

Beethoven 250; Maestro! 25 - a weekend including all 9 Beethoven Symphonies at the Barbican with the Liverpool Phil, the Hallé, CBSO, Northern Sinfonia and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra!

31 January - 3 February, 2020

£735 per person sharing a twin or double room £875 per person double room, sole use

Includes: return rail travel from your home station to London, 3 nights bed & breakfast at the Crowne Plaza London City, champagne reception & gala dinner, two further main meals, weekend pass for all 9 symphonies, transfers from Euston to the hotel & return and return transfers on Saturday and Sunday to Barbican Hall are also included.

Join us to blow away the winter blues and get 2020 off to a roaring start with all **nine Beethoven Symphonies** in one weekend at the Barbican performed by the UK's most outstanding orchestras - Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, the Hallé, CBSO, Royal Northern Sinfonia & Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

Each concert will be presented by the renowned broadcaster, author and musicologist **John Suchet** and throughout the weekend there will be a range of talks and Beethoven related events to complete the Beethoven 250 experience. On Friday evening we will have a **champagne reception & gala dinner** at a private London Club to **celebrate Maestro's 25th anniversary**.

For convenience to the Barbican Centre and to give you a different view of the city our hotel for this stay will be the stylish **Crowne Plaza London City** which is directly opposite Blackfriars tube station on the north side of the Thames. This 4* 21st century hotel located in London's historic 'Square Mile' is built on the foundations of Henry VIII's former Bridewell Palace. It's 5 minutes' walk to St Pauls and the Millennium Bridge and a really great location for discovering the "City of London" (contrasting with Westminster & Kensington where we usually stay for the Proms). Transfers to and from the Barbican are included at the start and end of the days concerts & activities at the Barbican and there is a direct bus service from Blackfriars to Barbican throughout the day if you want to return to the hotel at any time.

On Saturday the performances will be given by:

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Kirill Karabits
City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by Mirga Gražinytė-Tyla
Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Vasily Petrenko

while on Sunday the cycle will be completed with: **Royal Northern Sinfonia** conducted by **Lars Vogt The Hallé** conducted by **Sir Mark Elder** Each day there will be further Beethoven related events at the Barbican Centre and full details will be sent with your confirmation.

Our weekend includes

- three nights bed & breakfast at the Crowne Plaza London City
- a champagne reception and gala dinner on Friday evening
- two further main meals (lunch or dinner once the final concert schedule is confirmed)
- Weekend 'Beethoven 250 pass' granting access to all concerts, talks and events at the Barbican
- return rail travel from your local station (with discount if you hold a senior rail card)

If you have a senior rail card you can deduct £30. If you prefer to make your own way to London you can deduct £80.

Deposit of £250 per person is due now and the balance is due by 20th December. If you would like to join us, please call to reserve your place and you can then complete the Booking Form and return it to us.