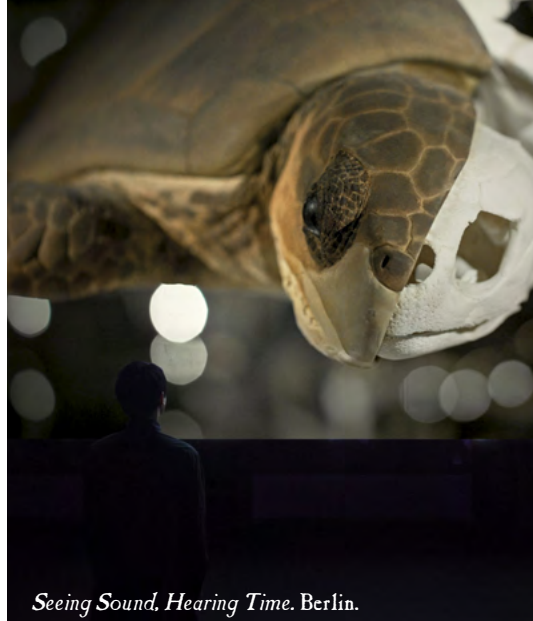




Steinway workshop, Hamburg.



Seeing Sound, Hearing Time. Berlin.



Mandarin Oriental Lutetia, Paris.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PATRONS TOUR: EUROPE 2027

Unusual journey with **R. Crusoe & Son**
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“Tension at its very best. Sibelius and Shostakovich come together in a concert of striking contrasts, combining Nordic clarity with overwhelming orchestral power.”

—*Elbphilharmonie's commentary on a CSO program there in 2027*

Join us in January 2027 as we attend CSO performances conducted by Klaus Mäkelä, Zell Music Director Designate, at the Elbphilharmonie and then the Philharmonie de Paris. Beyond the sensational music, we dig deep into the rich cultural scenes—art, architecture, design, and gastronomy—of Europe's three most dynamic cities.

Hamburg. 3 Days.

Stay at the Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten, a grand hotel on the Inner Alster Lake, offering elegance and luxury since 1897. Begin in Hamburg with a welcome dinner alongside CSO musicians. Then, privately explore the venerable workshops of Steinway and Montblanc and visit Bunker St. Pauli, a colossal WWII concrete fortress reborn as a breathtaking vertical park. Conclude with a post-concert reception alongside members of the CSO.

Berlin. 2 days.

Stay at The Ritz-Carlton, Berlin, an Art Deco-inspired retreat in Potsdamer Platz. Experience Ryuichi Sakamoto's *Seeing Sound, Hearing Time* at Hamburger Bahnhof, followed by *Salome* or *The Nutcracker*. Enjoy private access to the Neue Nationalgalerie and Maurizio Cattelan's provocative exhibition, then admire the Pierre Boulez Hall's architecture. Conclude with a distinctly German dinner.

Paris. 3 Days.

The Mandarin Oriental Lutetia Paris is our enchanting Left Bank address, with the historic charm, vibrant cafés, and premier shopping of Saint-Germain-des-Prés at your doorstep. Explore the newly relocated Fondation Cartier through Jean Nouvel's architectural lens, followed by insider access to the City of Light's exceptional maisons and art institutions. Conclude with dinner and a post-concert event with CSO musicians.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Zell Music Director Designate Klaus Mäkelä and the CSO astound with Sibelius' Symphony No. 7, Shostakovich's Symphony No. 4, and Mahler's Symphony No. 9. In Berlin, you have a choice of attending Strauss' *Salome* or Christian Spruck's reinvisioned *The Nutcracker*.

BOOKING DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

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Chicago Symphony Orchestra Patrons Tour: Europe 2027.

* Day 1: United States

Wednesday, 13 January 2027

Depart on a flight to the Germany. *Overnight in flight.*

* Day 2: Hamburg, Germany

Thursday, 14 January 2027

Arrive in Hamburg and settle into the Fairmont Vier Jahreszeiten. Enjoy an optional visit to St. James for an organ recital before gathering for a welcome dinner with CSO musicians.

Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten.

* Day 3-4: Hamburg

Friday-Saturday, 15-16 January 2027

Discover Hamburg through private visits to the Montblanc and Steinway factories, a scenic Elbe River cruise, discover the innovative renewal of Bunker St. Pauli, a striking example of sustainable urban transformation. Enjoy two evenings of CSO performances at the Elbphilharmonie, featuring Sibelius, Shostakovich, and Mahler, with a post-concert reception with some CSO musicians following the second evening. *Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten*

* Day 5: Hamburg, Berlin, Germany

Sunday, 17 January 2027

Travel by high-speed train from Hamburg to Berlin, enjoying lunch en route. Visit Hamburger Bahnhof for Ryuichi Sakamoto's immersive "seeing sound, hearing time" exhibition, blending music, film, and visual art. After dinner at leisure, choose between Richard Strauss' *Salome* at Staatsoper Unter den Linden or Christian Spuck's *The Nutcracker* at Deutsche Oper Berlin. *Ritz-Carlton Berlin.*

* Day 6: Berlin

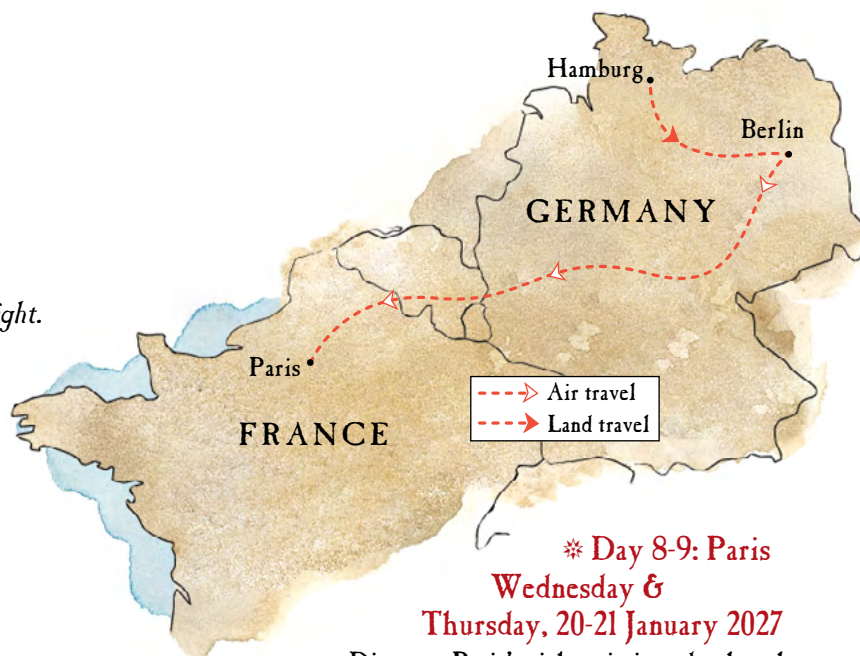
Monday, 18 January 2027

Enjoy a private opening of the Neue Nationalgalerie to explore Maurizio Cattelan's provocative sculptures and installations, followed by a private visit to the Pierre Boulez Hall. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure before gathering for dinner. *Ritz-Carlton Berlin.*

* Day 7: Berlin; Paris, France

Tuesday, 19 January 2027

Fly from Berlin to Paris and transfer to your hotel to settle in. An evening welcome gathering offers a relaxed introduction to the city. *Mandarin Oriental Lutetia, Paris*



* Day 8-9: Paris

Wednesday &

Thursday, 20-21 January 2027

Discover Paris's rich artistic and cultural heritage through curated sightseeing, special experiences, and time to explore independently. Visit Fondation Cartier's new Palais-Royal home—opened in 2025 and reimagined by Jean Nouvel—to experience Ibrahim Mahama's *The Harvest Season* and its striking architecture. Enjoy CSO concerts and connect with CSO musicians. *Mandarin Oriental Lutetia, Paris.*

* Day 10: Paris; U.S.

Friday, 22 January 2027

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

This itinerary is subject to change.



Hamburg's iconic Elbphilharmonie, where CSO patrons will enjoy two evenings of Chicago Symphony Orchestra performances featuring works by Sibelius, Shostakovich, and Mahler.

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TOUR DATES: 13–22 January 2027

Depart the U.S. Wednesday, 13 January 2027.

Return home Friday, 22 January 2027.

TOUR PRICES

Per person based on double occupancy.

Tour price.....\$17,420

Single supplement.....\$3,980

Berlin-Paris Internal Air.....TBD

CSO Concert ticket estimate

per person, per performance.....\$175

CSO Tour Donation, per person.....\$3,000

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 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 separately. Expect a detailed itinerary a few weeks before departure.

Concert tickets are limited and available only to CSO patrons participating in the tour. Patrons receive a separate invoice from the CSO for the performance tickets and donation.

✱ **Inclusions.** Accommodations (based on double occupancy); arrival airport transfer; ground transportation; sightseeing as indicated; meal as indicated with local wine and beer with included meals; hotel taxes; entrance fees; Berlin concert ticket to *Salome* or *The Nutcracker* with best available seats; first-class train ticket (Hamburg-Berlin); 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); airport departure transfer; 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. Check-in at Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten is 3:00 p.m. Early arrival requests cannot be guaranteed unless a pre-night is booked at the hotel. If you would like to reserve additional hotel nights before or after the tour, or to inquire about room upgrades, contact R. Crusoe & Son at cso@rcrusoe.com.

✱ **Air Travel.** Airfare to and from Europe is not included. If you require assistance with international airfares, please let us know. The final cost of the Berlin-Paris airfare will be announced once the flight is confirmed. *All internal airfare is non-refundable.*

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

✱ **Registration.** A *nonrefundable* deposit of 50 percent of the tour cost per person is required when you book. Final balance is *non-refundable* and due 90 days before departure. Payment can be made by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express.

✱ **Cancellation.** All deposits and payments are non-refundable. For this reason, we strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance at the time of your initial deposit to protect your investment against unforeseen circumstances that may affect your travel plans. For those interested, here is a [link](#) to our recommend travel insurance provider.

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