

## **European Performance Tour**

Prague	Depart USA & fly to Prague - Czech Republic  10:30am Meet at Shorewood HS for luggage check Pack your bags plus a smile as today you depart for the first visit of a European capital city - Prague/Czech Republic. Lufthansa Flight 431 leaving Chicago at 4:30pm connecting in Frankfurt to Flight 3258 at 8:10am or Flight 3260 at 11:50am
Prague	Arrival Prague - Czech Republic  We will arrive at Prague's airport where we meet our guides.  Prior before checking in at our hotel we have a short orientation tour by bus – the rest of the day is at leisure.  5:00pm Concert at the Liechtenstein Palace followed by dinner at the bohemian restaurant BRÁČNICKÁ RYCHTA!
Prague	City Tour and evening concert performance  8:30am: City Tour with local guides from the Hotel . Discover yourself why many consider Prague to be one of Europe's most attractive Capitals. Highlights of this mornings tour :  The residence of the Bohemian Kings, the Hradcany Castle( tour included ), St. Vitus Cathedral, the Golden Lane – there learn the tales of the medieval Alchemists who tried to create Gold or find the Stone of Wisdom. See Vysherad Cementary with composer graves ( Smetana & Dvorak )  2:30pm depart Hotel to Concert site for rehersal/Snack before the concert, 6:00pm Concert in Prague at the National House followed by a catered dinner.  8:30pm Transfer to the US Embassy for a special reception!
H	Depart for Linz - Austria  9:00am .Say farewell to Prague this morning as we drive towards Linz -
Linz	the capital of Upper Austria! En Route we visit the historical town of Czesky Krumlov  AFTERNOON: short orientation Tour of Linz before we check in at our hotel. Linz, the capital of the Austrian province Upper Austria - once a Roman Castle - became the largest port city on the Danube and one of Austrias leading cultural centers. See the picturesque main square, the trinity Column, Minoriten Church and the famous Bruckner House.  5:00pm depart for nearby Kronsdorf:  6:00pm rehearsal for Concert / Snack before the concert  7:30pm in Kronsdorf with the local community band  Dinner after the concert

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Linz	<b>Excursion to Salzburg</b> 8:00am After breakfast travel to Salzburg. Worldwide known as the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the place where Sound of Music was filmed. The city of Salzburg is famous as the "Rome of the North" with its magnificent monuments in Baroque- and Renaissance style. Salzburg was ruled for centuries by Prince Archbishops, who left a cultural and historical heritage of unique importance and beauty as the Fortress of Hohensalzburg, the Cathedral and the glorious palaces of Hellbrunn and Leopoldskron. Enjoy the atmosphere of this wonderful world cultural heritage site. Return to our Hotel in Linz area.  11:00am arrive in Salzburg – orientation tour of Salzburg  4:30pm depart for Linz / Dinner at the hotel 07:00pm
Vienna	Transfer to Vienna & Danube Cruise  9:00am Today travel to the Danube Valley and experience the beauty of this region. Wine yards, baroque churches and gothic spires live in harmony in this most ancient from human hands cultivated land along the Danube river. Medieval castles tell as about the former importance of this trade and traffic way. See the magnificent baroque Abbey of Melk - tour starts at 10:30am (entrance & guided tour included) Lunch on their own possible at the Stiftrestaurant Melk,
	<b>1:45pm</b> you board a ship and cruise downstream passing picturesque historic towns and villages. Disembark at Spitz to meet the bus again – en route we stop in <u>Dürnstein</u> where centuries ago England's <u>King Richard the Lionheart</u> was imprisoned while waiting for his ransom to arrive from England. The heart of the Wachau is the ancient wine merchants town Krems. <b>6:00pm</b> Dinner at the hotel
Vienna	City Tour of Vienna  8:30am City Tour of Vienna with local guides. Highlights of today's Tour : Parliament Building,the State Opera House, Hofburg and the Imperial Palace. The adjacent Palace Chapel (Hofburgkapelle) is home to the Vienna Boys Choir. The Spanish Riding School with its famed Lippizzaner horses, is also nearby. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner at the Hotel. 6:00pm Dinner at the Wiener Rathauskeller with gypsy music 8:00pm Attend the Mozart & Strauss Concert at the Wiener Kursalon
Vienna	City Tour of Vienna & Schönbrunn Palace  9:00am In the morning drive to Vienna's Zentralfriedhof (Central Cemetary) where in honorary graves the most famous Austrian composers (Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, Johann Strauss etc.) are buried.  Then we visit the Schönbrunn Palace (entrance & tour included). The Imperial Palace of Schönbrunn, with its adjacent buildings and vast gardens, is among the most important Baroque structures of its type in Europe. Afterwards return to the city and explore the Inner City area Free time until 05:00pm – drive straight to Neustift for Dinner
USA	5:30pm Dinner at Restaurant Wolff in Neustift am Walde! 7:30pm return to the Hotel!  Transfer to the Airport and farewell! 4:30am Pack up your bags an lots of good memories .After breakfast (boxed for the early birds!) transfer to the airport to fly home! LH flight 3543 at 6:35am to Frankfurt or OS 111 6:45am to Munich or OS 121 at 7:05am to Frankfurt. Arrival back into Chicago at 11:40, 12:30 or 3:00pm. Motor Coaches will be waiting in the bus area in terminal 5. After clearing customs please proceed outside to the right and look for the coaches.