



Classical Music Tour Of

London

May 11-19, 2024

London Symphony
Mahler Symphony #3

St. Martin in the Fields
Beethoven Symphonies 4 & 5

The Sixteen
Monteverdi Vespers of 1610

Lucia di Lammermoor
with Nadine Sierra

Carmen
At the Royal Opera House

Join WFMT Program Host, Carl Grapentine, for 5 Classical Performances and enjoy luxury accommodations, an English Tea Experience, and more in England's exciting capital.

For more information, please contact Virtuoso Advisor, Dee Dee Werner at (847) 519-4795 or deew@travelexinternational.com.



2024 WFMT Classical Music Tour of London

May 11 - 19, 2024 (9 Days / 8 Nights – Departs USA on May 10)

Join Classical Radio Program Host, Carl Grapentine on a 9-Day, 8-Night Tour of the Finest Musical Experiences in London!

Enjoy Performances with Premier Seating at the London Philharmonic, the Royal Opera House, and St. Martin in the Fields and more!

Tour Includes:



Airfare Not Included

Roundtrip airfare is an additional cost. Ask us for a quote!



Accommodations:

8 Nights at the 5-Star Athenaeum Hotel in Mayfair



Five Performances

1 Orchestra, 2 Operas & 2 Concerts
(Premium Seating)
Optional Evening Theater Performance



Sightseeing Tours

A London City Tour
Optional Cotswolds Day Tour



Meals

Breakfast Daily, 1 English Tea, and
2 Dinners with Wine



Group Travel Insurance

Complimentary Travel Insurance



WFMT Host

Carl Grapentine



Tour Escort

Greg Pearson, Travelex International

Classical Music Tour Itinerary

Fri, May 10, 2024 (Departure from the U.S.)

Day 1: Sat, May 11, 2024 (Welcome to London)

- **Arrival transfer in luxury coach from London Heathrow Airport (for our preferred flights)**
After arriving at London Heathrow Airport, you will be met by your private greeter in the arrivals hall who will lead you to the pick-up point where your driver will be waiting to help load the luggage. Travel together towards your central London hotel, where your driver will leave you to settle in.
- **Afternoon at leisure** - Enjoy this afternoon at leisure.
- **Evening Welcome Dinner at our hotel.**

Day 2: Sun, May 12, 2024 (An evening at the Barbican)

- **Morning at leisure**
Enjoy this morning at leisure.
- **Traditional English afternoon tea**
This afternoon, enjoy a fun and delectable afternoon tea reservation at one of London's finest establishments. Feast on a selection of sweet and savory treats to include sandwiches, delicate pastries, scone with jam and cream accompanied by hot English tea.
- **Premium concert tickets**
This evening, enjoy premium seats at the Barbican Hall for the London Symphony Orchestra performing Mahler Symphony #3.
- Travel in comfort from your London Hotel to the concert hall in a luxury vehicle. Your driver will be waiting at the end of the performance to drive you back to your hotel at the end of the evening.

Day 3: Mon, May 13, 2024 (London Highlights)

- **Panoramic highlights tour** - Enjoy a London panoramic highlights tour, see a few of the city's most beloved sights from the comfort of your chauffeured vehicle. There will be plenty of opportunities to stop enroute for photographs and further explorations of places of interest with your guide!
- Private tour with guide and driver.
- **Afternoon at leisure** - Enjoy this afternoon at leisure.

Day 4: Tues, May 14, 2024 (Lucia de Lammermoor at Royal Opera House)

- **Day at leisure** - Spend today at your leisure.
- Enjoy premium seats at the **Royal Opera House Covent Garden**.
- Travel in comfort from your London Hotel to the concert hall in a luxury vehicle. Your driver will be waiting at the end of the performance to drive you back to your hotel at the end of the evening.



Day 5: Wed, May 15, 2024 (The Sixteen at the Barbican)

- **Day at leisure** - Spend today at your leisure.
- **Premium Concert Tickets:** This evening, enjoy premium seats at the Barbican Hall for a performance of **Monteverdi Vespers of 1610**, by world renowned ensemble "**The Sixteen**".
- -Travel in comfort from your London Hotel to the concert hall in a luxury vehicle. Your driver will be waiting at the end of the performance to drive you back to your hotel at the end of the evening.

Day 6: Thurs, May 16, 2024 (Beethoven at St. Martin in the Fields)

- **Optional Day Tour** to the **Cotswolds** with **Blenheim Palace** (8:00 AM -4:00 PM) - A visit to the beautiful countryside and the villages of the Cotswolds with quaint shops, tea rooms and pubs where you'll learn some history, have free time for lunch and shopping on your own. In the afternoon, there will be visit to the magnificent Blenheim Palace, principal residence of the Dukes Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill.
- In the evening, enjoy seats at **St. Martin's in the Fields** for a performance of **Beethoven Symphony 4 & 5**.
- Travel in comfort from your London Hotel to the concert hall in a luxury vehicle. Your driver will be waiting at the end of the performance to drive you back to your hotel at the end of the evening.

Day 7: Fri, May 17, 2024 (Carmen at Royal Opera House)

- Enjoy premium seats at the **Royal Opera House Covent Garden**.
- Travel in comfort from your London Hotel to the concert hall in a luxury vehicle. Your driver will be waiting at the end of the performance to drive you back to your hotel at the end of the evening.

Day 8: Sat, May 18, 2024 (Optional Theater Evening)

- **Farewell Dinner** at 4:30pm
- **Optional Theatre Evening**
This evening, enjoy premium seats at the latest blockbuster show at the new **Bridge Theatre**, located away from the West End, and situated opposite the iconic London Bridge.
- As you travel in comfort aboard your luxury vehicle on route to the financial center of London you will pass many London sights, including views of the **Tower of London**.
- Once at the venue enjoy best seats at the exciting new production of **Guys and Dolls**. Don't expect a traditional Guys & Dolls at the Bridge Theatre. Expect to be thrown into all the action. Join all the characters as they walk the New York streets, sip a cocktail at the Cuban bars, and take a trip to the Salvation Army. The Bridge Theatre comes alive with this sensational retelling, with London Theatre hailing it "the jackpot of musical revivals."
- Following the show enjoy a London's illuminations drive back to your hotel.

Day 9: Sun, May 19, 2024 (Farewell to London)

- **Breakfast and hotel departures to London Heathrow Airport** - After checking out of your hotel, meet your driver for your transfer to **London Heathrow Airport** ahead of your departure flight.

About Our Host, Carl Grapentine

Carl Grapentine retired after a 46-year career in classical music radio. Carl was the host of the Morning Program on WFMT, Chicago's Classical music station, for almost twenty-five years. He joined WFMT in 1986 after serving as the morning host of WQRS, the classical music station in Detroit, for thirteen years.

Carl still presents pre-concert lectures for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Chicago's Music of the Baroque, and many other ensembles. He also hosts concerts for numerous community orchestras and bands. He was the host for the nationally syndicated broadcast concerts of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, and he hosts the National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis each spring.

An alumnus of the University of Michigan School of Music, Carl has been the "stadium voice" of the University of Michigan Marching Band since 1970 — his voice being heard on national telecasts of sixteen Rose Bowls and numerous other bowl games. In 2006 he also assumed the responsibilities of game announcer at Michigan Stadium.

An accomplished conductor and singer, Carl has many years of experience as a church music director. He also has sung the national anthem for professional and collegiate sporting events at Wrigley Field, old and new Comiskey Park (now Guaranteed Rate Field), Tiger Stadium, the Pontiac Silverdome, and the University of Michigan's Crisler Center.





Tour Pricing

From \$8,695 per person based on double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$1,500

Includes all applicable portorage, taxes, and gratuities. Business class airfare available upon request.

Deposit Due with Registration:

\$4,250

(includes \$250 non-refundable administrative fee)

Final Payment:

Due March 1, 2024

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