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Editorial

Dear clients and friends,

Nietzsche said that life without music would be a mistake. Indeed, the joys and consolations of music – past and present – are no surprise to us.

As always, we will celebrate the performers who have left their mark on music, starting with **Maria Callas**. A special day dedicated to the singer in Paris will close with a memorable gala at the Opéra Garnier.

Our love for another giant, **Mozart**, will take us to Prague and Salzburg. In the span of an extraordinary week, we will deep dive into the history of the composer, who explored and fell in love with the golden city of a hundred spires.

Lisbon is one of the most picturesque European capitals and a haven for contemporary creativity. Discover the city through Schubert's universal appeal, delivered in a programme developed and interpreted by **Maria João Pires**.

Let's not forget the young talents who today embody music from another time. In Poland, at the second edition of the **International Chopin Competition on Period Instruments**, we will celebrate the composer who was almost more French than Polish.

As usual, each of these guided musical journeys will tug at the heart strings during a special evening or at a secret private opening..

Japan in particular will offer a truly extraordinary experience: from Kyoto, the guardian of traditions, to Naoshimi, an artistic Eden located in Seto Inland Sea (where you will enjoy La Fugue's version of ***Night at the Museum***), the journey will tantalize all the senses.

Key events are still included, such as the opening night at La Scala in Milan, New Year's Eve in Vienna, and the Venice Biennale's springtime opening. Moreover, our carefully curated musical weekends will treat you to the most eagerly awaited lyrical events of the season in the most comfortable conditions.

We look forward to sharing unforgettable moments of music, pleasure and freedom with you.

Frédéric Pfeffer and La Fugue's team

Guided Journeys

Luxury Small Group Travel

La Fugue expresses its valuable *savoir-faire* through guided trips.

We apply all of our creativity and energy to reinvent what it means to travel. We dream of bringing back the time when travellers were a different breed to tourists. La Fugue puts together exclusive experiences that express the magic of exceptional locations in Europe and further afield. These captivating journeys are composed with care, like a unique tune for you to play among fellow explorers and enthusiasts.

A representative of La Fugue will accompany you on these trips, which will feature contributions from a few leading guides. Leave your everyday worries behind as you embrace the beauty and charm of our select locations and the people we will meet along the way.

PORTUGAL & SPAIN - JAPAN





CRUISE

from October 22nd to November 2nd, 2023
from €12,895 per person

A SMOOTH-SAILING FESTIVAL Steinway & Sons on board the Sea Cloud Spirit

Step on board the luxurious **Sea Cloud Spirit** and prepare for a unique Steinway cruise. One of the finest yachts in the world will host a unique music festival. Off the coast of **Spain, Portugal** and **Madeira**, this unparalleled musical voyage will immerse you in an exquisite programme delivered by renowned artists, such as **Julian Trevelyan**, Silver Medal winner of the Horowitz Competition.

Three private concerts will be held in secret locations in the course of this journey. Pianist and composer **Jean-Michel Bernard** will perform the first one. Bernard has worked with some of the biggest names in jazz, opera and cinema (Ray Charles, Zubin Mehta and Martin Scorsese, to name a few).

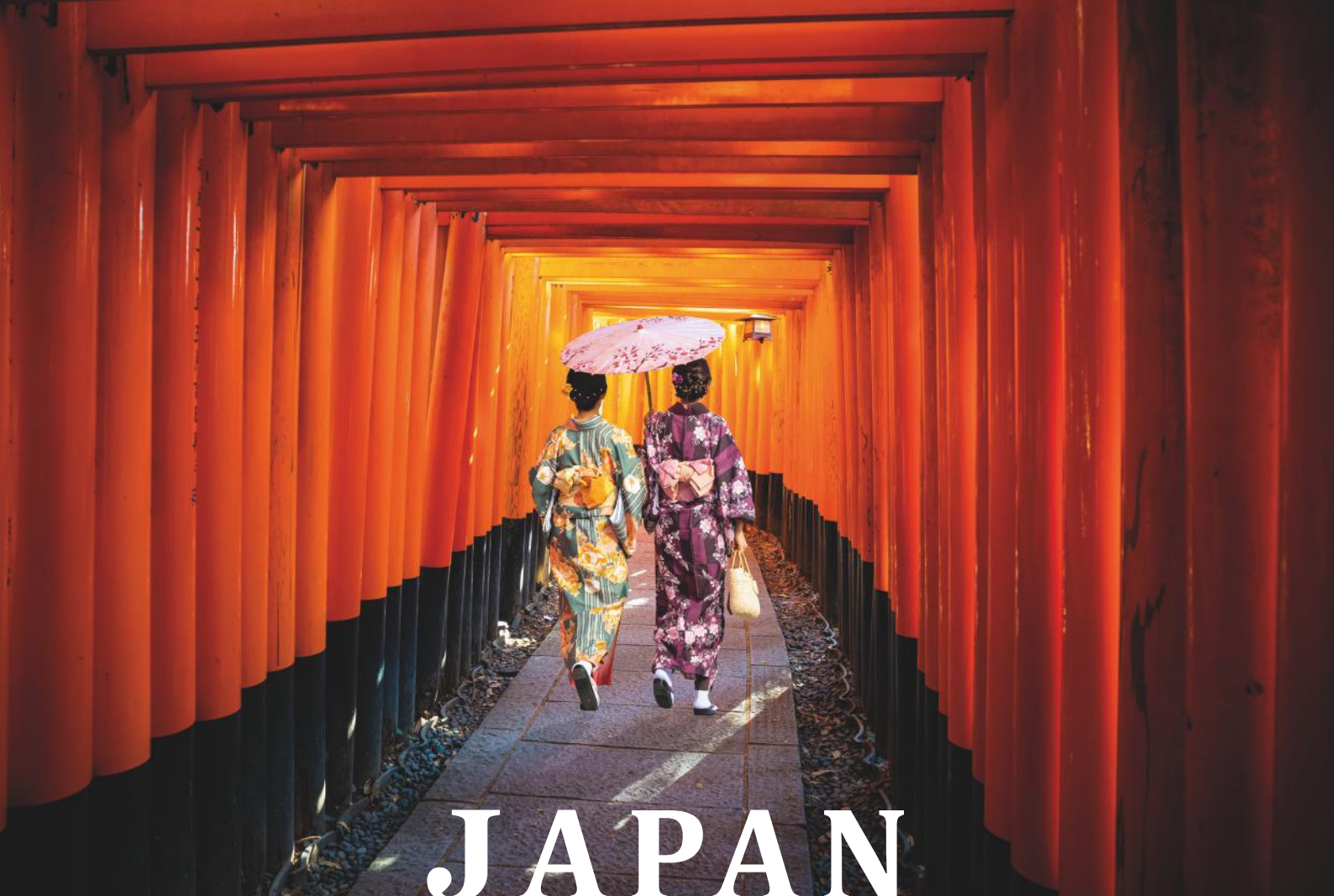
Helge Antoni, an exclusive Steinway artist praised by Gramophone magazine for his “ravishingly beautiful” playing, his “beautiful singing tone” and his “most poetic phrasing” will perform the second concert.

The final concert will bring together two great pianists. **Martín García** excels in the piano, taking home first prize in a host of competitions, including the 2021 Cleveland International Piano Competition.

For this concert, he will play alongside world-renowned Japanese pianist **Tamana Tanaka**. The musician will play her first recital on an exceptional instrument – a Steinway D from the 1920s – performing the work of three major German composers: Bach, Beethoven and Schumann.

What better opportunity to dream and recharge than on board the luxurious Sea Cloud Spirit? The three-masted vessel is 138 metres long and 17.2 metres wide, sailing with 28 sails. •





JAPAN

from February 9th to 17th, 2024
from €9,900 per person

PARIS OPERA BALLET TOUR

Japan will make you question the ways of the West! Art eradicates differences and paves the way to supreme harmony.

On the one hand, there is **Kyoto**: the capital city for more than 1,000 years, handing over to Tokyo in 1869. Considered the centre of Japanese culture and tradition, Kyoto brims with precious historic treasures.

Japan boasts a record number of 17 UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the **Kinkakuji temple** (the Golden Pavilion) and the **Horyuji temple** (the oldest wooden structure in the world as it existed for more than 1,300 years).

On the other hand, there is **Naoshima**: a modern-day treasure island that showcases multiple feats of artistic invention and innovation, such as **Benesse House** designed by the masterful architect **Tadao Ando**. This artistic showcase is divided into four parts that will plunge you into the full, exhilarating experience of Naoshima during a night in the heart of the Seto Inland Sea.

In **Nara**, you will find the world's largest bronze statue of Buddha. The city is also known for its gardens, where deer roam freely.

In closing, **Tokyo** will unveil a futuristic Japan with the Odaiba District – an entertainment hub that features two famous robots: Gundam Unicorn, which stands 20 metres tall, and Junko, whose human likeness is disconcerting.

Steeped in a deep spirituality and modernity, this country will certainly beguile you with its stark contrasts. •



Musical Journeys

Classical and Operatic Getaways

La Fugue selects the key events of the musical season for you personally to enjoy at your own pace under the best circumstances.

Feel free to contact our advisors before and during your journey to craft your ideal experience. We will share our go-to places and top recommendations for a trip that is more than a musical adventure.

DRESDEN - MILAN - MUNICH -
NAPLES - SALZBURG - VENICE - VIENNA





from March 23rd to 24th, 2024
from €670 per person

Dresden is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. After the Second World War bombings, the historic city centre was rebuilt exactly as before and abounds with Baroque treasures. With its soaring design and striking stone dome, the Frauenkirche is a key landmark. A former summer palace for the kings of Saxony, the Zwinger castle is a magnificent 18th century architectural complex. Stretching out alongside and high above the bank of the river Elbe over more than 500 metres, the Brühlsche Terrasse is aptly nicknamed The Balcony of Europe. The Grünes Gewölbe (Green Vault) museum is a feast for the eyes with its sparkling pieces of jewellery that make up one of the largest treasure collections in the world.

But “Florence on the Elbe” boasts another kind of treasure: its opera. The Semperoper is not only one of the most beautiful theatres in Europe, but also one of the most prestigious. Led by the great conductor **Christian Thielemann**, the **Staatskapelle Dresden Orchestra** has revived its glorious history.

Staged by **David Bösch**, *Die Frau ohne Schatten* (*The Woman Without a Shadow*) by Richard Strauss returns to the theatre from whence it came. •







from December 15th to 17th, 2023
from €1,060 per person

from October 31st to November 2nd, 2024
from €915 per person

Milan is a magical city in winter. The festive lights cast an unforgettable glow on the Duomo's façade.

Among the collections housed by the museum complex of the Castello Sforzesco, the Pietà Rondanini is Michelangelo's final (unfinished) masterpiece.

The days leading up to Christmas herald a special event for the city's residents: the opening of the new season at La Scala. From music lovers to politicians, the entire city comes together in a celebration of opera.

The season's opening naturally calls for a new production led by La Scala's music director, **Riccardo Chailly**. Where previous years were opened with youthful masterpieces, this time the Milanese musician has decided to tackle a monument of Verdi's mature period: *Don Carlo*.

The vocal cast is truly exceptional: **René Pape**, **Francesco Meli**, **Anna Netrebko** and **Elina Garanča**. •

Milan's cathedral is strikingly beautiful. Its forest of pinnacles and spires dazzles at sunrise, while the rooftop terrace features parapets dotted with gargoyles.

The Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II is a famous glass-covered passage that connects two of the city's most iconic landmarks - the Duomo and La Scala - while housing two of the oldest cafés in Milan: Motta and Savini (Charlie Chaplin reported that he had the best meal of his life at Savini!)

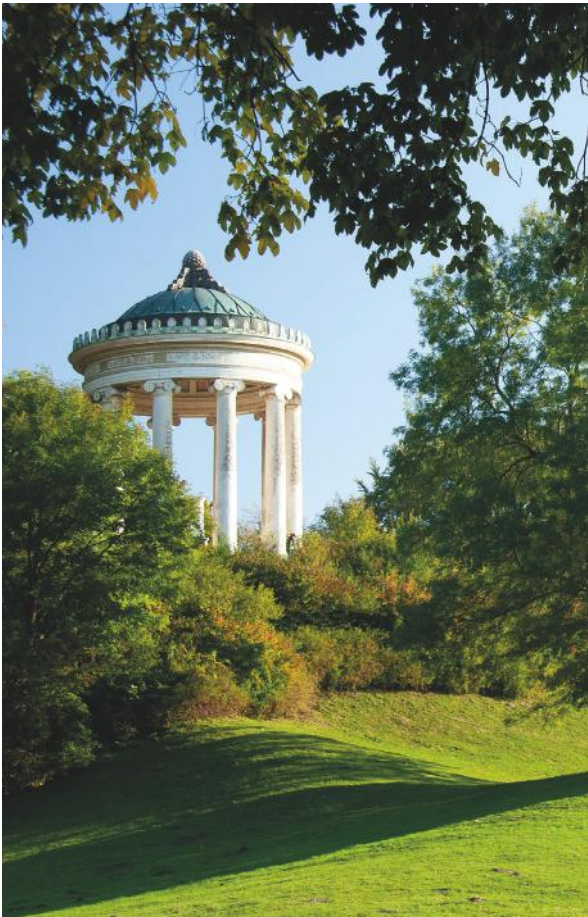
As part of our trip, La Scala will treat you to one of the most highly anticipated events of the season. Milan's theatre has been waiting for a new production of Wagner's *Ring* for ten years. The first instalment of this epic tetralogy: *The Rhinegold* staged by **David McVicar** and conducted by **Christian Thielemann**. **Michael Volle's** Wotan, **Wolfgang Ablinger-Sperrhacker's** Mime and **Okka von der Damerau's** Fricka truly stand out among the German cast. •



from June 6th to 7th, 2024
from €550 per person

As summer draws near, Munich becomes truly irresistible. In fine weather, the Bavarian city moves outdoors and bursts with activities. We will wander through the English Garden, located on the Isar River, or admire the striking Gallery of Beauties at Nymphenburg Palace. The Alte Pinakothek (Old Picture Gallery) hosts extraordinary collections (Dürer, Rubens, El Greco, etc.). Built in the 1740s, the Church of St. John of Nepomuk (also known as the Asamkirche) boasts an incredibly luxurious Baroque design. With its Doric columns, Königsplatz is a royal square inspired by the Acropolis in Athens. The Glyptothek also boasts an extensive collection of Greek and Roman sculptures. You may want to unwind over a refreshing beer at the Hofbräuhaus, one of the most famous beer halls in the world!

In the evening, we will take you to see an exceptional *Tosca* production. For a number of years now, the Munich Opera has stood out as a major establishment on the current opera scene. The whole world looks forward to each new production, and this *Tosca* staged by filmmaker **Kornél Mundruczó** is no exception. The vocal cast brings together the cream of the international singing crop: **Anja Harteros**, **Charles Castronovo** and **Ludovic Tézier**. Simply majestic! •







NAPLES

from April 16th to 18th, 2024
from €700 per person

The historic centre of Naples bursts with architectural marvels rivalled only by the city's spectacular urban sights and food. Pizza, ragout and Babà al rum are some of the culinary specialities that characterize the sun-soaked city. Apart from the Spaccanapoli thoroughfare in the Old Town, you can walk along the coast, from Castel dell'Ovo (Egg Castle) to the small fishing port of Mergellina. If you don't have the time to visit Pompeii and Herculaneum, take in the beautiful collection displayed at the National Archaeological Museum of Naples - the perfect counterpoint to those ancient sites.

In Naples, music has reigned supreme since the 17th century. The singers who have made Neapolitan opera famous include Farinelli, Carestini and Caruso, among many others. Selected by the current director of the Teatro San Carlo, Dominique Meyer, the vocal cast boasts four of the greatest singers of our time. Seeing their names together may leave you feeling star-struck: **Anna Netrebko**, **Jonas Kaufmann**, **Ludovic Tézier** and **Anita Rachvelishvili**! Does this slew of stars eclipse the actual work performed? Not at all: Ponchielli's *La Gioconda* (Mona Lisa) is a masterpiece of the Italian repertoire. •



SALZBURG

from January 29th to February 4th, 2024
from €4,260 per person

MOZART WEEK

Salzburg is the ultimate romantic city. Nestled in an exceptional Alpine setting, this beautiful city brims with treasures and sites begging to be seen. One local figure is naturally omnipresent: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. From his house of birth to the Residence where he performed his first recitals, not forgetting St. Peter's Abbey where he played the organ, the Austrian composer is celebrated across the city.

Get your fix of beauty and music during Mozart Week. The singer **Rollando Villazón** has been directing this prestigious festival over the last few years. Although the divine Mozart was the event's only focus for several years, *Mozartwoche* now dedicates part of the programme to the composer's sworn enemy: Antonio Salieri. Don't let Forman's film *Amadeus* fool you, however: the two men were more colleagues than rivals, and Salieri's music includes beautiful gems begging to be rediscovered. Not only will the week include *La clemenza di Tito* staged by none other than **Villazón** himself, but we will also hear the likes of **Jordi Savall, the Vienna Philharmonic, Anne-Sophie Mutter, Olga Peretyatko** and **Giovanni Antonioni** - prestigious talents with a fervent passion for the music of Mozart and his century. •



from March 23rd to 27th, 2024
from €5,700 per person

EASTER FESTIVAL

At the crossroads of Italian and German culture, Salzburg is a captivating city. Given the abundance of Baroque treasures, it is not surprising that the Austrian city is often called the “Rome of the North”. Of its many churches, the fascinating St Peter’s Benedictine monastery and the opulent cathedral certainly deserve a visit. The Château Mirabell Palace is another gem with magnificent gardens, as is the Hohensalzburg Fortress, one of the best kept fortified castles in Europe.

What makes Salzburg especially appealing, however, is its uniquely gentle way of life. Its exceptional geographic location, outdoor dining spots and delectable gastronomy captivate visitors. Once the winter chill has melted away, the **Salzburg Easter Festival** pays tribute to the great Italian neighbour. The resident **Orchestra of the Accademia di Santa Cecilia of Rome** under the baton of **Antonio Pappano** takes centre stage with several symphonic concerts. Verdi’s enthralling *Requiem* and a production of Ponchielli’s *La Gioconda* round off a wonderful transalpine journey. As always at the Salzburg Festival, the guest singers and musicians are stellar: **Sonya Yoncheva**, **Anna Netrebko**, **Jonas Kaufmann** and **Pinchas Zukerman**... *Benvenuti a Salisburgo e viva la musica!* •



VENICE

from April 19th to 21st, 2024
from €1,300 per person

Welcome to the legendary city of Venice! Italy's La Serenissima is the seat of countless revered sights: the Grand Canal, St Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace, and more. Every church and bridge (nearly 540 in total!) has its own incomparable history. There is nothing more delightful than to wander through this fascinating architectural labyrinth.

Our trip will unveil a superb event: the rarely performed *Mefistofele* by Boito (Verdi's librettist), an essential opera in the Italian repertoire. Inspired by Goethe's novel, this magnificent work will be staged at Teatro La Fenice by the French artistic duo **Moshe Leiser** and **Patrice Caurier**, featuring the great bass-baritone **Alex Esposito** in the role of the diabolical character. •

from September 13th to 15th, 2024
from €895 per person

Of La Serenissima's many treasures, *La Ca' d'Oro* (The House of Gold) is one of the city's most dazzling palaces. Equally remarkable, Palazzo Contarini del Bovolo is best known for its famous spiral staircase. The superb Palazzo Venier dei Leoni, on the other hand, houses a magnificent modern art collection.

At Teatro La Fenice, an iconic temple of the opera, you will see a production of *Turandot* to mark the 100th anniversary of Puccini's death. The cruel princess of China will be played by Uruguayan soprano **Maria José Siri**, while **Fabio Sartori** paints a sensitive portrait of Calaf. Commended by the Italian press, the stage design by **Cécilia Ligerio** is a feast for the eyes. •



The Biennale

It's the highlight of the global art season. From 20 April to 24 November 2024, each country selects one artist to showcase their work in a pavilion representing that nation (scattered around the city). The 60th edition of the Biennale will be directed by Brazilian curator **Adriano Pedrosa**, the current director of Brazil's first modern art museum in Sao Paulo. As with each biennale, the artists are invited to focus on a common theme - in this case foreigners, in particular "artists who are themselves foreigners, immigrants, expatriates, diasporic, émigrés, exiled, and refugees". Representing France, **Julien Creuzet's** work (centred on his Caribbean origins and the creolization process) has established him as one of the country's most influential artists. •





VIENNA

from October 31st to November 1st, 2023
from €930 per person

Come and enjoy an exceptional evening at the Vienna Opera! Opened in 1869, the building stays true to its roots by hosting the leading singers of our time. Prior to the performance, we can wander through the alleys of the Naschmarkt, admire the Baroque frescoes of the Karlskirche, or even take in the masterpieces of Austrian Art Nouveau at the Secession Building. Food lovers and *flâneurs* will take the time to savour a Viennese speciality or sip on a spritz at one of the city's hidden gems.

In Vienna, music reigns supreme. The production we have planned for you is nothing short of exceptional: two of the leading stars of opera join forces as they interpret a key piece in the Italian repertoire. Tenor **Jonas Kaufmann** and baritone **Ludovic Tézier** share the stage in Verdi's *Otello*. A legendary production set in the beautiful Vienna State Opera! •



from December 16th to 17th, 2023
price to be announced

from May 8th to 9th, 2024
price to be announced

You will live like royalty in Vienna. The seat of power of the Habsburg dynasty for six centuries, the Hofburg palace is an extensive complex of museums and treasures. Belvedere Palace is one of the most beautiful Baroque castles in the world and houses an unforgettable collection of Klimt paintings. The equally opulent Schönbrunn Palace boasts an astonishing interior that offers a glimpse into Empress Sissi's daily routine.

In the evening, against the backdrop of the Vienna State Opera, you will meet another famous princess. Created in 1926, *Turandot* is a masterpiece of the Italian repertoire. Puccini's opera is performed here in a new production staged by **Claus Guth** and led by the prestigious Austrian conductor **Franz Welser-Möst**, who is unknown in France (oddly enough). Playing the title roles, **Jonas Kaufmann** (Calaf) and the exceptional Lithuanian soprano **Asmik Grigorian** (Princess Turandot) promise to unleash a flood of emotions. •

Vienna is a city full of life!

The Austrian capital's imperial splendour is balanced by a pioneering, rebellious spirit. The impressive Hundertwasserhaus hosts avant-garde exhibitions. Likewise, the Neubau District teems with artist studios, shops and contemporary cafés.

It is this combination of tradition and modernity that we invite you to discover at the Vienna State Opera. Ludwig II of Bavaria was so captivated by Wagner's *Lohengrin*, created in 1850, that he drew inspiration from the work to build the lavish Neuschwanstein Castle!

After being presented at the Salzburg Festival, the production staged by duo **Sergio Morabito** and **Jossi Wieler** is matched by a stellar vocal cast with **Malin Bystrom** as Elsa and **Anja Kampe** as Ortrud. In the pit, **Christian Thielemann** stands out as one of the best Wagnerian conductors of our time. •



VIENNA

from December 29th 2023 to January 2nd, 2024
from €7,250 per person

NEW YEAR

Experience a magical New Year in Vienna! The whole Austrian capital turns into a giant ballroom on New Year's Eve. The Silvesterpfad (New Year's Eve Trail) is a marvellous path that winds through the city centre as of noon. From Neuer Markt to Graben, Kärtnerstrasse and Stephansplatz, stands, activities and circus tents together create a truly festive atmosphere. The city's dance schools flock to the Graben, one of the main thoroughfares, to teach you how to waltz. This is Vienna, after all! Once you have taken in Klimt's paintings at the Secession or Belvedere Palace, you can explore the most romantic Christmas market at Schönbrunn Palace.

A New Year's Eve in Vienna would not be complete without the **Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra's** traditional concert at the Musikverein. The formidable German conductor **Christian Thielemann** will preside over the festivities at the **2023 New Year's concert**. Following the concert, why not mingle with the crowd? The famous Pummerin bell of St. Stephen's Cathedral strikes at midnight to ring in the New Year. Before you know it, you'll be dancing to the beautiful tune of the Blue Danube! •

*** The New Year's Concert**

The most famous concert in the world: the New Year's concert is held in the gilded hall of the Vienna Musikverein every year on the morning of January 1st. La Fugue will give you a sneak preview of the whole concert in the same legendary hall, with an identical programme, on December 31st.

Christian Thielemann will conduct this 2023/2024 edition.
The concert will be broadcast on TV in more than 90 countries.

The package includes:

Double room accommodation with breakfast for 4 nights at Hotel Sacher • the Spanish riding school gala performance • The New Year's concert at the Musikverein (category I) • the New Year's Eve dinner and lunch at Hotel Sacher (beverages included) • tourist tax • repatriation assistance.

The package does not include: extras • transport • transfers.



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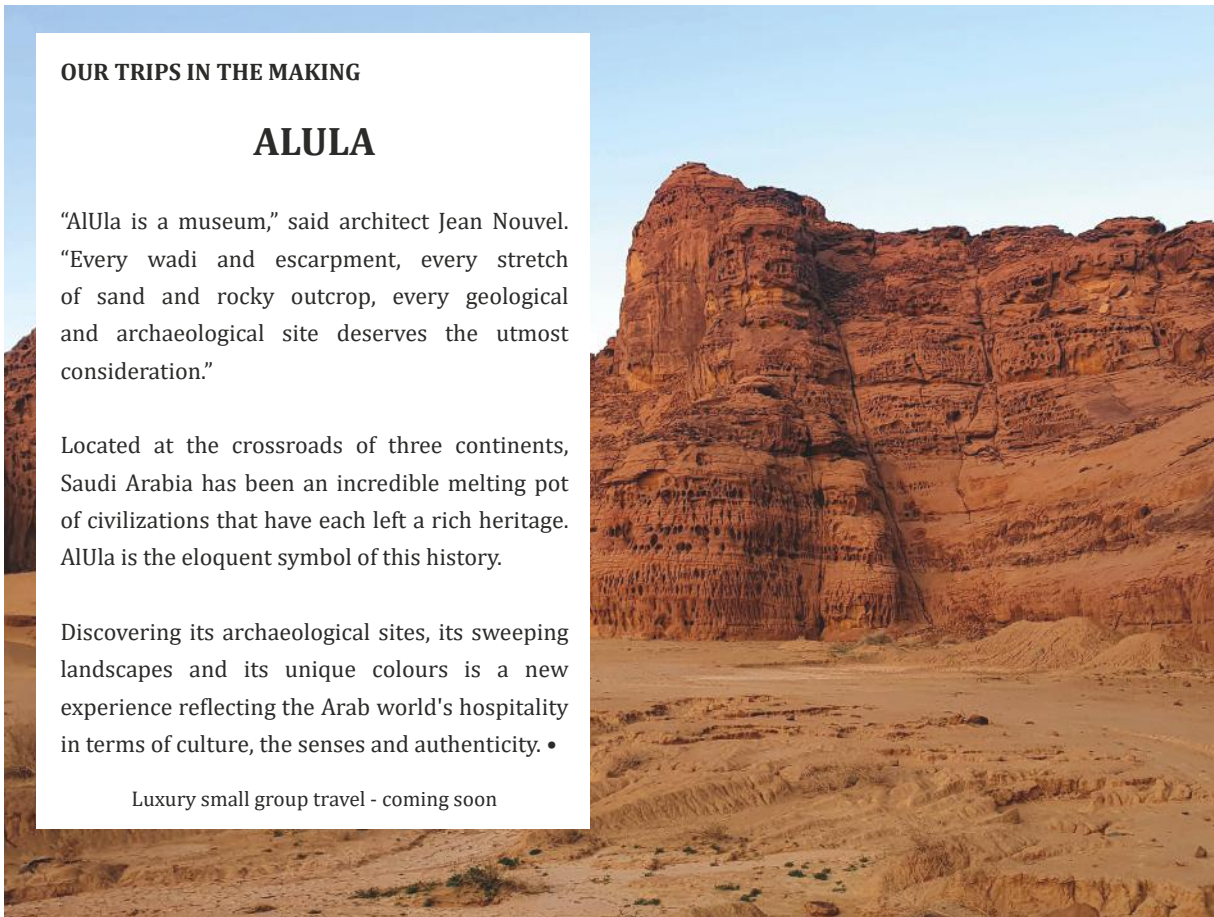
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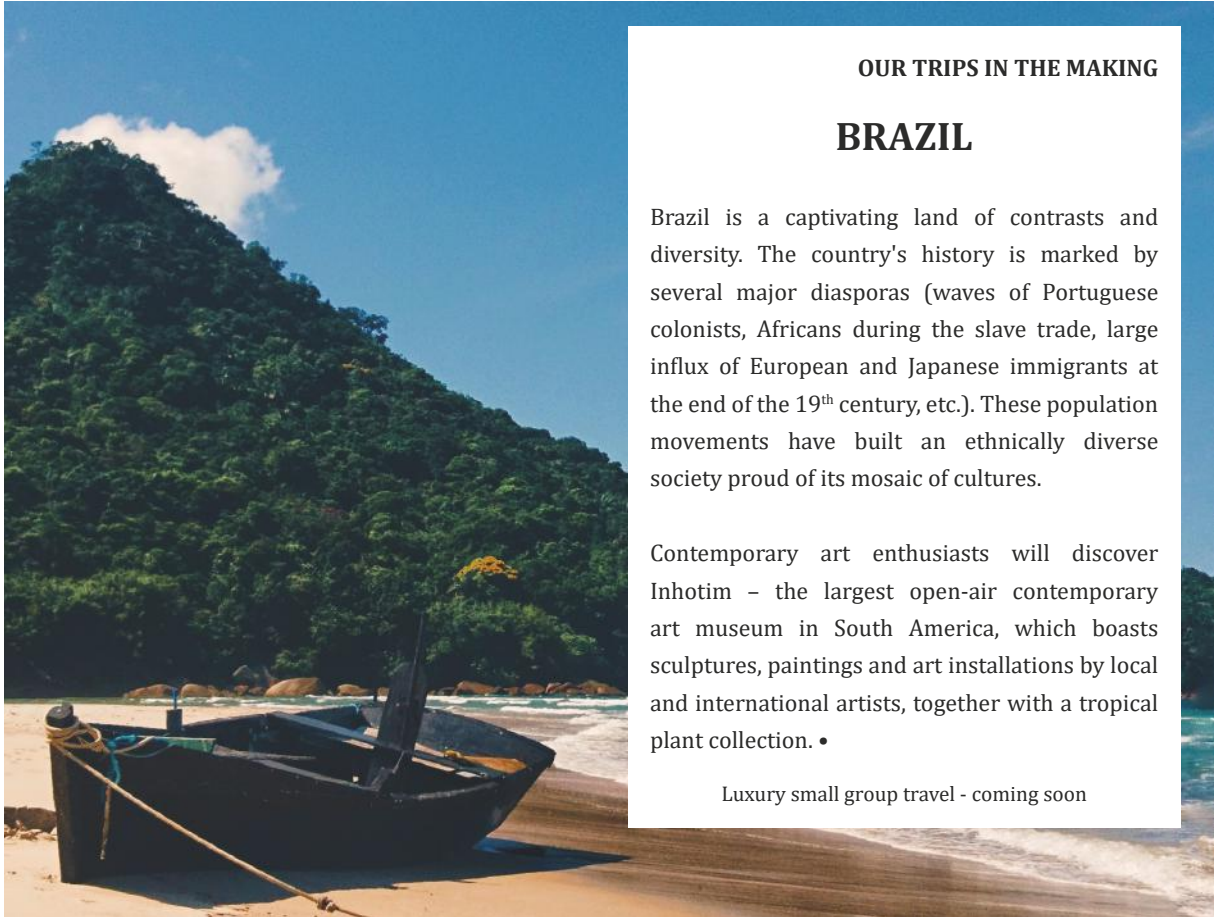
“AlUla is a museum,” said architect Jean Nouvel. “Every wadi and escarpment, every stretch of sand and rocky outcrop, every geological and archaeological site deserves the utmost consideration.”

Located at the crossroads of three continents, Saudi Arabia has been an incredible melting pot of civilizations that have each left a rich heritage. AlUla is the eloquent symbol of this history.

Discovering its archaeological sites, its sweeping landscapes and its unique colours is a new experience reflecting the Arab world's hospitality in terms of culture, the senses and authenticity. •

Luxury small group travel - coming soon





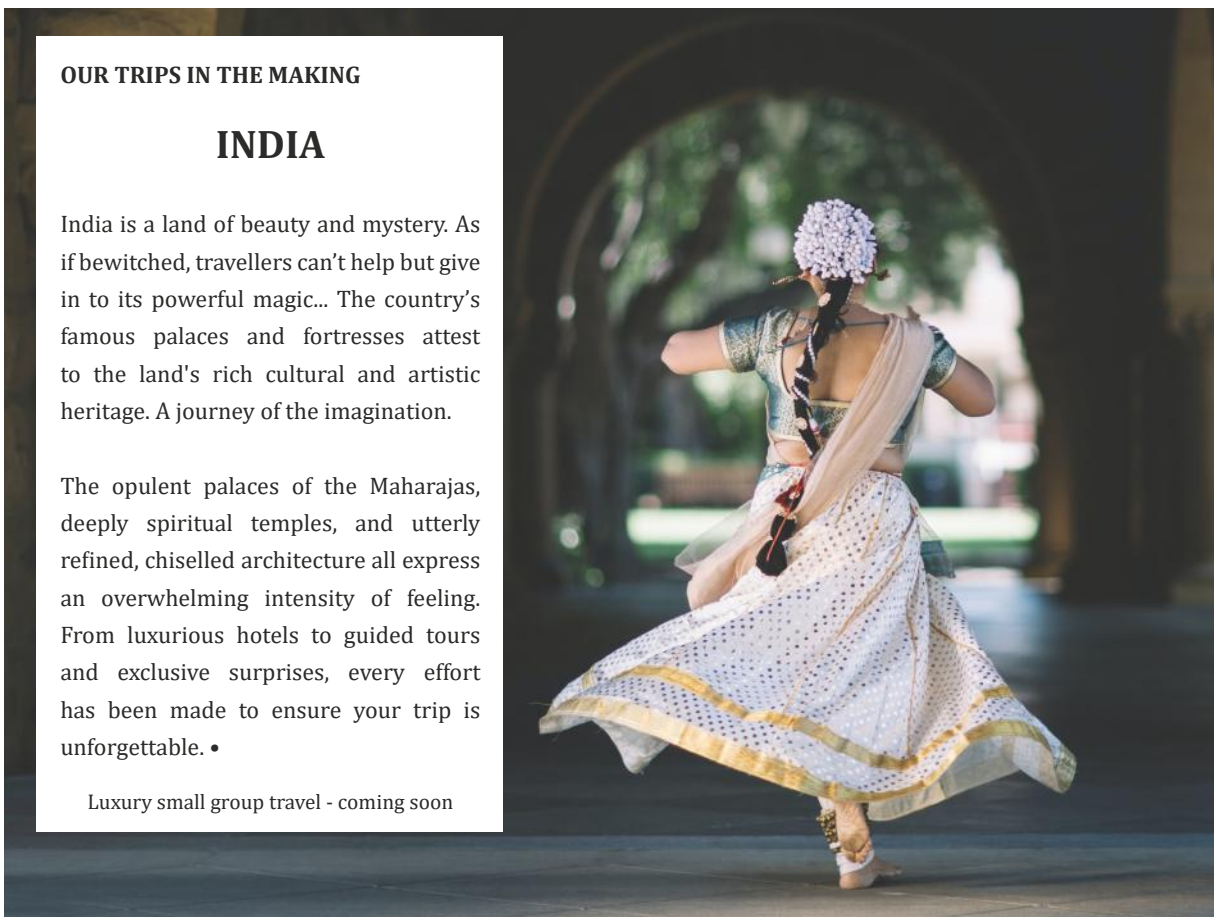
OUR TRIPS IN THE MAKING

BRAZIL

Brazil is a captivating land of contrasts and diversity. The country's history is marked by several major diasporas (waves of Portuguese colonists, Africans during the slave trade, large influx of European and Japanese immigrants at the end of the 19th century, etc.). These population movements have built an ethnically diverse society proud of its mosaic of cultures.

Contemporary art enthusiasts will discover Inhotim – the largest open-air contemporary art museum in South America, which boasts sculptures, paintings and art installations by local and international artists, together with a tropical plant collection. •

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OUR TRIPS IN THE MAKING

INDIA

India is a land of beauty and mystery. As if bewitched, travellers can't help but give in to its powerful magic... The country's famous palaces and fortresses attest to the land's rich cultural and artistic heritage. A journey of the imagination.

The opulent palaces of the Maharajas, deeply spiritual temples, and utterly refined, chiselled architecture all express an overwhelming intensity of feeling. From luxurious hotels to guided tours and exclusive surprises, every effort has been made to ensure your trip is unforgettable. •

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OUR FAVOURITES FOR THE SEASON

SOUTH KOREA

Art and Traditions in the Land of Morning Calm

With its great artists, passionate collectors, many museums and art galleries that are virtually unequalled in Asia, South Korea is the new go-to destination for travellers interested in art and design.

Korea has a fascinating culture. Its culinary scene, cinema, music industry (the famous K-pop that has enthralled young fans) have all conquered the world. That is the wonderful paradox of South Korea: at the cutting edge of modernity, Seoul still boasts incredible pockets of nature and an admirably preserved art of living. Seoul is an alluring mix of past and future. In short: the city lives in the present! •

Tailored experience on request



OUR FAVOURITES FOR THE SEASON

MEXICO

The Artistic Revival of the Land of Three Cultures

In the kingdom of surrealism and muralism, you have to look a little harder to find the opulent galleries that make Mexico the new El Dorado of contemporary art.

Mexico already boasts 180 museums, and galleries continue to crop up in the most bustling areas. From Atlampa to San Miguel Chapultepec and Roma Norte, we have developed an itinerary that includes the most beautiful galleries and the most creative studios of this vibrant, teeming art scene, before visiting Oaxaca where a different kind of charm will cast an equally bewitching spell.... Beauty, creativity, innovation, history, charm and flavour: the ideal ingredients for a must-see destination! •

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OUR FAVOURITES FOR THE SEASON

RWANDA

Tête-à-tête With a Silverback Gorilla

Rwanda will astound you. Thanks to the courage and generosity of the Rwandans, you will discover a modern region and one of the most welcoming nations in Africa.

Mountainous, lush and riparian, the “land of a thousand hills” is a green enclave in East Africa. Feel the pulse of the vibrant and creative Kigali, then unwind at Nyungwe, where waterfalls and a lush forest offer a paradisiacal setting.

In closing, we will visit Volcanoes National Park. This wonderfully lush landscape is home to the last mountain gorillas in the world living in the wild. •

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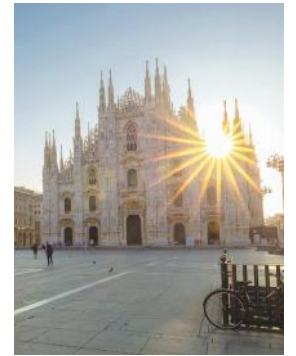
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