

**Long Island Youth Orchestra 2024 Summer Tour  
First Draft Itinerary**

June 27, 2024	Depart NYC	Depart JFK International airport for our outbound flight to Prague, Czech Republic
June 28, 2024	Prague	<p>Arrive in Prague, transfer to the Prague Marriott Hotel for check-in. Balance of the day will be spent exploring the city in groups, followed by a group welcome dinner.</p> <p>Prague, the capital city of the Czech Republic, is nicknamed “the city of a hundred spires,” known for its Old Town Square, colorful baroque buildings, Gothic Churches and bustling festivals. First class accommodations at the Prague Marriott Hotel for 3 nights.</p>
June 29, 2024	Prague	<p>Begin the day with breakfast at the hotel and a choice of guided tours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Golden City of a Hundred Spires tour</li><li>- Prague Castle Hike</li></ul> <p>After returning from your chosen guided tour, enjoy lunch near the hotel, followed by further exploration of this historic city in supervised smaller groups. The orchestra will meet for dinner at a local restaurant.</p>
June 30, 2024	Prague	We'll begin the day with breakfast at the hotel and then board a coach bus to the concert venue for our first orchestra rehearsal of the tour, followed by our first public performance. Time will be allotted to grab lunch between events. After the concert, LIYO will transfer to a local restaurant to celebrate our first international performance in 11 years(!), and then return to the hotel to pack and rest for our next adventure.
July 1, 2024	Prague/Regensburg/ Vilshofen	Begin the day with breakfast at the hotel, followed by Immediate check-out from the hotel. Board the coach bus, crossing the border into Germany and enjoy a stop in Regensburg, one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Regensburg is

one of the most picturesque cities in Germany, described as a magical combination of stone and charm.

Discover Regensburg on a guided walking tour showcasing the city's architectural highlights, including the Old Town Hall and the Porta Praetoria, followed by a quick lunch.

After touring Regensburg, we will continue our journey to Vilshofen, where we will board the AMAVerde, our luxury river cruise ship and home for the next 7 nights.

The AMAVerde is a first-class vessel that holds a maximum of 160 passengers and boasts a crew of 51. Onboard amenities include access to restaurants, outdoor pool, fitness center, sun deck, spa and a full fleet of onboard bicycles for guests.

Vilshofen, Germany, is situated at the entrance of the Lower Bavarian-Upper Austrian Danube Gorge and lies at the southern edge of the Bavarian Forest. Its history dates back to the year 776AD, with its cobblestone old town near the waterfront.

Unpack, explore the ship and enjoy dinner on the ship. Time for supervised group free time in the evening. Possible chamber music performances.

July 2, 2024    Vilshofen/Passau

Begin the day with breakfast in the ship's main dining room followed by time to explore the town in small groups.

The AMAVerde will then depart Vilshofen for Passau, Germany. Lunch onboard the ship while we head to Passau in addition to possible chamber music performances.

Passau, the "City of Three Rivers" lies on the German side of the border with Austria. Notable for its combination of gothic and baroque architecture.

After arriving in Passau, you'll have the option to participate in a guided walking tour of the city, a hike to Veste Oberhus (Passau's Castle on a hill), or a River Inn bicycle tour.

After our day in Passau, return to the ship for a group dinner in the main restaurant while we head for Austria.

July 3, 2024    Linz/Salzburg

When you wake up, we'll be in Austria! Begin the day with breakfast in the ship restaurant. The AMAVerde will dock in Linz, Austria. The entire orchestra will embark on a day-long excursion to Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart. En route to Salzburg, we'll stop at Basilica St. Michael, the site of the filming of *The Sound of Music*. Another UNESCO World Heritage Site, Salzburg is a city divided by the Salzach River, with the old city on the left bank, and new city on the right. Possible destinations include the Mozart's home, the historic city center, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square and the Old Market. Lunch will be incorporated into the excursion.

Possible time to explore Linz in supervised groups upon returning from our Salzburg excursion, followed by dinner at your leisure at one of the ship's restaurants.

July 4, 2024    Cruising the Wachau  
Valley/Weissenkirchen/  
Durnstein

Enjoy a leisurely morning breakfast as we cruise through the Wachau Valley. Time for onboard chamber music performances as we head to Weissenkirchen and Durnstein.

In Durnstein, you'll have a choice of participating in a walking tour of the city and visit to Melk Abbey, going on a Durnstein Fortress hike, or taking a Wachau Valley bike tour.

After touring and dinner back on the ship, LIYO will present another full orchestra performance before departing in the evening.

July 5, 2024    Vienna

After an early breakfast on the ship, the entire orchestra will embark on an "Imperial Vienna" guided tour. The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems including the majestic Opera House, the Imperial Palace, and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Our Guided tour will end in the city center, at which point we will break off into supervised groups for lunch and to explore other sites of interest. Possible chamber music performances before dinner.

July 6, 2024    Bratislava

Wakeup to a morning breakfast while the ship clears

Customs as we dock in Bratislava, the Capital of Slovakia. Bratislava, a city of nearly 500,000 inhabitants is the only national capital that borders two countries – Austria and Hungary. Known for its winding cobbled streets, baroque architecture and bridges, Bratislava is the perfect mixture of modern flare and old city charm.

Depending on your energy level and preferences, guests will have the option to participate in the “Coronation City” guided walking tour, the “Tastes of Slovakia” food tour, or the Bratislava Castle Hike. Dinner on the ship as we depart for Hungary.

July 7, 2024    Budapest

Enjoy breakfast on the ship followed by a guided “Queen of the Danube” tour, beginning at Budapest’s Great Market Hall, where you’ll discover plenty of delicious food and shopping opportunities. Afterwards, we will visit both the Buda (hilly) and Pest (flat) sides of the Danube River. You’ll see the 19<sup>th</sup>-century chain bridge and the UNESCO-designated Castle Hill district, which contains some of Budapest’s most important medieval monuments and museums. As this is the last stop on our tour, there will be supervised free time to explore this major European capital.

LIYO will present it’s final public performance in the evening and enjoy a traditional LIYO Farewell Dinner.

July 8, 2024    Budapest/NYC

Wakeup for an early breakfast. LIYO will then disembark the AMAVerde and transfer to the airport for our return flight to New York.