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CANTATE PRAGUE 2025

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PRAGUE

A city with a glorious past and a bright future, Prague is virtually a **political and cultural capital**. This has not changed over the centuries, and it has therefore solidified its position as one of the most interesting metropolises in Europe.

In the Czech Republic, **gastronomy** is another pleasure you should not overlook. The local cuisine, flavorful and nutritious, reflects the essence of Central Europe, where traditional flavors blend with contemporary touches. A good stew or grilled meat is often accompanied by the world-famous Czech beer, which is the perfect complement for enjoying an authentic meal in this country.

Prague's **musical tradition** is also an essential part of its identity, not only in its concert halls but also in its streets, squares, and beer halls. In these urban corners, the sounds of wind instruments, jazz, and other genres come to life, blending the classic with the modern.

Prague is also a stage for artists and grand opera. One need only recall the world premiere of **Mozart's Don Giovanni**, the numerous references in **Goethe's Faust**, or the many places where **Franz Kafka's** stories take place.

Among all the arts that flourish in Prague, **music is undoubtedly the one that best defines the city's character**. From its operas to its open-air concerts, it becomes a paradise for lovers of culture and the arts.



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ITINERARY



DAY 1 **Thursday 28.11**

Arrival in Prague in the afternoon or evening.
Greeting by your tour-leader and check-in at the hotel.
Dinner at your hotel. Overnight.

DAY 2 **Friday 29.11**

Breakfast. Half day guided tour of Prague Castle.
Lunch on your own.
In the afternoon:
Friendship concert in a concert hall or a church or Open-Air-Concert at the traditional Christmas market.
Dinner at your hotel. Overnight

DAY 3 **Saturday 30.11**

Breakfast. Continue visiting the Old Town of Prague.
Lunch on your own.
In the afternoon:
Big Final Concert together with all participating choirs in a Concert Hall at the city center of Prague.
Dinner at restaurant.
Return to the hotel. Overnight.

DAY 4 **Sunday 1.12**

Breakfast at the hotel.
Check-out and departure.



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Open-Air-Concert at the Christmasmarket

Prague's Christmas markets, which are among the most beautiful in the world, offer a unique atmosphere. They are numerous and open from the end of November: the two most famous are on the Old Town Square and Wenceslas Square. Other markets can be found in Havelské tržiště, Náměstí Republiky, Náměstí Míru and the Charity Advent Market.

Date: Saturday afternoon

Duration of the concert: ca. 25 minutes a cappella

Repertoire: advent and christmas songs

Rehearsal: at the hotel

Performance: a cappella

Big Final Concert

The grand final concert, in honor of all participating choirs, will take place in a concert hall in the Old Town of Prague. One choir after the other will perform 2 songs of his choice. The concert ends with a common ending song. The score of the final song will be sent to you after your registration for the festival.

Date: Sunday afternoon

Duration of the concert: ca. 2 hours

Duration of performance: 2 songs each choir

Repertoire: free choice

Rehearsal: in the hotel

- Rehearsal at the concert hall before the concert is not possible!

Piano: E-Piano is available

Farewell Dinner

After the closing concert, all the participating choirs will go to dinner together in a typical beer cellar in Prague, and thus the festive and friendly atmosphere of the final concert will continue even longer.



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Important Information

Documents	To enter the Czech Republic you will need a passport or identity card. Also for children valid travel documents with passport photo are required!
Emergency numbers	Emergency: 112 - Police: 158 - Fire Department: 150 - Ambulance: 155
Accompanying guests	They can take part to the programme under the same conditions as for the singers.
Cancellation fees	A choir can cancel the reservation free of charge up to the 15.09.2024
Language	The Czech language is a Slavic language. Older Czechs speak German more often; English is the most popular foreign language among younger Czechs.
Money	Currency is the Czech Crown (CZK), divided into 100 Heller. Exchange rate as of June 2024: 25 CZK approx. € 1. There are notes of 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000 and 5000 crowns and coins of 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 crowns. A currency exchange is possible at the border, the hotel reception and in exchange offices and banks. Please note that in exchange offices besides the courses, the handling fee is an important factor. This is not always clearly indicated. You will get the best course at ATMs where debit cards can be withdrawn. The user guidance is also possible in English.
Medical assistance	During a visit to the Czech Republic, your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will enable you to access necessary state-provided healthcare on the same basis as a resident of the country. Nevertheless, we recommend to take out an additional foreign travel insurance.
Safety	As in every big city, beware of pickpockets, particularly around tourist attractions and in public transports.
Taxi	In Prague there are no fixed prices for taxis. Therefore, a fare should be agreed before the start of the journey. Night surcharges are usual. At busy places are not always serious taxi drivers, so agree on a price or call taxi associations, which have fixed prices, e.g. AAA-Taxi 14014, Citytaxi 233103310 or Profitaxi 14035 - Communication in English possible.
Public transport	Individual activities in Prague are easily possible by public transport. Tickets for 32 KC (about 1,40 €) entitle you to change between the means of transport (bus, tram, metro) for 60 minutes, tickets for 30 minutes without change cost 24 KC (about 1, - €). Tickets are available at vending machines or at some hotel receptions.



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