

Music in the Swiss Mountains: The Verbier Music Festival

July 30-August 4, 2019



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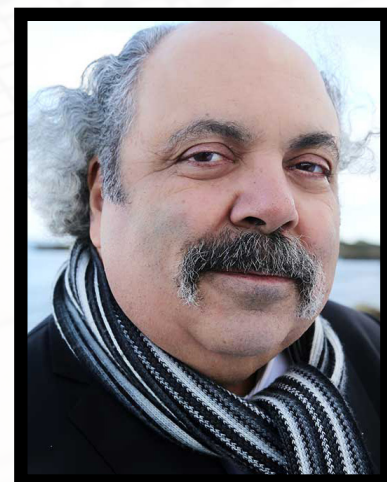
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Your Expert: Fred Plotkin

Fred Plotkin is one of the world's most respected opera experts and author of *Opera 101: A Complete Guide to Learning and Loving Opera*. And *Classical Music 101: A Complete Guide to Learning and Loving Classical Music*. He was scholar in residence at the 2012 Verbier Festival. Fred has lectured, taught, consulted and held managerial or artistic roles at some of the top opera companies, including La Scala (as a Fulbright Scholar) and the Metropolitan Opera. He has appeared often on WFMT, NPR, the BBC and the national radio networks of Italy, France, Ireland, Finland and Canada.



Verbier, Switzerland is the home of one of the world's top music festivals attracting the biggest stars not only to perform but to train the next generation of musicians. The Verbier experience means attending superb performances and going to master classes to discover the fascinating process by which music is made. Verbier also means fine food, spectacular scenery, fresh air and contact with performing artists in intimate settings.

Journey Highlights



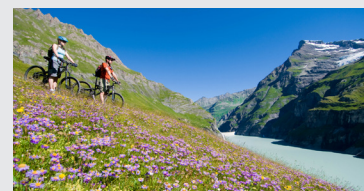
Enjoy the rich musical offerings of the world-class Verbier Festival – attend six concert performances in the best seats, join masterclasses with artists such as Barbara Frittoli, Thomas Hampson, Thomas Quasthoff and Susannah Waters



Listen to rehearsals and attend many of the free concerts in the village



Learn about the festival & Swiss culture with expert Fred Plotkin & join informal discussions with like-minded travelers



Spend five nights in the lovely mountain resort of Verbier, with plenty of time to take in the mountain scenery



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Itinerary

Tuesday, July 30:

Welcome to the Swiss Alps

Take in views of Lake Geneva as you are transported high into the alps of French-speaking Switzerland. Check into the cozy Hotel Montpelier and join your music-loving friends for a welcoming reception and dinner.

Meals: Dinner

Wednesday, July 31:

The Remarkable Verbier Music Festival

Start your Verbier adventure with a masterclass led by legendary pianist András Schiff followed by a traditional Swiss fondue lunch and a world class concert. This evening we take our seats in the Salle des Combins for a performance by the Verbier Festival Orchestra with conductor Lahav Shani and pianist Denis Matsuev, performing Prokofiev's *War & Peace* Overture, Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto no. 3 and Stravinsky's *Petrouchka*.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Thursday, August 1:

Bach at the Verbier Music Festival

Immerse in the life and music of Johan Sebastian Bach with performances by some of the world's top classical musicians and a lecture from Fred Plotkin, your expert study leader. Antoine Tamestit, viola, and Masaaki Suzuki, harpsichord, give a morning concert and András Schiff performs some of the *Well-Tempered Clavier* in the evening. Enjoy a walk through the town, pausing to take in the magnificent alpine scenery and the pop-up musical events throughout the town. Dinner as a group in local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Friday, August 2:

Verbier Music Festival: Tchaikovsky and Cheese

In addition to two outstanding concerts, you will have an exclusive lesson on the unique cheese traditions of this area as well as a light lunch and a glass of wine. In the morning is a concert by instrumentalists who studied at the Verbier Festival Academy. This evening attend an all-Tchaikovsky concert with star musicians Vadim Repin, violin; Mischa Maisky, viola; Denis Matsuev, piano.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Saturday, August 3:

Verbier Music Festival Grand Finale

Your last day includes a farewell meal and two glorious concerts at Salle des Combins. In the afternoon enjoy a concert version of Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* performed by the Verbier Festival Junior Orchestra under the direction of Stanislav Kochanovsky with the young singers of the Verbier Festival Academy, all of whom will have trained throughout the 2019 festival. In the evening, Fabio Luisi conducts the Verbier Festival Orchestra in Mahler's Symphony no. 2 ("Resurrection") with Golda Schultz and Ekaterina Gubanova, soloists

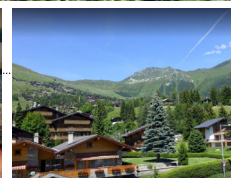
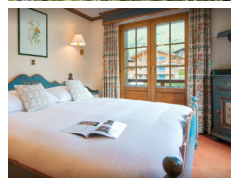
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Sunday, August 4:

Departures and Au Revoir

Transfer back to Geneva airport for your flight home, with your head full of gorgeous melodies and unforgettable experiences from your total immersion in music and nature.

Meals: Breakfast



Accommodations

Hotel Montpelier | Luxurious 3-star hotel located in the heart of Verbier. This mountain chalet offers fantastic views of the Swiss Alps and is less than 5-minute walk to the main festival venue. Each guestroom has a small balcony. The hotel offers great breakfasts, comfortable living space and very friendly service.

Cost

Trip cost: \$6,995

For a single room add: \$1,350

Deposit: \$1,000

Program price based on a minimum of 20 travelers.



Your journey includes:

- On Tour Team: New York Times Expert, Fred Plotkin, and professional tour leader throughout the program
- Group transfer from Geneva Airport to Verbier on arrival and departure day
- Tickets (best in the house) for all concerts as outlined in the itinerary
- Admission to masterclasses, rehearsals, and pop up events during the festival
- Gratuities to porters, drivers, wait staff in restaurants during group meals, housekeeping at group hotels
- MedEvac insurance for all participants
- Food & Drink: Most meals as outlined in the itinerary, plus welcome and farewell receptions.
- Accommodations, including wifi where available



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