KMFA is ready to enjoy the City of Lights!

Spend a magical week filled with music, art and, of course, great food and wine in Paris next spring with KMFA 89.5! KMFA’s Rideshare host Sara Schneider and KMFA president & general manager Ann Hume Wilson will accompany you to five concerts during the week including a trio at Paris’s newest major venue, the Philharmonie, designed by renowned architect Jean Nouvel. There we will enjoy performances by Le Concert des Nations, led by star early music specialist Jordi Savall in an all-Mozart program, the Orchestre de Paris, conducted by Paavo Järvi with the great violinist Joshua Bell, and the superb Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Yannick Nézet-Séguin, the music director of the Met. You will also attend Paris’s main opera house for an exciting production of Richard Strauss’ powerful opera, Elektra, with the great soprano Christine Goerke in the title role, as well as a special private concert, exclusive to the group, by the excellent Baroque ensemble, Le Consort.

From the Middle Ages to the modern age, we will explore different periods of French history and culture in specially designed walking tours, and private guided tours of the Musée d’Orsay, Paris’s historic opera house, the Palais Garnier, and other sites. Outside the city, we visit the beautiful gardens and Baroque architecture of the Chateau Vaux-le-Vicomte, the private home of Louis XIV’s finance minister, and Fontainebleau, the grand Renaissance chateau that was former home of Francis I and Napoleon. Our home in Paris is the deluxe 4-star Hotel Westminster, centrally located between the Opera and the Place Vendôme.

All the while, you will feast on wonderful French cuisine at fine restaurants in the city and even have the opportunity for a cooking class with a top chef on the final day in Paris.

NB: The Grand Tour will require all participants to provide proof of full vaccination for the COVID-19 virus, as required by the French government as a condition for entry into the country, and entry into most public spaces. Please see the Terms & Conditions on the tour registration form.

May 7 – 15, 2022*

*Tour begins May 8 in Paris
This evening we dine in an elegant Beaux Arts brasserie, before attending a performance at the sleek Opera Bastille of Richard Strauss's powerful drama *Elektra*. Eminent Russian maestro Semyon Bychkov leads a distinguished cast featuring the great soprano Christine Goerke in the title role and the legendary Waltraud Meier as Clytemnestra.

**Wednesday, May 11**

**Fontainebleau & Vaux-le-Vicomte**

Today we travel into the countryside to visit two magnificent chateaus. Fontainebleau came into its own under Francis I, who hired principally Italian artists to redesign it thereby introducing the Italian Renaissance into France. Built in 1656 by Louis XIV’s finance minister Nicolas Fouquet, Vaux-le-Vicomte provides a unique window into aristocratic society of the 17th century. Its trio of France’s most creative geniuses of the time went on to design Versailles. **Lunch** is served in L’Ecureuil, the chateau’s charming restaurant.

Upon our return to the city, Justin Taylor performs on the harpsichord with members of Le Consort in a special private concert, exclusive to the group, in a charming, intimate venue. Rest of your evening is free.

**Thursday, May 12**

**Train Station to Art Museum**

This morning, we visit the magnificent Musée d’Orsay, housed in the former Orsay railway station built for the 1900 Universal Exhibition. The Orsay appropriately displays art from 1848 to 1914, a seminal period of French Impressionism, along with Courbet, Degas, Cassatt and many other artists. **Lunch** is nearby.

The Philharmonie is home to the fine Orchestre de Paris. The orchestra’s music director Paavo Järvi conducts the Sibelius’s one-movement and last Symphony no. 7, and Beethoven’s ebullient 8th Symphony, along with Antonin Dvorak’s Violin Concerto with popular Joshua Bell as soloist.

**Friday, May 13**

**Marshland to Elegance**

The Marais is one of the most beautiful and characteristic quarters in all Paris. Our walking tour takes in the fascinating Musée Carnavalet devoted to the history of Paris and the Place des Vosges, a beautiful 17th century square. **Lunch** is near the square at a charming bistro featuring Provençal cuisine.

This evening is free, but you have the option of attending a chamber music performance in the lovely 13th century Sainte Chapelle, with its stunning backdrop of stained glass.
YOUR HOSTS

Ann Hume Wilson looks forward *avec grand plaisir* to enjoying the matchless music, museums, and cuisine of Paris with friends of KMFA. Now in her ninth year as President & General Manager of KMFA, Ann has worked in leadership positions at a number of performing arts and visual arts institutions around the country. An Austinite since 2004, Ann served as Associate and Interim Director of the Blanton Museum of Art at the University of Texas, and executive director of the Grammy®-award winning choral ensemble *Conspirare* before coming to KMFA.

After studying musicology at the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands, Michigan native Sara Schneider put her love of music to work at Classical 89.5, KMFA in Austin, Texas; first as an announcer and producer, and subsequently as Music Director until 2014. From 2014 to 2016, Sara lived in Lübeck, Germany, where she researched and authored a novel, *The Eagle and the Songbird*. She is a two-time Gracie Award® winner and is the KMFA host of *Rideshare* and *Early Music Now*. In her spare time, she enjoys travel, hiking, and writing historical fiction.

Tour Registration

**Tour Cost:** $5,435 per person, ground only, double occupancy.  
Single supplement: $960  
Group flight: $1,540 economy on Air France, non-stop from Houston Intercontinental, includes private motor coach from Austin, and hotel transfers in Paris.

**Deposit:** $1,000 per person first come, first served (includes a tax-deductible $500 contribution to KMFA 89.5)

**Balance Deadline:** Friday, March 4, 2022. After that date, call for availability.

**Contact** The Grand Tour to reserve your place on the tour with a credit card deposit, or send a check made payable to The Grand Tour for the deposit amount to: KMFA Paris Tour, The Grand Tour, PO Box 274, Peterborough, NH 03458. Registration materials can be downloaded at [www.kmfa.org/paris](http://www.kmfa.org/paris)

**Questions?** Contact The Grand Tour at 800-727-2995 / info@thegrandtour.com or Virginia Alvarez of KMFA at 512-615-6902 / valvarez@kmfa.org

The Paris tour is an exclusive presentation by KMFA 89.5 and is organized by THE GRAND TOUR Travel Company, Peterborough, New Hampshire.

Chateau Vaux-le-Vicomte

Musée d’Orsay

Saturday, May 14

**Clara Schumann with Bruckner**

Today is a free day to complete your shopping, stroll another quartier, visit another museum or two (the Louvre anyone?) or simply relax. For the food lovers in the group, we offer the option of a cooking class in the morning, which includes lunch.

After a gala **Farewell Dinner** near the hotel, we return a final time to the Philharmonie. Yannick Nézet-Séguin has rapidly become one of the top maestros in the world as the Music Director of the Metropolitan Opera. Tonight, he leads another great orchestra, the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra in a compelling program of Clara Schumann’s dazzling Piano Concerto with the exciting Italian pianist Beatrice Rana as soloist, and Bruckner’s majestic 3rd Symphony, which the composer dedicated to Wagner.

Sunday, May 15

The tour ends after breakfast and the group flight back to Houston, arriving later the same day.

*Itinerary is subject to change.  
Meals in bold are included in the price of the tour.*
KMFA 89.5 TOUR TO PARIS
REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out the registration form, include your deposit, and return to: KMFA Paris Tour, The Grand Tour, PO Box 274, Peterborough, NH 03458. Upon receipt of deposit, The Grand Tour will send payment confirmation and an invoice for the balance of the tour. Questions? Contact The Grand Tour at 800-727-2995, info@thegrandtour.com or Virginia Alvarez of KMFA at 512-615-6902, or valvarez@kmfa.org.

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Please check all appropriate boxes below. Number of persons: _______

☐ Tour per person, ground only $5,435

☐ Optional cooking class Fee TBA

☐ Tour single supplement $960

☐ Optional group flight $1,540 (limited seating; see note in Passenger Contract)

Deposit amount ($1000 per person) $ ________________ ☐ Check made payable to The Grand Tour

☐ Credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) ________________________________ Exp. ______________

Security code (V & MC: 3-digits back of card; AmEx: 4-digits front of card) ________________

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Accommodations: The tour price is based on double occupancy. If you wish to avoid single supplement costs, we will do our best to help you find a compatible roommate. Finding a roommate to share accommodations is ultimately your responsibility.

☐ I have selected a roommate whose name is: __________________________________________________________________ (form to be sent separately)

☐ I would like a roommate but will pay the single supplement if one is not available.

☐ I wish to have a single room

NB: The Grand Tour requires proof of full vaccination for the COVID-19 virus for all participants. Please see Terms & Conditions in the Passenger Contract.

Release and hold harmless statement
The undersigned has read and understood the Terms and Conditions in the Passenger Contract of the KMFA Paris tour and the schedule of activities and events for the tour, and accepts them. The undersigned waives, releases and holds harmless KMFA and THE GRAND TOUR Travel Company and its officers, trustees, directors, shareholders and employees from any claims covered by the Responsibility clause in the Passenger Contract. Each participant must sign.

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**PASSENGER CONTRACT:** KMFA Tour to Paris: May 7 – 15, 2022 (Tour begins May 8 in Paris)

**GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Please read this agreement carefully before sending any money.

**COVID – 19 VACCINE:** All participants must provide proof of full vaccination for the COVID-19 virus, as defined by the French government and/or the U.S. Center for Disease Control by March 1, 2022. The French government currently requires vaccination for Covid-19 as a condition for entering the country from the U.S., and entering most all public spaces, including hotels, restaurants, bars, museums and other attractions, and performances. See below.

**Tour Cost:** The price of the KMFA tour to Paris is $5,435 per person, ground only. This price is based on double-occupancy, and a minimum of 18 persons. Single supplement is $960. See note under Accommodations on the reverse. The optional group flight, economy, round-trip, non-stop Houston – Paris on Air France, is $1,540, and includes round-trip private coach transportation Austin – Houston Intercontinental, and hotel transfers. Minimum of 10 passengers on the flight required. The Paris tour is operated by The Grand Tour Travel Company (TGT), Peterborough, NH. A portion of the proceeds from this tour will benefit KMFA 89.5.

**Tour Cost Includes:** Seven (7) nights hotel accommodations at a 4-star hotel in Paris • Daily buffet breakfast (7) • 3 dinners and 4 lunches including wine, plus a welcome reception and at least 1 evening reception with canapés • Prime tickets to 4 performances, including one opera and three orchestral concerts, depending on ticket availability • One private concert, exclusive to the group • Private guided tours of major sites in Paris and other locations with expert guides • Excursions from Paris to the Chateaux of Fontainebleau and Vaux-le-Vicomte • Individual ticket to the Louvre Museum • Private motor coach transportation for all excursions mentioned in the itinerary • Private coach transfer to and from Charles de Gaulle Airport to and from the hotel for passengers on the group flight • Private guides for all activities mentioned in the itinerary • Entrance fees for all scheduled museum and gallery visits • Services of TGT tour director throughout the tour • All gratuities for meals, bus drivers, local guides and tour manager • Baggage handling for two pieces per person for hotel transfers • Health pass (pass sanitaire) issued by the French government • Travel tips and suggested reading & recording list • Map of Paris • Departure packet of preparatory materials • Illustrated tour booklet • Two KMFA luggage tags

**Tour price does not include:** Single supplement of $960 • Optional group flight to and from Paris, including hotel transfers ($1,540) • Meals and activities not specifically offered as part of the tour • Alcoholic beverages not part of tour included meals • Tips for hotel maids • Personal expenses and purchases • Personal and travel insurance

**Reservations and Method of Payment:** The deposit for the tour is $1000 per person, and is first come, first served. Payment is accepted by check or money order made out to The Grand Tour, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or AMEX). $500 of the deposit is non-refundable. Please complete the tour reservation form to accompany your payment, and mail to: KMFA Paris Tour, The Grand Tour, PO Box 274, Peterborough, NH 03458. Upon receipt of deposit, The Grand Tour will send a letter of confirmation and travel insurance information. Prior to departure, additional items of interest will be mailed to the participants. If you have any questions please contact The Grand Tour, at 800-727-2995, info@thegrandtour.com or Virginia Alvarez of KMFA, at 512-615-6902 or valvarez@KMFA.org. A pre-departure reception will be arranged and hosted by KMFA for all participants. Please note that tour participation is limited to 25 participants or as hotel space allows, whichever is less.

**Final Payment:** The final balance must be received at The Grand Tour by Friday, March 4, 2022.

**Rates:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are not subject to change prior to departure, unless in the case of airfare, there is a significant increase in airline taxes and surcharges. Prices could increase due to below minimum participation. Participants will be notified of any such price increase at least 30 days prior to departure.

**Cancellations:** You are entitled to a full refund if the tour is cancelled by KMFA or THE GRAND TOUR (TGT). If you should cancel, there is a non-refundable $500 fee. The remaining balance (minus the $500 fee) will be refunded according to the following schedule:

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Notice of withdrawal from the tour must be communicated to TGT by e-mail: info@thegrandtour.com or fax 603-532-8851. All cancellations will be confirmed by The Grand Tour. No refund will be given for any passenger who, for any reason, does not arrive for either airline or vehicle departure. No refund will be made for features the passenger opts not to use. Once travel begins, any change made by a passenger is the responsibility of the passenger. Cancellation fees caused by accident or illness to a passenger do not constitute waiver of applicable fees. No person outside the group may participate in tour activities, including transportation and meals, unless he or she is admitted under the full tour cost.

**Itinerary or Program Modifications** KMFA and THE GRAND TOUR reserve the right to modify the itinerary or programs at their discretion as warranted by circumstances at the time of the tour, including the right to substitute hotels of similar quality. In the event of any changes, KMFA and TGT will attempt to substitute programs of comparable value.

**Accommodations:** Hotels are chosen for comfort, location and character. Because some may be located in historic buildings, please be advised that not all rooms are alike and may differ in...
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**Transportation:** Participants are responsible for booking air travel. Participants arriving or departing on other dates or from other destinations will be responsible for meeting up with the group in Paris and for any fees incurred by these arrangements. Participants not on the group flight may join the group airport transfer from Charles de Gaulle for an additional fee. Neither KMFA nor The Grand Tour is responsible for any expenses and/or damages incurred due to weather and/or flight delays. Any additional costs incurred outside of the set guidelines will be the sole financial responsibility of said traveler.

NB: The group flight includes round trip private coach transportation between Austin and Houston, and hotel transfers. Persons who wish to take the group flight but not the Austin-Houston motorcoach do not earn a discount on the group flight. Persons who wish to take the motorcoach but who are not registered officially for the group flight must pay a fare of $150 for the round trip service.

**Travel insurance:** As cancellation fees are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. Travel insurance is also highly recommended in order to protect participants who must cancel or interrupt their trip due to illness or injury. Trip cancellation insurance is available, and information will be sent after your reservation is received.

**Responsibility:** The Grand Tour Travel Company, LLC, and Capital Broadcasting Association, Inc. dba KMFA Classical 89.5 (KMFA) and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your program including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, The Grand Tour and KMFA are not liable for any negligent or willful act, failure to act, financial failure or other defaults of any such person, entity, supplier or any other third party.

In addition and without limitation, The Grand Tour and KMFA are not responsible for any injury, financial or other loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, “acts of God” or force majeure, such as regarding the Covid-19 virus, acts or orders of government, denial or delay of entry into any country, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, bites from or attacks by animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, quarantine, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely. Further, I release The Grand Tour and KMFA from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Further, KMFA and The Grand Tour shall not be responsible for losses or additional expenses of the participant due to sickness, weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, strife, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, quarantine, “acts of God,” loss of baggage, or other causes beyond their control. Neither KMFA nor The Grand Tour is responsible for any expenses incurred regarding the Covid-19 virus, including but not limited to medical expenses, testing fees, quarantine, evacuation expenses, added air or hotel expense, etc., as a result thereof.

Under no circumstances is The Grand Tour obligated to refund the cost of any purchased travel insurance. The Grand Tour is not required to cancel any program for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. The Grand Tour is not responsible for fees assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if The Grand Tour makes the flight arrangements or cancels the program. The Grand Tour reserves the right to substitute vessels, hotels or attractions of a similar category for those listed in this brochure.

**Miscellaneous:** The Grand Tour reserves the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of the tour should the person’s health, actions, or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare of the other participants. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour. Please note that there is a moderate amount of walking on this tour.

**Forum.** Any dispute regarding these terms and conditions or the trip itself must be brought only in courts in and for Peterborough, New Hampshire. For this specific purpose, the parties agree to personal jurisdiction and proper venue in such courts.