



The Lucerne Music Festival!

with hosts Peter & Kathleen van de Graaff

August 15 – 24, 2024



Join Peter and Kathleen van de Graaff on a tailor-made classical music adventure to Switzerland and attend the world-famous Lucerne Music Festival! We'll spend four glorious nights in the heart of Switzerland and attend top performances offered by some of the world's most talented classical artists. Then, we are off to the towering alps!

For the next three days we will enjoy picturesque villages and breathtaking vistas from our 4-star mountain home. Imagine dining on fondue while soaking up the stunning views of Europe's most famous glacier covered mountains: the Monk, Eiger and Jungfrau! Cogwheel trains, gondolas and mountain walks through pretty villages await. Then, we are off to Lake Geneva where we'll stop to smell the roses (and sample some cheese) in the village of Gruyeres. This will be Peter and Kathleen's 12th journey hosting an Earthbound Expedition. Space is limited on this custom classical journey.

TRIP AT A GLANCE

4 Nights	Lucerne, Switzerland
3 Nights	Wengen, Switzerland
2 Nights	Geneva, Switzerland



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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Tickets to the Lucerne Summer Classical Festival ❖ Four glorious nights in Lucerne ❖ Three stunning days in the high Alps ❖ A cruise on Lake Lucerne ❖ A cogwheel ride in the Alps ❖ Wine and cheese tastings ❖ A special fondue evening ❖ A tour of the Rosengart Museum, featuring works by Picasso, Cézanne and Matisse ❖ City walking tours ❖ Dining with the locals ❖ A tour of Geneva ❖ Travel with like-minded friends who share your passion for classical music, food and art



IT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Hosted by Peter and Kathleen van de Graaff
- ✓ Guided by Holger Zimmer of Earthbound Expeditions
- ✓ Tickets to the Lucerne Summer Classical Festival (*a total of 4 events*)
- ✓ Four-star hotel accommodation throughout the journey
- ✓ Breakfast daily plus lunch or dinner each day
- ✓ Private transport by air-conditioned motor coach
- ✓ Fascinating city tours with local guides
- ✓ Yodeling lessons
- ✓ Private museum tours
- ✓ A small group of travelers who share your passion for food, wine, and classical music!

TRIP FACTS

10 Days/9 Nights (when including air travel)

\$5,995 per person, double occupancy

\$1,879 single supplement (*waived if you are willing to share & a roommate is found*)

Trip begins in Lucerne on August 15, 2024

Trip ends: in Geneva on August 24, 2024

WAYS TO SAVE \$250

Travel alumni save \$100 ♦ Reserve by December 31, 2023 and save \$50 ♦ Pay your final balance by check and save \$100

NOT INCLUDED: International Airfare ❖ Travel insurance ❖ Any items not mentioned in your custom classical Swizz adventure.



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Your Classical Journey Begins!

DAY 0: Depart North America for Switzerland

Remember, you'll need to depart the US no later than August 14. We suggest flying into Zurich a day or two early and acclimate before the trip begins in Lucerne on August 15.

DAY 1: August 15 - Welcome to Lucerne!

Lucerne is one of the prettiest towns in Switzerland. This lakeside town is known for its preserved medieval architecture and bridges across the Reuss River; the most celebrated is the Chapel Bridge (*Kapellbrücke*), a 670-foot wooden bridge originally built in 1333. Join your hosts Peter and Kathleen van de Graaff this evening for a special Welcome-to-Switzerland dinner in the old town. Our 4-star hotel is located in the heart of Lucerne. *Sleep in Lucerne at the Continental Park Hotel (D)*

DAY 2: August 16 - A Day in Lucerne

We'll take the morning to discover Lucerne's fresco-lined town squares, medieval churches and stunning lakeside with mountain views. One highlight of our city tour includes the Lion of Lucerne - a giant dying lion carved out of sandstone rock above a pond in the city in remembrance of Swiss guards killed during an attack on the Tuileries in 1792.

Fans of Wagner won't want to miss the **Richard Wagner House Museum**. Wagner spent six years in this stately manor, surrounded by a magnificent park and situated directly on the lake. It was here that he completed the score to *Meistersinger von Nürnberg* and *Siegfried*, continued working on the *Götterdämmerung* (Twilight of the Gods) and, in between, composed the *Huldigungsmarsch* (Homage March). *Siegfried Idyll* was performed for the first time on the stairs of the manor for his wife Cosima's birthday on December 25, 1870.

We'll gather for an included delicious Swiss lunch this afternoon followed by an evening concert at the Lucerne Festival! *Sleep in Lucerne at the Continental Park Hotel (B, L)*



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ABOUT THE LUCERNE FESTIVAL

Lucerne Festival is one of the leading international festivals in the field of classical music. The festival was founded in 1938 and Michael Haefliger has been director since 1999. The summer festival offers a diverse range of around 100 concerts and further events. A diverse range of concert formats is offered - symphony concerts, chamber music, recitals, debuts, late nights and much more.



DAY 3: August 17 - An Art Filled Day in Lucerne

Guten Morgen! After a hearty Swiss breakfast, enjoy a private tour of the renowned Sammlung Rosengart Museum. Situated just two minutes' walk from your hotel, the museum houses masterpieces by Picasso, Matisse, Monet, and Cézanne. After our tour, the day is yours to explore Lucerne's gorgeous waterfront.

This evening we'll enjoy another magnificent concert at the renowned Lucerne Festival. *Sleep in Lucerne at the Continental Park Hotel (B)*



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DAY 4: August 18 - Cruise Lake Lucerne

This is your morning to sleep in, relax and explore Lucerne on your own. With so many lovely streets, cafés and shops, your hardest decision will be where to go first! We'll meet midday for an included lunch and then we'll board an historic Swiss boat for a delightful afternoon cruise on Lake Lucerne. It's a cruise not to be missed!

Then, in the afternoon we meet for our fourth and final classical concert.
Sleep in Lucerne at the Continental Park Hotel (B, L)

DAY 5: August 19 - Lucerne to the heart of the Alps, Interlaken!

It's not hard to find an amazing vista overlooking the beautiful city of Interlaken. Towering over the ancient town is the mighty Harder mountain, and on its peak sits the castle-like Harder Kulm with an observation deck providing a breathtaking view of the entire area between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz to the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. If you look closely, you can discern the facial features of a man: dark eyes, a distinctive nose and a mustache. How this face appeared on the mountain is an old legend.

After an independent lunch in Interlaken, enjoy a scenic drive up the Lauterbrunnen valley. Our home for the next three nights is a lovely, historic, 4-star hotel situated in the town of Wengen. In order to get there, we'll need to hop a scenic cog-wheel train. Upon arrival, enjoy a welcome dinner. *Sleep in Wengen at the Beausite Park Hotel (B, D)*



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DAYS 6 & 7: August 20 and 21 - Two stunning days in the high Alps

With its nostalgic timber houses, the many dispersed holiday chalets and hotels dating from the Belle Epoque period, this Bernese Oberland holiday resort has retained all the character of a picture-postcard mountain village. Since 1893, Wengen has been car-free and it is accessible only from Lauterbrunnen via the Wengernalp railway. Our hotel is perfectly situated in this extraordinarily beautiful landscape.

Your guide will be on hand to offer advice on how best to explore this region for the next two days. Many highlights within the Jungfrau region can all be reached easily from Wengen including the Jungfrauoch and Schilthorn.

Plan to meet each evening over dinner to share stories from your day! We'll have traditional fondue one evening too. *Sleep in Wengen at the Beausite Park Hotel (B, D daily)*

DAY 8: August 22 - From the Alps to the shores of Lake Geneva via Gruyères

Rising north of Lausanne, the World Heritage-listed Lavaux vineyards are ridiculously lovely. Driving down to Lake Geneva, the gravity-defying slopes are intricately scaled with terrace after terrace, vine after vine, dry-stone wall after dry-stone wall. If this is the first you've heard of them, it's because the wines here are so select and small-scale that many of them never leave Switzerland (lucky Swiss).



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Our journey to Geneva today includes a wine and cheese tasting lunch and a stop in the town of Gruyères, in Switzerland's Saane Valley. This medieval town is home to just under 2,000 people. The namesake cheese, Gruyère, is sweet but salty, with a nutty, earthy flavor and crumbly texture. This is a must-visit destination for cheese fanatics. Enjoy lunch in the countryside and scenic drive along the shores of Lake Geneva.

Sleep in Geneva at the Warwick Hotel (B, L)

DAY 9: August 23 - A Day in Gorgeous Geneva

Geneva was the home of Protestant leader John Calvin and, the original home of the The League of Nations (1920 - 1946). This was the first intergovernmental organization established “to promote international cooperation and to achieve international peace and security”. It is often referred to as the “predecessor” of the United Nations. Today, Geneva is a thriving, stunning lakeside town which attracts people from all corners of the planet. World-class museums and amazing dining experiences make Geneva the perfect place to end our journey.

Looking for something unique? Visit Geneva’s newest attraction - the Patek Philippe Museum! This is one of the world’s most important and prestigious horological collections with some 2,500 watches, automata, and precious objects highlighting five centuries of Genevan, Swiss and European horological art, as well as a glimpse into Patek Philippe’s production since 1839.

This afternoon, enjoy a farewell lunch followed by a scenic cruise on Lake Geneva.

Sleep in Geneva at the Warwick Hotel (B, L)

Day 10: August 24 - Tour over after breakfast

Return home with memories that will last a lifetime. (B)



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Meet Your Hosts!

Peter & Kathleen van de Graaff



Peter van de Graaff is the music director at KWAX-FM at the University of Oregon. Peter continues to host a daily show for WFMT and is the program director of the Beethoven Network which is broadcast on 150 radio stations nationwide. Peter is a professional opera singer and has performed with opera companies and orchestras throughout the world and also has a great interest in languages and speaks Dutch, German and French. He also enjoys resurrecting and performing early 18th-century chamber operas, called *intermezzi*, which he and his soprano wife Kathleen van de Graaff have performed with a number of orchestras and on live radio broadcasts.

Soprano **Kathleen van de Graaff** has proven herself versatile in both opera and oratorio and has given solo concerts and performances in thirty states, China, Japan and Costa Rica. She has been invited to sing with the Chicago Opera Theater, Milwaukee Opera Company, Louisiana Philharmonic, Jackson Symphony, Racine Symphony, Chicago String Ensemble, Music of the Baroque, Washington/Idaho Symphony, Chicago Chamber Opera, North Shore Choral Society, South Shore Orchestra among others. Some of her favorite operatic repertoire includes Gilda in *Rigoletto*, the Queen of the Night in *The Magic Flute* and the title roles in *Martha* and *Lucrezia Borgia* among others.



On the concert stage, some of Kathleen's highlights include Rossini's *Stabat Mater*, Handel's *Messiah*, Haydn's *Mass in Time of War* and *The Creation*, Mozart's *Solemn Vespers*, Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, Saint-Saens' *Christmas Oratorio*, Beethoven 9th *Symphony*, and *Elijah*.

Kathleen and her husband have traveled throughout Europe obtaining scores of early 18th Century chamber operas called "intermezzi". They have subsequently gained notoriety as specialists in this area, performing them throughout the United States, Costa Rica and Asia as well as on live broadcasts over WFMT, Chicago, and have given the modern premieres of many intermezzi by Domenico Sarri, Leonardo Leo, Giuseppe Orlandini and Giovanni Bononcini. Two of these intermezzi, *Mirena e Floro* and *Moschetta e Grullo*, were released in 2007 on Naxos International Record Label. A third opera, *Miride e Damari* can be heard on the Naxos website.

She taught at Lake Forest College for 25 years.



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