

VIENNA & PRAGUE SPRING TOUR INFORMATION



**All the information you need for taking part
in Spring in Vienna & Prague**

 **YOUTH
MUSIC**
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Performance Travel Ltd

VIENNA & PRAGUE: SPRING TOUR

We are all incredibly excited to be able to offer you our superb programme in Vienna and Prague.

Vienna with its magnificent architecture, charm, history and culture have all blended to make it the most 'liveable city' in Europe. Add to that the fact that it is perhaps the most musical city in the world and you have somewhere that simply must not be missed by young musicians from the United States.

Prague is simply stunning. Like Vienna it is steeped in history and culture and replete with some of the most magnificent buildings, bridges and vistas in the world. A city too of culture and especially of music.

We have spent many years developing our tour programme and the performance opportunities that are within it. We have a splendid range of

performance venues in which we can promote your concerts whether they be for concert band, orchestra, string ensembles or (and very specially) choirs. We also have worked with the city governments in both cities to secure some wonderful outdoor opportunities for marching bands. The finest and most historic squares and thoroughfares have been given to us in which to display your musical talents.

Our programme is offered in the springtime – the very best time of year to visit Austria and the Czech Republic. We can arrange your performance tour at a time to suit you in in the months of March and April. We cannot recommend this opportunity highly enough. Do join us.

Bob Bone, Festival Director, tells you more



DESTINATION EVENTS: ABOUT US

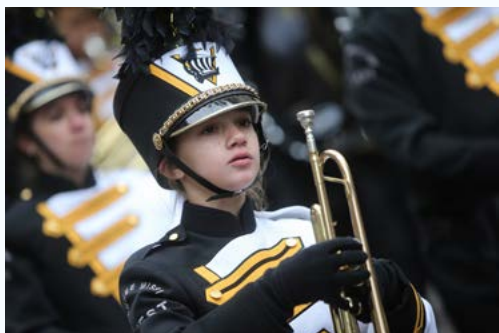


The founder, organiser, and owner of Spring in Vienna and Prague is one of Europe's foremost event organisers – Destination Events Ltd.

Destination Events boasts a supremely accomplished, experienced and dedicated team of staff. They are expert not only in the production of world class events but also in the delivery of superb hospitality arrangements and educational touring experiences for performers in their events. Meet key team members by visiting our [Destination Events](#) website.



Destination Events has found an excellent partner in the Youth Music of the World Organisation. With a dedicated team of experts and consultants, Youth Music source groups who are worthy to be considered for invitation to Spring in Vienna and Prague. Meet key members of the Youth Music team by visiting our [Youth Music](#) website.



VIENNA & PRAGUE: THE PERFORMANCES



VIENNA

Performances for choirs, concert bands, orchestras and string ensembles.

Peterskirche Church, or St. Peter's Church, the second oldest church in Vienna and the city's finest example of Baroque church architecture. Peterskirche is thought to occupy the oldest Christian sacred site in Vienna, as a church has stood on this site since the second half of the 4th century. According to legend, Charlemagne founded a larger church here in 792.

The Peterskirche Church

St. Michael's Church is one of the oldest churches in Vienna, Austria, and also one of its few remaining Romanesque buildings. Dedicated to the Archangel Michael, St. Michael's Church is located at Michaelerplatz across from St. Michael's Gate at the Hofburg Palace. St. Michael's used to be the parish church of the Imperial Court, when it was called Zum heiligen Michael. Over its long history, spanning more than eight centuries, the church has incorporated a medley of architectonic styles. The church is a late Romanesque, early Gothic building dating from about 1220–1240. There is a document giving 1221 as the foundation date of the church, but this is most probably a 14th-century forgery. Over time, there have been many alterations, resulting in its present-day aspect, unchanged since 1792.

St Michaels Church

Performances for marching bands: performance through the streets of downtown Vienna including stops in Stephansplatz, the pedestrian square where St. Stephens Cathedral is located and Michaelerplatz, dominated by the impressive neo-Baroque Michaelertor – entrance gate to the Hofburg and the Roman and medieval remains in the centre of the square.

Stephansplatz

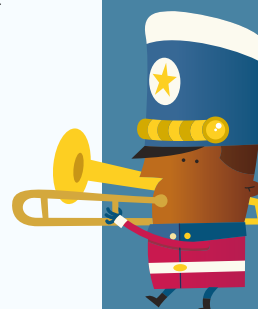
Michaelerplatz

Hofburg

PRAGUE

Performances for choirs, concert bands, orchestras and string ensembles.

St Nicholas Church is on Old Town Square the Church of St Nicholas is the most famous Baroque church in Prague. The main organ in the Church, built from 1745-47, has over 4,000 pipes as was played by Mozart during his stay in Prague as a guest of the Duseks. The gothic style church is dedicated to St Nicholas.



VIENNA & PRAGUE: THE PERFORMANCES, CONTINUED



St Nicholas Church

The Czech Museum of Music, Prague, is located in the former Baroque Church of St. Mary Magdalene, built in the 17th century and now blending early Baroque church architecture with contemporary design. The Czech Museum of Music has a collection of around 700,00 items, documenting the history of music in the city and the wider world. Most extensive are the Music Notation Archive and the Recordings Library. But there are also collections of manuscripts iconography, and press documentation, as well as materials from personal estates, libraries, the Musical Instrument Collection, and items from the two great Czech composers, Bedřich Smetana and Antonín Dvořák.



The Czech Museum of Music

Performances for marching bands: performances 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 to Patron saint of Bohemia and the centre of the businesses and cultural communities in Prague, and Old Town Square, the most famous and historical square in Prague.



Estates Theatre

Wenceslas Square

Old Town Square

GETTING YOU TO VIENNA & PRAGUE

Youth Music's staff and consultants at Performance Travel (PTL) are experts in arranging air travel from the USA to Vienna and Prague for groups invited to perform*.

It is a complicated business arranging air travel for what are often very large groups. PTL work tirelessly to secure the best blocks of seats with the best airlines and the most convenient schedules for performing groups.

Preferred carriers are British Airways, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Virgin Atlantic and United.

Economy class air travel will be arranged for you from your USA gateway into Vienna. You will then return from Prague to the USA at the end of your program†. 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 may be multi-sectored.

Vienna & Prague do not have a time difference between them, in relation to America:

North Coast	7 hours
East Coast	6 hours
South Coast	7 hours
West Coast	9 hours

Check out our airlines:

[Air France](#)

[American Airlines](#)

[British Airways](#)

[Delta Airlines](#)

[KLM](#)

[Lufthansa](#)



* Using the services of PTL to book your flights is not obligatory but is recommended

† The programme is reversible so it is possible to arrive in Prague and depart from Vienna

ACCOMMODATION IN VIENNA & PRAGUE



It is really important to Spring in Vienna and Prague organisers that every performer in the event has a great place to stay.

The hotels used are very carefully selected and regularly checked by staff to ensure that their standards are maintained.

All hotels used are categorised as superior first class, 4-star hotels. Standards of decor, furnishing and housekeeping are always high.

Most participants accommodated two per room (two beds or one Queen or King bed). Most of the hotels can offer limited numbers of three bedded rooms.

- All bedrooms have private bathrooms (some with tubs and showers and some with walk in showers only).
- All rooms have flat screen TV's, direct dial phones and hair dryers.
- All hotels offer complimentary WiFi.
- All rooms have mini fridges (minibars destocked).
- All hotels offer meeting room facilities to our groups and most offer rehearsal facilities.
- All hotels provide locked and secure rooms for the storage of musical instruments and equipment.

Take a look at our current hotel portfolio:

Vienna:

[Austria Trend Savoyen Hotel](#)

[Imperial Riding School Renaissance Vienna](#)

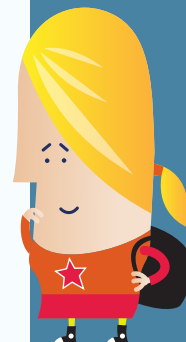
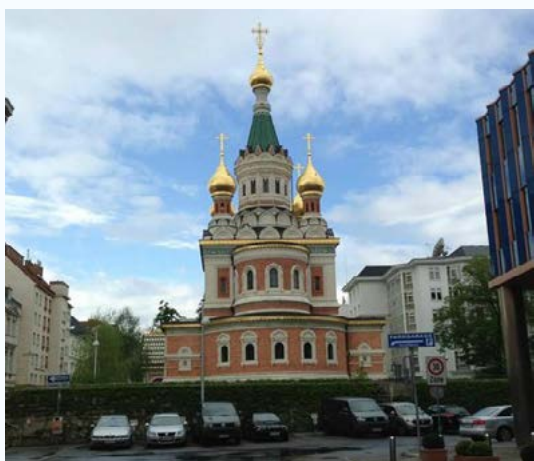
[Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier Wien](#)

Prague:

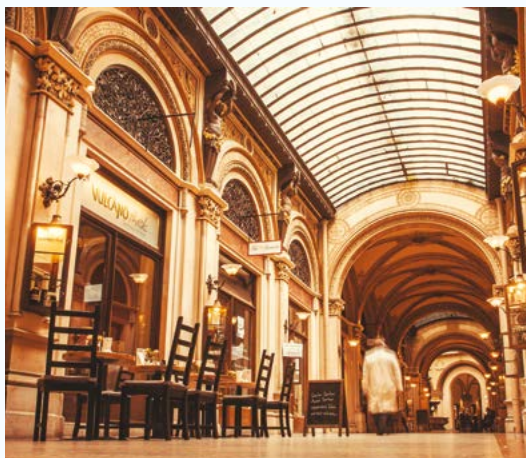
[Vienna House Andel's Prague](#)

[Vienna House Diplomat Hotel Prague](#)

[NH Prague](#)



VIENNA & PRAGUE: MEALS



The Spring in Vienna and Prague programme makes sure that participants don't go hungry.

Breakfast is included every day*. A buffet breakfast is offered to all groups in their hotel. Juices, fresh fruit, yogurts, bread and pastries, ham and cold meats, cheeses, plus always at least two hot items – eggs and either bacon or sausage. Hot drinks will include coffee, hot chocolate and hot teas.

Lunch is independent, the programme will be organised to make sure you are in areas with plenty of cafes and restaurants at lunch time.

Dinner is included every day. For some days this is a prearranged buffet or plated meal served in a banqueting room at the hotel. On other days' dinner will be organised in typical and historic restaurants serving local specialities.



* Breakfast is not included in the hotel on the day of arrival. There will have been an offering of a very light breakfast or snack on the plane before it lands. Breakfast is included at the hotel on the day of departure. If early flight time on departure day a baked breakfast will be prepared for you.

SEEING VIENNA & PRAGUE



It is very important to us that all participants get a fantastic impression of Vienna and Prague during the time they are to perform.

We start by securing great hotels, sourcing quality meals and, of course, providing the greatest stages in the world on which to perform.

Then our team of vastly experienced itinerary planners and hosts work to create and deliver an excellent collection of tours, visits and opportunities that give, in a short time, a terrific overview and introduction to the history, rich culture and diverse and welcoming population.

There are an array of motor coach tours with interesting and interactive guides. Our coaches are all 'state of the art' modern touring with panoramic windows. Our coach operator carries \$15 million of liability insurance so you are always safe and protected whilst you are on board. Our guides are chosen carefully and content is tailored for you.

VIENNA

Vienna Tour: a guided coach and walking tour of Vienna around the famous [Ringstrasse](#), with its magnificent buildings including the [Winter Residence](#) of the Habsburgs, the [Parliament](#), the [Burgtheatre](#), the [University](#), the [Votivkirche](#) and the beautiful [Karlskirche](#).

Vienna State Opera House: a guided tour of the Opera House where you will be taken behind the scenes of the theatre and hear many interesting facts about the building's history and architecture. You will see everything from the foyer and great staircase to the state rooms, auditorium and stage.

Hofburg Palace: a guided tour of the Hofburg Palace, the former imperial palace located in Heldenplatz (Heroes Square) in the centre of Vienna and built in the 13th century. The palace has been the seat of power of the Habsburg dynasty rulers, and today is the official residence and workplace of the President of Austria.

Schoenbrunn Palace: a guided tour around Schoenbrunn Palace, one of the most important architectural, cultural, and historical monuments in Austria. The history of the palace and its vast gardens spans over 300 years, reflecting the changing tastes and interests of successive Habsburg monarchs. The Palace is Baroque in style with 1,141 rooms including the magnificent apartments of Maria Theresa as well as the parlours and apartments of Imperial couple Franz Joseph and Sisi.



SEEING VIENNA & PRAGUE, CONTINUED



PRAGUE

Prague Tour: a guided tour of Prague old town. You will have the chance to see [Old Town Square](#), locally known as 'Staromak' and the [Astronomical clock](#) – the world's oldest working clock. The tour will continue past the [Tyn Church](#), [Prague University](#) and [Jewish quarter](#) before finishing at the river where you will be able to see the best view over the river of [Prague castle](#).

The Karlštejn/ Prague Castle option

Karlštejn Castle: a guided tour around Karlštejn Castle, built by Czech King and Roman Emperor Charles IV in 1348 as a place for safekeeping the royal treasures, especially Charles's collection of holy relics and the coronation jewels of the Roman Empire. On the tour you will have the chance to visit the Courtier's Hall, the Hall of Knights, the chapel of St. Nicholas, the Chapter Deanery, the Royal Bedroom, the Audience and Banqueting Halls, the Hall of Ancestors, the Treasury and Jewels Hall, and the castle prison.

OR

Prague Castle: a guided tour exploring the Castle and Castle District of Prague. The Prague Castle complex dates from the 9th century. It is the official office of the President of the Czech Republic. The castle was a seat of power for kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman emperors, and presidents of Czechoslovakia. The Bohemian Crown Jewels are kept within a hidden room inside it.

Ceský Krumlov: a guided tour around the picturesque UNESCO World Heritage city of Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic where you will have the chance to see the Old Town Square with its Renaissance and Baroque architecture, as well as the stunning castle and chateau complex above the [Vltava River](#).

If you have added a day to your programme, a day trip to Salzburg will be arranged for you.

Salzburg, an Austrian city on the border of Germany, with views of the [Eastern Alps](#), located 180 miles from Vienna. The city is divided by the [Salzach River](#), with medieval and baroque buildings of the [Altstadt](#) (Old City) on its left bank, and the 19th-century [Neustadt](#) (New City) on its right bank. Salzburg is famous for being the birthplace of Mozart and the setting for parts of the musical 'The Sound of Music'. It is also a student city, with three universities.

SEEING VIENNA & PRAGUE, CONTINUED



Salzburg Tour: a guided tour around [Salzburg's Old Town](#) taking you past the [Mirabell Gardens](#), the [Marionetten Theatre](#) and along [Getreidegasse](#) the main shopping area of the city. The tour will also include a visit to number 9 Getreidegasse where the Mozart family lived from 1747 to 1773 and where Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born on January 27 1756. Today the house is a museum, featuring his childhood and concert violins and his pianoforte.



VIENNA & PRAGUE: UNIQUE SERVICE



We have been doing this a long time and have developed what we consider to be the very best team of professionals to ensure that your programme in Vienna and Prague is as good as it can possibly be.

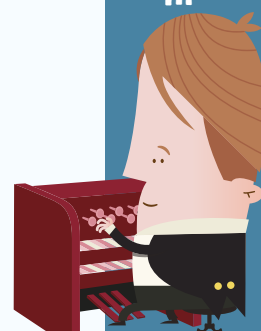
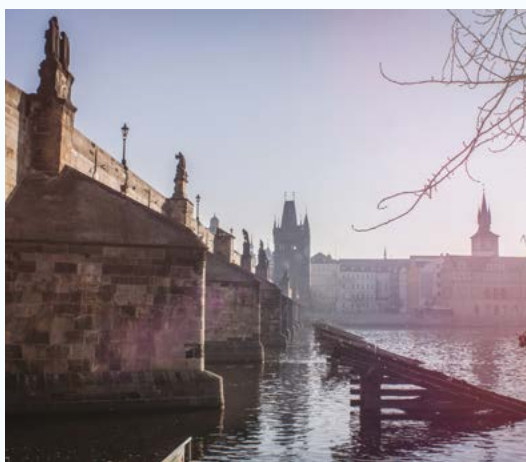
A little earlier we looked at the great DEL team who organise the event and your hospitality arrangements. If you want to take another look just [click here](#).

Likewise, you are in really good hands with the Youth Music/Performance Travel teams in the USA and UK. Again if you want a reminder of who they all are just [click here](#).

So you have great people taking care of you but what else makes our service so special?

Our Group Organiser's Guide. An absolutely invaluable manual detailing out every step of the way how we need you to prepare for your group's participation. This guide is delivered to you electronically 6 months before you travel. Regular updates are sent as modifications and improvements are made.

Site inspection. It is imperative that every group is represented by its leader/s on a fixed date site inspection programme in Vienna and Prague. On this site inspection there are a series of venue tours, hotel tours sightseeing and meetings that prepare you for leading your group.



VIENNA & PRAGUE: IMPORTANT EXTRAS



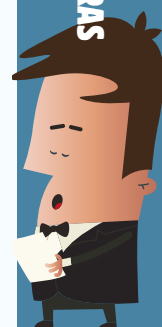
For performers:

- All performers are presented with a specially struck medal to acknowledge their contribution in Spring in Vienna and Prague.
- Every performer will receive a digital version of the group photo taken at one of your performances.

For supporters:

Spring in Vienna & Prague welcomes family members, friends, alumni and supporters of all performing groups and offers them the same arrangements as for performers. So we are delighted to offer the following to all categories of non-performer in every group as a little extra.

A complimentary concert ticket to each and every concert that their group performs in.



SECURITY & PEACE OF MIND




A comprehensive travel insurance policy is included for everyone on the performance tour programme to LICF.

Coverage includes:

- cancellation
- medical and emergency expenses
- personal accident
- baggage
- delayed baggage


This protects the vast majority of the performance tour cost should you be forced to cancel for a significant number of reasons.





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COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICY



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WHERE DO YOU GO FROM HERE?



Youth Music's (YM) Directors of International Participation, along with their consultants, are constantly scouring the Americas for groups we would like to invite to take part.

If you are contacted by a member of the YM team and are interested in going a step further, then Youth Music will ask to put your name before the steering committee for approval. If you secure this approval Destination Events will write to tell you that you have been accepted for invitation.

You will then enter into negotiations with YM who will produce for you a document entitled 'Offer of Performance Tour'. This encapsulates your discussion with YM, listing out the dates that you would travel and the gateway you would travel from, the number of places we can offer you, an exact listing of performance, hospitality and educational touring features, a cost and a payment schedule. The final page of this document requests that you secure signatures from all relevant parties that you may accept the offer.

Once accepted, the Offer Document is returned to Youth Music/Performance Travel who then create a contract based on the contents of the Offer. Once you have signed and returned the contract you will then be contacted to set up a date for the presentation of the official invitation. This will be undertaken during a visit to your group in the USA by one of the Senior or Principal Members of Destination Events and Youth Music. You are not deemed invited and the contract is invalidated, if you do not receive the official invitational visit.





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