

# Concert Tour of Germany + Czech Republic

## June 17-26

### Cost + What's Included

The total cost per student for our 9-day 2023 Concert Tour of Germany is \$3,900. The cost is essentially all-inclusive and below is a detailed list outlining what is included.

#### Included:

- Concerts (3)
- Sightseeing Highlights
- 8 nights of accommodation
- Continental breakfast and dinner daily
- Transportation by luxury air-conditioned motor coaches throughout land portion of the tour
- The services of one ACFEA courier per motor coach throughout the land portion of the tour
- 24/7 coverage by QCSYE full time staff members and experienced chaperones
- On-site large instrument rental and transportation
- Round-trip air transportation from Chicago - Berlin, returning from Prague
- Excess baggage fees for instruments that must be checked
- All necessary fees, documents, and bonds allowing for transport of all instruments into, out of, and throughout Germany + Czech Republic
- All taxes, tips and service charges normally payable for services included above, except discretionary tips to drivers, guides, and couriers
- One QCSYE Tour T-shirt

#### Not Included:

- Cost of Valid Passport
- Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, which is now required by most countries (brochures available)
- Independent lunches and snacks throughout the tour
- Beverages other than coffee and tea with breakfast, and water with dinner
- Souvenirs and gifts

## QUAD CITY SYMPHONY YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT TOUR OF GERMANY AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC, 2023

### Suggested Itinerary February 3, 2022

#### Sat Jun 17

#### IN FLIGHT

Check in at Chicago airport  
Depart on flight(s) to Berlin

#### Sun Jun 18

#### BERLIN

Arrive at Berlin airport  
Clear Immigration and Customs and meet your courier  
*More than any other great city, Berlin symbolizes both the division and the unity of Germany and Europe. The capital of Weimar Germany, then the headquarters of the Third Reich, pulverized by Allied bombs then split by the Wall, and now once again restored as capital, Berlin pulsates with memories of the past and hopes for a happier future*  
Guided sightseeing tour, during which you will see the Reichstag, The Brandenburg Gate, the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche, the Philharmonie and Unter den Linden  
Lunch independent  
afternoon Check in to the hotel  
evening Dinner in the hotel

#### Mon Jun 19

#### BERLIN

morning Breakfast in the hotel  
Rehearsal (3 hours)  
Lunch independent  
afternoon Sound check  
evening **Concert** (in the Gedächtniskirche?)  
Dinner in a restaurant



Berlin, Germany



**Tue Jun 20****BERLIN**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Transfer by coach to Potsdam <i>Berlin's Versailles, the royal out-of-town residence with its palaces and garrison town, has become one of the most popular tourist destinations in Germany since the demolition of the Wall. The Hohenzollerns built a series of palaces in Potsdam, to the west of the capital, in beautiful parkland along the various arms of the River Havel. The most famous is Frederick the Great's rococo Sanssouci Palace with its terraced vineyard garden and superb park</i> <b>Exchange opportunity</b> (with the Voltaire Schule?)
afternoon	Lunch in the school cafeteria?
evening	Entrance to Sanssouci Palace Dinner in a restaurant Attend a concert (at the Berliner Philharmonie, subject to availability)

**Wed Jun 21****LEIPZIG**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Entrance to the Checkpoint Charlie Museum Lunch independent
afternoon	Transfer by coach to Leipzig (c. 3 hrs) <i>Having always been an important commercial center, Leipzig's cultural position was assured when Johann Sebastian Bach was appointed the city's musical director in 1729. Richard Wagner was also born here, and studied at the University. Mendelssohn directed the Gewandhaus Orchestra and founded the Conservatory of Music</i> Arrive in Leipzig and check in to the hotel
evening	Guided tour of the Gewandhaus Dinner in a restaurant Attend a concert (at the Gewandhaus, subject to availability)

**Thu Jun 22****LEIPZIG**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Guided sightseeing tour, which will include such famous sights as Leipzig University (dating from 1409), the Gewandhaus, the Alte Rathaus and the 13 <sup>th</sup> -century Thomaskirche, where Bach was organist (entrance included) Lunch independent
afternoon	Transfer by coach to Bad Schmiedeberg? Rehearsal
evening	<b>Concert</b> (in the Festsaal?) Dinner in a restaurant Return by coach to Leipzig



<b>Fri Jun 23</b>		<b>PRAGUE</b>
morning	Breakfast in the hotel Depart by coach for Terezin (c. 2.5 hrs) <i>The ghetto city created by the Nazis in a former barracks town in the Central Bohemian flatlands can still be visited today, a chilling testimony of the Second World War. During your guided tour you will see the Small Fortress, Magdeburg Barracks and the Ghetto Museum</i> Lunch independent	
afternoon	Guided tour of Terezin concentration camp and memorial Continue by coach to Prague (c. 1 hr) Arrive in Prague and check in to the hotel <i>Prague is truly a golden city, a Renaissance jewel set in the heart of central Europe. From the extravagant medieval streets of Mala Strana to the baroque extravagance of the churches in the new town and on to the exquisite Jugendstil decoration of the major concert halls, Prague is a paradise for anyone who appreciates beauty in cities</i>	
evening	Dinner in the hotel	
<b>Sat Jun 24</b>		<b>PRAGUE</b>
morning	Breakfast in the hotel Guided walking tour, during which you will see Prague Castle and St Vitus Cathedral, the Lesser Town, the Charles Bridge and the Old Town Lunch independent	
afternoon	At leisure	
evening	Dinner in a restaurant	
<b>Sun Jun 25</b>		<b>PRAGUE</b>
morning	Breakfast in the hotel At leisure Lunch independent	
afternoon	Rehearsal	
evening	<b>Concert</b> (in the Dvorak Hall of the Rudolfinum?) Farewell dinner in a restaurant	
<b>Mon Jun 26</b>		<b>HOME</b>
morning	Breakfast in the hotel Transfer by coach to the airport and check in Depart on flight(s) to Chicago Arrive at Chicago airport	

*NB: driving times are estimates, based on normal road conditions,  
and do not include allowances for meal or rest stops  
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## Helpful Hints for Fundraising

1. *Create a list:* The main reason people don't give money is that no one asks them! So be thorough and think of as many people as you can to solicit. Remember: the more people you ask, the better your chances of success!
2. *Be creative:* Spread the message about your fundraising efforts through any means possible – Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, a blog, a fundraising website, or a good old-fashioned letter! Include a personal message describing the tour and your need to raise funds for it.
3. *Make it easy:* With each letter or email, include contribution forms that include a deadline of April 1, 2023. And include a stamped envelope or a link to your fundraising website.
4. *Be specific:* Donors tend to give more when asked to give a specific amount.
5. *Be confident:* Keep in mind, always, that you are not “begging for money” – you are seeking support for a major educational and cultural opportunity with your youth orchestra. Ask with confidence!
6. *Follow-up:* If you haven't received a response from someone you've asked for a donation, be sure to follow up. Make a phone call or send a quick email to make sure that they haven't forgotten.
7. *Be organized:* For any forms you receive, collect the contribution forms and staple them together. IF CHECKS ARE MADE OUT TO QCSO, MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FULL NAME AND “TOUR” ARE IN THE MEMO LINE OF EACH CHECK, AND MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON EACH CONTRIBUTION FORM YOU SEND IN. Turn in the forms with payment at a rehearsal or mail to the QCSO.
8. *Say thanks!* Once you have received a contribution from someone, let the individual know that the contribution—whatever the amount—is important to you. You can also invite your donors to QCSYE concerts so that they can hear the results of your hard work in person. It is a good idea to send a personal thank you to show how very much you appreciate the support!
9. *Be in touch:* If at any point you need help, advice, encouragement, or more contribution forms, call Chelsea Sammons at (563) 424-7990 or email her at [csammons@qcso.org](mailto:csammons@qcso.org).

Date

Dear NAME,

I am embarking upon an extraordinary educational experience this summer, and I hope you will be part of my journey. As you may know, I am a member of Quad City Youth Symphony Orchestra - one of the best youth orchestras in the region. Through my participation in the Youth Symphony Orchestra, I can take part in some wonderful performance opportunities, including a concert tour of Germany and the Czech Republic.

From June 17 - 26, 2023 I will be performing with my peers in world-renowned concert venues in Berlin, Leipzig, Brandenburg, and Prague. I am writing today because I am raising money so that I can participate in this important artistic and educational endeavor.

I am currently asking for contributions to support my tour experience, and I truly hope that you will be one of my sponsors. Each member of the Youth Symphony Orchestra is working to raise \$3,900 to support the cost of the tour. These include all concert expenses, such as hall rentals and publicity, music purchases, and international transportation of large instruments, round- trip airfare, hotels, meals each day, and educational tour guides.

Please consider making a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support my participation in YSO's Concert Tour of Germany and the Czech Republic. My deadline for collecting contributions is April 1, 2023. Your gift will allow me to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience and a chance to perform wonderful music in some of the world's greatest concert halls. Please note, per IRS regulations, your contribution will not be tax deductible.

I really appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail or call me at \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you!

With gratitude,

STUDENT NAME

Youth Symphony Orchestra Member

# Concert Tour of Germany + Czech Republic

## Contribution Form

**I/we would like to contribute to \_\_\_\_\_'s tour fund!**

1. My Contribution Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

2. My Payment Method:

\_\_\_Check #\_\_\_\_\_

*(Please make payable to QCSO & include student's full name and "tour" in the memo line)*

\_\_\_Credit/Debit (Visa/Mastercard/Discover/AmEx)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CV Code \_\_\_\_\_

3. My Billing Info:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Mail to:

Quad City Symphony Orchestra

Attn: YSO Concert Tour

327 Brady St.

Davenport, IA 52801

**\*\* Please note that this is not a tax-deductible contribution\*\***

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## Online Fundraising Options

[www.crowdrise.com](http://www.crowdrise.com)

[www.fundly.com](http://www.fundly.com)

[www.fundrazr.com](http://www.fundrazr.com)

[www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com)

*\*QCSO does not endorse any specific online fundraising platform but is happy to provide information and guidance on setting up your own fundraising campaign online. Please review all fine print – fees may apply.*

# Concert Tour Cancellation Policy

QCSYE recommends that students purchase travel insurance after they commit to participating in any QCSYE international tour. QCSYE recommends the travel insurance and global assistance options offered by Travel Guard but students may choose travel insurance from any provider.

The initial \$500 deposit which secures a student's spot on the tour is non-refundable under any circumstance that causes a student to cancel his/her participation.

In the case a student cancels his/her participation before December 1, 2022 up to 100% of the tour payments processed on behalf of said student are eligible for a refund with the exception of the \$500 deposit. Each instance of student cancellation is evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine the exact percentage of refund that can be offered by QCSYE.

In the case a student cancels his/her participation December 1, 2022 - March 1, 2023 up to 50% of the tour payments processed on behalf of said student are eligible for a refund with the exception of the \$500 deposit. Each instance of student cancellation is evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine the exact percentage of refund that can be offered by QCSYE.

In the case a student cancels his/her participation on or after March 1 up to 0% of the tour payments processed on behalf of said student are eligible for a refund with the exception of the \$500 deposit. Each instance of student cancellation is evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine the exact percentage of refund that can be offered by QCSYE.

In the case that QCSYE cancels the tour for any reason, 100% of all processed student tour payments including the \$500 deposit will be refunded.

Your adventure awaits. But don't be caught unprepared.

# Purchase insurance for your vacation with a tour protection plan.

ENROLL TODAY!

[my.travelinsure.com/acfea](http://my.travelinsure.com/acfea)

**Unexpected surprises can make life exciting.  
But not when they interfere with your vacation.**

Our tour insurance protection plan covers the unexpected by providing coverage for trip cancellation and trip interruption, plus accident and medical expenses, baggage loss and delay, travel delay and more.

*Read full policy for specific coverage details and exclusions.*

## Comprehensive Tour Insurance Protection Plan

PLAN DETAILS/COVERAGE	LIMITS
Trip Cancellation	100% of Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	100% of Trip Cost Limit
Travel Delay (6 hrs)	\$750 per Trip (\$100/day)
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$750 Per article Limit: \$250, Combined Maximum for Described Property: \$500
Baggage delay (12 hrs.)	\$250
Missed Connection (3 hrs)	\$500
Airline Ticket Change Fee	\$100
Single Occupancy Supplement	Included
Emergency Accident and Sickness Medical Expense (Primary Coverage)	\$50,000
Dental	\$500
Emergency Medical Evacuation	\$150,000
Repatriation of Remains	\$150,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$10,000
Pre-Existing Conditions Waiver*	Included when conditions are met
Trip Cancellation For Any Reason (CFAR)*^	75% of Total Trip Cost Optional Upgrade for additional cost and when conditions are met

\*Purchase plan within 14 days of initial deposit to be eligible for these options.

^Not available in every state. View quote online or call number below for quote.

Disclosure: The dollar amounts listed are maximums, and the policy may pay less than this amount, or up to this amount.



**Travel  
Insurance Services**

3805 West Chester Pike, Suite 200  
Newtown Square, PA 19073  
[customer care@travelinsure.com](mailto:customer care@travelinsure.com)

If you have questions about the plan or to enroll by phone, call Travel Insurance Services at (855) 874-0156 and reference ACFEA account #50020. Enroll online at [my.travelinsure.com/acfea](http://my.travelinsure.com/acfea).

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## RATES

Trip Cost	0-34	35-59	60-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+
\$ 1 - \$ 500	\$23	\$42	\$55	\$66	\$88	\$105	\$120
\$ 501 - \$ 1000	\$38	\$63	\$83	\$100	\$132	\$163	\$177
\$ 1001 - \$ 1500	\$50	\$75	\$111	\$133	\$175	\$218	\$234
\$ 1501 - \$ 2000	\$69	\$108	\$140	\$191	\$223	\$282	\$290
\$ 2001 - \$ 2500	\$88	\$130	\$169	\$257	\$309	\$345	\$347
\$ 2501 - \$ 3000	\$108	\$152	\$197	\$334	\$386	\$407	\$403
\$ 3001 - \$ 3500	\$127	\$175	\$226	\$375	\$432	\$474	\$517
\$ 3501 - \$ 4000	\$145	\$178	\$254	\$416	\$458	\$586	\$583
\$ 4001 - \$ 4500	\$162	\$192	\$323	\$448	\$495	\$623	\$682
\$ 4501 - \$ 5000	\$182	\$211	\$355	\$480	\$529	\$705	\$751
\$ 5001 - \$ 5500	\$209	\$263	\$388	\$511	\$565	\$832	\$824
\$ 5501 - \$ 6000	\$236	\$285	\$425	\$543	\$605	\$861	\$895
\$ 6001 - \$ 6500	\$258	\$311	\$458	\$578	\$655	\$917	\$967
\$ 6501 - \$ 7000	\$280	\$338	\$493	\$624	\$703	\$977	\$1,037
\$ 7001 - \$ 8000	\$308	\$375	\$556	\$713	\$888	\$1,187	\$1,257
\$ 8001 - \$ 9000	\$346	\$419	\$623	\$807	\$1,008	\$1,355	\$1,409
\$ 9001 - \$10,000	\$385	\$432	\$688	\$890	\$1,133	\$1,519	\$1,565
\$10,001 - \$11,000	\$442	\$500	\$773	\$991	\$1,253	\$1,680	\$1,826
\$11,001 - \$12,000	\$500	\$566	\$849	\$1,103	\$1,370	\$1,838	\$2,001
\$12,001 - \$13,000	\$558	\$635	\$921	\$1,214	\$1,490	\$1,999	\$2,186
\$13,001 - \$14,000	\$618	\$705	\$1,004	\$1,324	\$1,620	\$2,159	\$2,384
\$14,001 - \$15,000	\$680	\$776	\$1,088	\$1,434	\$1,781	\$2,319	\$2,581
\$15,001 - \$16,000	\$726	\$888	\$1,221	\$1,533	\$1,904	\$2,480	\$2,760
\$16,001 - \$17,000	\$774	\$947	\$1,300	\$1,633	\$2,027	\$2,639	\$2,937
\$17,001 - \$18,000	\$823	\$1,004	\$1,380	\$1,732	\$2,150	\$2,800	\$3,116
\$18,001 - \$19,000	\$870	\$1,062	\$1,458	\$1,832	\$2,274	\$2,959	\$3,295
\$19,001 - \$20,000	\$917	\$1,119	\$1,537	\$1,930	\$2,397	\$3,120	\$3,472
\$20,001 - \$21,000	\$963	\$1,177	\$1,617	\$2,002	\$2,520	\$3,280	\$3,651
\$21,001 - \$22,000	\$1,010	\$1,235	\$1,695	\$2,129	\$2,643	\$3,440	\$3,829
\$22,001 - \$23,000	\$1,059	\$1,293	\$1,774	\$2,228	\$2,766	\$3,600	\$4,009
\$23,001 - \$24,000	\$1,105	\$1,351	\$1,854	\$2,327	\$2,889	\$3,760	\$4,186
\$24,001 - \$25,000	\$1,152	\$1,408	\$1,933	\$2,426	\$3,012	\$3,920	\$4,365

Add \$5/day for every day that trip exceeds 30 consecutive days in length

The Tour Insurance Protection Plans are underwritten by Starr Indemnity & Liability Company, a Texas domiciled corporation (NAIC Company Code: 38318: TX license number: 93542) with its principal place of business at 399 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10022.

This is only a brief description of the coverage(s) available under policy series LT 007 (06/2015). The policy will contain reductions, limitations, exclusions, and termination provisions. Full details of the coverage are contained in the policy. If there are any conflicts or discrepancies between this document and the policy or if any point is not covered in this document, the terms and conditions of the policy shall govern. Starr Indemnity & Liability Company has sole financial responsibility over any claims and/or any other financial obligations owed by the insurer. Starr Indemnity & Liability Company ("Starr Indemnity"), a Texas company, has administrative offices at 399 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, NY, NY 10022. Starr Indemnity is currently authorized to transact business in all states and jurisdictions, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. NAIC No. 38318. Please read the policy carefully.

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\$ 3001 - \$ 3500	\$191	\$263	\$339	\$563	\$648	\$711	\$776
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\$ 4001 - \$ 4500	\$243	\$288	\$485	\$672	\$743	\$935	\$1,023
\$ 4501 - \$ 5000	\$273	\$317	\$533	\$720	\$794	\$1,058	\$1,127
\$ 5001 - \$ 5500	\$314	\$395	\$582	\$767	\$848	\$1,248	\$1,236
\$ 5501 - \$ 6000	\$354	\$428	\$638	\$815	\$908	\$1,292	\$1,343
\$ 6001 - \$ 6500	\$387	\$467	\$687	\$867	\$983	\$1,376	\$1,451
\$ 6501 - \$ 7000	\$420	\$507	\$740	\$936	\$1,055	\$1,466	\$1,556
\$ 7001 - \$ 8000	\$462	\$563	\$834	\$1,070	\$1,332	\$1,781	\$1,886
\$ 8001 - \$ 9000	\$519	\$629	\$935	\$1,211	\$1,512	\$2,033	\$2,114
\$ 9001 - \$10,000	\$578	\$648	\$1,032	\$1,335	\$1,700	\$2,279	\$2,348
\$10,001 - \$11,000	\$663	\$750	\$1,160	\$1,487	\$1,880	\$2,520	\$2,739
\$11,001 - \$12,000	\$750	\$849	\$1,274	\$1,655	\$2,055	\$2,757	\$3,002
\$12,001 - \$13,000	\$837	\$953	\$1,382	\$1,821	\$2,235	\$2,999	\$3,279
\$13,001 - \$14,000	\$927	\$1,058	\$1,506	\$1,986	\$2,430	\$3,239	\$3,576
\$14,001 - \$15,000	\$1,020	\$1,164	\$1,632	\$2,151	\$2,672	\$3,479	\$3,872
\$15,001 - \$16,000	\$1,089	\$1,332	\$1,832	\$2,300	\$2,856	\$3,720	\$4,140
\$16,001 - \$17,000	\$1,161	\$1,421	\$1,950	\$2,450	\$3,041	\$3,959	\$4,406
\$17,001 - \$18,000	\$1,235	\$1,506	\$2,070	\$2,598	\$3,225	\$4,200	\$4,674
\$18,001 - \$19,000	\$1,305	\$1,593	\$2,187	\$2,748	\$3,411	\$4,439	\$4,943
\$19,001 - \$20,000	\$1,376	\$1,679	\$2,306	\$2,895	\$3,596	\$4,680	\$5,208
\$20,001 - \$21,000	\$1,445	\$1,766	\$2,426	\$3,003	\$3,780	\$4,920	\$5,477
\$21,001 - \$22,000	\$1,515	\$1,853	\$2,543	\$3,194	\$3,965	\$5,160	\$5,744
\$22,001 - \$23,000	\$1,589	\$1,940	\$2,661	\$3,342	\$4,149	\$5,400	\$6,014
\$23,001 - \$24,000	\$1,658	\$2,027	\$2,781	\$3,491	\$4,334	\$5,640	\$6,279
\$24,001 - \$25,000	\$1,728	\$2,112	\$2,900	\$3,639	\$4,518	\$5,880	\$6,548

**NOTE:** These CFAR rates are only for trips of 30 days or less. Trips longer than 30 days will need to apply the \$5 per day to the non-CFAR rate first and then multiply the full rate by 1.5.

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#### **Payment Schedule:**

- July 1, 2022 - \$900 Deposit
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- November 1, 2022 - \$900
- February 1, 2023 - \$900
- April 1, 2023 - \$900

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evening

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morning

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Lunch independent  
At leisure  
**Attend concert** (in the Gedächtniskirche?)  
Dinner independent

afternoon  
evening



Berlin, Germany



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morning	Breakfast in the hotel Transfer by coach to Potsdam <i>Berlin's Versailles, the royal out-of-town residence with its palaces and garrison town, has become one of the most popular tourist destinations in Germany since the demolition of the Wall. The Hohenzollerns built a series of palaces in Potsdam, to the west of the capital, in beautiful parkland along the various arms of the River Havel. The most famous is Frederick the Great's rococo Sanssouci Palace with its terraced vineyard garden and superb park</i> Guided sightseeing tour, including entrance to Sanssouci Palace Lunch independent
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evening	<b>Attend concert</b> (in the Festsaal?) Dinner in a restaurant Return by coach to Leipzig



**Fri Jun 23****PRAGUE**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Depart by coach for Terezin (c. 2.5 hrs) <i>The ghetto city created by the Nazis in a former barracks town in the Central Bohemian flatlands can still be visited today, a chilling testimony of the Second World War. During your guided tour you will see the Small Fortress, Magdeburg Barracks and the Ghetto Museum</i> Lunch independent
afternoon	Guided tour of Terezin concentration camp and memorial Continue by coach to Prague (c. 1 hr)
evening	Arrive in Prague and check in to the hotel <i>Prague is truly a golden city, a Renaissance jewel set in the heart of central Europe. From the extravagant medieval streets of Mala Strana to the baroque extravagance of the churches in the new town and on to the exquisite Jugendstil decoration of the major concert halls, Prague is a paradise for anyone who appreciates beauty in cities</i> Dinner independent

**Sat Jun 24****PRAGUE**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Guided walking tour, during which you will see Prague Castle and St Vitus Cathedral, the Lesser Town, the Charles Bridge and the Old Town Lunch independent
afternoon	At leisure
evening	Dinner independent

**Sun Jun 25****PRAGUE**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel At leisure Lunch independent
afternoon	At leisure
evening	<b>Attend concert</b> (in the Dvorak Hall of the Rudolfinum?) Farewell dinner in a restaurant

**Mon Jun 26****HOME**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Transfer by coach to the airport and check in Depart on flight(s) to Chicago Arrive at Chicago airport
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*NB: driving times are estimates, based on normal road conditions, and do not include allowances for meal or rest stops*



Prague, Czech Republic

# Companion Tour Cancellation Policy

QCSO recommends that travelers purchase travel insurance after they commit to participating in any QCSO international tour. QCSO recommends the travel insurance and global assistance options offered by Travel Guard but travelers may choose travel insurance from any provider.

The initial \$900 deposit which secures a person's spot on the tour is non-refundable under any circumstance that causes a person to cancel his/her participation.

In the case a person cancels his/her participation before December 1, 2022 up to 100% of the tour payments processed on behalf of said person are eligible for a refund with the exception of the \$900 deposit. Each instance of cancellation is evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine the exact percentage of refund that can be offered by QCSO.

In the case a person cancels his/her participation December 1, 2022 – March 1, 2023 up to 50% of the tour payments processed on behalf of said person are eligible for a refund with the exception of the \$900 deposit. Each instance of cancellation is evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine the exact percentage of refund that can be offered by QCSO.

In the case a person cancels his/her participation on or after March 1 up to 0% of the tour payments processed on behalf of said person are eligible for a refund with the exception of the \$900 deposit. Each instance of cancellation is evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine the exact percentage of refund that can be offered by QCSO.

In the case that QCSO cancels the tour for any reason, 100% of all processed person tour payments including the \$900 deposit will be refunded.