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Spring Tour: Vienna & Prague  
**Bloomington High School**



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## FRIDAY 15 MARCH

Depart on an overnight flight to Vienna.

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## SATURDAY 16 MARCH

**11.15am/ 11.25am/ 2.15pm/ 4.10pm/ 5.35pm** On your arrival in to Vienna after clearing immigration and customs you will be met in the arrivals area and transferred by coach to your hotel. On arrival at the hotel your tour assistant will help with your check-in (*see page 2*).

**7.30pm** Enjoy dinner this evening in the Arsenal and Borromaeus Restaurants in your hotel.

**9.30pm** An orientation meeting will be held in the Reitschule meeting room on the mezzanine level of your hotel. At the orientation meeting you will be given all information about your week in Vienna and Prague.

Overnight in Vienna.

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## SUNDAY 17 MARCH

**7.30am** A substantial buffet breakfast will be served each morning in your hotel restaurant. This buffet will consist of hot and cold items including, fruit, cereals, pastries, hams, cheeses, eggs and bacon as well as coffee, fruit juices and water.

**9.00am** This morning depart from your hotel for a guided tour around Vienna, taking you around the famous Ringstrasse, with its magnificent buildings and notable attractions including the Winter Residence of the Habsburgs, the National Museums, the Parliament, the Burgtheatre, the University, the Votivkirche and the beautiful Karlskirche.

**11.30pm** Your tour will end back at your hotel.

Independent lunch in the area around your hotel.

**1.00pm** Depart by coach from your hotel in marching uniforms with your instruments underneath the coaches.



**2.00pm** Marching band performance through the streets of downtown Vienna including a stop in Stephansplatz, the geographical centre of Vienna where the impressive St. Stephens Cathedral is located.

**3.00pm** After the performance return by coach to your hotel.

**4.30pm** Depart by coach from your hotel for dinner and your performance this evening.

**5.00pm** This evening enjoy dinner at The Augustinerkeller, one of the last ancient monastery cellars in Vienna's historic city centre. The splendid ancient vaulting of the cellar has been well preserved throughout the centuries and can still be seen.

**6.30pm** Continue on by coach.

**7.00pm** Orchestra and Choir rehearsal in the Vienna Community Church.

**8.00pm** Orchestra and Choir concert in the Vienna Community Church. The church was founded in 1957 as an independent non-denominational church incorporating various cultures and styles of worship. It is located on Dorotheergasse in the centre of Vienna.

**9.30pm** Return by coach to your hotel.

Overnight in Vienna.

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## **MONDAY 18 MARCH**

**7.00am** Breakfast is served in your hotel.

**8.00am** This morning depart by coach from your hotel.

**9.00am** Start 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.

**11.00am** Continue on by coach to the Haus der Musik.

**11.30am** Enjoy a guided tour of the Vienna House of Music. The Haus der Musik in Vienna is the first museum of sound and music in Austria with a range of hi-tech interactive and multimedia presentations to introduce the world of music, from the earliest human use of instruments to the music of the present day. The Haus der Musik is located in the Palace of Archduke Charles, where Otto Nicolai, founder of the Vienna Philharmonic, lived around 150 years ago. Its honorary president is the Indian conductor Zubin Mehta.

**12.30pm** Independent lunch in the centre of Vienna

**2.00pm** Choir rehearsal in the Peterskirche.

**3.00pm** Choir concert as part of the Organ Concert in the Peterskirche, 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 remainder of this afternoon has been left free for independent shopping and sightseeing.

**7.00pm** This evening enjoy dinner in the Melker Stiftskeller, an authentic Viennese 'gasthaus' serving traditional Austrian food in Vienna's oldest vault cellar owned by the Monastery of Melk.

**9.00pm** Return by coach to your hotel. Overnight in Vienna.

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## TUESDAY 19 MARCH

**7.00am** Breakfast is served in your hotel.

**8.00am** This morning depart from your hotel by coach to Prague. You will stop en route for lunch and sightseeing in Cesky Krumlov a small city in the South Bohemian Region of the Czech Republic.

**12.00pm** Arrive in Cesky Krumlov.

**12.00pm** Start a guided tour around the picturesque UNESCO World Heritage city of Cesky Krumlov where you will

have the chance to see the Old Town Square with its Renaissance and Baroque architecture, including the Renaissance Town Hall and Baroque theatre as well as the stunning castle and chateau complex above the Vltava River.

**1.00pm** Lunch at leisure.

**3.30pm** Continue on by coach to your hotel in Prague.

**6.30pm** Arrive at your hotel in Prague and check-in (*see page 2*).

**8.00pm** A buffet dinner will be served in the Costa Praga Restaurant in your hotel this evening.

Overnight in Prague.

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## **WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH**

**7.00am** Breakfast is served in your hotel.

**8.30am** This morning start a guided tour of Prague from the Castle District. You will have the chance to see the Prague Castle complex dating from the 9th century and the official office

of the President of the Czech Republic formerly a seat of power for kings of Bohemia and Holy Roman emperors, the Charles Bridge built in 1357 and crossing the Vltava River and the Old Town square, locally known as 'Staromak' Staromák, a historical square in Prague, in the heart of the old town quarter surrounded by Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo buildings historic buildings including its old town hall with the astronomical clock.

**11.30am** Independent lunch in the centre of Prague.

**12.30pm** Change into performance uniforms at the Church of the Holy Saviour for your marching band performance this afternoon.

**2.00pm** 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 the centre of the business and cultural communities in Prague, and Old Town Square, the most famous and historical square in Prague.

**4.15pm** Rehearsal at the Church of the Holy Saviour for the orchestra and choir members performing in the concert this evening.

**6.00pm** Orchestra and Choir performance in the Church of the Holy Saviour, Prague's largest evangelical church. The German Lutherans built this church after they failed to obtain any of the existing churches in the Old Town for their own worship. It is the largest Protestant church in Prague and was originally built in the Gothic-Renaissance style between 1611 and 1615, and has been rebuilt several times. The dominant ceiling fresco depicts the Saviour surrounded by angels.

**7.30pm** Continue by coach for dinner.

**8.00pm** Dinner this evening will be served at the Municipal House Restaurant, a beautiful Secession era restaurant located on the ground floor of Municipal House, Prague's most prominent Art Nouveau building built



between 1906 and 1912 and situated on the site of the former Royal Court Palace, now a civic building that houses Smetana Hall, a celebrated concert venue, in Prague.

**9.30pm** Return by coach to your hotel.

Overnight in Prague.

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## THURSDAY 21 MARCH

**7.30am** Breakfast is served in your hotel.

**8.00am** Depart by coach from your hotel for Karlštejn Castle, located in the countryside approximately 20 miles southwest of Prague.

**9.30am** Commence 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.

**11.00pm** Depart from Karlštejn by coach to Prague.

Independent lunch in Prague

**1.30pm** Rehearsal for the choir performing in the concert this afternoon.

**2.00pm** Choir performance in the St Nicholas Church 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 Dušeks.

**3.00pm** This remainder of this afternoon is free for independent sightseeing and shopping,

**7.00pm** Enjoy dinner this evening with folk music and dancing at the Strahov Monastery Restaurant. The second-oldest monastery in Prague, Strahov was founded high above Malá



Strana in 1143 by Vladislav II. It's still home to Premonstratensian monks and Monastery houses the Church of Our Lady – the very church where Mozart played the organ on his visit to the monastery in 1787.

**9.30pm** Return by coach to your hotel after dinner.

Overnight in Prague.

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## FRIDAY 22 MARCH

Breakfast boxes have been prepared for you this morning.

**3.30am/ 4.00am/ 6.00am/ 7.35am**

Depart by coach from your hotel

**6.05am/ 7.00am/ 8.50am/ 10.25am**

Depart on flights to return to the USA.

Have a safe journey home!



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## VIENNA USEFUL INFORMATION

Vienna, Austria's capital, lies in the country's east on the Danube River. Vienna is famous for its palaces including the Schönbrunn Palace, the former imperial summer residence, the huge Hofburg (Imperial Palace), which was the base of the Habsburgs for over six centuries and the baroque Belvedere Palace which today houses the Österreichische Galerie (Austrian Gallery), displaying the largest collection of works by Klimt and Kokoschka.

Vienna's prime landmarks are the gothic Stephansdom (St. Stephen's Cathedral), the Vienna Staatsoper (State Opera House)), and the Spanish Riding School with its famous Lipizzaner horses. Vienna also has a number of museums and galleries including the Museum of Fine Arts with the world's largest collection of Bruegel paintings, MuseumsQuartier with the Leopold Museum and the Museum Moderner Kunst (Museum of Modern Art).

Vienna owes much of its international fame to the many celebrated composers who lived and worked here, including Strauß, Mozart, Beethoven and Haydn and today The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra is one of the best Orchestras in the World.

In Vienna the old coffee house culture and rustic taverns stand alongside top restaurants and shops and plenty of greenspace and recreational areas including the Wienerwald, the Prater and the Danube Island making Vienna a very special city to visit.

**Time zone:** GMT +1

**Language:** German

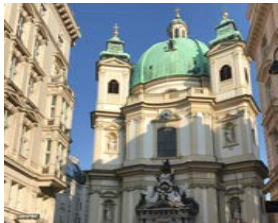
**Temperature:** Throughout March and April the average temperature ranges from 36°F to 52°F.

**Currency in Vienna:** the Euro (€). There are 100 cents in a Euro.

**Euro coins:** 1€, 2€

**Cent coins:** 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50

**Euro notes:** 5€, 10€, 20€, 50€, 100€, 200€, 500€



**Credit cards:** Visa and MasterCard are all widely accepted in Vienna, but not American Express.

**Money:** The easiest way of getting money is from ATM machines. You'll find ATMs at banks and post offices all over Vienna. ATMs nearly always have better rates than currency-exchange offices and hotel reception desks.

**Tippling:** Tips are expected, in Vienna it can range from 5-15%. Also in Vienna you would round the bill up, so for example if the bill was €8.75 you would round it to €10.00.

**Useful words & phrases:** German

Hello	Hallo
Goodbye	Auf Wiedersehen
Please	Bitte
Thank you	Danke
You're welcome	Bitte
Yes	Ja
No	Nein
Good morning	Guten Morgen
Good evening	Guten Abend
Good night	Gute Nacht
Pleased to meet you	Schön sie zu treffen

How are you?	Wie geht es dir
Excuse me	Entschuldigen
Sorry	Tut mir leid
Do you speak English?	Sprichst du Englisch?
I don't understand	Ich verstehe nicht
How much is this?	Wie viel ist das?
Where is the toilet?	Wo ist die Toilette?
Where can I find ...?	Wo finde ich ...?

**Clothes & Shoes:** Light coats and warm sweatshirts are a good idea as March and April are chilly months. Comfortable walking shoes are essential as there will be a lot of walking on cobbled streets.

**Electricity:** Electrical sockets (outlets) in Vienna supply electricity at 230 volts and standard frequency is 50Hz. Austria power sockets are type F, also known as 'schoko'. Sockets also work with plug C and plug E.

**WI-FI** is free in your hotel room and common in cafes and

restaurants throughout Vienna, connection speeds can vary.

**Phone:** In Vienna, telephone numbers generally come in the form of +43 1 000 000. To understand this, +43 is the country code for Austria, 1 is the city or area code for Vienna, and the rest is the local telephone number, which may vary in the number of digits.

**Shops:** Shops in Vienna are typically open from 7.00am – 8.00pm on weekdays. Shops are also open on Saturday from 7.00am – 6.00pm but are closed on Sundays.

**Bank opening times:** Monday to Friday, 8.00am–12:30pm then 1:30pm–3.00pm. On Thursday they are open until 5.00pm. In the city centre they are open all day.

**Public toilets:** there are public toilets throughout the centre of Vienna. In the most cases use of the public toilets is 0.50 Euro. Unfortunately the opening hours are not standardized, but most of the toilets are open during the day between 9:00am and 6:00pm



o'clock. In some metro stations in the centre of Vienna the public toilets are open 24 hours a day.

**Food:** Vienna is famous for its rich, flavourful stews, boiled meat i.e. tafelspitz is a dish of boiled beef, served with apple and horseradish sauces, wiener schnitzel, which is breaded veal, pork or chicken served with potato salad, goulash, a rich, flavourful hearty stew, typically made with beef and served with gravy and mash. Indulgent patisseries and sweet, cheese-filled dumplings are popular and pancakes and apple strudel are favourite desserts!

**Apps:** here are some apps that can help you out when you're looking for a bite to eat or a bus to jump on ...



**Susi** is your own personal city spirit guide, showing you the nearest pharmacy, petrol stations and coffee shops.

## Quandoo

**Quandoo** is a trusty app for discovering the best eats in Vienna. Booking a table has never been easier — this one is perfect if you have last-minute dinner plans.



**WienMobil** App Is great if you are looking for a bus, taxi or train.



### **Currency Converter**

With the XE Currency App, you can access live exchange rates, view historical charts, and calculate prices on your smartphone or tablet.



**Duolingo** is a great app for brushing up on your German. Just five minutes a day with game-like lessons. Whether you're a beginner starting with the basics or looking to practice your reading, writing, and speaking Duolingo is fun and easy.

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## **PRAGUE USEFUL INFORMATION**

Prague is the capital and largest city in the Czech Republic and the historical capital of Bohemia. It is divided by the Vltava River with the most famous bridge over the river being the Charles Bridge. Prague has been a political, cultural and economic centre of central Europe complete with a rich history. Founded during the Romanesque and flourishing by the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque eras, Prague was the capital of the Kingdom of Bohemia and the main residence of several Holy Roman Emperors, most notably Charles IV. It was an important city to the Habsburg Monarchy and Austro-Hungarian Empire and the city played major roles in the Bohemian and Protestant Reformation and the Thirty Years' War and in 20th-century history as the capital of Czechoslovakia, during both World Wars and the post-war Communist era.

Nicknamed 'the City of a Hundred Spires', Prague is known for



its Old Town Square, the heart of its historic core, with colourful baroque buildings, Gothic churches and the medieval Astronomical Clock, which gives an animated hourly show, the Jewish Quarter, Petřín hill and Vyšehrad. Since 1992, the extensive historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. The city has more than ten major museums, along with numerous theatres, galleries, cinemas and other historical exhibits.

An extensive modern public transportation system connects the city. Also, it is home to a wide range of public and private schools, including Charles University in Prague, the oldest university in Central Europe.

**Time zone:** GMT +1

**Language:** Czech

**Temperature:** throughout March and April the average temperature ranges from 32°F to 46°F.

**Currency in Prague:** Czech Crown (czk), although some places do accept the Euro. There are 0.045 czk in one dollar.



**Czk coins:** 1kč, 2kč, 5kč,  
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**Tiping:** Tips are encouraged  
in Prague. A tip of around  
10% in restaurants and taxis is  
considered appropriate.

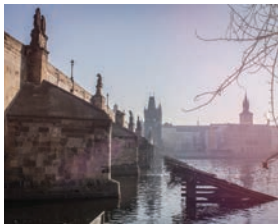
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Hello	Ahoj
Goodbye	Ahoj
Please	prosím
Thank you	Děkuji
You're welcome	nemáš zač
Yes	Ano

No	Ne
Good morning	dobré ráno
Good evening	dobry večer
Pleased to meet you	s potěšením se s vámi setkávám
How are you?	jak se máš?
Excuse me	Promiňte
Sorry	litující
Do you speak English?	Mluvíš anglicky?
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Where is the toilet?	kde je toaleta
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**Telephone numbers:** in Prague telephone numbers generally come in the form of +420 000 000. To understand this, +420 is the country code for Czech. The rest is the local telephone number, which may vary in the number of digits.

**Shopping:** shopping centres and department stores in Prague are open 8.00am – 8.00pm Monday to Sunday, smaller shops are also open 8.00am – 7.00pm from Monday to Saturday but closed on Sunday. Main shopping areas are Wenceslas Square, Na Prillope and Palladium in Republic Square.

**Banks:** banks are open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm.

**Public toilets:** In Prague free restrooms are available only in shopping centres, hotels and restaurants. Therefore, it is a good idea to always carry 10 Kč. Toilets are located in every Prague metro station and are staffed by cleaning

personnel who usually charge users 10 Kč.

**Food:** Prague is well-known for its diverse flavours presented in dishes such as the potato soup, traditional roast pork and other roast meats, with bread dumplings and sauerkraut. Palacinky are a regional speciality which are pancakes are filled with fruit jam, as is Trdelník is a kind of cake made from rolled dough that is wrapped around a stick, then grilled and topped with sugar and walnut mix.

**Apps:** here are some apps that can help you out when you're looking for a bite to eat or a bus to jump on ...



Pubtran (public transit)

This is the app Prague locals use the most, and it's great for tourists unfamiliar with the city's transit system as well. Simply type in your starting location, your destination, and when you want to leave, and the app will calculate the fastest route. Pubtran not only tells you

which tram, bus or Metro to take, but when it's scheduled to arrive.

TOP 100



**TOP 100 Czech sights mobile app:** find out places to go in your free time.



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