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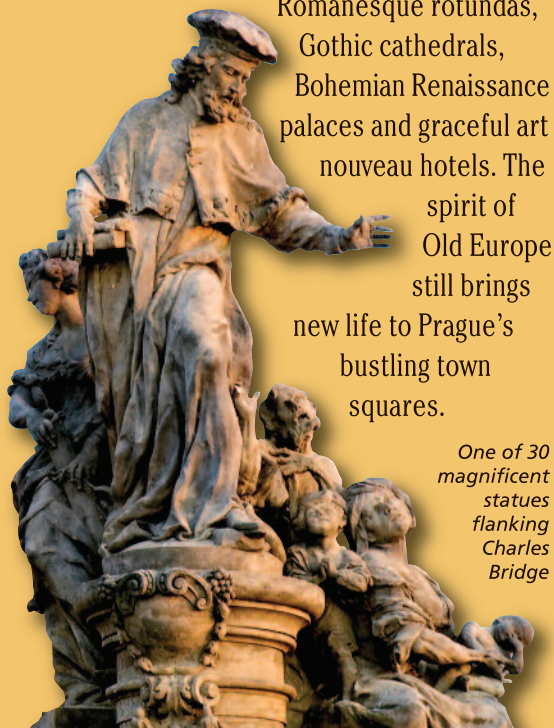


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rague thrives on a dedication to life well lived. Daily life in the Czech capital, which nurtured composers such as Mozart, Smetana and Dvořák, appeals to lovers of fine music, beer gardens — the Czechs invented lager, after all — and historic architecture. Spared from the destruction of World War II, spire-speckled Prague is a UNESCO World Heritage site and a tour through eight centuries of

Romanesque rotundas, Gothic cathedrals, Bohemian Renaissance palaces and graceful art nouveau hotels. The spirit of Old Europe still brings new life to Prague's bustling town squares.

One of 30 magnificent statues flanking Charles Bridge



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour the **Historic Center of Prague**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including the Charles Bridge, the Old Town and the Astronomical Clock.
- Learn about **Prague Castle** and the Kingdom of Bohemia during a private visit to the castle gardens.
- Taste the unfiltered, unpasteurized perfection of Czech lager at the **Pilsner Urquell Brewery** in Pilsen.
- Discover the **Strahov Monastery** and its library, which contains thousands of rare volumes.
- Witness Mozart's musical brilliance during an exclusive visit to the **Estates Theater** and a private performance of his works.
- Thrill to a performance and backstage visit of **Laterna Magika**, a unique Czech black light theater experience.

Alumni Campus Abroad® Advantages

The unique, value-added features of Alumni Campus Abroad® programs deliver an outstanding educational travel experience.

- **A carefully selected hotel** with comfortable accommodations is the perfect base for exploring the region's renowned landmarks and off-the-beaten-path treasures while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in the local culture and lifestyle.
- **Groups are limited to 36 travelers** to maximize your travel experience.
- **An extensive meal plan** is seasoned with traditional specialties.
- **Meet the People** opportunities allow you to interact with local residents and gain personal insight into their everyday lives.
- **Knowledgeable guides** lead your excursions and **local experts** present insightful educational lectures.
- **An experienced Campus Director** ensures attentive service for the duration of your stay.
- **All gratuities** for excursion guides and drivers are included.



Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

We invite you to join us on an exciting cultural expedition to Prague, the City of a Hundred Spires! Your nine-day vacation in the Czech capital will take you on a thrilling journey through the history and heart of an ancient city. Learn about the politics, architecture, theater, music and breweries of Bohemia while enjoying local hospitality and world-class accommodations.

Travel experts have meticulously planned this exciting program, which showcases the highlights of Prague. Enjoy preferred access to popular attractions and an exclusive educational program that will enhance your appreciation of the people and the culture. Our engaging lecture program features expert local speakers and is the hallmark of our Alumni Campus Abroad programs.

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. You will enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group of like-minded people and, during your free time, feel the thrill of making your own discoveries!

As the trip is limited to 36 passengers, space is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today!

Sincerely,

Marguerite I. Jones

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Travel Program Director
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Paul Mathews (DMA, '98) is the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Peabody Conservatory and a composer of opera and chamber music. A member of the Music Theory faculty, his published scholarship concerns orchestration and music of the early twentieth century. Local concert-goers may remember Dr. Mathews lecturing for the Shriver Hall Concert Series.

PRAGUE

THE CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES



Experience the Prague that few visitors see, beginning with an exclusive visit to an 800-year-old monastery library. Gaze at the Vltava River from atop Prague's Castle Hill; stroll Old Town and the statuesque Charles Bridge; and visit Pilsen to taste real Czech beer and learn how it is brewed. Tour Prague's cultural and political landmarks, from the Estates Theater and the Mucha Museum to the Jewish Quarter and Wenceslas Square.

DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for Prague, Czech Republic, aboard scheduled jet service.[†]

[†]Provided for Air/Land participants.

DAY TWO

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Upon arrival, transfer[†] to the Art Deco Imperial Hotel and join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel's elegant Café Imperial, a favorite haunt of Franz Kafka and other luminaries.

DAY THREE

PRAGUE

Educational Focus: *The Velvet Revolution.* Learn about contemporary Prague politics and the story of the Velvet Revolution, the peaceful 1989 uprising that ended the Czech Stalinist single-party state.

Excursion: *Highlights of Prague.* Admire the many historic landmarks of Prague, a medieval city spared from the destructive wars of the 20th century. Explore the Strahov

Catholic Monastery, one of Prague's most ancient landmarks, and enjoy an exclusive visit to the Philosophical and Theological Halls of the monastery's library. Stand in Prague Castle's gothic Vitus' Cathedral, built in 1344 by Holy Roman Emperor and Czech King Charles IV, and marvel at the haunting stained glass in the spiritual heart of the city. Sail the Vltava River, stroll the gothic Charles Bridge and examine its 30 statuaries, and discover Old Town Square's famous Astronomical Clock and wealth of Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and baroque façades.

Local Flavor: Savor classic Czech cuisine at a restaurant situated on a hillside beneath Prague Castle. Enjoy the restaurant's garden terraces, vineyards and spectacular views of the Old Town and the Vltava River.

DAY FOUR

PRAGUE

Excursion: *In the Footsteps of Mozart.*

Learn about the life of prodigious composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Enjoy a private concert at the baroque St. Nicholas Church, where Mozart used to play the organ, and special access to the neoclassical Estates Theater, where Mozart conducted the world premiere of "Don Giovanni" in 1787.

DAY FIVE

PILSEN

Excursion: *Pilsen, the Taste of Czech Beer.* Visit Pilsen, located in western Bohemia on the site of a medieval castle. See where it all began at the Pilsner Urquell Brewery, founded

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*Above: Pilsner Urquell Brewery cellars
Left: Strahov Monastery library*



UNESCO

The Historic Center of Prague is a UNESCO World Heritage site featured on this program.

in 1839. Taste the clear, golden lager and learn about the brewing process at the Beer Museum. Explore the Pilsen Historical Underground, a labyrinth of cellars, wells and passageways in use since the 14th century.

Local Flavor: Enjoy a lunch of local specialties — including the brew — at a restaurant in Pilsen.

DAY SIX PRAGUE

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Excursion: *Art Nouveau and the Mucha Museum.* Discover the textures of Prague's distinctive art nouveau architecture, including the nationalistic Municipal House, home to the Prague Royal Orchestra. Go deeper into the work of Czech art nouveau artist Alphonse Mucha with a visit to the Mucha Museum, which features the time the artist spent in Paris designing posters for Sarah Bernhardt.

Excursion: *Behind the Scenes of Laterna Magika.* Take a private backstage tour of the Laterna Magika Theater, the city's silent (thus internationally comprehensible) theatre. Enjoy dinner and a signature Laterna Magika performance incorporating film projection, dance, sound, lights, pantomime and black light theater.

DAY SEVEN PRAGUE

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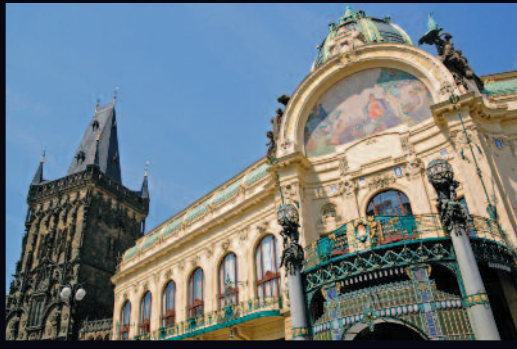
Excursion: *The Jewish Quarter.* In Josefov, Prague's former Jewish ghetto, traverse the original network of narrow streets and see the baroque Old New Synagogue, Europe's oldest active synagogue, founded in 1270. Walk amongst the disheveled tombstones of the humbling Old Jewish Cemetery, one of the oldest and best-kept Jewish cemeteries in the world.

DAY EIGHT PRAGUE

B/D

Excursion: *The Gardens of Prague Castle.* Enjoy a private tour of the gardens of Prague Castle, including the historic Royal Garden, founded in 1534. The garden became famous for its rare botanical specimens and

Far left: Charles Bridge at dawn | Left: Tyn Church on Old Town Square | Below: Municipal House



Architectural Prague

While Prague is a living museum of a thousand years of European architecture, perhaps its most exciting period was the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when Czech architects looked to art nouveau, which had originated in 1890s Paris. Emphasizing a mix of naturalistic but stylized forms and geometric shapes, art nouveau was a welcome departure from the formal lines of neo-classical buildings, and Prague is rich with its influence, especially in New Town and the Jewish Quarter. After World War I, Art Deco emerged as a complement to the opulent Jazz Age, featuring geometric, bold shapes wrought from modern materials like steel and chrome. The famous Art Deco Imperial Hotel, built in 1914, is home to the equally legendary Café Imperial. Once frequented by writer Franz Kafka and composer Leoš Janáček, this beautiful space is decorated with elaborate oriental- and Moorish-inspired mosaic and relief work, and it proudly operates today as one of Prague's finest restaurants.

the exotic plants, including cedar trees, figs and tulips, imported to Bohemia from around the world. See the Royal Garden's ornamental flowerbeds, the Ball Game Pavilion, the Royal Summer House and the Lion Court.

This evening, gather with fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception, Graduation Ceremony and Farewell Dinner at the hotel.

DAY NINE

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After breakfast, transfer to the Prague-Ruzyně International Airport for the return flight to your gateway city.↑

Note: Itinerary schedule may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

• Seven nights in Prague at the first-class **Art Deco Imperial Hotel**.

Meals

• Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including seven breakfasts, two lunches and three dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

• Sample **authentic regional specialties** at local restaurants.

• Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.

• Attend a special **Welcome Reception and Dinner**.

• Gather for a **Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony** followed by a **Farewell Dinner**.

Your Exciting Travel Program

(For full details please refer to the day-by-day itinerary.)

• **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.

• **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.

• **All excursions:**

- Marvel at Prague's Old Town and stroll the Charles Bridge over the Vltava.
- Reflect on history in the Jewish Quarter.
- Tour the gardens of Prague Castle.
- Taste the brew in world-famous Pilsen.
- Behold the Strahov Monastery and its library's seldom-seen rare volumes.
- Follow in the footsteps of Mozart to St. Nicholas Church and Estates Theater.
- See art nouveau at the Mucha Museum.
- Enjoy a special visit to Laterna Magika.

Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of a professional **Campus Director** throughout the trip.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in your planning.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

ACCOMMODATIONS



ART DECO IMPERIAL HOTEL

The elegant Art Deco Imperial Hotel is located in the heart of Prague's historic city center, making it the perfect starting point for sightseeing. Treat yourself to a spa massage or relax in the steam bath, sauna or whirlpool. Exercise in the state-of-the-art fitness center and savor Czech and European dishes at the hotel's restaurant, which is considered one of the most beautiful coffeehouses in Prague.



Laterna Magika

This theater has an important and celebrated role in recent Czech history. Known as the "war room" where Czech president Václav Havel and other intellectuals planned the peaceful overthrow of the Communist government in 1989, the theater in its original location near Wenceslas Square was the site of 10 nights of debates among striking actors and artists rallying the masses to democratic freedom during the Velvet Revolution. When the Politburo resigned, celebrations erupted in the streets. Today the theater, located in a wing of the National Theater, hosts performance art shows of music, film, light and dance. The multimedia shows, often comedies written by Czech playwrights, are entertaining for audiences of any language.

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Land and Air Program

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the roundtrip Air Program to and from Prague, Czech Republic, to depart from:

Departure City

Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

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Land Program

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Please contact me/us regarding air options.

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Note: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.

Eligibility: At least one member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of \$50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit alumni.jhu.edu/support.

I understand the conditions stated in this brochure and submit my reservation as indicated.

Signature _____ Date _____

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LAND PROGRAM

July 30-August 6, 2013

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July 29-August 6, 2013

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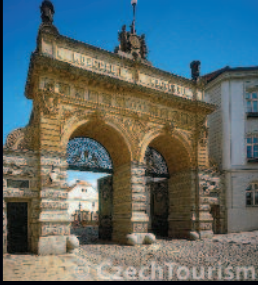
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Top to bottom:
Detail of Astronomical Clock
Entrance to Pilsen's
Pilsner Urquell Brewery
Dining along the Vltava
River



Lively cafés in Old Town
Letter page photo (left):
Astronomical Clock

Cover photos:
Prague Castle
A walk along Charles Bridge



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