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## **Thanksgiving in New York - Vasily Petrenko's debut at the Metropolitan Opera and a feast of music**

**25 November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019**

***£2795 per person sharing a twin or double room***

***£3495 for sole use of a double room***

**Includes: return flights from the UK, 7 nights room only at the 4\* Park Central Hotel, stalls seats at the Metropolitan Opera & Carnegie Hall, visits to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Frick and the Neue Gallery and a full programme of sightseeing. Included meal details to be confirmed.**

At last we can tell you the most exciting news that the week will include the **Metropolitan Opera debut of Vasily Petrenko** conducting Tchaikovsky's Queen of Spades. First thing to say is that this is a revival of the 1995 production by Elijah Moshinsky and is beautifully costumed and traditional in concept.

We will stay seven nights at the **4\* Parker New York** (now part of Hyatt) which has a superb position on 57<sup>th</sup> Street just two blocks from Central Park, a 15 minute walk to the Met and Lincoln Center and almost adjacent to Carnegie Hall.

The hotel has a restaurant, coffee shop, stylist bar, health club and (unique for New York hotels) an indoor pool on the 46<sup>th</sup> floor with spectacular views over Central Park. Thanksgiving week can sometimes be a bit lackluster in terms of classical music but not this week! On Tuesday evening we will attend **Alice Tully Hall** at Lincoln Center for an evening with Czech mezzo **Magdalena Kožená** accompanied at the piano by her husband **Sir Simon Rattle** for an evening of Shakespeare-influenced songs by Brahms, Stravinsky, and Strauss, as well as Dvořák's Gypsy Songs and Ravel's "Songs of Madagascar." Kožená is joined in this poetic reverie by a group of distinguished artists.

On Wednesday evening we will spend some time in the company of Canadian pianist **Avan Yu** (who many of you will remember from his performances at CHET and in Mariánské Lázně) and some of his colleagues at the **Manhattan School of Music**. On Thursday evening (Thanksgiving Day) we are finalising arrangements for a special event including food, drinks & entertainment (more details shortly!).

On Friday we take our seats at the iconic **Metropolitan Opera House** for this evening's performance of **The Queen of Spades** when **Vasily Petrenko** makes his Met Opera debut.

On Saturday evening we head next door to **Carnegie Hall** for an evening with composer and presenter Tim Janis and his 'Music of Hope' organisation. Tonight's charity event (in aid of Kate Winslet's *Golden Hat Foundation*) features full orchestra, a choir of 200 and a host of 21<sup>st</sup> century Broadway and musical artists.

We will spend three mornings in the company of an excellent local guide getting to know the various districts of New York from **Harlem** and the **Upper West Side** through **5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Theater District, Little Italy, SoHo, Chelsea, Greenwich Village**, and **Brooklyn**. We will walk the '**Hi Line**' visit the top of the new **Freedom Tower** in Lower Manhattan and visit the **Frick Collection** and **Metropolitan Museum of Art** on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue as well as seeing the **Macy's Thanksgiving Parade**. In your free time you can visit the Museum of Modern Art, Whitney Museum of American Art and a host of other wonderful museums & Galleries as well as indulging yourself in the original 'Black Friday' sales at Macy's, Bloomingdales, Lord and Taylor and the like!

We have a Welcome breakfast on our first morning and one other breakfast/brunch included as well as six evening meals (Welcome dinner, Thanksgiving dinner, farewell supper and three pre-concert meals). Airport transfers and three days of sightseeing by motorcoach are included. We plan to walk to the Met & Alice Tully Hall (15 minutes) but in the event of inclement weather Ken will organise taxi transfers.

Our package includes non-stop flights from Manchester to JFK with Thomas Cook on their A330 aircraft. This aircraft doesn't have a premium economy or business class but our seats are in the forward cabin in a 2-4-2 seating. A limited number of exit row seats are available at a £80 supplement (round trip). If you prefer to upgrade we have a Business class option with Aer Lingus. With Aer Lingus although travel is via Dublin you clear US immigration here and so on landing in the US you are a 'domestic' passenger with no formalities to clear. You can also fly from Heathrow at the same cost. For those of you with airmiles there is also the option to make your own travel arrangements and take a reduction of £600.

To recap what's included:

Return economy class flights inc baggage and meals with Thomas Cook

- 7 nights hotel at the Parker New York on a room only basis (all taxes included)

Stalls seats for our performances at the Metropolitan Opera, Alice Tully Hall and Carnegie Hall

- A private evening at the Manhattan School of Music with Avan Yu
- A special Thanksgiving evening with food, drinks and entertainment included
- 3 days of sightseeing by private coach with guide
- 2 further days of sightseeing on foot with Museum & attraction entrance fees as detailed
- 2 breakfast / brunches, welcome dinner, farewell supper, 4 pre-concert meals
- Airport transfers
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**Holiday costs** - The cost of the holiday is **£2,795** per person sharing a twin or double room and **£3495** for sole use of a king bedded room. If you wish to make your own flight and transfer arrangements please deduct £600.

**Brexit turmoil** - As we write the Pound is once again in turmoil and who knows what it will be worth in a few days, weeks or even months. The holiday cost is based on a rate of US\$1.31/£1 and we will absorb any moves 5 cents either way. The final balance will be due 1<sup>st</sup> August and we will review the rate situation in late July. As a guide if the £1 weakened to \$1.20 then the holiday would cost an additional £110

sharing and £150 sole use; if on the other hand it recovers to £1.40 then the cost of the holiday would reduce by a similar level.

**Booking procedure:** We have had a great deal of interest in the holiday and have just a few places remaining. **If you wish to proceed please call Stacey or Nigel on 0800 678 5747** to hold your place and let us know of any upgrade requirements. Complete your Booking Form and return it to us with your deposit of £1200 plus any upgrade costs.

**Met Opera upgrades:** Our seats are in **your choice** of either 'Orchestra Prime' or 'Dress Circle Premium'

Upgrade: 'Orchestra Premium' : £80 supplement.

**Flight details with Thomas Cook (Terminal 1):**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Manchester – New York JFK	1130 - 1355
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	New York JFK – Manchester	2130 – 0855 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )

Seating is 2-4-2 leg room 31" width 18.2"

**Business class with Aer Lingus (Terminal 1 – change planes in Dublin)**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Manchester – Dublin	0810 - 0910
	Dublin – New York JFK	1050 - 1340
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	New York JFK – Dublin	2110 – 0825
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Dublin – Manchester	0950 – 1105

Seating (Dublin JFK Dublin) is 1-2-1 flat bed

**Supplements** (payable at the time of booking as tickets have to be issued immediately)

Aer Lingus Business class £1200 round trip

From Gatwick British Airways Premium Economy £500 round trip; from Heathrow BA Business class £1900 round trip.

Make own arrangements (meet at hotel) deduct £600.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call us.