

## ITINERARY | DAY-BY-DAY



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### Music Education Journey to the Czech Republic & Austria

**9 days / 8 nights**

**July 15-24, 2022**

**\$6,499** (Based on double occupancy)

Enjoy the unique culture and traditions of Eastern Europe while you spend time with the locals. This adventure includes a variety of music, theater, and educationally based interactions.

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#### Music Education Highlights

- ✓ The primary professional objective of this journey is meaningful interaction and collaboration with a focus on **music education curriculum**, discussions on access to band and choral classes in schools, and an exchange of knowledge.
- ✓ Explore **choral music** of the Czech Republic while attending a **performance in a Prague church**.
- ✓ Exchange knowledge and discuss **music education** with a representative from a **local school in Prague**.
- ✓ Explore the delightful **Houses of Music** in Vienna, who work in cooperation with the local schools to awaken curiosity about music and have fun making music as early as possible.
- ✓ Follow the footsteps of the **Von Trapp family** exploring Mirabell Gardens, Nonnberg Abbey, the gazebo at Hellbrunn Castle and Mondsee Basilica.
- ✓ Take part in an **exchange concert** in a rural lakeside village just outside of Salzburg.
- ✓ Visit the House of Music in Vienna. A Museum that is visited by school groups from across Austria.
- ✓ **Smaller group size** and private guided journey will allow for a high level of **interaction with your peers**.
- ✓ *As our journey will be during the summer, a visit to a local school will not be possible. However, opportunities will be found to interact in various settings with local musicians and educators as well as the local people*

#### Cultural & Community Connections

- ✓ Enjoy a **cooking class** focused on a local cuisine favorite in Vienna.
- ✓ Attend a **Black Theatre show** in Prague one evening.
- ✓ Have a leisurely dinner in Vienna at a "**Heurigen**" (wine tavern) together with some of the local people.
- ✓ **Dinner Cruise** on the Moldawa River
- ✓ Privately guided tours of Salzburg, Vienna, and Prague

#### What's Included:

- 4\* accommodations throughout
- All transportation and activities outlined in the itinerary
- Group transfers to and from the international airports
- International air (gateway city set tentatively out of NYC)
- Local English-speaking guides throughout
- Meals as mentioned and most tips

#### Not Included:

- Personal expenses at the hotel
- Meals not specified
- Tips for national guides
- Passport renewal or issuance
- Domestic flight to gateway city
- Departure taxes where applicable



## MUSIC EDUCATION | DAY-BY-DAY

📍 New York Area Airport

### DAY 1, Friday, July 15, 2022

#### Fly to Prague

Depart from JFK and make your way to Prague, Czech Republic. The stunning beauty and friendly people alone are worth a visit!

📍 Prague

### DAY 2: Saturday, July 16

#### Welcome to Prague

Upon arrival, the group will be met and transferred for check-in at your lovely local hotel or bag drop depending on flight time.

The unique **Hotel Liliova** is directly in the historical center of Prague, just a few steps from the Charles Bridge. The hotel has 24-hour reception with Wi-Fi, room service, onsite dining, in-room safe and fridge, hairdryer, and bathroom amenities.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

Enjoy an afternoon **orientation talk and tour** with your national guide to learn the most important facts about Prague and the Czech Republic as you take a first walk through the city.

Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

**Overnight: Hotel Liliova (or similar)**

**Included meals: Lunch & Dinner**



📍 Prague

### DAY 3: Sunday, July 17

#### Cultural & Professional Exchange

**Please Note:** Breakfast is included daily at your hotel.

Begin your exploration of Prague today with a guided city walking tour of **Prague Old Town** starting at the eastern entrance gothic town gate that is the **Powder Tower**. Visiting Old Town is like entering a fairy-tale medieval settlement. Explore Old Town Square (the city's main marketplace since the 11th century), St. Nicholas Church as you walk through picturesque streets and see exquisite architectural styles from Gothic to Art Nouveau. Pass the Jewish Quarter and Charles Bridge.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

Late this afternoon, a meeting has been requested to spend time with a **local music teacher** or choir. Discuss music education in the Czech Republic in the local schools. Share and exchange information about music and the other arts; education; and cultural similarities/differences with colleagues and local performers as you travel.

Dinner will be provided prior to heading to a **Black Theater** for an evening performance. The unique UVA lit stage gives the audience the opportunity to see a creative and artistic performance with stunning imagery all in the dark.

**Overnight: Hotel Liliova (or similar)**

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**





📍 Prague

### DAY 4: Monday, July 18

#### Cultural and Professional Exchange

This morning the group will take a walk back in time on a tour of the famous **Castle District**. Enjoy a guided tour of Prague Castle, see the impressive *St Vitus Cathedral, Old Royal Palace, Basilica of St. George, and the Golden Lane*.

Prague Castle was most likely founded around 880 by Prince Bořivoj of the Premyslid Dynasty. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, Prague Castle is the largest coherent castle complex in the world, with an area of almost 70,000 m². A UNESCO World Heritage site, it consists of a large-scale composition of palaces and buildings of various architectural styles. **St. Vitus Cathedral** is the most important temple in Prague and holds religious services, coronations of Czech kings and queens, and serves as a place of burial of several patron saints, sovereigns, noblemen and archbishops. **St. George's Basilica** is the oldest surviving church building within the castle complex. **The Old Royal Palace** is part of the Castle and dates to the 12th century.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

This afternoon, enjoy a **performance** in one of the churches of Prague or a similar venue. Interact with the local musicians and/or singers after the performance about topics of mutual interest.

Enjoy a dinner cruise on the Moldava River this evening before returning to the hotel.

**Overnight: Hotel Liliova (or similar)**

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

📍 Salzburg, Austria

### DAY 5: Tuesday, July 19

#### Travel to Salzburg

Check out of the hotel after breakfast and make your way via motorcoach to Salzburg, Austria (5-6 hours). Stop in Cesky Krumlov in route for lunch.

After arrival, enjoy a guided walking tour of **Salzburg city center**. Walk through the famous **Getreidegasse**, see **Mirabell Gardens** (with their lovely flowers), with a view to the Hohensalzburg fortress on the hill and the impressive **Salzburg Dom**. Getreidegasse is a busy shopping street and was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Known for the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart at No. 9, you can see where he lived until he turned 17. Fun Fact: the Mirabell Gardens is where the children in the Sound of Music danced around the statue of Pegasus singing "Do Re Mi".

Check into your local hotel and have dinner on your own this evening.

The **Hotel am Mirabellplatz** breathes history – from the vaulted cellar, where lively parties were once held, through to the rooms, which are entirely different from each other. If this house could tell its own story, there would be enough material for a full-length feature film. Built in the mid-17th century by Prince Archbishop Paris Lodron as a Stadtpalais (city palace), guests have been welcomed to this place since 1816 – first at the inn and guest house, then at the hotel.

**Overnight: Hotel am Mirabellplatz (or similar)**

**Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch**





📍 Salzburg

### DAY 6: Wednesday, July 20

#### Sound of Music Tour

After breakfast, depart for a tour of the footsteps of the famous Trapp family including **Nonnberg Abbey**, the gazebo at **Hellbrunn Castle** and **Mondsee Basilica**.

Benedictine Nonnberg Abbey lies a little above the city at the foot of the Festungsberg, famous, in addition to its Gothic architectural elements, for its murals and smaller works of art. It is also here that the story told in the Hollywood production of "The Sound of Music" begins. Widely unknown is the fact that the nuns sing Gregorian Chorals every morning.

The basilica Mondsee reached international fame because the wedding scene in the movie was filmed inside. Pope John Paul II upgraded the church to a basilica in 2005. In 2009 the church was reopened after a huge restoration which ended in the title "Austria's monument of the year".

Next visit Hellbrunn Castle to see some of its 60 hectares of green spaces. Aside from artistically landscaped gardens, you will discover meadows, ponds, and a big playground for children. Located on the grounds is the gazebo in which Liesl and Franz sang to each other in the movie.

Enjoy lunch and then take part in an **exchange concert** in one of the picturesque towns in the rural lakeside area outside the city.

Dinner is by individual arrangement.

**Overnight: Hotel am Mirabellplatz (or similar)**

**Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch**

📍 Vienna, Austria

### DAY 7: Thursday, July 21

#### Travel to Vienna

After breakfast and hotel check-out, make your way via motorcoach to Vienna (4-hours).

In route stop at "**Melk Abbey**" for a guided tour and a *possibility* for a short informal performance at the chapel. During your tour learn about Melk abbey's history, past and present. Explore the Prelate's Courtyard, imperial staircase, and the imperial corridor into the Baroque Marble Hall, a former dining hall for imperial guests and onward to the balcony and its excellent view of the Danube valley, the town below. The Baroque library leaves a lasting impression because of its architecture, manuscripts, and incunabula. End with a stop at the abbey church, generally a highlight for most visitors.

After lunch continue onward to Vienna to check into your hotel.

The **Altstadt Vienna** is located on Spittelberg, in the center of Vienna. It boasts 62 rooms and suites in a venerable patrician house. All different. All of them exciting. All inspiring. The hotel has onsite dining, exquisite art on display and all the comforts of a 4\* boutique hotel.

Dinner is on your own this evening.

**Overnight: Hotel Altstadt Vienna (or similar)**

**Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch**







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📍 Vienna, Austria

### DAY 8: Friday, July 22

#### Cultural Explorations of Vienna

Set out this morning for a guided city tour of Vienna passing **Ringstrasse Avenue, Hofburg**, walking through the city center to see **St. Stephens Cathedral**. A quick visit of St. Stevens will give you a view of the front of the nave and part of the northern side before heading onward to Hofburg. The Hofburg is the former principal imperial palace of the Habsburg dynasty. Built in the 13th century the palace was expanded several times and served as the imperial winter residence. Since 1946 it has been the official residence and workplace of the president of Austria.

Spend some time exploring **Schönbrunn Palace** for a self-guided tour of the palace. During the reign of Maria Theresa, as an imperial summer residence, Schönbrunn Palace became the glittering focus of court life. From this time on, it played host to the leading statesmen of Europe.

Stop for lunch at a local restaurant.

The afternoon is **free to explore independently**. You might opt to do some shopping in the area around the restaurant.

Enjoy a **cooking class** tonight. Prepare your own Austrian specialty dish and enjoy it afterwards.

**Overnight: Hotel Altstadt Vienna (or similar)**  
**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

📍 Vienna, Austria

### DAY 9: Saturday, July 23

#### Musical Vienna past and present

This morning the group will visit the **House of Music**. Since the Museum opened its doors in June 2000, exciting, reciprocal links have been established between *Haus der Musik* and Austrian schools. Thousands of pupils have already visited, together with their teachers. What particularly impresses many people is the extraordinary way in which the content is presented. The facility has broken new ground in terms of the way it communicates this content. It has developed new, unique approaches, which meet the requirements of modern teaching. Learning via visual, aural, and kinesthetic channels of communication, supported by start-of-the-art technical installations, is extremely important for today's schools.

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant.

A meeting with a **local music professor or choir** will be requested for this afternoon. Finish up discussions with them about status of music and the other arts in Austria.

Say goodbye as you reflect and share memories over a farewell dinner. Have a leisurely meal at a **"Heurigen" (wine tavern)** together with some local people.

**Overnight: Hotel Altstadt Vienna (or similar)**  
**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

📍 Depart

### DAY 10: Sunday, July 24

After breakfast depart for the airport today for your flight home. Depending on the flight time, lunch is by individual arrangement with free time to explore.





📍 Prague, Czech Republic

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📍 Salzburg, Austria

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