

SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH ORCHESTRA
SIX DAY TOUR TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC
23RD – 28TH JULY 2014
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Day 1 – Wednesday 23rd July

Travel to the Czech Republic

07.30	Coaches arrive. Check in with your staff member. Show them your passport and European Health card. Check instrument, music, stand, concert dress. Stow luggage.	
08.15	dep. Southampton	
09.55	arr. London Heathrow	65m/105km
	Check in British Airways Flight BA 860	
11.55	dep. London Heathrow	
	Snack provided on the flight	
14.50	arr. Prague (local time)	
	Met by Tour Escort – Markéta Vybíralová	
	Coach transfer to hotel	17km/11m
16.30	Check in: <i>Hotel Duo</i> www.english.janhotels.cz/duo-hotel-prague	



Prague, the largest city in the Czech Republic lies on the River Vltava in Central Bohemia and has remained the centre of political, cultural and economic power of the Czech people for over 1,000 years. Although the city was isolated behind the Iron Curtain for more than 40 years, it has now resumed its place as a major intellectual centre of Europe. For six centuries, it has remained nearly untouched by war, leaving intact stunning examples from the Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo architectural styles.

Day 1 – continued

Unload van as instructed
18.30 Dinner in hotel
19.30 **Rehearsal in hotel Congress Hall**
Load van
Own rooms and sleep

Day 2 – Thursday 24th July

Prague

07.30 Breakfast in hotel
08.30 Coach transfer to Castle District with city guide 10km/6m
Wear flat comfortable shoes – this is a walking tour

A.M. **Guided tour of Prague to include:**

- *Prague Castle*
- *St Vitus's Cathedral*
- *Mala Strana*
- *Charles Bridge*

Buy lunch in the Old Town Square (money provided)

13.00 Return to hotel by coach to collect instruments,
music, concert clothes and music stands.

13.30 dep. Prague

15.00 arr. Jablonec nad Nisou 111km/69m

15.30 – **Rehearsal** in Jablonec nad Nisou theatre
16.45



17.00 Dinner in restaurant within walking distance

19.00 **Concert**

Overture to Bartered Bride – Smetana 7’
Piano Concerto – Grieg 25’
Soloist: Sikun Chen

Day 2 – continued

Interval

Overture to Gondoliers – Sullivan 5’
Vltava – Smetana 13’
Scherzo Capriccioso – Dvorak 12’
(Slavonic dance for encore if needed)

21.30	dep.	Jablonec nad Nisou	
23.00	arr.	Prague	99km/62m

Day 3 – Friday 25th July

Prague

08.00	Breakfast in hotel	
09.00	Coach transfer to Jewish Quarter via Czech Museum of Music to drop off instruments, music, concert clothes and music stands.	8km/5m
10.00	<i>Guided tour of Jewish Quarter and Old Town Square</i> Packed lunch Walk to The Czech Museum of Music. Change for concert.	
16.45 – 17.30	Sound check in Czech Museum of Music	



18.00 – 19.20	Concert	
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Slavonic dance Op 46 – Dvorak 4’

Cello Concerto – Elgar 30’

Soloist: Mike Huang

Interval

Shropshire Lad – Butterworth 15’

Day 3 – continued

Fantasia on Greensleeves – Vaughan Williams 4’

Vltava – Smetana 13’

(Sullivan overture Gondoliers for encore if needed)

Help pack van quickly, so Peter and Roger can race 9km/6m
back to the hotel and then join us as we go for a

20.00 Coach transfer to embankment

21.00 **River Cruise with dinner on the Vltava**

23.00 Coach transfer to hotel

Day 4 – Saturday 26th July

Mariánské Lázně/Plzen

08.30 Breakfast in hotel

Check out hotel

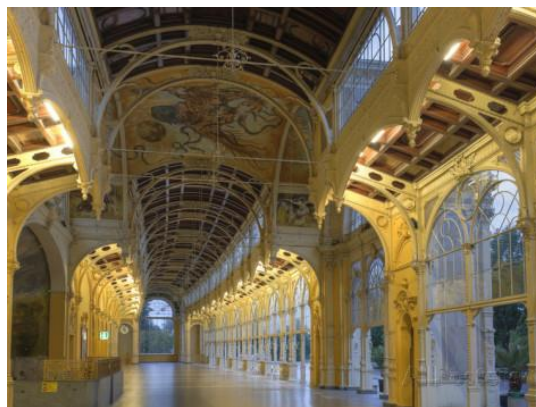
10.00 dep. Prague

12.30 arr. Mariánské Lázně 178km/111m

Unload music, instruments and clothes

Picnic lunch in the park (or under colonnades if wet)

14.30 **Set up/Rehearsal in Colonnade Cast Iron Arcade**



15.30 Relax in the park (pray for a fine day!)

17.30 Dinner in restaurant (walking distance)

19.00 **Concert**

Slavonic Dance Op 46 – Dvorak 4’
Overture to Gondoliers – Sullivan 5’
Vltava – Smetana 13’
Fantasia on Greensleeves – Vaughan Williams 4’
Overture to Bartered Bride – Smetana 7’
Scherzo Capriccioso – Dvorak 15’
More Slavonic Dances Op 46 - Dvorak

Day 4 – continued

21.00 dep. Mariánské Lázně
 22.30 arr. Plzen 76km/47m

Plzen is the largest town in Bohemia after Prague and was founded by Czech King Wenceslas II. Today it is famous mostly due to the products of Plzen’s brewery and the heavy machinery factories of Skoda.

Check in:

Parkhotel Plzen
www.parkhotel-czech.eu

Day 5 – Sunday 27th July

Plzen

08.30 Breakfast in hotel
 A.M. **Free time in hotel – Swimming available**
 12.30 Meet in hotel lobby with music, instruments and music stands.

13.00 Coach transfer to Mestanska Beseda Concert Hall 3km/2m
 Unload
 Short walk to town square for lunch

14.00 **Rehearsal** in the Mestanska Beseda Hall



16.00 Coach transfer to hotel. Change into concert dress. 3km/2m

17.30	Dinner in hotel	
18.45	Coach transfer to Mestanska Beseda Hall	3km/2m
19.30	Concert	

Overture to Bartered Bride – Smetana 7’

Piano Concerto – Grieg 31’

Soloist: Sikun Chen

Interval

Day 5 – continued

The Shropshire Lad – Butterworth 15’

Vltava – Smetana 13’

Scherzo Capriccioso – Dvorak 12’

(Slavonic Dance for encore if needed)

Pack van

22.00	Coach transfer to hotel	3km/2m
22.30	Short gathering in the hotel. Pack for departure in the morning.	

Day 6 – Monday 28th July

Travel to England

07.00	Breakfast in hotel	
	Check out hotel	
08.00	dep. Plzen	
09.20	arr. Prague airport	93km/52m
	Check in British Airways Flight 855	
11.20	dep. Prague	
	Snack served on board aircraft	
12.30	arr. London Heathrow (local time)	
15.00	arr. Southampton	65m/105km