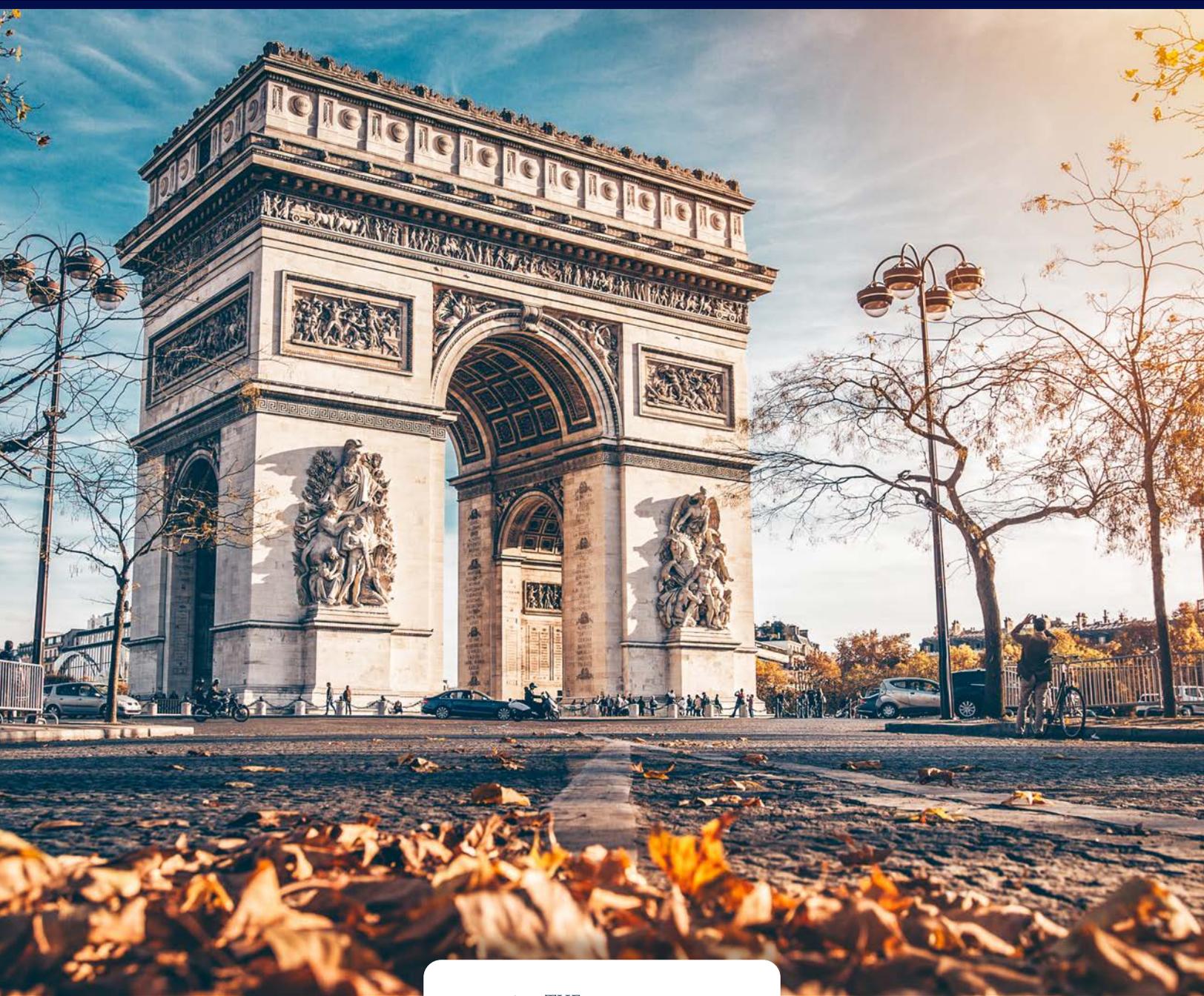


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Embark on an extraordinary musical journey through Paris, curated for passionate learners and music lovers. This immersive program, led by The Great Courses' renowned professor Robert Greenberg, offers a rare opportunity to explore the city's rich musical heritage, iconic venues, and the lives of legendary composers.

Through exclusive access to historic sites, expert-led lectures, and behind-the-scenes experiences, participants will gain a profound understanding of French music's evolution and its ties to the Impressionist art movement—a revolution that transformed both sound and vision. Join us for a journey where Paris's melodies, stories, and artistry come alive in the company of fellow enthusiasts and a world-class scholar.

Your Journey Expert



Dr. Robert Greenberg is Music Historian-in-Residence with San Francisco Performances. A graduate of Princeton University, Professor Greenberg holds a PhD in Music Composition from the University of California, Berkeley. He has seen his compositions—which include more than 45 works for a wide variety of instrumental and vocal ensembles—performed all over the world, including New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, England, Ireland, Greece, Italy, and the Netherlands. He has served on the faculties of the University of California, Berkeley; California State University, Hayward; and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and has lectured for some of the most prestigious musical and arts organizations in the United States, including the San Francisco Symphony, the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the Van Cliburn Foundation, and the Chicago Symphony. For The Great Courses, he has recorded more than 500 lectures on a range of composers and classical music genres. Professor Greenberg is a Steinway Artist. His many other honors include three Nicola de Lorenzo Composition Prizes and a Koussevitzky commission from the Library of Congress. He has been profiled in various major publications, including *The Wall Street Journal*; *Inc.* magazine; and the *London Times*.

Highlights

- Dive deep into Impressionism with Robert Greenberg's expert lectures, connecting shimmering harmonies to Monet's luminous brushstrokes.
- Walk in the footsteps of composers like Debussy, Satie, and Poulenc during guided tours of Montmartre and Saint-Germain-des-Prés.
- Experience musical history firsthand at the Musée de la Musique and Phono Museum, exploring centuries of innovation.
- Step inside the world of art and sound with an excursion to Giverny and visits to the homes of Monet, Ravel, and Debussy.
- Celebrate Parisian culture at unforgettable live performances* (specific performances and venues to be announced)



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Itinerary



Day 1: Arrival in Paris

Arrive in the City of Light and check into the elegant Hôtel Château Frontenac, a refined retreat just steps from the Champs-Élysées. Meet both your professional tour manager and Professor Robert Greenberg for an engaging introduction to the week's musical themes, setting the tone for an unforgettable journey. In the evening, enjoy a private welcome reception followed by a sumptuous dinner at a local Parisian restaurant. This first night offers the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow travelers and begin immersing yourself in the cultural and artistic heartbeat of Paris.

Included Meal: Dinner

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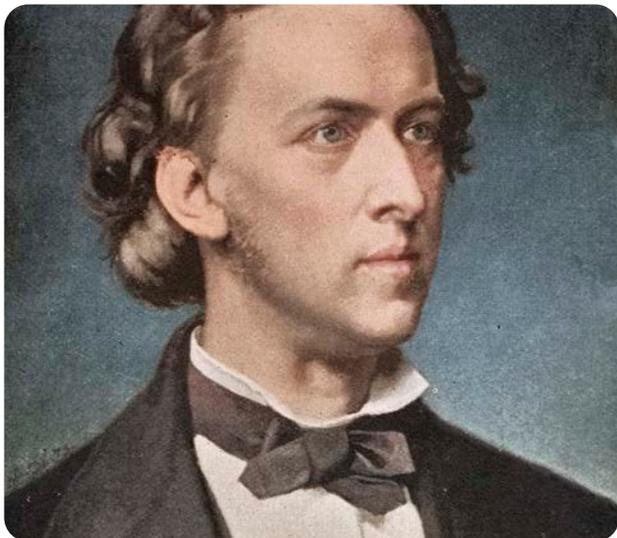


Day 2: Montmartre & Musical Legacies

Begin your day in Montmartre, the bohemian quarter that inspired generations of artists and composers. With Professor Greenberg and a local guide, trace the footsteps of Claude Debussy and Erik Satie, whose music reflected the neighborhood's avant-garde spirit. Visit the Phono Museum to explore 140 years of sound technology, from Edison cylinders to modern devices. Later, pay homage at Père-Lachaise Cemetery, where Poulenc rests among cultural giants like Chopin and Edith Piaf. Conclude with an intimate lecture on how Paris's artistic ferment shaped musical innovation. The evening is yours to savor Paris at leisure.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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Day 3: Conservatories & Concerts

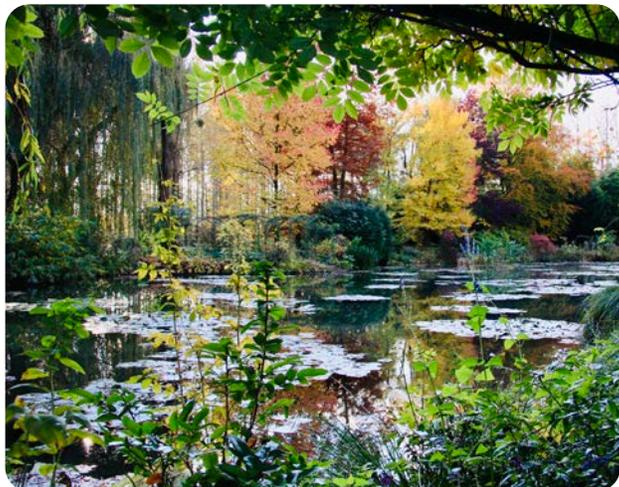
Today celebrates Paris as a global center of musical excellence. Visit the École Normale de Musique, where Poulenc honed his craft, and explore the Musée de la Musique, home to treasures like Chopin's piano and Brassens' guitar. Stroll past the Stravinsky Fountain and Théâtre du Châtelet, where Debussy's famed *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune* premiered. After a delightful Parisian dinner, attend a world-class concert or opera performance (subject to confirmation of performance schedule). Professor Greenberg will provide expert commentary, enriching your experience of the evening's repertoire and its historical significance.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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– Great Music Masters Traveler, 2025



Day 4: Giverny & Impressionist Inspirations

Escape to the countryside for a day steeped in Impressionist beauty. In Giverny, wander through Monet’s gardens and the Musée des Impressionnismes, where light and color revolutionized art. Continue to the homes of Maurice Ravel and Claude Debussy, discovering how their music mirrored Monet’s brushwork—fluid, atmospheric, and evocative of fleeting sensations. Back in Paris, Professor Greenberg’s lecture will illuminate the parallels between Impressionist painting and music, revealing how composers like Debussy and Ravel broke from tradition to create shimmering soundscapes. The evening is at your leisure.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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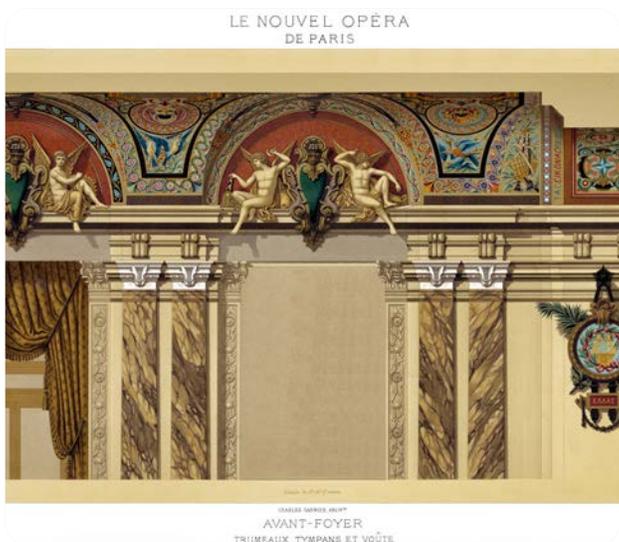


Day 5: Parisian Venues & Farewell

Immerse yourself in Paris’s grand musical heritage with exterior visits to the Opéra Comique, Palais Garnier (*the interior is closed for renovation until 2029*), and La Madeleine Church, where Fauré’s *Requiem* first resounded. Explore the Musée de l’Orangerie, home to Monet’s luminous water lilies, and stroll through Saint-Germain-des-Prés, a historic hub for composers and intellectuals. Pause for a coffee or aperitif at Les Deux Magots before gathering for a festive farewell dinner. The evening culminates in a final concert or opera performance, with Professor Greenberg offering insights that tie together the week’s themes of art, music, and cultural transformation.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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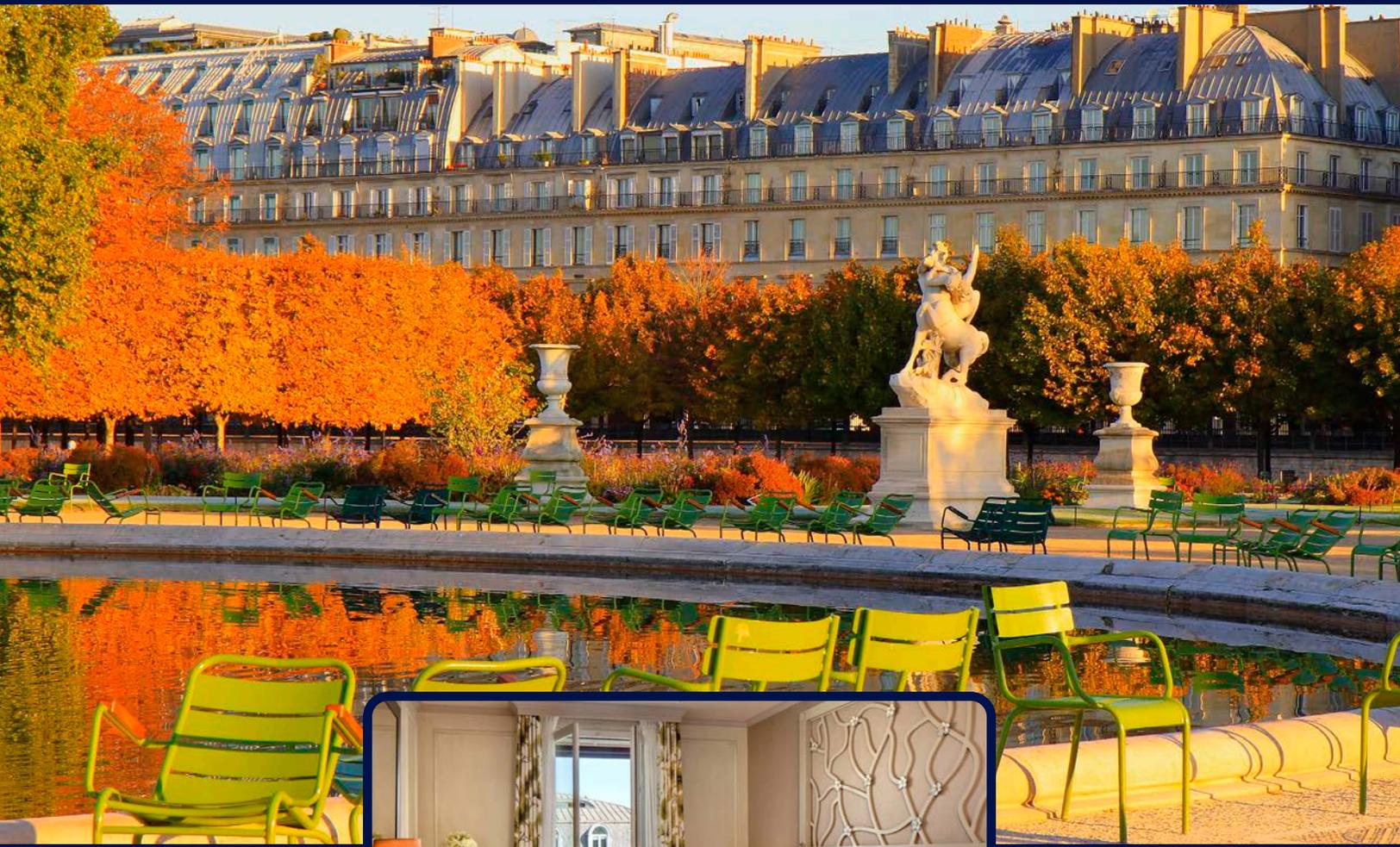
Day 6: Departure

Depart Paris at your leisure, carrying with your new friendships, memories, and a richer understanding of the city’s musical soul.

Included Meal: Breakfast

**Performances, dates, times, and locations will be announced closer to departure.*

Accommodations



Hôtel Château Frontenac

Paris, France

This 4-star hotel is just a short walk from the Champs-Élysées. An elegant property that combines Parisian charm, comfort and an interesting history, the building was formerly a cabaret where Édith Piaf began her career. 104 rooms and suites boast high ceilings, feature fabric covered walls, colorful drapes, and soft furnishings. **(5 nights)**



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- All accommodations for the duration of the tour
- Meals, as noted in the itinerary
- All sightseeing and visits as noted in each itinerary
- Expertise of The Great Courses Expert, travel director and local guides throughout the tour
- All gratuities for on-tour guides, drivers, hotel and restaurant staff as part of the group program
- All on-tour transportation, unless otherwise noted
- Quietvox listening devices to facilitate audibility and social distancing on tour
- The assistance of an ATA professional travel team to assist with pre-trip questions, travel arrangements, including flights, extra hotel nights and other services
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