



Spend Easter with world-class wine and classical music on an exclusive house-party holiday in Bordeaux

1 February 2011: Spend Easter in the heart of rural Bordeaux, enjoying world-class wines and performances by some of Europe's leading classical musicians on an exclusive music festival house party organised by specialist cultural operator Orpheus & Bacchus.

The Orpheus and Bacchus Easter Festival takes place from 21-26 April and features an outstanding programme of intimate evening performances, including pieces by Mozart, Bach, Schumann and Vivaldi. Following each performance guests are invited to dine with the musicians in a unique house-party atmosphere.

Musicians include celebrated British violinist Alexander Sitkovetsky, a protégé of Lord Menuhin who has performed with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Moscow Chamber Orchestra among others.

The festival is hosted at Domaine Le Faure, an 18th century estate just 25 minutes from the historic wine-producing town of St Emilion and set in 20 acres of beautiful undulating wine-growing countryside, providing an ideal classical music house-party setting.

Guests stay in renovated en-suite accommodation within the three original buildings on the estate, each with its own pool and gardens; the Maison de Maitre (Le Faure), the wine chai (L'Orangerie) and the beautiful chai where the wine barrels and grain were officially stored, that was actually a secret Protestant chapel in disguise (La Musique). The Domaine also features a tennis court, croquet lawn and boules and three swimming pools.

During the day Orpheus & Bacchus offers an optional programme of day trip experiences including guided wine-tasting tours led by Master of Wine Count John Salvi and his wife Contessa Petronella Salvi to nearby renowned Chateaux. Tours to the Saturday market of Ste Foy and river trip on the Dordogne to visit historic Chateau Monbazillac are also available.

Prices start at £250 per person for the first night, with subsequent nights priced at £170, including en-suite accommodation, evening concerts (which start at 18.30), dinner with world-class local wines, aperitifs and continental breakfast. Early booking is recommended as demand is high.

Prices exclude travel from the UK and local transfers.

Local airports Bergerac and Bordeaux are served by BA, Ryanair, Easyjet, Flybe and BMIBaby. Alternatively guests can travel by rail to Libourne, or drive, giving the added benefit of bringing back tax-free wines, often at half their cost in the UK.

For more information visit www.orpheusandbacchus.com or email ian@orpheusandbacchus.com

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Note to editors:-

The full concert listing is below.

Thursday April 21st

Bach: Oboe Concerto
Mozart: Serenade K361/Oboe Quintet (arrangement)K406
Vivaldi: Four Seasons

Friday April 22nd

Schumann Fantasy
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Dvorak: Piano Quartet in E flat major

Saturday April 23rd

Mozart: Oboe Quartet K370
Bach: Violin and Oboe concerto
Schubert: String Quintet in C

Sunday April 24th

Rachmaninov: Trio élégiaque in G minor, Op.8
Prokofiev: Violin Sonata No.1 in F minor, Op.80
Tchaikovsky: Souvenir de Florence, Op.70

Monday April 25th

Mozart: Violin Sonata No.32 K454
Schumann: Violin Sonata no 1 in A minor Opus 105
Brahms: Violin Sonata No.3 in D, Op.108

Tuesday April 26th

Mozart: E flat Divertimento, K563
Schumann: Piano Quintet in E flat, Op.44