



AUSTRIA & CZECH REPUBLIC TRIP INFORMATION

Monday, January 29, 2018

Traveling party



- 89 performers plus 9 adults
- Dr. Holbrook, Director
- Dr. Mallanda, Administrator
- Bevin Newton, Trip Coordinator
- Dave Hunnicutt, Medical

- Teresa Cornell, David Kosen, Greg Lege,
Rachel Thornton, Cindy Krakowski

Code of conduct & cell phone sheet



- This must be signed by both parent and student and turned in to their chaperone before leaving tonight.

Dr. Mallanda

- School rules for 24 hours a day.
- Alcohol, drugs, vaping..
- \$3390.88 for walk-up ticket from Vienna to Atlanta (for today as of this morning)

Medication



- ❑ Cobb County policy states that prescriptions medications must be handled by a Cobb County employee. This will be Mr. Hunnicutt
- ❑ Please pick up a form for every medication that your student will be taking on the trip. Forms are available at the table in the lobby.
- ❑ We will have basic first aid and medications available as we travel. Students may bring OTC medications with them.

Time and Punctuality

- Once you are with the group, you're with the group. No going off with family/friends that might be in Europe.
- Wear a watch!
- “The Rule of Many”



Safety



- ❑ Stay with our group. You will stay with our group from the time we leave Walton until we return, even if your parent is traveling abroad too.
- ❑ Wear lanyard at all times: you will have a daily itinerary card
- ❑ Do not tell anyone where we are staying, etc.
- ❑ Pick-pocketing
- ❑ Stay with chaperone groups/ groups of 3 if there's free time

Water and Sleep



Water is a must. You will get dehydrated on a long plane ride, plus we'll be walking a lot too

Sleep is very important.

Bus Rules



- ❑ Please no going in the bathrooms unless it's an emergency.
- ❑ If you have to puke, please tell us instead of puking on the bus.
- ❑ We will have dramamine and hopefully anti-nausea gum.

Meals

- ❑ Meals are not optional.
- ❑ Vegetarians: be flexible
- ❑ Try new things! You might like it! When in Austria... try Austrian dishes!



Hotel Rules Review



- ❑ Do not go to anyone else's hotel room.
- ❑ Lights out will be strictly enforced.
- ❑ Don't drink the bottle of water or anything from a mini bar.

Traveling with Instruments



- Make sure your instrument is insured
- Violas are VIOLINS

Violins & “violins” are the carry-ons

Rehearsals & Concerts



- Monday, February 5th: rehearsal schedule to be announced.
- Sunday, February 11th: Concert at Dodgen at 3:00PM. Arrive at 2:00PM for warm-up.

Packing: Tuesday 2/13

- There is an entire process.
- You will need
 - ▣ Extra set of strings
 - ▣ Damp-it
- Donations needed
 - ▣ Old towels
 - ▣ Bubble wrap
 - ▣ Scissors



Thursday, February 15th

- Report to Walton theater at 11:00AM. Please eat lunch before you arrive. Bring your luggage, passport, any immigrant documents. Wear your black trip shirt.
- Check in stations
 1. Weigh station for baggage
 2. Document Check: be sure you have your passport and any specific immigrant documents (visa, green card, etc.)
 3. Uniform check: all parts
 4. Bag tags and lanyards: from this point you are wearing your lanyard at all times.
 5. Medication check-in
- Noon -Depart for the Airport: International Terminal
- We will check-in and travel through security with chaperone groups.
- Lufthansa Flight 445: Depart Atlanta 4:50PM

Friday, February 16

- Arrive in Frankfurt at 7:45AM
- 10: 15AM: Depart Frankfurt via Lufthansa Flight #100
- Arrive in Munich & Meet Tour Guides
- Lunch on own
- Bus to Salzburg
- Check-in to Hotel.
- Welcome Dinner.
- Good night's sleep!



Salzburg Hotel

- Hotel Wyndham
Grand Salzburg
Conference Centre
- February 16-18



European hotels are small



What is that?



Saturday, February 17th

- ❑ Buffet breakfast at hotel
- ❑ Guided tour of Salzburg
- ❑ Sound of Music tour
- ❑ Concert at Ostermiething Cultural Center
- ❑ Dinner at concert venue



Sunday, February 18

- Buffet breakfast at hotel
- Check-out of hotel; head to Mondsee
- Lunch en route; visit Melk Abbey
- Dinner at hotel in Vienna



Vienna hotel

- Hotel Ananas
- February 18-21



Monday, February 19

- ❑ Buffet breakfast
- ❑ Guided tour of historical Vienna
- ❑ Lunch on own
- ❑ Time to explore Vienna on own.
- ❑ Dinner at local restaurant



Tuesday, February 20

- Buffet breakfast at hotel
- Motorcoach to Eisenstadt: lunch en route on own
- Vienna Central Cemetery
- Rehearsal/Concert at Minoritenkirche
- Dinner at Hotel



Wednesday, February 21

- Buffet breakfast at hotel; check-out
- Transfer to Prague
- Lunch on route
- Visit Terezin
- Check-in to hotel; dinner at hotel



Prague hotel

- Hotel NH Prague
- February 21-24



Thursday, February 22

- Breakfast buffet at hotel
- Guided tour of Prague: Castle District, Daliborka Tower, etc.
- Lunch on own
- Afternoon to explore on own
- Dinner at local restaurant in Prague



Friday, February 23

- ❑ Buffet breakfast
- ❑ Musical Prague Tour
- ❑ Lunch on own
- ❑ Rehearsal & Concert at Dvorak Hall
- ❑ Farewell Dinner at restaurant
- ❑ Early bedtime!



Saturday, February 24



- 4:00Am: Box breakfast from hotel
- 4:15AM: Depart for airport
- 6:50AM: Depart Prague via Lufthansa Flight 1403
- 8:05AM: Arrive in Frankfurt
- 10:30AM: Depart Frankfurt via Lufthansa Flight 444
- 2:55PM: Please track our flight and meet us in baggage claim inside the International terminal. Each student must be signed out with their chaperone.

Packing list



- ❑ See individual sheet
- ❑ Carry-on: backpack and instrument ONLY. Nothing else.
- ❑ Weight limit: 50lbs. 50.5lbs is too much.
- ❑ Remember you'll want to bring home souvenirs...
- ❑ Gentlemen: no jackets for uniform. We will have ties!
- ❑ Everyone: coat, boots/shoes with traction, hat, gloves, etc. plan to dress in layers! Remember waterproof could be important.

Weather

- Prague: average high 39; average low 27F
- Salzburg: average high 41F; average low 25F
- Vienna: average high 39F ; average low 32F



Baggie for Liquids

- ❑ You must put any liquids that you are planning to carry-on the airplane in a quart size clear baggie.
- ❑ Liquids must be 3oz or less.



Currency

- Czech Republic: koruna
1 koruna = 5 cents
Some hotels, shops and restaurants accept Euros as well, but many only take Czech Crowns (korunas).
- Austria and Germany: Euro
1 euro = 1.24 US dollars



Banking



- Call your bank/credit card to inform them of travel
- Travelers checks are no longer traditional when travelling abroad.
- Visa, MasterCard, and Amex all have pre-paid travel cards that can be pre-loaded with amounts.
- Best thing to do is use a credit card as you get the best exchange rate.
- Plan to bring approximately \$200 US or \$170 Euros (lunches are on own; souvenirs)
- Go to your bank and ask them about getting Euros.
- You will need coins for the bathrooms in public places!

Electrical outlets

Type B to C/E convertor for the outlet itself.

Austria runs on 220V. The U.S. runs on 110V. You may or may not need this adapter. For example, my computer charger says "voltage input between 110 and 220."

You will need an adapter for hair dryers, etc.



Cell phones in Europe

- Airplane mode with wifi is the best
- Wifi Apps: Whatsapp; Viber, iMessages; Facetime are free on Wi-fi!



Examples of calling prices without an international plan

- AT&T: \$1.50 x minute; \$.50 per text message; \$1.30 per picture message
- Verizon \$2.49 x minute; \$.50 per text message (.05 per received text); \$.25 for picture message
- TMobile: \$1.49 per minute; \$.50 per text message; .50 per picture message
- Sprint: \$2.99 per minute; \$.50 per text/picture message (\$.05 per received text);

Sample Data information



- 1 gigabyte = 1,024 megabytes = 1,048,576 kilobytes
- 1 megabyte of data is \$20.00
- 1 gigabyte of data is \$20,971.52
- In all the carriers, the information was given in kilobytes! Do the math for your plan and be smart.

Cell Phone Information

Here is what our travel agency sent:

- If someone has t-mobile they will already receive their normal texting and data plans for no additional costs. They need to make sure the roaming is “turned on”. All calls not on wifi are \$0.20 per minute.
- Verizon offers a couple of international plans. One offers coverage for \$10 per day, but they are only charged on the days they use it.
- So, have everyone check with their provider.
- The best option of course is to just use wifi. All of your hotels will have free wifi, so participants can contact their family members at the end of each day when you are back at your hotels. This is also when they can use social media, upload photos, making facetime calls, etc.

Please sign cell phone contract and turn in to your chaperone tonight.

Communications



- In other words: use WiFi or purchase a specific European data plan for your phone.
- Do not panic if you don't hear from your student. If there is an emergency, we will call you.
- Doc, Mrs. Newton, and Dr. Mallanda will be updating the Walton Orchestra Facebook page with information as we travel

Travel Tips from Our Last Trip



- ❑ WC is the bathroom. You may have to pay to use it. € .50
- ❑ You may want to bring wet wipes for the plane flight.
- ❑ For lunches, we will go to roadside buffets. Everything is ala carte. Sort of like Piccadilly, but gourmet!
- ❑ If you are a parent also traveling abroad, please come to the concerts! Concerts are free; no tickets required

Questions?



- Introduce yourself to your chaperone.
 - ▣ Mrs. Thornton's group: see Mrs. Grimes
- Turn in your signed Code of Conduct and Cell Phone Sheet (front/back) to your chaperone. This is how we will know you are present!
- If you need a medication form, get one from the front of the stage. One for each medication!
- Go put your instrument up!