

# A Musical Interlude in Paris

with Matthew Loden,  
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May 14–20, 2024



The Traveling Owls and the Shepherd School of Music are delighted to invite Rice alumni and friends on an enchanting journey through the rich musical heritage of the City of Lights.

Our custom-crafted itinerary provides an exciting mix of visits to iconic concert halls, walking tours of celebrated Parisian neighborhoods, exploration of cutting-edge art and architecture, and attendance at special performances.



## Travel with Matthew Loden, Lynette S. Autrey Dean of Music at the Shepherd School of Music



Matthew Loden began his tenure as Dean of the Shepherd School in the fall of 2021, bringing a wealth of experience as a professional musician and arts leader. Prior to Rice, he served as CEO of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, where he redefined the role of an orchestra in a diverse international city and

significantly expanded accessibility to classical music. He has also served in executive leadership roles at the Philadelphia Orchestra, as vice president and general manager at the Aspen Music Festival and School, and as Director of Admissions for the Shepherd School of Music.

As a violinist, Dean Loden performed regularly with the Kennedy Center Opera and Ballet orchestras, the National Symphony Orchestra, the Houston Grand Opera and Ballet orchestras, the American Composers Orchestra, and he has been the concertmaster for the Washington Bach Consort and a principal player in the American Symphony Orchestra at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. Dean Loden has also performed with the Broadway productions of *Cabaret*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *High Society*, and *The Lion King*.

A native Houstonian, Dean Loden is a graduate of the High School for the Visual and Performing Arts, Oberlin Conservatory, and the Eastman School of Music.

## Accommodations at the five-star Hôtel Regina Louvre

The Hôtel Regina Louvre stands across from the Louvre and overlooks the tranquil Tuileries Garden, just steps away from the Grand Palais and the Musée d'Orsay. Enjoy luxurious accommodations while being in the center of it all. The group will be accommodated in Prestige Rooms with breathtaking views of the Tuileries Gardens with the Eiffel Tower in the distance from the bedrooms' large windows. Combining a subtle blend of traditional French elegance and contemporary comfort, every room in the hotel has been lovingly restored to its 19th century splendor. Run by the fourth generation of the same Parisian family, Hôtel Regina is both chic and unique, providing an exquisite five-star retreat in the bustling centre of Paris.



## CUSTOM ITINERARY

*This custom travel program has been created uniquely for Rice Alumni Traveling Owls and the Shepherd School of Music.*

**TUESDAY, MAY 14**

## Depart the United States

Depart the United States on overnight independent flights to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG).

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**

## Arrival in Paris

Transfer independently to the five-star Hôtel Regina Louvre, a beautiful, renovated historic luxury hotel with a perfect location on the Tuileries Garden, very close to the Louvre. Enjoy a late afternoon guided tour of the Right Bank, including a visit to the Bourse de Commerce, the new exhibition space of the Pinault Collection, one of the most impressive private art collections in the world. A landmark circular building built in 1889 with a magnificent dome that inspired Jefferson's design of the Capitol building, the Bourse de Commerce underwent a major redesign and renovation by internationally renowned Japanese architect Tadao Ando who designed a spectacular concrete envelope beneath the historic fresco and glass roof, creating a pared-down, light-filled space perfectly suited to contemporary art. The Pinault Collection features works owned by the Pinault family, which comprises more than 5,000 pieces, including works by Damien Hirst, Jeff Koons, and Louise Bourgeois. This evening, gather for a delicious welcome dinner at an acclaimed Parisian bistro.

*Hôtel Regina Louvre (Dinner)*

**THURSDAY, MAY 16**

## Orchestre National de France & Cristian Macelăru

After a morning stroll through the Tuileries Garden and the Place de la Concorde, drive to the Maison de la Radio et de la Musique where, by special invitation, attend the second half of the Orchestre National de France's dress rehearsal followed by a Q&A session with Cristian Macelăru, Artistic Director and Shepherd alumnus. Enjoy magnificent views of the Seine and the Eiffel Tower and a casual lunch at RadioEat.

Drive to the Philharmonie de Paris, home to the Orchestre de Paris, a complex of concert halls hosting diverse programming from chamber music to jazz to pop to operas. View the exterior of the stunning (and somewhat controversial) Philharmonie 1, an aluminum spiraled 2400-seat symphony hall designed by renowned architect Jean Nouvel, opened in 2015. Then visit the Musée de la Musique, exhibiting an outstanding collection of thousands of musical instruments, including national treasures, that recount the history of music in Europe from the 17th century to today. Live performances are put on every day in the museum.

Following a break back at the hotel, return to the Maison de la Radio et de la Musique and hear a concerto performed by the excellent French pianist Alexandre Kantorow. Be joined by Cristian Macelăru for a post-concert nightcap while taking in exceptional views of the Eiffel Tower by night.

*Hôtel Regina Louvre (Breakfast, Lunch, Cocktail)*



Photos (from top): Orchestre National de France at Maison de la Radio et de la Musique; Tuileries Garden (Behzad Ghaffarian); Philharmonie de Paris (Guilhem Vellut)

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**

## Rice Global Center and the Palais Garnier

Spend the morning visiting the Rice Global Paris Center—Rice University's European hub for innovative collaboration, research, and inspired teaching in the heart of Paris—followed by a guided tour of the Marais District. Following lunch in a popular Marais brasserie, visit the newly restored Musée Carnavalet, a superb museum showcasing the history of Paris spread throughout two historic neighboring mansions. Finish your afternoon at the Palais Garnier, the historic opera house located in the heart of Paris. The Palais Garnier was built in the 19th century and is one of the most famous opera houses in the world, known for its ornate architecture and rich history. The evening is independent.

*Hôtel Regina Louvre (Breakfast, Lunch)*

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

## Versailles

Set forth on a full day-excursion to the Palace of Versailles. Take an in-depth tour of the palace complex and go behind closed doors for an exclusive visit to the private apartments of Louis XV and Louis XVI. Be guided through the Royal Apartments, consisting of 17 rooms distributed around the grandiose Hall of Mirrors. Following a gourmet lunch, be guided through Versailles' incomparable formal French gardens and admire the garden fountains spouting to the rhythm of baroque music. Pending confirmation, see Versailles' historic Royal Opera House, a source of inspiration for Rice's own new opera house. Return to Paris in the early evening.

*Hôtel Regina Louvre (Breakfast, Lunch)*

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

## The Left Bank

Spend the morning at Paris's celebrated Left Bank on a custom-designed walking tour focusing on the neighborhood's musical history, from Medieval troubadours to Renaissance court music to 20th-century jazz. See sites linked to the legends who gathered, performed, and lived here, such as Igor Stravinsky, George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Miles Davis, and Edith Piaf, among other artists. Walk through the inspiring Luxembourg Gardens; see the 6th-century abbey of Saint-Germain-des-Prés; and visit the Saint-Sulpice Church, the third largest church in Paris, renowned for its spectacular 6,600-pipe organ, arguably one of the finest organs in all of Europe. Enjoy free time for lunch and independent pursuits in Paris. This evening, gather for a memorable farewell dinner in an unforgettable location.

*Hôtel Regina Louvre (Breakfast, Dinner)*

**MONDAY, MAY 20**

## Departures

Following breakfast, transfer independently to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) for independent flights home.

*(Breakfast)*



Photos (from top): Palais Garnier (Gwen King);  
Palace of Versailles (Armand Khoury);  
The Great Organ at Saint Sulpice Church (Jim Linwood)

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## May 14–20, 2024

### Tour Price and Inclusions

#### A MUSICAL INTERLUDE IN PARIS WITH DEAN LODEN

**DATES:** May 14–20, 2024

#### TOUR COST:

Land Package.....	\$6,495
Single Supplement.....	\$2,195

*Tour price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 15 paying participants.*

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Moderate, good walking ability advised.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE & DEPOSIT:** Registrations due by August 7, 2023. A deposit of \$1,500 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour, of which \$1,500 is non-refundable for ISDI's registration and planning fee unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. This deposit may be paid by check or by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final balance will be invoiced and is due on January 8, 2024 and must be paid by check to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations are accepted after this date on a space-available basis with payment in full by check only.

**FLIGHTS:** Airfare is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for their own air arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed by ISDI. ISDI and the Association of Rice Alumni are not responsible for flight delays or flight rebooking in the event of air cancellation or delay.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:** ISDI requires that all tour participants be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel insurance is not included in the tour cost, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be emailed to you from the Traveling Owls upon receipt of your registration.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:** 5 nights' accommodations at the Hôtel Regina Louvre in Prestige rooms; breakfast daily at the hotel, 3 lunches, 2 dinners; 1 glass of wine or beer at included lunches and 2 glasses of wine or beer with included dinners; 1 post-concert cocktail on May 16; land transportation by private motor coach; entrance fees to sites and visits listed in the itinerary; ticket to Alexandre Kantorow concert on May 16; leadership of Matthew Loden; services of an ISDI tour manager; expert local guides; gratuities for guides, drivers, and restaurant staff at included group meals; bottled water on motor coach; service charges and taxes.

**TOUR EXCLUSIONS:** Airline tickets, airline taxes and surcharges, and baggage fees; airport portorage; airport transfers upon arrival and departure; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; personal items such as telephone calls, room service, valet service, à-la-carte orders, specialty wines and liquors, laundry charges, travel extensions, or tour deviations; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:** Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of \$1,500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before January 8, 2024: full refund minus \$1,500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI between January 9 and February 8, 2024: full refund minus \$4,250 per person cancellation fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or after February 9, 2024: no refund. Tour registration is non-transferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour.

If the tour is cancelled by ISDI or the Association of Rice Alumni due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

**FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**  
Rice Alumni Traveling Owls  
Tel: 713-34-TRIPS | Email: [travelingowls@rice.edu](mailto:travelingowls@rice.edu)

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Registration Deadline: August 7, 2023

## Registration Form

Name (Registrant 1)	Name (Registrant 2)	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	
E-mail Address (Registrant 1)	E-mail Address (Registrant 2)	

### ROOMING OPTIONS: *(please select)*

- Double Occupancy; I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_  
 We prefer separate beds
- Single Supplement (\$2,195)  
 I would like a roommate but will pay the price of the single supplement if one cannot be found.

### TOUR DOCUMENTS:

ISDI will send all documents pertaining to the tour by email to the email address(es) listed above.

- If you wish to receive hardcopy versions of the tour documents by post as well, please check this circle. Paper documents will not be sent to your home address unless this circle is checked.*

### DEPOSIT: \$1,500 PER PERSON

\_\_\_\_\_ # of persons \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

- Visa    MasterCard    American Express    Check *(Make check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc.)*

Card Number	Exp. (mm/yy)
Name as it appears on card	Billing Zip Code

### EACH REGISTRANT MUST SIGN

*By registering and paying the deposit for this tour, registrant acknowledges that he/she has carefully read and understands all information contained in the tour brochure, recognizes and accepts any risks therein, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions outlined above.*

Signature 1 / Date	Signature 2 / Date
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### COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL, EMAIL, OR FAX TO:

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5614 Connecticut Avenue NW, #295  
Washington, DC 20015  
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Fax: 202-244-1808

### TO REGISTER BY PHONE, CALL:

Mike McCartt at International Seminar Design, Inc.  
at 202-244-1448, ext 1

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