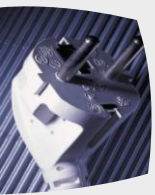


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# TEXAS YOUTH ORCHESTRA & WIND ENSEMBLE

## Off we go!

SUMMER EUROPEAN MUSIC STUDY 2009

### Just One More Week!

*Onward to Dallas, to the stunning campus of Southern Methodist University!*

As you know, this required camp will be held on the campus of Southern Methodist University July 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals will be in Bob Hope Theater in the Owens Fine Arts Building. (Owens is across from the corner of Hillcrest and Binkley (north of Mockingbird, south of Lovers). You can also find a map of the campus on our website, under **Home Camp**, Driving Directions at: <http://smu.edu/meadows/newsevents/maps.asp> and a map at: <http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&lr=&rls=RNWG,RNWG:2004-45,RNWG:en&q=Hillcrest%20and%20Binkley&btnG=Search&sa=N&tab=wl>

We are anticipating wonderful rehearsals, music-making, and will have “Culture Lessons” during our camp. Please understand that these rehearsals will be very intense; we have a lot of music to perfect for our “Farewell Concert” and tour. Additionally, we will have a two evening social events (Monday and Wednesday) and a mandatory parent meeting on Friday, the 10th at 4pm.

A more thorough schedule was sent out by Dr. Perkins on Sunday night. Please be musically and mentally prepared as we combine the Dallas and Houston-area travelers.



#### Homecamp at a glance

July 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>  
8:45 - 5pm Daily

HC rehearsals and activities at SMU -  
Owens Fine Arts Center

Night Activities  
Monday 6:30 - 9:30p  
Wednesday 5:30 - 7:30p  
Friday 4-5p  
6:15p

Pool party at the Texas Pool in Plano  
Movie night at SMU  
Mandatory Parent meeting,  
Call, 6:30 Photo, 7 Concert

What to Bring: instrument, TYO music binder, pencil, electronic tuner, money \$ for lunch or a sack lunch, your very best attitude

What to wear: casual (prepare for chilly AC) clothes, TYO lanyard (you will receive this and wear it for the duration of HC and the trip.

## Hotel Information

### 1. Prague ..... July 12-15

Hotel Plaza Alta  
Ortenovo Nam. 22  
CZ-170 00 Prague  
Tel: 011 420 2 204 07011  
Fax: 011 420 2 204 07091  
[www.plazahotelalta.com](http://www.plazahotelalta.com)

### 2. Kremsmuenster ..... July 15-16

Landhotel Schicklberg  
Post: Achleiten 23, für's GPS:  
Linzerstrasse (bis zum Ende folgen)  
4550 Kremsmünster  
Tel +43-7583-5500  
Fax +43-7583-550013  
[www.schicklberg.at/schicklberg/jsp/index.jsp?&fid=23842](http://www.schicklberg.at/schicklberg/jsp/index.jsp?&fid=23842)

### 3. Vienna ..... July 16-20

Hotel Airo Tower  
Kurbadstrasse 8  
A-1100 Vienna  
Tel: 011 43 1 680820  
Fax: 011 1 6808 2235  
[www.airo-hotels.at](http://www.airo-hotels.at)

### 4. Budapest ..... July 20-23

Hotel Mercure Buda  
Krisztina Krt 41-43  
H-1013 Budapest  
Tel: 011 36 1 488 8100  
Fax: 011 36 1 488 8178  
[www.mercure-buda.hu](http://www.mercure-buda.hu)

# Trip Expectations

## *How to Experience this Opportunity of a Lifetime*

Every person on this trip deserves to have the time of their life. We are all coming on this tour to experience the wonderful culture, food, and of course, the music of Europe. We want this tour to go effortlessly and we genuinely want everyone to have a wonderful time but our main concern is safety.

With this in mind, we want to be sure that everyone understands that the Texas Youth Orchestra has many behavior expectations. Please understand that you are accountable for your actions. You will be representing TYO and the citizens of Texas, and you will be viewed as “ambassadors” for the United States. We want every student to enjoy themselves but we expect every student to follow the rules. Many of you have already signed and turned your TYO Code of Conduct.

- *Your responsibility and accountability will be tested. You will be asked to be on time to all roll calls, mealtimes, rehearsals, and call times. Being late to a call time means that you are holding up 61 people.*
- *We encourage you to make friends and stick with them. Travel in groups of four or more-ALWAYS. European views of propriety are more forward than American viewpoints. Traveling by yourself, even when in the hotel, is strictly forbidden. In the large cities, we expect all students to stay with ADULTS at all time- you will have a specific adult to travel with. Never wander off by yourself; spending our sightseeing time looking for wayward students is not what this trip is for.*
- *No boys in the girls rooms; no girls in the boys rooms. This rule will not be violated. The hotel lobbies are a wonderful gathering place, though.*
- *Room check and curfews will be honored. Pay attention to curfew times. We are very lenient, but expect each student to follow the rules. Expect a passport and document check at every bed check. This meticulous check is designed to save you a lot of time and hassle at the US Embassy.*
- *All student musicians are under the legal drinking age in the United States. Unless you are 21 or over, drinking alcohol is not allowed on the trip. Additionally, other contraband items include weapons and non-prescribed or non-OTC drugs.*

**Failure to abide by these rules could mean that you are sent home.**



## SPOTLIGHT ON...

## Terezin

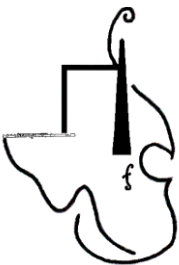
The fortress of Terezin was initially constructed between 1780 and 1790 as a fort for the northwest region of Bohemia. By the 19<sup>th</sup>-century, it was converted to a stronghold for political and military prisoners. However, in the Second World War, the Gestapo took control of the fortress and converted it into a ghetto. It was heralded as the site where the most privileged Austrian, Czech, and German-Jews were housed during the Nazi imprisonment. The Nazis publicized the concentration camp as a culturally-rich social setting for its inhabitants, but that was only to conceal the atrocities that were actually taking place within its walls.

# Other Guidelines

*Don't Forget These Tips to Help You on Your Journey*



*Patience is something you will want to practice while we're on the trip. Above, our chaperones take a rest on the side of the freeway while our bus drivers repair a blown-out tire.*



Europe is one gigantic tourist attraction. Every place we will be visiting will have a line. Be patient and enjoy each other's company instead of complaining about the weather, the food, the customs, or the people. Instead, get to know each other...lifelong friendships are formed when you bond with each other! Complaining will just typify the European viewpoints of the "Ugly American."

Be gracious to everyone on our tour; this includes your Directors, Tour Leaders, Bus Drivers, and all trip participants. When and how you talk can color a person's perspective of you.

Pay attention to customs and museum rules. Locals and museums may not appreciate you taking pictures of them. Taking pictures is not a right, it's a privilege. Don't be compulsive; ask before you act.

If you don't have anything nice to say, refrain from saying it, or at least say it where people can't hear it. Remember, in many countries, locals will speak at least some English. There will always be someone nearby who understands enough English to know when you are insulting their country.

Don't assume that political strife means the people can't get along. Our media casts many countries in a bad light, to say the least, and other media around the world do the same to the U.S. The result is that we confuse the people with their governments. The U.S. government isn't too popular around the world, but Americans are generally well-liked, and it's not as necessary as you think to be on the defensive. Similarly, just because the U.S. likes to point out which country isn't our friend doesn't mean the *people* can't be friends.

## Our Flights

<b>Depart</b>	
<b>July 11, 2009</b>	
<i>Lufthansa flight 439</i>	
Depart Dallas/Ft Worth .....	4:10 pm
<b>July 12, 2009</b>	
Arrive Frankfurt .....	9:05 am
<i>Lufthansa flight 3260</i>	
Depart Frankfurt .....	12:15 pm
Arrive Prague .....	1:15 pm
<b>Return</b>	
<b>July 24, 2009</b>	
<i>Lufthansa flight 3449</i>	
Depart Budapest .....	6:35 am
Arrive Frankfurt.....	8:15 am
<i>Lufthansa flight 438</i>	
Depart Frankfurt .....	10:35 am
Arrive Dallas/Ft. Worth.....	2:20 pm

## Batteries and Plugs

*Remember to Bring Adaptors, Converters, or Batteries for your Electronics*

As a reminder, electronics items will need to have the proper voltage converters in order for them to run correctly. European voltage is twice what American voltage is. Plus, the plugs are different. Additionally, the number of cycles per second is less. This means that your 110-volt laptop, when plugged into the 220-volt socket, could possibly fry itself when turned on. And then the entire hotel could possibly be without electricity because of that blown fuse. We had students who tried that in Rome!

In order to run your items, be sure that you have BOTH an adaptor and a converter. The adaptor will convert the standard American plug to its European counterparts. Additionally, a converter will change the 220-voltage so that American electronics will operate on the European current. Check each of your electronics to be sure that they will actually run on the European currents.

Next, for those battery-powered items, be sure that you bring a stockpile of batteries. These can be costly in Europe, and will deplete your spending money. It's much cooler to bring home a beautiful souvenir from Europe, than a simple AA battery that will be tossed once it's used up.

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