



# Welcome to the Spring 2027 Prague/Budapest meeting.



**PLEASE SCAN FOR ATTENDANCE  
TO TODAY'S MEETING**



Before we begin...

## HOUSEKEEPING

If you are NOT accustomed to using CUT TIME, use the QR code on the back of your registration form to follow the directions and create an account.

All your information needed for this trip as well as anything else will be available on CUT TIME and it is important that you become accustomed to using the CUT TIME program weekly.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE**

- ANY STUDENT registered in band, guard, chorus, orchestra, or art during the 26-27 school year.
- ANY family member of students registered in said classes.
- ALL music/art fees must be PAID and UP-TO-DATE prior to departure.
- Students with music/art debt will have money deducted from their trip payments and transferred to their music/art debt.
- NO DISCIPLINARY issues in the school.



## BLOOMINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS' DEPARTMENT

March 20 - March 27, 2027

Prague and Budapest

The following itinerary a sample and is subject to change.

<b>Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Depart the USA on your flight/s to Prague. Dinner and breakfast will be served onboard.
<b>Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Arrive in Prague. Transfer by coach to your hotel. Orientation Meeting Depending on flight arrival time there may be time for independent shopping and sightseeing in central Prague. Dinner. Buffet dinner in your hotel.
<b>Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Breakfast is served in your hotel. <b>Morning Guided Tour of Old Town Prague, 3 hours. Start tour from your hotel.</b> Independent lunch Some time for independent shopping and sightseeing. <b>Rehearsal for orchestra and choir at concert venue</b> <b>Concert for orchestra and choir at concert venue</b> Dinner at the Municipal House Restaurant Return by coach to the hotel. Overnight Prague Hotel



**Tue. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March**

Breakfast is served in your hotel.  
**Morning Guided Tour of The Castle District, 3 hours. Start tour from your hotel.**  
Independent lunch  
Return by coach to your hotel - performers  
Marching band change into performance uniforms and depart from the hotel with instruments.  
Marching band performance - starting at the Estates Theatre, one of the most beautiful historical theatre buildings in Europe showcasing opera, drama and ballet performances and passing through the streets of Prague including performances in Wenceslas Square named after Saint Wenceslas the Patron saint of Bohemia, and Old Town Square, the most famous and historical square in Prague.  
Return by coach to the hotel. Depart by coach for dinner.  
Vltava River Cruise with a buffet dinner onboard. Return by coach to the hotel.  
Overnight Prague Hotel

**Wed. 24<sup>th</sup>  
March**

Breakfast is served in your hotel.  
Depart by coach for Budapest via Bratislava.  
Independent lunch in Bratislava.  
**Guided Tour Bratislava, 2 hours**  
Continue on by coach to Budapest. Arrive in Budapest and check into your hotel.  
Buffet dinner in your hotel. Overnight Budapest hotel.



**Thur. 25<sup>th</sup>  
March**

Breakfast is served in your hotel.  
**Morning Guided Tour of Pest, 3 hours. Starting from your hotel.**  
Independent lunch  
**Rehearsal for orchestra and choir at concert venue**  
**Concert for orchestra and choir at concert venue**  
Dinner at a Budapest Restaurant  
Return by coach to the hotel. **Overnight Budapest Hotel**

**Fri. 26<sup>th</sup>  
March**

Breakfast is served in your hotel.  
**Morning Guided Tour of Buda, 3 hours. Starting from your hotel.**  
Independent lunch  
Return by coach to your hotel - performers  
Marching band change into performance uniforms and depart from the hotel with instruments.  
**Marching band performance – Central Budapest**  
Return by coach to the hotel. Depart by coach for dinner.  
Dinner at a Budapest Restaurant, with folkloristic music and dancing.  
Return by coach to the hotel. **Overnight Budapest Hotel.**

**Sat. 27<sup>th</sup>  
March**

Breakfast is served in your hotel.  
Depart Budapest on your flight/s to the USA.

# AIRLINE INFORMATION

- Once we have all passengers' passport information, booking for flights will begin.
- Copy of passport due to your teacher by May 6, 2026
- The sooner the better.
- Flights will be from Tampa and/or Orlando.
- Families should all register through one organization so you can travel together.  
ex. Brother in band, sister in chorus =  
family registers through chorus

# **BAGGAGE/INSTRUMENTS TO PRAGUE/BUDAPEST**

- ANY INSTRUMENT LARGER THAN A TRUMPET CASE WILL BE SHIPPED VIA RPS OR DHL
- SMALLER INSTRUMENTS WILL BE PACKED IN MAIN BAG OR AS CARRY-ON
- INSURANCE POLICY COVERS INSTRUMENTS
- MAIN BAG ALLOWANCE IS USUALLY 50 LBS
- MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE BASED ON AIR CARRIER

# ELECTRICITY IN PRAGUE & BUDAPEST

When traveling from the USA to **Prague** and **Budapest**, you will need to be aware of the following electrical outlet specifications:

- **Prague:** The electrical outlets use **Type C and E plugs**. You will need a **Type A/B to Type C/E power adapter** to charge your devices

- **Budapest:** The electrical outlets use **Type C and F plugs**. A **Type A/B to Type C/E power adapter** is required.

- **Voltage:** Both countries operate on a **230V** voltage level with a **50Hz** frequency, so most US devices should work without a voltage converter.

- **Safety Tip:** Always check that your devices are dual voltage to avoid any potential damage.



Make sure to have the appropriate adapters and chargers ready for your trip!

All rooms will be 2 to a room.

# **WHEN IN PRAGUE/BUDAPEST: COMMUNICATION**

- PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR CELL PHONE PROVIDER FOR RATES AS THEY CAN BE VERY EXPENSIVE.
- THERE ARE SEVERAL APPS THAT YOU CAN USE TO COMMUNICATE VIA WIFI (IT IS FREE IN THE HOTEL AND MOST RESTAURANTS).

# WHEN IN PRAGUE/BUDAPEST: CURRENCY

(Dec. 2025 value)

In Prague, the local currency is the Czech Koruna (CZK).

1 US Dollar = **20.95 CZK**

50.00 US Dollar = **1,047.30 CZK**

100.00 US Dollar = **2,094.60 CZK**



In Budapest, the official currency is the Hungarian Forint (HUF)

1 US Dollar = **330.70 HUF**

50.00 US Dollar = **16,535.00 HUF**

100.00 US Dollar = **33,070.00 HUF**



And so on..... (currency values may change in 2027, so check websites)

**NOTIFY YOUR BANKS YOU WILL BE TRAVELING OVERSEAS**

ALL BANKS, EXCHANGE SERVICES, AND CREDIT CARD COMPANIES MAY CHARGE AN EXCHANGE/CONVENIENCE FEE. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR INSTITUTION FOR PRICING. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU EXCHANGE CURRENCY HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE AWARE OF DEBIT/CREDIT CARD USE OVERSEAS, AND WHICH CARDS ARE ACCEPTED IN EACH COUNTRY.

\$300.00 US SPENDING MONEY SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH WHILE IN COUNTRY.

# PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$450.00	January 6 (non-refundable deposit)
\$450.00	February 6
\$450.00	March 6
\$450.00	April 6
\$450.00	May 6 (COPIED PASSPORT SUBMITTED)

**\*\*\*NO REFUNDS BEYOND THIS DATE\*\*\***

\$450.00	June 6
\$450.00	July 6
\$450.00	August 6
\$450.00	September 6
\$450.00	October 6

## Refund Policy

The 1<sup>st</sup> payment of \$450.00 is non refundable.

Refunds will be given through May (minus first payment and minus \$100 per payment after initial installment). For example, after first \$450 initial non-refundable payment is made, if payments are made for February, March, April, and May, (for one passenger) at a total of \$1,800, and a decision is made to not continue payments, you will be refunded \$1,400, forfeiting \$850 per this agreement). After the May 6, no refunds will be allowed.

# DEADLINES

- TRIP PAYMENTS UP TO DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2026
- MUSIC/ART/BOOSTER FEES/SCHOOL DEBT:  
PAID UP TO DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2026
- PASSPORT COPIES ON FILE: MAY 6, 2026

SINCE WE ARE BOOKING THIS AS A GROUP, THE ENTIRE GROUP MUST HAVE THESE ITEMS COMPLETED OR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

**175 PASSENGERS x \$4,500 = \$787,500**



## PERFORMANCE INCLUSIONS:

Special arrangement for two performances for each musical component/ensemble within the group, one in Prague and one in Budapest. Technical rehearsal is provided in the venue, as is full professional stage management, production services and promotion. Transportation is provided to and from rehearsal and performance. Tickets for the concert are provided for supporters of the performance group.



## PERFORMANCE TRAVEL PROGRAMME INCLUSIONS:



Economy class air travel on a scheduled airline from your quoted USA gateway to Prague returning from Budapest. One main meal and one snack meal will be served along with complimentary soft drinks. Movies and audio entertainment on all long-haul transatlantic sectors. Flights will be multi-sectored. Quotation includes all airline, airport, and government imposed, taxes, fees, charges, and surcharges as at August 2025. Should these amounts vary at time of ticketing we reserve the right to vary the price accordingly.



An allowance by weight and volume dependent on numbers of passengers in the group for heavier and large sized musical instruments, and other large items of equipment to be presented to our freight forwarding company for dispatch to Prague and return from Budapest . This allowance is in addition to the personal one checked piece per person allowance of weight 50 lbs, and allowable hand luggage for coach/economy class passengers that is carried within the cost of the airline ticket.

Three (3) nights accommodation in a centrally located first class hotel in Prague, based on sharing twin or double-bedded rooms. All rooms have en-suite facilities including bath and/or shower and W.C.

Three (3) nights accommodation in a centrally located first class hotel in Budapest, based on sharing twin or double-bedded rooms. All rooms have en-suite facilities including bath and/or shower and W.C.

A substantial continental buffet breakfast (with hot items) served each day - 6 (six) meals.



A 3-course plated or extensive buffet dinner to be served on two nights in both Czech Republic and Hungary. We propose that you dine in your hotel in Prague on your first night and in the hotel in Budapest on the first night. On the other two evenings we propose using attractive, typical and in some cases historic restaurants in Prague and the Budapest to give you a really good taste of great Middle European cuisine. All meals will include a range of soft drinks/sodas - 4 meals.

1 Vltava river cruise in Prague with buffet dinner served on board inclusive of soft drinks/sodas.

1 special farewell dinner with folkloric entertainment in Budapest. A three course meal with soft drinks/sodas.

One way transfer from Prague Airport to your Prague hotel by luxury motor coach on arrival including full meet and greet facility.



Morning guided s/s tour of historic Prague Castle district **on foot** with licensed city guides (3 hours tour, max 25 pax group for 1 guide) without entrances.

Morning guided s/s tour of Prague Old Town district **on foot** with licensed city guides (3 hours tour, max 25 pax group for 1 guide). Entrance to Jewish Museum and Old New Synagogue.

Transportation on a chartered luxury motor coach from Prague to Budapest – approximately 8 hours journey. En route visit Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Afternoon guided s/s tour of Bratislava Old Town **on foot** with licensed city guides (2 hours tour, max 25 pax group for 1 guide) without entrances.

Morning sightseeing of Buda site (on bus and foot) (3 hours tour, max 25 pax group for 1 guide). Visit to Fishermen's Bastion and Matthias Church

Morning sightseeing of Pest site (on bus and foot) (3 hours tour, max 25 pax group for 1 guide). Entrance to House of Hungarian Music incl. permanent exhibition and the Sound Dome.



One way transfer from your Budapest hotel to Budapest airport hotel by luxury motor coach including assistance with check in for your return flight.

Services of a fully qualified tri-lingual tour assistant throughout the program.

Accommodation and subsistence for the tour guide and for the coach driver as required.

A 'Youth Music of the World' welcome pack containing a wide range of useful materials to enhance your participation in the program.

All tips and gratuities to service providers.

All local and central government taxes at their current rates.

A special Youth Music of the World Travel Insurance Policy for each traveler.



## DETAILS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE POLICY INCLUDED WITHIN THE PERFORMANCE TOUR PROGRAM (MANDATORY LAND PROGRAMME AND FULL AIR INCLUSIVE PROGRAM)

### **SECTION 1. CANCELLATION: Up to \$4,200.00**

For The Central Europe Springtime Performance Tour Series cancellation cover shall apply with effect from four calendar month prior to the group's departure from the USA.

To reimburse you for your unused travel and accommodation expenses paid or contracted to be paid if your journey or vacation is necessarily and unavoidably cancelled due to any cause listed below provided no other party is liable for those expenses:

1. Accidental injury, illness or death, duly certified by competent authority, of:
  - (a) yourself or any person with whom you had arranged to travel;
  - (b) A close relative or fiancé or civil partner of any person described in (a) above
2. Compulsory quarantine applying to yourself or to any person with whom you had arranged to travel;
3. Any damage to your home in the United States making it uninhabitable, or any Police request for your presence following a robbery of your home or place of business during the period of insurance;
4. Any official requirement for you to attend to emergency duty in U.S. military, medical or public service;
5. A Government regulation following an epidemic which prohibits you from travelling.
6. A warning from The US State Department not to travel to the destination booked on the dates booked.

NB Cancellation cover under Section 1 commences when this Insurance is validated, but in respect of persons aged over 71, only accidents or illnesses occurring within one month of the date of departure are covered.



## **SECTION 2 . MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY EXPENSES:** **Up to \$ 10,000.00 per insured Person.**

To reimburse the Insured Person for:

1. The following expenses necessarily incurred within but not beyond 1 month of the expiry of the Period of Insurance as the result of the Insured Person becoming ill or sustaining personal injury during the Period of Insurance;
  - (a) usual, customary and reasonable expenses incurred (outside the United States and outside his or her normal country of residence or domicile) for medical, surgical and hospital charges (including emergency dental treatment for the relief of immediate pain only), ambulance, nursing home and nursing attendance charges;
  - (b) reasonable additional cost of repatriation to the United States;
  - (c) reasonable additional hotel expenses;
  - (d) reasonable additional costs of funeral expenses abroad or additional cost of returning his or her mortal remains to his or her former place of residence in the United States



## **DETAILS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE POLICY INCLUDED WITHIN THE PERFORMANCE TOUR PROGRAMME (MANDATORY LAND PROGRAMME AND FULL AIR INCLUSIVE PROGRAMME)**

### **SECTION 3. PERSONAL ACCIDENT: Up to \$25,000.00 per Insured Person**

To pay according to the Schedule of Compensation below if at any time during the Period of Insurance the Insured Person sustains bodily injury caused by accidental, external, violent and visible means which solely and independently of any other cause within 12 calendar months from the date of the accident results in his or her;

- (a) Death ..... \$ 25,000.00
- (b) Loss of one limb or loss of one eye ..... \$ 12,500.00
- (c) Loss of two limbs / two eyes / one limb and one eye ..... \$ 25,000.00
- (d) Permanent Total Disablement from engaging in his or her usual occupation ..... \$ 25,000.00

If no occupation is followed, then any and every occupation applies. (Usual occupation is deemed to be full time remunerative occupation of which no less than 40 hours per week are engaged in such occupation.) If the Insured Person is over 71 years of age cover is limited to the Death benefit only.



## DETAILS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE POLICY cont...

### **SECTION 4. BAGGAGE: Up to \$1,000.00 per Insured Person**

To indemnify the Insured Person for the accidental Loss of or Damage which occurs during the period of insurance, to his or her baggage including clothing and personal effects subject to: (a) a limit of \$ 1,000.00 any one article, pair, set, kit or collection of articles and (b) an overall limit of \$ 1,000.00 for valuables: jewelry, furs, articles containing gold, silver or precious metals, watches, photographic, optical, audio or electronic equipment or goods.

### **SECTION 5. DELAYED BAGGAGE: Up to \$ 100.00 in all**

To indemnify the Insured Person for emergency purchases necessarily made if his or her baggage is temporarily lost in transit during the period of insurance for longer than 24 hours. Musical Instruments are not covered under this section.

### **SECTION 6. MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Up to \$5,000.00**

To indemnify the Insured Person for the accidental loss of or damage to any one musical instrument which occurs during the period of insurance subject to a maximum amount of \$5,000.00 per Insured Person.

This Section shall exclude scratching or denting of any musical instrument or damage to drum skins.

### **SECTION 7. RENTAL OR REPLACEMENT MUSICAL INSTRUMENT - Up to \$1,000**

To indemnify the Insured Person for the cost of renting a temporary replacement musical instrument for the duration of the Insured Period should his or her own instrument be accidentally lost or damaged during the period of insurance subject to a maximum rental cost of \$1,000. For the purpose of this insurance, Musical Instruments shall be deemed to be wind, stringed instruments and timpani only. Written proof of the value of any Musical Instrument shall be required in the event of a claim.



## DETAILS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE POLICY cont...

### EXCLUSIONS

#### SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3

The Underwriters shall not be liable for claims arising from:

- (a) the Insured Person engaging or taking part in mountaineering, pot holing, manual work, racing other than on foot, organized sports, flying (except whilst travelling as a passenger on a commercial or scheduled flight), willful exposure to risk (other than in an attempt to save human life), suicide, intentional self injury, insanity, psychiatric disorders, fear of flying or the effects of alcohol or drugs.
- (b) pregnancy within two months of the estimated date of delivery;
- (c) Circumstances where at the time of taking out this insurance the person whose condition gives rise to a claim is receiving treatment or is on a hospital waiting list for consultations or for in patient treatment or has received a terminal prognosis.
- (d) any vacation or journey undertaken against the advice of a medical practitioner or for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment;
- (e) the cost of replenishing supplies of any medication the Insured Person was using at the commencement of any vacation/journey.
- (f) surgery or medical treatment which in the opinion of the medical practitioner treating the Insured Person can be reasonably delayed until the Insured Person's return to the United States.
- (g) Circumstances which could reasonably have been anticipated by the Insured Person at the date of the issue of this Evidence of Insurance.
- (h) Visa not issued by competent authority.



## DETAILS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE POLICY cont...

### SECTION 4

The Underwriters shall not be liable for:

- (a) losses due to breakage of or damage to fragile articles;
- (b) loss of valuables or losses due to theft unless reported to the police within 48 hours of the discovery of the loss and to the hotel management if stolen in a hotel;
- (c) loss or damage caused by wear, tear, gradual deterioration, decay, moth, vermin, atmospheric or climatic conditions, electrical or mechanical breakdown or derangement of any kind;
- (d) loss of or damage to contact or corneal lenses, un-set precious stones, business goods, samples or merchandise, hired equipment or sporting equipment whilst in use;
- (e) losses from unattended baggage;
- (f) (i) theft from a vehicle not involving forcible entry evidenced by damage to the vehicle itself and or from a soft topped or open vehicle unless from a locked trunk.  
(ii) theft from any motor vehicle left unattended overnight.
- (g) Loss of cash, credit cards and travelers checks.

The Insured Person shall take all reasonable steps to avoid or minimize any loss or damage.



## DETAILS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE POLICY cont...

### SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 4

The Underwriters shall not be liable for the first \$400 of each and every loss/claim for each Insured Person.

### SECTIONS 6 AND 7

This insurance does not cover:

- (a) loss or damage caused by climatic or atmospheric conditions or extremes of temperature, unless such loss or damage would be recoverable under an ordinary fire insurance policy.
- (b) if musical instruments are insured hereunder, breakage of strings, reeds or drumheads from any cause.

# MORE INFORMATION?

- THIS SLIDE SHOW WILL BE POSTED ON CANVAS AND CUT TIME
- THE INTERNET HAS UNLIMITED RESOURCES ABOUT TRAVEL AND OUR DESTINATIONS.
- SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH YOUR DIRECTOR IN PRIVATE.
- SEE YOUR DIRECTOR ON THE WAY OUT TO RECEIVE A REGISTRATION FORM.

**THANK YOU  
GOOD NIGHT!**