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Sample Tour Program

featuring Prague, Kutna Hora, Jihlava, Krakow,
Wieliczka, Auschwitz, Warsaw, and Zelasowa Wola

day 1 – Overnight flight

Begin your 9-day European Performance Tour with today's overnight trans-Atlantic flight.

day 2 – Prague

The Czech Republic welcomes you! Arrive at the airport, and meet your **full-time bilingual tour manager**. Begin sightseeing right away, as a **local guide** joins you for a panoramic tour of Prague to familiarize you with this exciting city, including a visit to the **Dvorak Museum**, a baroque summer house featuring an exhibition of one of the greatest composers in the Czech Republic. Check-in to your hotel this afternoon, and refresh from your journey. This evening, enjoy a walk with your tour manager to enjoy the unforgettable **Krisik's Musical Fountain** featuring a fantastic performance of water, light, and music! **Dinner** is served at a local restaurant.

day 3 – Prague

Breakfast is served at the hotel, and each morning for the remainder of your trip. A **local guide** joins you for a sightseeing tour of Prague. Begin with the monumental **Prague Castle** and its interiors to learn of its rich history, and visit St. Vitus Cathedral while inside. Afterwards walk through Lesser Town and cross the Charles Bridge into Old Town, where the square is dominated by the Church of Our Lady, and the Town Hall where the world-famous Astronomical Clock is found. There is free time for lunch under your own arrangements. This afternoon visit the **Czech Museum of Music**, representing instruments as both evidence of skill in craft and art, and as a fundamental mediator between human beings and music. **Present your concert this evening at a local venue custom selected for your ensemble! There is the opportunity to make this an exchange and joint performance with a local ensemble. A warm-up rehearsal is provided prior to your performance.** Enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant.

day 4 – Prague

Breakfast at the hotel. Explorations continue as you venture outside of Prague for a half day tour to the medieval city of Kutna Hora. Join a **local guide** for your introduction of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, and its plentiful points of interest, silver ore history, and atmospheric narrow cobbled lanes. Included is a visit to the **Sedlec Ossuary**, a gothic church whose interior is bedecked with the bones of 40,000 human remains, many from the plague. Enjoy free time for lunch and further exploration, before returning to Prague. This evening enjoy a **dinner cruise** along the Vltava River.

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day 5 – Krakow

Breakfast at the hotel. Your journey through Europe continues as you travel from the Czech Republic to Poland today. Along the way stop in Jihlava and visit the **Mahler House**, where the composer lived with his from family from 1860. The house was turned into a museum with a permanent collection related to Gustav Mahler's life, family, and musical work. There is time for lunch, before arriving in Krakow later today, where you can check-in to your hotel, and relax. Enjoy a special **dinner** and evening with **Klezmer Music** performed at a Jewish restaurant in the Kazimierz district.

day 6 – Krakow

Breakfast at the hotel. Join a **local guide** this morning for a panoramic and walking tour of the well-preserved city of Krakow to learn of its history. First visit Wawel Hill with its **Royal Castle** and famous Flemish tapestries, and **Cathedral**—the coronation church of the kings of Poland, containing the resting places of their families, famous poets, and national heroes. Afterward visit Old Town with its market square, the largest in Europe, with Cloth Hall's Renaissance style market arcade, and St. Mary's Church and the Wit Stwocz Altar. You will also see City Hall and Florian Gate. This afternoon visit the nearby **Wieliczka Salt Mine and the Cathedral of St. Kinga**, known as the "Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland". One of the oldest Salt mines in Europe, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, complete with underground passages, caves, lakes and halls, and the only site in the world where mining has continued from the Middle Ages to the present. Return to Krakow, with time to refresh at the hotel. **Present your evening concert at a local venue custom selected for your ensemble! A warm-up rehearsal is provided prior to your performance.** **Dinner** is served at a local restaurant.

day 7 – Warsaw

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning depart Krakow en route for Warsaw. There is a stop along the way for a visit with **local guide** to the **Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp** to learn more about the tragedy of the Holocaust. It is a heart-breaking memorial to the more than one million Jews who died here, and an opportunity for a somber moment of reflection. Arrive at your hotel in Warsaw and refresh from your travels. This evening, delight in a special **Folklore Dinner** to celebrate the customs and music of Poland.

day 8 – Warsaw

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning's sightseeing provides the opportunity to learn about the history of Warsaw during a panoramic and walking tour of the city with a **local guide**. Visit both the banks of the Vistula River, as well as the Old Town with its colorful market square. Drive along the Royal Route lined with palaces, historic churches, and famous statues. And in Old Town, see St. John's Cathedral, Castle Square, and Lazienki Park with Chopin's Monument. You will also witness the Monument of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Sightseeing continues as you travel to nearby Zelazowa Wola, birthplace of Frederic Chopin, for a guided tour featuring his life and times. Included is a visit to the **Chopin Museum** in the Ostrogskich Palace and their exhibition "Chopin in Poland". Afterward, visit the **Holy Cross Church**, home of Chopin's heart. **Present your concert finale at a local venue custom selected for your ensemble! A warm-up rehearsal is provided prior to your performance.** Enjoy a last **dinner** to celebrate your successful performance tour and last night in Europe!

day 9 – Departure

A final **breakfast** is served at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your return flights home. Your tour manager will assist with airport check-in, and there is time for one last *ahoj* and *pozeganie*!

