

2020 CHORALIERS PERFORMANCE TOUR

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BUDAPEST, HUNGARY



BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA



VIENNA, AUSTRIA



PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

# QUICK REFERENCE

My Roommate \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_ My Bus \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Choir Director — Mr. Ken Foley: 913-710-7692

**EMERGENCY CALLS**

**Budapest, Hungary**

US Embassy: +36 1 475 4400  
 General emergency: 112  
 Police: 107  
 Fire Brigade: 105  
 Ambulance: 104



**Bratislava, Slovakia**

US Embassy: +421 2/544 308 61  
 General emergency: 112  
 Police: 158  
 Fire Brigade: 150  
 Ambulance: 155



**Vienna, Austria**

US Embassy: +43 1 313390  
 General emergency: 122  
 Police: 133  
 Fire brigade: 122  
 Ambulance: 144



**Prague, Czech Republic**

US Embassy: +420 257 022 000  
 General emergency: 112  
 Police: 158  
 Fire: 150  
 Ambulance: 155



**EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**

My Doctor \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Dentist \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Optometrist \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Health Insurance \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Bank \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Credit Card Company \_\_\_\_\_

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# INTERNATIONAL CALLING

**IMPORTANT:** A temporary international plan on a cell phone based in the US and activated before leaving the country is the best option. Once phone service has been activated in Europe, it will work in all four countries on the trip. Check your individual plan to get all options.

To call from:	
Your American cell phone (in Europe) to any American cell phone (in Europe)	Dial normally
Your American cell phone (in Europe) to any American phone (in America)	+1 then the 10-digit phone number
Your American cell phone (in Europe) to any European phone	Dial normally
Any European phone to any American phone (in America)	+1 then the 10-digit phone number
Any European phone to an American cell phone (in Europe)	Dial normally

# ABOUT BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Located in central Europe, Hungary is positioned in both the northern and eastern hemispheres. The countries of Austria, Croatia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine all border Hungary.

Budapest, Hungary's capital, is bisected by the Danube River. Bridges connect the hilly Buda district with the flat Pest. Buda is built on the higher river terraces and hills of the western side, while the considerably larger Pest spreads out on a flat, sand plain on the river's opposite bank. The two banks of the Danube are connected by a number of beautiful historical bridges, the iconic tourist destination being the Chain Bridge, famously guarded at each end by a pair of huge lions.

Although the city's roots date to Roman times and even earlier, modern Budapest is essentially an outgrowth of the 19th-century empire of Austria-Hungary, when Hungary was three times larger than the present country. Hungary's reduction in size following World War I did not prevent Budapest from becoming the second largest city in central Europe, after Berlin.

We will be in Budapest on **Sunday, March 15th** and this is a national holiday, Hungarian Revolution Day. It is also known as Revolution and Independence Day. This day marks the anniversary of the start of the 1848 Revolution against the Austrian Empire, and it is similar to the Fourth of July in the US.

## TIME ZONE

6 hours ahead. When it is 4:00pm on the trip, it is 10:00am in Kansas City.

## WEATHER

Average temperatures in March range from lows in the mid 30s°F to highs in the mid 50s°F. And typically Budapest gets about 11 days of rain during the month.

## RELIGION

66% of the Hungarian population is officially Catholic, 28% is Protestant, and the remaining 6% is miscellaneous. There is also a strong Jewish community in Budapest.

## CURRENCY

The only official currency in Hungary is the Forint. Euros may be accepted by some tourist businesses, but very seldom at a reasonable exchange rate. Credit cards are commonly but not universally accepted.

Approximate conversion: 1 HUF = \$0.00339740 or \$1 = 294.342 HUF

## ELECTRICITY

Hungary uses 220 volts AC and the European-style plug (two circular metal pins). If your appliance has a voltage/conversion switch, all you will need is a plug adapter.

## ETIQUETTE

- When paying with cash, use the smallest possible denominations. Most smaller shops in Budapest don't take credit or debit cards, so you'll need to have bills and coins on hand.
- Table manners are formal in Hungary. Do not begin eating until the host starts.
- When eating, keep your fork in your left hand and your knife in your right.
- Indicate you have finished eating by laying your knife and fork parallel across the right side of your plate.
- Europeans count by starting with the thumb to indicate one — instead of index finger.
- If you're planning to drink your coffee in the shop, you may be asked to sit and wait for them to serve you before paying. It's common to pay for your coffee when you leave the shop, rather than when you place your order.
- Grocery stores are almost always one-directional, meaning you'll need to enter through a turnstile and exit through the payment lane(s). It's a good idea not to enter a grocery store unless you're planning to buy something.
- Tipping is 10-12% and is never mandatory. For restaurants, a lot include service by default whereas others don't. Be sure to check your bill.

## FOOD

- Goulash — A meat and spice stew and can be served alone, as a soup, or over noodles.
- Chicken Paprikash — Chicken coated in a sour cream sauce with heavy paprika.
- Jókai Bean Soup — Made with vegetables, sausage, and topped with sour cream.
- Lecsó — The Hungarian version of vegetable soup.
- Palacsinta — Hungarian pancakes (thin, crepe-like pancakes, not fluffy American). Can be served either sweet or savory.
- Rakott Krumpli — A casserole made from layered potatoes, sour cream, sausage, and eggs.
- Kolbász — Hungarian sausage is practically an institution. There are endless varieties.

## COMMON PHRASES (Hungarian)

- Szia (see-ya) — Hi, hello, or goodbye
- Igen (eeghen) — Yes
- Nem (nehm) — No
- Kérem (key-rem) — Please
- Köszönöm (kew-sew-newm) — Thank you
- Jó napot (yoh nah-poht) — Good day or good morning
- Jó éjszakát (yoh ey-sa-kat) — Good night
- Elnézést (el-neh-zesht) — Excuse me
- Beszélsz angolul? (bes-ells an-go-lul) — Do you speak English?
- Segít (se-gít) — Help
- Rendőrség (rend-r-ség) — Police
- Kórház (kór-ház) — Hospital
- Vészhelyzet — Emergency
- Orvos (or-vos) — Doctor

# ABOUT BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Slovakia, officially the Slovak Republic, is a country in Central Europe. It is bordered by Poland to the north, Ukraine to the east, Hungary to the south, Austria to the west, and the Czech Republic to the northwest. The population is over 5.6 million and consists mostly of Slovaks.

Our home base, Bratislava, is the largest city with over 432,000, and is the capital of Slovakia. Bratislava is in southwestern Slovakia, occupying both banks of the Danube River and the left bank of the Morava River. It borders Austria and Hungary.

Bratislava is the political, cultural, and economic center of Slovakia. It is the seat of the Slovak president, the parliament, and the Slovak Executive. It has several universities, and many museums, theaters, galleries, and other cultural and educational institutions. Many of Slovakia's large businesses and financial institutions have headquarters here. In 2017, Bratislava was ranked as the third richest region of the European Union by GDP (PPP) per capita. Bratislava receives around 1 million tourists every year.

Bratislava is known for its Old Town, which is a historic neighborhood filled with charming narrow lanes, burgher's houses (wealthy citizens of Medieval Europe) and nobles' palaces in addition to many of the city's important buildings such as the former Palace of the Hungarian Estates, the late-Gothic building of the Academia Istropolitana, and the Leopold de Pauli Palace where Franz Liszt performed as a child. The best known castles in Bratislava include Bratislava Castle, Sigismund Castle, and the ruins of Devín Castle, and it's known for historical churches including the St. Martin's Cathedral which served as the coronation church for the Kingdom of Hungary.

## TIME ZONE

6 hours ahead. When it is 4:00pm on the trip, it is 10:00am in Kansas City.

## WEATHER

In Bratislava, the average March temperatures are between 39° to 56°F.

## CURRENCY

The official currency in Slovakia is the Euro.

Approximate conversion: 1 Euro = \$1.11 or \$1 = 0.9 Euros

## RELIGION

Christianity is the predominant religion in Slovakia. The majority (62%) of Slovaks belong to the Latin Church of Catholicism. Members of a Protestant denomination, mainly Lutheran or Reformed, account for 9%. Generally about one third of church members regularly attend church services.

## ETIQUETTE

- Check to see if your tip is included for taxis and restaurants. Typical tip percentage is 10% and rounded to a convenient number.
- Right-hands handshakes are common on first introductions and punctuality is valued.
- Men and women may kiss close friends and relatives on both cheeks during greeting and when leaving.
- Comfortable and casual clothing is standard for Bratislava. Jeans are popular for casual dress, along with layers. Women will wear a wrap/sweater for visiting religious sites.
- The formal greeting is "dobry den". The informal greeting "ahoj" (hi) is used among friends.

## ELECTRICITY

Bratislava uses 220 volts AC and the European-style plug (two circular metal pins). If your appliance has a voltage/conversion switch, all you will need is a plug adapter.

## FOOD

- Traditional Slovak cuisine is based mainly on pork, poultry (chicken is the most widely eaten, followed by duck, goose, and turkey), flour, potatoes, cabbage, and milk products.
- Lunches tend to be lengthy with several courses served because the noon meal is the main meal of the day.
- The traditional Slovak meals are bryndzové halušky, bryndzové pirohy and other meals with potato dough and bryndza.
- Bryndzové halušky must be on the menu of every traditional Slovak restaurant.
- Bryndza — Salty cheese made of a sheep milk, characterized by a strong taste and aroma.
- Kapustnica — A typical sauerkraut soup.

## COMMON PHRASES (Slovak)

- Dobrý den (DOH-bree den) — Hello
- Do videnia (doh VEE-deh-nyah) — Goodbye
- Prosim (PROH-seem) — Please
- Dakujem (JAH-koo-yehm) — Thank you
- Prosim (PROH-seem) — You're welcome
- Áno (AAH-noh) — Yes
- Nie (NYEE-eh) — No
- Pomoc (POH-mohts) — Help
- Prepácte (PREH-paach-tyeh) — Excuse me
- Hovoríš po anglicky (HOH-voh-ree-sh poh AHN-glits-kih?) — Do you speak English?
- Kde sú tu záchody? (gdeh soo too zaa-KOH-dee) — Where are the toilets?
- Nemocnica — Hospital
- Núdzový — Emergency
- Lekár — Doctor
- Polícia — Police

# ABOUT VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Austria, officially the Republic of Austria, is a country in Central Europe composed of nine federated states, one of which is Vienna, Austria's capital, and its largest city. Austria has a population of nearly 9 million people. It is bordered by Germany and the Czech Republic to the north, Slovakia and Hungary to the east, Slovenia and Italy to the south, and Switzerland and Liechtenstein to the west. German is the country's official language, and many Austrians communicate informally in a variety of Bavarian dialects.

We will spend our time in Vienna, Austria's capital. With a population of 1.9 million, it's the 7th largest city by population within city limits in the European Union. Vienna is known as the "City of Music" due to its musical legacy, including Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Joseph Haydn, Ludwig van Beethoven, Ferdinand Ries, Franz Schubert, Johannes Brahms, Gustav Mahler, Robert Stolz, and Arnold Schoenberg who have all worked there. Also it is known as the "City of Dreams," because it was home to the world's first psychoanalyst, Sigmund Freud. It is well known for having played a pivotal role as a leading European music center, from the age of Viennese Classicism through the early part of the 20th century. The historic center of Vienna is rich in architecture, including Baroque palaces and gardens, and the late-19th-century Ringstraße lined with grand buildings, monuments and parks. Vienna is home to the imperial palaces of Homburg and Schoenbrunn, the world's oldest zoo, the famous Lipizzaner horses, and the Vienna Boys Choir. Tourists also visit Beethoven's residences and grave in Central Cemetery which is the burial site for many other famous people as well, as well as St. Marx Cemetery where Mozart has a memorial.

## TIME ZONE

6 hours ahead. When it is 4:00pm on the trip, it is 10:00am in Kansas City.

## WEATHER

Average March temperatures in Vienna fall between 36° to 50°F.

## CURRENCY

The official currency in Austria is the Euro. Approx conversion: 1 Euro = \$1.11 or \$1 = 0.9 Euros

## ELECTRICITY

Austria uses 220 volts AC and the European-style plug (two circular metal pins).

## FOOD

- Vienna is well known for Wiener Schnitzel, a cutlet of veal (Kalbsschnitzel) or pork (Schweinsschnitzel) that is pounded flat, coated in flour, egg and breadcrumbs, and fried in butter. It is available in almost every restaurant that serves Viennese cuisine and can be eaten hot or cold.
- Tafelspitz — Very lean boiled beef which is traditionally served with Geröstete Erdäpfel (boiled potatoes mashed with a fork and fried) and horseradish sauce.

- Apfelkren — A mixture of horseradish, cream, and apple.
- Schnittlauchsauce — A chive sauce made with mayonnaise and stale bread.
- Palatschinken — Sweet pancakes.
- Knödel — Dumplings often filled with fruit such as apricots (Marillenknödel).
- Würstelstand — Sausages are popular and available from street vendors throughout the day and into the night.
- Mustard is the traditional condiment and usually offered in two varieties: "süß" (sweet) or "scharf" (spicy).

## ETIQUETTE

- Be patient when ordering at a restaurant or cafe. Viennese are not in as much of a rush as some Americans are used to.
- Check to see if your tip is included for taxis and restaurants. Typical tip percentage is 10%, and rounded to a convenient number.
- You may want to carry cash, as credit cards may be accepted, but are not as commonly used as in the US.
- You'll want to greet and thank when entering a shop, leaving a bus, and at all other occasions when interacting with people.

## RELIGION

Approximately 50% of Viennese are Roman Catholics, while 25.7% are of no religion, 7.8% are Muslim, 6.0% Orthodox denomination, 4.7% are Protestant (mostly Lutheran), 0.5% are Jewish and 6.3% are either of other religions.

## COMMON PHRASES (German)

- Guten Tag (GOOT-en tahk) — Good day (formal)
- Hallo — Hello (informal)
- Auf Wiedersehen (Ouf VEE-der-zane) — Goodbye (formal)
- Tschüss (t-ch-uice) — Bye (informal)
- Bitte (BITT-uh) — Please
- Danke (DAH-N-kuh) — Thank you
- Bitte (BITT-uh) — You're welcome
- Ja (yah) — Yes
- Nein (nine) — No
- Hilfe — Help
- Entschuldigen Sie (ent-SHOOL-degen see) — Excuse me
- Sprechen Sie Englisch (SPRA-shun see ANG-lish) — Do you speak English?
- Wo ist die Toilette? (vo ist dee toy-LET-uh) — Where's the restroom?
- Krankenhaus — Hospital
- Notfall — Emergency
- Ärztin (feminine) / Arzt (masculine) — Doctor
- Polizei — Police

# ABOUT PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic, also known as, Czechia, is a country in Central Europe bordered by Poland to the northeast, Slovakia to the southeast, Austria to the south, and Germany to the west. It has a population of 10.7 million. Its capital and largest city is Prague. Other major cities are Brno, Ostrava, Olomouc, and Pilsen.

The Czech Republic is a developed country with an advanced, high income social market economy. It is a welfare state with a European social model, universal health care, and tuition-free university education. It ranks as the eleventh safest and most peaceful country. We will be staying in Prague, which is the capital and largest city in the Czech Republic, the 14th largest city in the European Union, and the historical capital of Bohemia. It was the home to several Holy Roman Emperors. Situated on the Vltava River, Prague is home to about 1.3 million people, while its metropolitan area is estimated to have a population of 2.6 million. Prague has many well-known cultural attractions, such as Prague Castle, Charles Bridge, Old Town Square with the Prague astronomical clock, the Jewish Quarter, Petrín Hill, and Vyšehrad. It also has ten major museums, along with numerous theaters, galleries, cinemas, and other historical exhibits. It is home to Charles University, the oldest university in Central Europe, founded in 1348.

## TIME ZONE

6 hours ahead. When it is 4:00pm on the trip, it is 10:00am in Kansas City.

## WEATHER

Average March temperatures in Prague are 36° to 50°F.

## CURRENCY

As the official currency, the Czech Crown (CZK) or Koruna is the best and often the only possible currency to use when paying. Although the Czech Republic is part of the European Union, the euro is not widely accepted here. Some stores, restaurants and hotels accept payments in euros but the exchange rate may not be very good.

Approximate conversion: 1 Koruna = \$0.44 or \$1 = 22.76 Koruna

## RELIGION

Czechia is known as one of the least religious societies in Europe, with 35% of citizens stating they have no religion, 45% are undeclared, 10-12% are Catholics; 2-4% are Protestant, and a small percentage are Orthodox and Jehovah's Witnesses.

## ELECTRICITY

Czechia uses 220 volts AC and the European-style plug (two circular metal pins). If your appliance has a 120/240-volt switch, all you will need is a plug adapter.

## ETIQUETTE

- It's polite to say *dobrý den* (good day) when entering a shop, cafe or pub, and to say *na shledanou* (goodbye) when you leave. Czechs tend to speak quietly in public areas, and can be annoyed by foreigners who talk loudly in trams or restaurants.
- When tipping in restaurants, pubs, cafés, and taxis, round the bill to the next 10 CZK or 20 CZK, depending on your satisfaction and the total amount. For example, if your bill is 82 CZK you might say 90 CZK or 100 CZK. In some restaurants you might see a note on the bill reading 'service is not included.' If you wish to use a percentage, generally, a 10% gratuity is given, though it is not necessarily expected and by Czech standards this rate is considered generous.
- Public restrooms in Prague will cost around 10-15 CZK (Czech Crowns), so you'll want to have some coins. Restrooms are usually available at almost any metro station and fast food restaurant, at the Prague Castle, in Old Town Square by Starbucks and the Tyn Church and by the Charles Bridge (Old Town side.) Be prepared to pay for restrooms even in restaurants.

## FOOD

- The Czech Republic has a very traditional "meat and potatoes" cuisine with dishes heavy on gravies and root vegetables.
- *Veprů knedlo zelo* — Roasted pork served with dumplings and a side of pickled cabbage.
- *Schnitzel* — Piece of meat which is thinned by pounding with a meat tenderizer, then coated with flour, beaten eggs and bread crumbs, and then fried.
- *Goulash* — A beef stew that is originally from Hungary.

## COMMON PHRASES (Czech)

- *Dobrý den* (DOH-bree den) — Hello
- *Na shledanou* (naskhedanow) — Goodbye
- *Prosím* (PROH-seem) — Please
- *Dekuji* (dyekuyi) — Thank you
- *Prosím* (PROH-seem) — You're welcome
- *Áno* (AAH-noh) — Yes
- *Ne* — No
- *Pomoc* (POH-mohts) — Help
- *Promínte* (promintey) — Excuse me
- *Mluvíte anglicky?* (mlooveete anglitskee) — Do you speak English?
- *Kde jsou toalety* — Where are the restrooms?
- *Nemocnice* — Hospital
- *Nouzový* — Emergency
- *Doktor* — Doctor
- *Policie* — Police

## NOT COVERED IN TRIP COST

- Food and any other expenses you may have while in transit to and from the United States
- Lunches for 8 days
- Beverages other than what is provided with included meals
- Personal expenses (i.e. souvenir money)
- Any additional checked baggage fees
- Public toilets. See below.

## PUBLIC TOILETS

- Toilet types — In Europe, you may or may not encounter a familiar flushing mechanism. In older bathrooms, toilets may come with a pull string instead of a handle. In modern bathrooms, you may see two buttons on top of the tank — one performs a regular flush, the other (for lighter jobs) conserves water.
- Toilet paper — WCs (water closets) may not always be well stocked. If you're averse to the occasional drip-dry, carry pocket-size tissue packs.
- Paid toilets — Coin-operated toilets are common. It's a good idea to have coins on hand.
- Public toilets — Very limited. Many traditional public toilets are still operated by a washroom attendant and tipping is expected.

## FOLEY PACKING RULES

These rules are more lenient at the hotel, but they 100% apply everywhere else:

- **NO:** Sandals  
Shirts with writing (except "SME Choir")  
Ripped jeans  
Leggings (except under skirts)  
Shorts
- Tops — shoulders must be covered (NO spaghetti straps)
- Bottoms — ONLY long pants or long/maxi-skirts (NO exposed legs)
- Shoes must be closed-toed
- SME tour jacket must be worn at all times
- European dress is more formal than US. Shoulders and knees must be covered when inside churches.
- Baggage size limit — **23" x 16" x 10"** (necessary due to bus space)
- Please do NOT pack swim suits, blow dryers, or flat irons.
- Remember to pack your passport, valuables, and essentials in your carry-on bag. Bring full-trip supply of prescription meds with you in case checked bags are delayed.
- Pack all containers with liquids in Ziplocks to prevent leakage.
- Leave photocopies of your passport, all cards, and the completed packing list (for insurance purposes) at home.

## SAMPLE PACKING LIST

- This list is intended as a tool, not a requirement. Please customize for your personal needs.
- Bold — required to **show item to the SME coordinator at airport** before boarding.
- Asterisk \*— liquid (must be packed in checked baggage or put in a Ziplock for carry-on per TSA rules. Size restrictions may apply.)

### SHOW AT AIRPORT:

- boarding pass**
- passport**
- 2 WorldStrides tags** (on bags)
- SME Choir tour jacket** (it's water-resistant, not waterproof)
- SME Choir robe**
- white dress shirt**
- tie** (guys only)
- black dress pants/skirt**
- black socks** (guys only)
- black dress shoes**
- tuxedo/dress** (if Chambers)

- \_\_ short-sleeved shirts
- \_\_ long-sleeved shirts
- \_\_ shorts (hotel only)
- \_\_ jeans/pants/maxi skirts
- \_\_ underwear
- \_\_ bras
- \_\_ pajamas
- \_\_ socks
- \_\_ closed-toe shoes
- jacket/coat (for layering)
- gloves, hat, and scarf
- flip flops or shower shoes
- belt (if needed)
- hosiery (women only)
- travel poncho or umbrella
- sunglasses
- journal
- pen/pencil
- face cleaner\* or wipes
- make up\*
- Chapstick/lip balm
- face lotion\*
- body lotion\*
- sunscreen\*
- shampoo\* (hotels provide)
- conditioner\* (hotels may not provide)
- hairbrush and/or comb
- hair ties or head bands
- deodorant\*
- feminine products
- Q-tips
- razors/shaving supplies
- nail clippers/scissors
- tweezers
- toothbrush
- toothpaste\*
- dental floss
- dental retainers
- contact lenses
- contact solution\*
- eye drops\*
- eye glasses
- glasses cleaner\* + cloth
- glasses case
- earbuds
- water bottle (empty)
- dry snacks, gum, or hard candy
- hand wipes/sanitizer
- Tums
- Dramamine (non-drowsy)
- prescription meds in original bottles (keep full trip supply with you in carry-on bag)
- pepto anti-diarrheal tablets
- cold relief meds
- Band-aids
- Neosporin
- ibuprofen or acetaminophen
- allergy meds
- sleep mask
- travel pillow
- travel blanket
- ear plugs
- Kleenex (can also be use in public toilets)
- laundry bag
- safety pins
- Tide To Go\* or similar (for washing out clothes)

### OTHER ITEMS:

- 1 medium-sized suitcase (NOT to exceed 23" x 16" x 10")
- 1 carry-on bag
- \$50/\$50/\$50 equivalent currency of each (min)
- this travel book (with your Emergency Contacts on pg 1)
- photocopy of passport
- cash for airports
- debit/credit cards
- ATM card
- photocopy of all debit/credit cards (2 sides)
- money belt, pouch or cross-body purse
- cell phone and charger
- European multi-plug electrical adapter
- portable power charger/cord
- day/backpack (for robe & shoes on performance days)

## SAFETY TIPS

While Europe has little violent crime, it does have its share of petty purse snatching, pickpocketing, phone grabbing, and general ripping off of tourists — especially in places where tourists gather. Exercise adequate discretion, stay aware of your belongings, and avoid putting yourself into risky situations. Don't travel fearfully — travel carefully.

- **Be prepared** — Make copies and/or take photos of key documents, and store them online.
- **Phone** — Make sure you've got a "find my phone"-type app, back up your data, and enable password protection. While traveling, use the Wi-Fi at your hotel to backup your phone and its photos each night.
- **Wear a money belt** — A money belt is a small, zippered fabric pouch on an elastic strap that fastens around your waist, under your pants or skirt. Put anything you don't want to lose in it.
- **Secure your belongings while you're out** — Thieves want to quickly separate you from your valuables so even a minor obstacle can be an effective deterrent. If you're sitting down to eat, loop your daypack strap around your arm, leg, or chair leg. Most zippers are lockable, and even a twist-tie, paper clip, or key ring is helpful to keep your bag zipped up tight.
- **Never set down valuable items** — Don't place camera, phone, wallet on a restaurant table where they can be easily swiped. Keep these tucked away. When using your phone at a crowded café, put it in your front pocket (then return it to a safer place before you leave). Be aware of who's around you.
- **Stay vigilant in crowds and steer clear of commotions** — Go on instant alert anytime there's a commotion; it's likely a smokescreen for theft.
- **Establish a "don't lose it" discipline** — Always take a look behind you before leaving any place. At hotels, stick to an unpacking routine, and don't put things in odd places in the room. Run through a mental checklist every time you pack up again: money belt, passport, phone, other electronic gear, charging cords, toiletries, laundry, and so on.
- **Hotel room** — Leave any unneeded valuables plus spare cash in the hotel room safe or in a locked, wired-down, hard-sided suitcase.
- **Safeguard your bank card PIN code** — "Shoulder surfing" (a thief watching you as you type your PIN into a keypad) is worth being aware of. When entering your PIN, block other people's view of the keypad by covering it with your free hand. Also note, some European countries ATM's will only accept cards with four digit codes (not six).
- **Inspect the ATM for card skimmers** — Before inserting your card into a cash machine, inspect the front (especially if it's not inside a bank). If anything looks crooked, loose, or damaged (or if the entry to the card slot bulges out dramatically) it could be a sign of a card-skimming device.
- **Call your credit card/bank** — Before you leave on the trip, let your credit card company and bank know that you will be traveling internationally and the dates you will be gone.
- **Pay in the local currency** — Even if offered for payment in US dollars, play in the local currency and save yourself money.

## CHAPERONE SUMMARY

✉ YOUR GROUP

**GROUP 1**  
BUS 4 **Bria Foley**  
Jilli Foley  
Caroline Kuhlman  
Stella McKinney  
Lindsey Packer  
Megan Biles  
Bella Tegtmeier  
Sydney Decker  
Grace Kirkland  
Jodie Duncan  
Ella Vitt

**GROUP 2**  
BUS 2 **Amy Haulmark**  
Jacob Johnson  
Price Terrill  
Jack Haulmark  
Austin Housley  
Charles Birt  
Tommy Scott  
Ben Cowden  
Eli Fay  
Joe Krause  
Carson Holmes  
Blake Eason  
Jack Hays

**GROUP 3**  
BUS 2 **Sarah Eason**  
**Michael Eason**  
Deidre Poague  
Alexis Proctor  
Brooke Blair  
Caroline Eason  
Kelsey Christensen  
Ellie Freeman  
Maisie Sheets  
Kennedy Kaufman  
Anna Heide  
Jane Ford

**GROUP 4**  
BUS 1 **Denny Chinnock**  
Ava Chinnock  
Quinci Cartmell  
Laura La Forgia  
Elizabeth Weedman  
Clara Hampton  
Stella Koch-Jameson  
Tess Miller  
Shannon Burns  
Kelly Murphy

**GROUP 5**  
BUS 4 **Krissie Wiggins**  
Cole Foshier  
Will Lowry  
Dom Zanone  
Brady Friend  
Nick Peterson  
Wyatt Backer  
Rich Wiggins  
Jack Stanford  
Alex Dinyer  
Jack Slaughter  
Ben Henschel  
Jackson Bunte

**GROUP 6**  
BUS 1 **Sheri Weedman**  
Lauren Dornbusch  
Evelyn Roesner  
Elizabeth Sandstrom  
Sydney Riecker  
Ishara DePaepe  
Annie Elmore  
Elizabeth Fredrick  
Mary McConville  
Macie Stump  
Claire Perkins Rock

**GROUP 7**  
BUS 4 **Krystal Schwabauer**  
Gracie Schwabauer  
Abbie Delaney  
Tatum Hood  
Sophia Lail  
Alyssa Allen  
Ellie Tagtalianidis  
Haley Wohler  
Riley Riecker  
Iris Hannon  
Mary Scimeca

**GROUP 8**  
BUS 1 **Lorry Nelson**  
Jackson Bibb  
Parker McElhinney  
Ben Blickhan  
Jack Heeney  
Fischer Kirchoff  
Nick Edge  
Will Swan  
Charlie Hill  
Jack Reaves  
Will Green  
Jack Waters

**GROUP 9**  
BUS 3 **Lisa Veglahn**  
Caroline Chisholm  
Elizabeth Long  
Ryan Gossick  
Camryn Gossick  
Diane MacAdam  
Allie Erdner  
Elise Griffith  
Margaret Veglahn  
Sabrina Feigenbaum  
Colette Worthington

**GROUP 10**  
BUS 3 **David Von Drehle**  
Clara Von Drehle  
Lucy Brock  
Maddy Slaughter  
Brooklyn Beck  
Paige Lynch  
Janie Carr  
Henry Morgan  
Reilly Kenney  
Sophia Theunemann  
Abigail Williams



# TRAVELER ASSIGNMENTS

All travelers are listed in alphabetical order by last name. There are a total of 183 travelers — 104 students, 67 parents, 8 siblings, and 4 faculty.

LAST	FIRST	TYPE	ROOMMATE LAST	ROOMMATE FIRST	CHAPERONE	BUS	TOUR
Allen	Alyssa	Student	Tagtalianidis	Ellie	Schwabauer	4	2
Backer	Wyatt	Student	Wiggins	Rich	Wiggins	4	4
Beck	Brooklyn	Student	Slaughter	Maddy	Von Drehle	3	5
Beck	Shannon	Parent	-	-	-	3	5
Bibb	Jackson	Student	McElhinney	Parker	Nelson	1	3
Biles	Bradley	Parent	-	-	-	2	1
Biles	Megan	Student	Tegtmeier	Bella	Foley	4	1
Biles	Sarah	Parent	-	-	-	2	1
Birt	Charles	Student	Scott	Tommy	Haulmark	2	6
Blair	Brooke	Student	Eason	Caroline	Eason	2	3
Blair	Marcus	Parent	-	-	-	3	5
Blair	Susan	Faculty	-	-	-	3	5
Blickhan	Ben	Student	Heaney	Jack	Nelson	1	3
Blickhan	Mary	Parent	-	-	-	3	3
Brock	Carter	Sibling	-	-	-	2	5
Brock	Lauren	Sibling	-	-	-	2	5
Brock	Lucy	Student	Von Drehle	Clara	Von Drehle	3	5
Brock	Randy	Parent	-	-	-	2	5
Bunte	Jackson	Student	Dinyer	Alex	Wiggins	4	4
Burns	Brynn	Parent	-	-	-	2	2
Burns	Donald	Parent	-	-	-	2	2
Burns	Sam	Sibling	-	-	-	2	2
Burns	Shannon	Student	Murphy	Kelly	Chinnock	1	2
Bury	Sherris	Parent	-	-	-	3	5
Carr	Delia	Parent	-	-	-	3	5
Carr	Janie	Student	Lynch	Paige	Von Drehle	3	5
Cartmell	Quinci	Student	Koch-Jameson	Stella	Chinnock	1	2
Chamberlin	Kyle	Faculty	-	-	-	2	1
Chinnock	Ava	Student	Clara Hampton &	Laura La Forgia	Chinnock	1	2
Chinnock	Dennis	Parent	-	-	-	1	2
Chinnock	Nicholas	Sibling	-	-	-	1	2
Chisholm	Caroline	Student	Elizabeth Long &	Diane MacAdam	Veglahn	3	6
Chisholm	Laura	Parent	-	-	-	3	5
Chisholm	William	Parent	-	-	-	3	5
Christensen	Kelsey	Student	Freeman	Ellie	Eason	2	3
Cooley	Casey	Parent	-	-	-	2	5
Cowden	Ben	Student	Fay	Eli	Haulmark	2	6
Decker	Sydney	Student	Kirkland	Grace	Foley	4	1
Delaney	Abbie	Student	Abigail Williams &	Sophia Theunemann	Schwabauer	4	2
DePaepe	Ishara	Student	Elmore	Annie	Weedman	1	1
Dinyer	Alex	Student	Bunte	Jackson	Wiggins	4	4
Dornbusch	Lauren	Student	Roesner	Evelyn	Weedman	1	1

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Dornbusch	Sarah	Parent	-	-	-	1	1
Duncan	Jodie	Student	Vitt	Ella	Foley	4	1
Eason	Blake	Student	Hays	Jack	Haulmark	2	6
Eason	Caroline	Student	Blair	Brooke	Eason	2	3
Eason	Michael	Parent	-	-	-	2	3
Eason	Sarah	Parent	-	-	-	2	3
Edge	Nick	Student	Kirchhoff	Fischer	Nelson	1	3
Elmore	Annie	Student	DePaepe	Ishara	Weedman	1	1
Erdner	Allie	Student	Griffith	Elise	Veglahn	3	6
Erdner	Julie	Parent	-	-	-	4	6
Erdner	Paul	Parent	-	-	-	4	6
Fay	Eli	Student	Cowden	Ben	Haulmark	2	6
Feigenbaum	Sabrina	Student	Veglahn	Margaret	Veglahn	3	6
Foley	Bria	Sibling	-	-	-	4	1
Foley	Carol	Parent	-	-	-	2	1
Foley	Heather	Parent	-	-	-	2	1
Foley	Jilli	Student	Kuhlman	Caroline	Foley	4	1
Foley	Ken	Faculty	-	-	-	2	1
Ford	Jane	Student	Heide	Anna	Eason	2	3
Fosher	Cole	Student	Stanford	Jack	Wiggins	4	4
Fredrick	Elizabeth	Student	McConville	Mary	Weedman	1	1
Freeman	Ellie	Student	Christensen	Kelsey	Eason	2	3
Friend	Anna	Parent	-	-	-	3	4
Friend	Brady	Student	Peterson	Nick	Wiggins	4	4
Garverick	Kristine	Parent	-	-	-	3	4
Goist	Glenn	Parent	-	-	-	3	4
Gossick	Allison	Parent	-	-	-	2	4
Gossick	Camryn	Student	Gossick	Ryan	Veglahn	3	6
Gossick	Ryan	Student	Gossick	Camryn	Veglahn	3	6
Green	Will	Student	Reaves	Jack	Nelson	1	3
Greenberg	Tamra	Parent	-	-	-	3	3
Griffith	Cynthia	Parent	-	-	-	4	6
Griffith	Elise	Student	Erdner	Allie	Veglahn	3	6
Griffith	Patrick	Parent	-	-	-	4	6
Hampton	Clara	Student	Ava Chinnock &	Laura La Forgia	Chinnock	1	2
Hannon	Iris	Student	Scimeca	Mary	Schwabauer	4	2
Haulmark	Amy	Parent	-	-	-	2	6
Haulmark	Jack	Student	Housley	Austin	Haulmark	2	6
Hays	Jack	Student	Eason	Blake	Haulmark	2	6
Heaney	Jack	Student	Blickhan	Ben	Nelson	1	3
Heide	Anna	Student	Ford	Jane	Eason	2	3
Henschel	Ben	Student	Slaughter	Jack	Wiggins	4	4
Hill	Charlie	Student	Swan	Will	Nelson	1	3
Holmes	Carson	Student	Krause	Joe	Haulmark	2	6
Hood	Tatum	Student	Lail	Sophia	Schwabauer	4	2
Housley	Austin	Student	Haulmark	Jack	Haulmark	2	6
Johnson	Jacob	Student	Terrill	Price	Haulmark	2	6
Johnson	Kristin	Parent	-	-	-	4	4

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LAST	FIRST	TYPE	ROOMMATE LAST	ROOMMATE FIRST	CHAPERONE	BUS	TOUR
Kaufman	Kennedy	Student	Sheets	Maisie	Eason	2	3
Kenney	Reilly	Student	Morgan	Henry	Von Drehle	3	5
Kinney	John	Parent	-	-	-	1	4
Kinney	Laura	Parent	-	-	-	1	4
Kirchhoff	Fischer	Student	Edge	Nick	Nelson	1	3
Kirkland	Grace	Student	Decker	Sydney	Foley	4	1
Koch-Jameson	Connor	Sibling	-	-	-	1	2
Koch-Jameson	Kellee	Parent	-	-	-	1	2
Koch-Jameson	Stella	Student	Cartmell	Quinci	Chinnock	1	2
Krause	Joe	Student	Holmes	Carson	Haulmark	2	6
Krause	Stephanie	Parent	-	-	-	2	4
Kuhlman	Caroline	Student	Foley	Jilli	Foley	4	1
Kuhlman	Cynthia	Parent	-	-	-	3	1
La Forgia	Laura	Student	Ava Chinnock &	Clara Hampton	Chinnock	1	2
Lail	Sophia	Student	Hood	Tatum	Schwabauer	4	2
Long	Elizabeth	Student	Caroline Chisholm &	Diane MacAdam	Veglahn	3	6
Long	Jean	Parent	-	-	-	3	5
Long	Paul	Parent	-	-	-	3	5
Lowry	Amanda	Parent	-	-	-	3	4
Lowry	Will	Student	Zanone	Dom	Wiggins	4	4
Lynch	Gregory	Parent	-	-	-	3	5
Lynch	Paige	Student	Carr	Janie	Von Drehle	3	5
Lynch	Tiffany	Parent	-	-	-	3	5
MacAdam	Diane	Student	Caroline Chisholm &	Elizabeth Long	Veglahn	3	6
MacAdam	Lori	Parent	-	-	-	4	6
MacAdam	Michael	Parent	-	-	-	4	6
McConville	Mary	Student	Fredrick	Elizabeth	Weedman	1	1
McElhinney	Parker	Student	Bibb	Jackson	Nelson	1	3
McKinney	John	Faculty	-	-	-	1	4
McKinney	Shazon	Parent	-	-	-	1	4
McKinney	Stella	Student	Packer	Lindsey	Foley	4	1
Miller	Tess	Student	Weedman	Elizabeth	Chinnock	1	2
Morgan	Henry	Student	Kenney	Reilly	Von Drehle	3	5
Murphy	Kelly	Student	Burns	Shannon	Chinnock	1	2
Nelson	Christine	Parent	-	-	-	1	3
Nelson	Lorry	Parent	-	-	-	1	3
Packer	Lindsey	Student	McKinney	Stella	Foley	4	1
Perkins Rock	Claire	Student	Stump	Macie	Weedman	1	1
Peterson	Nick	Student	Friend	Brady	Wiggins	4	4
Poague	Deidre	Student	Proctor	Alexis	Eason	2	3
Poague	Hailey	Sibling	-	-	-	2	3
Poague	Larry	Parent	-	-	-	2	3
Poague	Sheryl	Parent	-	-	-	2	3
Proctor	Alexis	Student	Poague	Deidre	Eason	2	3
Reaves	Jack	Student	Green	Will	Nelson	1	3

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Riecker	Melissa	Parent	-	-	-	3	1
Riecker	Riley	Student	Wohler	Haley	Schwabauer	4	2
Riecker	Sydney	Student	Sandstrom	Elizabeth	Weedman	1	1
Roesner	Evelyn	Student	Dornbusch	Lauren	Weedman	1	1
Sandstrom	Elizabeth	Student	Riecker	Sydney	Weedman	1	1
Schwabauer	Gracie	Student	Worthington	Colette	Schwabauer	4	2
Schwabauer	Krystal	Parent	-	-	-	4	2
Scimeca	Mary	Student	Hannon	Iris	Schwabauer	4	2
Scott	Tommy	Student	Birt	Charles	Haulmark	2	6
Sheets	Maisie	Student	Kaufman	Kennedy	Eason	2	3
Slaughter	Bradley	Parent	-	-	-	2	4
Slaughter	Jack	Student	Henschel	Ben	Wiggins	4	4
Slaughter	Leslie	Parent	-	-	-	2	4
Slaughter	Maddy	Student	Beck	Brooklyn	Von Drehle	3	5
Stanford	Jack	Student	Fosher	Cole	Wiggins	4	4
Stanford	John	Parent	-	-	-	3	4
Stanford	Kimberly	Parent	-	-	-	3	4
Swan	Macie	Student	Perkins Rock	Claire	Weedman	1	1
Swan	Will	Student	Hill	Charlie	Nelson	1	3
Tagtalianidis	Deborah	Parent	-	-	-	1	2
Tagtalianidis	Ellie	Student	Allen	Alyssa	Schwabauer	4	2
Tegtmeier	Bella	Student	Biles	Megan	Foley	4	1
Terrill	Price	Student	Johnson	Jacob	Haulmark	2	6
Thayer	Judith	Parent	-	-	-	3	5
Thuememann	Charlotte	Parent	-	-	-	3	5
Theunemann	Sophia	Student	Abigail Williams &	Abbie Delaney	Von Drehle	3	5
Veglahn	Lisa	Parent	-	-	-	3	6
Veglahn	Margaret	Student	Feigenbaum	Sabrina	Veglahn	3	6
Vitt	Ella	Student	Duncan	Jodie	Foley	4	1
Von Drehle	Clara	Student	Brock	Lucy	Von Drehle	3	5
Von Drehle	David	Parent	-	-	-	3	5
Waters	Allison	Parent	-	-	-	1	3
Waters	Jack	Student	-	-	Nelson	1	3
Waters	James	Parent	-	-	-	1	3
Weedman	Elizabeth	Student	Miller	Tess	Chinnock	1	2
Weedman	Sheri	Parent	-	-	-	1	1
Wiggins	Kristyn	Parent	-	-	-	4	4
Wiggins	Rich	Student	Backer	Wyatt	Wiggins	4	4
Williams	Abigail	Student	Abbie Delaney &	Sophia Theunemann	Von Drehle	3	5
Williams	Janet	Parent	-	-	-	4	5
Williams	Lillian	Sibling	-	-	-	4	5
Wohler	Angela	Parent	-	-	-	4	2
Wohler	Gregory	Parent	-	-	-	4	2
Wohler	Haley	Student	Riecker	Riley	Schwabauer	4	2
Worthington	Colette	Student	Schwabauer	Gracie	Veglahn	3	6
Zanone	Dom	Student	Lowry	Will	Wiggins	4	4
Zanone	Julie	Parent	-	-	-	1	4
Zanone	Stephen	Parent	-	-	-	1	4

**DAY 1**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12** — Departure from Kansas City

Please arrive at the airport terminal by the time assigned to your Flight Group. The SME airport coordinator will check all students for their required items, including passport and full choir dress items.

My flights \_\_\_\_\_

**DAY 2**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13** — Budapest

Arrive in Budapest

Tour guides will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.

We will have the use of a private coach and driver while touring. The guides for the duration of our trip are: Monika Jandova, Jan Drahota, Michal Hartl, and Eva Jelinkova.

**Budapest**

Welcome to Budapest, a modern cultural center and the capital of Hungary. Consisting of two parts, Buda and Pest, that are divided by the beautiful Danube River.

**Lunch on own**

**4:00 pm CET** Check in at Hotel Mercure Buda  
This will be our base for the next three nights.

**6:00 pm CET** Dinner Cruise. Tour of Danube  
Take a boat tour of the Danube, a relaxing and scenic introduction to Budapest. Highlights of the trip will include Elizabeth Bridge, Chain Bridge, St. Anne's Church, St. Elizabeth's Church, the Centenary Monument, Margaret Bridge, and the spectacular Houses of Parliament.

Travel notes:

**DAY 3**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14** — Budapest

Breakfast at hotel

**9:00 am CET** Depart hotel  
Have your concert attire with you when we leave this morning.

Enjoy a walking tour through Old Town with local guides (groups of 30).

Highlights include the State Archives, Lord's Street, Mihaly Tancsics Street, and Holy Trinity Square. We will also visit the Budapest Hilton which incorporates ruins and artifacts from a 13th Century structure upon which it is built.

**11:45 am CET** Rehearsal at St. Stephen's Basilica  
We have rehearsal time but the basilica will still be open to the public.

**1:00 pm CET** Lunch on own

**3:00-3:30 pm** Performance at St. Stephen's Basilica  
Arrive and prepare for performance

**3:30-4:30 pm** Performance

**7:00 pm CET** Dinner at Marble Bride (Marvanymenyasszony)  
We will walk to the restaurant from our hotel (appr. 6 minute walk)

Travel notes:

**DAY 4****SUNDAY, MARCH 15** — Budapest**National Holiday**

Today is a national holiday, Hungarian Revolution Day. It is also known as Revolution and Independence Day. This day marks the anniversary of the start of the 1848 Revolution against the Austrian Empire, and it is similar to the Fourth of July in the US.

Breakfast at hotel

**9:00 am CET** Depart hotel for Danube Bend region  
Approximate drive time 1.5 hours

**Szentendre** — Explore the city of Szentendre, an artist village with cobblestone streets, colorful houses, and baroque architecture.

**Visegrad** — Continue to the town of Visegrad, the location of the king's early renaissance summer palace.

**Lunch on own**

**Esztergom** — Visit Esztergom, nicknamed Hungarian Rome.

**4:00 pm CET** Impromptu Performance  
Today we will have the opportunity for an impromptu performance at Esztergom Cathedral. We will sing two pieces.

**4:30 pm CET** Depart for dinner in Budapest  
Approximate drive time 1.5 hours

**6:00 pm CET** Dinner at Szeker Csarda  
Enjoy dinner and live gypsy music this evening as a farewell to Budapest.

Travel notes:

**DAY 5****MONDAY, MARCH 16** — Bratislava

Breakfast at hotel

**8:00 am CET** Check out of hotel. Load bags on coaches.

**8:30 am CET** Depart Budapest for Bratislava  
Approximate drive time 3 hours

**11:30 am CET** Guided walking tour of Bratislava  
Enjoy a 2 hour walking tour with local guides (groups of 30).

**Bratislava**

Bratislava is the capital of Slovakia, and between 1541-1784, was the capital of Hungary. Bratislava was named Pressburg under the Austro-Hungarian Empire when it was the capital of Hungary in all but name. The historic center is characterized by its many baroque palaces.

**Lunch on own**

**3:00 pm CET** Check in at Doubletree by Hilton Bratislava  
This will be our base for the next two nights.

**4:30 pm CET** Performance at Slovak Radio Hall, Studio 2  
Depart hotel for venue

**5:00 pm CET** Rehearsal

**7:00 pm CET** Performance

**9:00 pm CET** Dinner at Centralna Klubovna

Travel notes:

**DAY 6****TUESDAY, MARCH 17** — Bratislava

Breakfast at hotel

**8:30 am CET** Depart for Melk Abbey and Vienna  
Approximate drive time 3 hours to Melk Abbey

**11:30 am CET** Melk Abbey  
55 minute guided tour (groups of 45)

Melk Abbey is one of the finest baroque buildings in the world. Our tour of the Abbey will include: the Marble Hall, which contains pilasters coated in red plaster, and a richly painted allegorical picture on the ceiling; the library with some 80,000 original volumes; and the Kaisergang (Emperor's Gallery) which is decorated with portraits of Austrian rulers.

We may have the opportunity for an impromptu performance at the Abbey. Subject to final approval on day of visit.

**Lunch** Due to our location and in the interest of time, boxed lunches will be provided by hotel.

**2:00 pm CET** Depart for Vienna  
Approximate drive time 2 hours

**Vienna**

For 600 years, Vienna was the glittering capital of the Habsburg Empire. Today, it is the capital of Austria. Vienna has an incomparable musical heritage, having been the home of Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Haydn, Brahms, and Johann Strauss.

**4:00 pm CET** Guided tour of Vienna  
Two hour walking tour with local guides (groups of 30)

Guided city tour of Vienna including: Ring Avenue, the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Mozart's "Figaro House", City Hall, Central Cemetery and the beauty of Vienna's Inner City.

**6:00 pm CET** Dinner at Rathauskeller

**8:30 pm CET** Depart for Bratislava  
Approximate drive time 1.5 hours

Travel notes:

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**DAY 7****WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18** — Prague

Breakfast at hotel

**7:30 am CET** Check out of hotel. Load bags on coaches.

**8:00 am CET** Depart Bratislava for Czesky Krumlov. Approximate drive time 4.5 hours

Free time in Czesky Krumlov. Located in Bohemia's deep south, it is one of the most picturesque towns in Europe. This UNESCO World Heritage Site with a stunning castle above the Vltava River, an old town square, Renaissance and Baroque architecture, and is a miniature Prague. It takes just 20 minutes to walk from one side of town to the other.

**Lunch on own**

**3:00 pm CET** Depart Czesky Krumlov for Prague. Approximate drive time 3.5 hours.

**Prague**

Prague is the capital of Czechia. Built on seven hills astride the Vltava River. The beauty of Prague is legendary. Goethe described the city as "the most precious stone in the crown of this world."

**6:30 pm CET** Check in at Hotel Don Giovanni, Prague  
This will be our base for the next three nights.

**8:00 pm CET** Dinner at Zelivarna. We will walk from the hotel to the restaurant

**DAY 8****THURSDAY, MARCH 19** — Prague

Breakfast at hotel

**10:00 am CET** Depart hotel  
Have your concert attire with you when we leave this morning.

Walking tour of Prague. Two hour guided tour (groups of 30). Local guides will take us on a sightseeing tour of Old Town Prague including Jewish Quarter and entrance of Old-New Synagogue.

**Lunch on own****Free time in Prague**

**5:00 pm CET** Performance at Czech Museum of Music  
Rehearsal

**7:00 pm CET** Performance

**9:00 pm CET** Dinner at Velka Klasterni  
Walk to the restaurant from the performance venue (appr. 7 min walk)

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**DAY 9**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20** — Prague

Breakfast at hotel

**9:30 am CET** Depart hotel for Terezin  
Approximate drive time 1.5 hours

**11:00 am CET** Terezin  
Walking tour is 75 minutes.

Terezin was a concentration camp 30 miles south of Prague in the Czech Republic during World War II. In 1940, Nazi Germany assigned the Gestapo to turn Terezin into a Jewish ghetto and concentration camp. It primarily held Jews from Czechoslovakia, as well as Jews deported from Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, and Denmark. More than 150,000, including 15,000 children, were sent here and held for months, or even years.

Following our tour, we have the opportunity for an impromptu performance (1-2 pieces, pre-approved)

**Lunch** Due to lack of lunch options at Terezin, boxed lunches will be provided by the hotel.

**2:00 pm CET** Depart for Prague  
Approximate driving time 1.5 hours

**3:30 pm CET** Prague Castle and Lesser Town  
Enjoy a guided walking tour around Prague Castle courtyards and Lesser Town.

**6:00 pm CET** Farewell dinner. Vltava River Cruise  
Duration of 2 hours

We will take a Vltava River Cruise, which offers a unique view of many of Prague's most magnificent and important monuments and buildings. These include Hanavsky Pavilion, Old Town Bridge and Tower, the Smetana Museum, Vltava Weir, the National Theatre, and the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Travel notes:

**DAY 10**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21** — Depart for home

Breakfast at hotel

Check out of hotel and head to the airport at designated departure time.

My flights \_\_\_\_\_  
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**NOTES**



**BUDAPEST**



**BRATISLAVA**



**VIENNA**



**PRAGUE**

Travel notes:

# 2020 CHORALIERS PERFORMANCE TOUR



THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE'S HARD WORK!

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