Touch down in New York on Wednesday, 4 October 2023, and make your way to your hotel. Your hotel is not included in the tour price. You may stay where you wish, but we recommend either the Conrad NY Midtown, where the CSO musicians are staying and which is convenient to Carnegie Hall, or the new Aman New York, the city’s latest nod to exclusive hotels. Sitting on Fifth Avenue just below Central Park, it is housed in the historic Crown Building.

The tour officially begins at 5:00 this evening with a very special pre-concert cocktail reception at the Aman, which is otherwise open only to hotel guests and Aman Club Founders.

A short walk takes us to Carnegie Hall, where we attend our first CSO concert. Maestro Muti and the orchestra open the 2023 season with tonight’s performance. Violin soloist Leonidas Kavakos joins the orchestra for Tchaikovsky’s Violin Concerto. The Greek violinist is recognized worldwide as an artist of rare quality. He performs on the “Willemotte” Stradivarius violin, made in 1734.

A group of CSO musicians joins us for a thoroughly “New York” dinner at the Conrad NY Midtown.

Thursday, 5 October, begins with a special visit to the new Richard Gilder Center for Science, Education, and Innovation at the American Museum of Natural History, designed by Jeanne Gang’s Studio Gang. We have a private tour led by architect Anika Schwarzwald, a Project Leader at Studio Gang who worked on the design and creation of the Gilder Center. Anika’s input and insider perspective on this celebrated addition to New York City promises to be very interesting, especially regarding the striking organic lines of the center formed using a technique called “shotcrete.”

Enjoy lunch at your leisure.

We gather for a pre-concert dinner at La Grande
Boucherie. This atmospheric and wildly popular gem takes you right across the pond to Paris. After dinner, we walk to our next CSO concert at Carnegie Hall. Tonight’s program opens with the New York premiere of Philip Glass’s Triumph of the Octagon, commissioned by the CSO. The 86-year-old Glass has had a lifelong fascination with mathematics and patterns, and he drew inspiration for this work from Italy’s 13th-century Castel del Monte. After the concert, we head backstage to meet Philip Glass.

On Friday, 6 October, please make your way to the airport for your flight home.

For this CSO patrons tour, your hotel is not included in the tour price. You may overnight wherever you wish. We suggest the Conrad New York Midtown Hotel, where the CSO musicians are staying and which is conveniently located near Carnegie Hall; or the new Aman New York, where our cocktail reception is held on Wednesday evening.

Conrad NY Midtown.
Click here to reserve.

Aman New York.
Call reservations at 1-646-459.5302, or email reservations.ny@aman.com and reference CSO Patrons to reserve.

Please note: Our private coach to and from the Richard Gilder Center on 5 October picks us up and drops us off at the Conrad NY Midtown Hotel. If you stay elsewhere, please make your own way to and from the Richard Gilder Center.
PRICES
Tour cost per person: $1,369
Chicago Symphony Orchestra donation per person: $500
CSO concert ticket, per person per ticket (estimate): $200

Space on this tour is limited. Bookings are taken on a first come, first served basis.

The tour is sold as described. There are no refunds for unused services. The tour price is based on a minimum number of 20 travelers. If the minimum number of travelers do not book by the booking deadline, the tour may be canceled, or the tour itinerary may be adjusted, or a surcharge may be applied.

Concert tickets are limited and available only to patrons participating in the tour. Patrons receive a separate invoice from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for concert tickets and the symphony donation.

After booking, patrons receive a confirmation. Expect a detailed itinerary a few weeks before departure. Full terms and conditions are provided to patrons prior to booking.

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.

Registration.
A non-refundable deposit of 50 percent per person for the tour is required at the time you book. The remainder of the cost of your trip is due 90 days prior to departure.

Cancellation.
Cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received 90 days or more prior to departure are subject to a 50 percent per person cancellation fee; 89 days or less, 100 percent of the tour cost.

Inclusions.
Sightseeing as indicated with ground transportation; local wine and beer with included meals; entrance fees; gratuity for driver and included meals; tour development and planning; reservation management by R. Crusoe travel advisor; and preparation and delivery of preliminary and final documents.

**Meals.**
Meals as listed above. Breakfast is included at the Conrad New York Midtown and the Aman New York only if you book through our patron group block.

**Exclusions.**
Airfare; hotel room and related costs; personal expenses such as laundry; premium beverages (mixed drinks) at meals may incur an additional cost; meals not listed; and travel insurance.

**Air Travel.**
Air travel between Chicago and New York City is not included in the tour price. Transfers to and from the airport are also not included in the tour price.

**Booking Deadline:**
**Tuesday, 5 September 2023.**
After that date, reservations are offered first come, first served on a space-available basis.

TO BOOK THIS JOURNEY
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