liechtenstein Garden and City palaces, Schubert Geburtshaus Museum tour and brief performance by a CSO ensemble, lunch and the afternoon at leisure, optional art museum tour, pre-concert dinner, CSO CONCERT at the Musikverein. *Imperial Hotel Vienna.*

\* **Day 5: Vienna; Budapest, Hungary**  
**Wednesday, 24 January 2024**

Drive Vienna to Budapest, lunch in Buda, old Buda tour, hotel check-in, pre-concert dinner, CSO CONCERT at Béla Bartók National Concert Hall, post-concert reception with a group of CSO musicians. *Ritz-Carlton Budapest.*

\* **Day 6: Budapest**  
**Thursday, 25 January 2024**

Panoramic city tour and lunch with a group of CSO musicians. *Ritz-Carlton Budapest.*

If not continuing on the patrons tour Segment II in Milan and Rome, on Friday, 26 January depart on your own to the airport for your flight home.

**BOOKING DEADLINE:**  
**FRIDAY, 9 JUNE 2023**

After that date, reservations are offered first come, first served on a space-available basis.

## SEGMENT II: MILAN & ROME

\* **Day 7: Budapest; Milan, Italy**  
**Friday, 26 January 2024**

Morning flight from Budapest to Milan (possible connection in Zurich), hotel check-in, evening and dinner at your leisure. *Mandarin Oriental Milan.*

\* **Day 8: Milan**  
**Saturday, 27 January 2024**

Museo Nazionale della Scienza e della Tecnologia Leonardo da Vinci with lecture and tour by a leading da Vinci expert, Biblioteca Pinacoteca Accademia Ambrosiana, lunch and the afternoon at leisure, optional viewing of da Vinci's "The Last Supper," pre-concert dinner, CSO CONCERT at La Scala. *Mandarin Oriental Milan.*

\* **Day 9: Milan, Rome**  
**Sunday, 28 January 2024**

Morning train to Rome, boxed lunch, curator-led tour of Borghese Gallery, hotel check-in, Caravaggio "St. Matthew Cycle" at San Luigi dei Francesi with a group of CSO musicians, dinner with musicians at Tre Scalini. *Hotel de la Ville.*

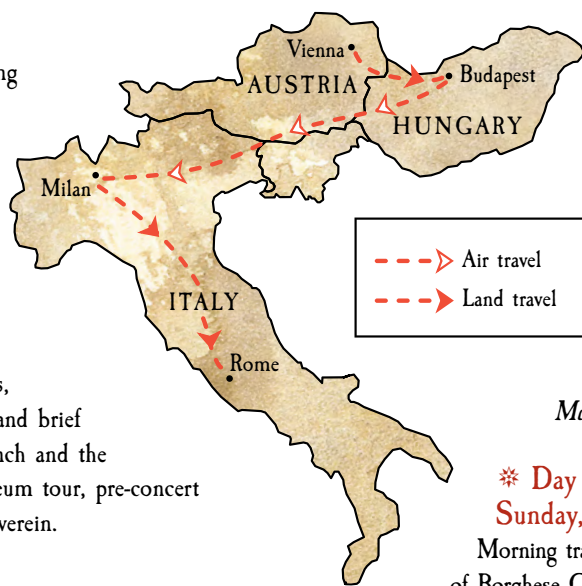
\* **Day 10: Rome**  
**Monday, 29 January 2024**

Semi-private Sistine Chapel tour, breakfast at the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica tour with private choir performance, lunch at leisure, Colosseum and Hypogeum, CSO CONCERT at Teatro dell'Opera di Roma, post-concert dinner with a group of musicians. *Hotel de la Ville.*

\* **Day 11: Rome; U.S.**  
**Tuesday, 30 January 2024**

Depart on your own to the airport for your flight home.

*This itinerary is subject to change.*





## TOUR PRICES

Per person based on double occupancy.

### SEGMENT I: VIENNA & BUDAPEST

Tour price.....	\$5,420
Single supplement.....	\$1,080

### SEGMENT II: MILAN, & ROME

Tour price.....	\$5,990
Single supplement.....	\$1,590
Budapest-Milan airfare estimate .....	TBD

Concert ticket estimate per person, per performance... \$200
CSO donation per person..... \$2,500

*R. Crusoe strongly recommends that travelers purchase travel insurance. If you have a pre-existing health condition, be sure to purchase this insurance within 21 days of booking.*

The tour is sold as described. Space on this tour is limited. Bookings are taken on a first come, first served basis. There are *no refunds for unused portions of this journey*. The tour price is based on a minimum of 24 travelers on each tour segment at present fuel and currency exchange rates. If fewer than the minimum number of travelers participates, or if there is a major change fuel or currency exchange rates, a price supplement may apply and/or the itinerary may be adjusted. All breakfasts are included in the tour price, plus at least one lunch or dinner each day. Full terms and conditions will be provided before booking.

Concert tickets are limited and available only to patrons participating in the tour. Patrons receive a separate invoice from the CSO for performance tickets and the donation. After booking, patrons receive a confirmation. Expect a detailed itinerary a few weeks before departure.

✳ **Inclusions.** Accommodations (based on double occupancy); individual arrival airport transfer; ground transportation; sightseeing as indicated; meal as indicated with local wine and beer with included meals; hotel taxes; entrance fees; gratuity for drivers, guides, hotel porters, and included meals; baggage handling; tour development and planning; reservation management by R. Crusoe travel advisor; and preparation and delivery of preliminary and final documents.

✳ **Exclusions.** International airfare, internal airfare (listed separately); individual airport departure transfers; sightseeing listed as at leisure or optional; costs of passports; personal expenses such as laundry; premium beverages (mixed drinks) may incur an additional cost, meals not listed; room service, excess baggage fees, communication charges, and travel insurance.

✳ **Hotels.** This tour includes deluxe or similar category rooms. If you would like to reserve additional hotel nights before or after the tour, contact R. Crusoe's Allyson Reese at 312-980-8019 or email areese@rcrusoe.com.

✳ **Air Travel.** Airfare to and from Europe is not included. The

## TO BOOK THIS JOURNEY

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final cost of Budapest-Milan airfare will be announced once the tour registration closes. *All internal airfare is non-refundable.*

✳ **Meals.** Breakfast is included daily, with lunch and/or dinner on most days.

✳ **Registration.** A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required when you book. The remainder of the cost of your trip is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express.

✳ **Cancellation.** Cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received 90 days or more prior to departure are subject to a \$1,500 per person cancellation fee; 89-60 days, 50 percent of the tour cost; 59-30 days, 75 percent of the tour cost; and 29 days or less, 100 percent of the tour cost.



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