Brief:

- **All hotels** have free wi-fi, air conditioned and fitness center. All have hair dryers, iron in room or are available upon request. Every room is equipped with safes boxes. Toiletries in most hotels are limited to body soap/shampoo in showers and hand soap on sinks. All hotels have room service and mini bars which will be locked or removed at our request for all student rooms.

- **All Concert venues** have the appropriate dimensions and are able to provide the necessary equipment. Students will be required to come to the rehearsal/concert already in concert dress as dressing rooms for the majority of the venues are limited in size and/or privacy. All venues have a dressing room for the conductor.

- **Sightseeing tours** will include a walking tour of the city or old town followed by independent time for lunch.

- **Meals:**
  - All hotels provide a full breakfast buffet with a variety of choices.

  - All lunches will be independent and after the sightseeing tours, allowing the group for leisure time. All leisure time will be supervised by chaperones.

  - On concert dates, students will be provided with a snack between rehearsal and concert at the venue as dinners will be often late after the concert.

  - Dinners will take place at different locations based on the city. Arrangements are being made for students to have buffet dinners when possible so they can have a variety of foods. If the dinner is plated, quick service has been requested.
HELSINKI-(Finland) --June 15-16

A church built inside a rock --15-minute walk from the hotel--A tourist attraction. The seating capacity of this venue is 600.

Superior Tourist Class. Equivalency of a 4-star hotel in the US. Spacious lobby-clean and modern. Located within walking distance from Kamppi Shopping Center and across from Helsinki Central Station. Fitness center, restaurant and sauna/pool on premises. This hotel is the only one that offers in room toiletries such as shampoo/conditioner and body lotion.

Sightseeing will include a coach tour through the city as well as free time and guided tour of a section of the city by the sea with markets and important historical buildings.

Buffet dinner at the Hotel on the first night and at Zetor Restaurant after the concert. Their slogan “110% Finnish Restaurant.” A spot in the countryside in the middle of Helsinki!”  https://www.raflaamo.fi/en/helsinki/zetor
HELSINKI TO TALLINN (Estonia)-June 17

The group will enjoy a morning of sightseeing/leisure in Helsinki before boarding a two-hour ferry to the City of Tallinn-Estonia. The group will be able to enjoy lunch/snacks on board. Plenty of choices. Cabins and/or seats will be provided for the 2-hour journey. Luggage storage will also be provided either in a luggage compartment or in a reserved area for the group.
TALLINN (Estonia)—June 17-18

Concert venue TBD:


- Home of the Estonian National Symphony. A large and traditional concert hall in Tallinn with a seating capacity of 900. Within walking distance from the hotel. Right outside the Old City walls.


- Brand new venue. Part of the Music and theater academy. Within walking distance from hotel and Old city walls. The seating capacity of this venue is 480.

Tallink City Hotel-- https://www.tallinkhotels.com/tallink-city-hotel

Superior Tourist Class. Equivalency of a 4-star hotel in the US. Spacious lobby-clean. Located in the heart of the business district and across the street from a shopping mall. Fitness center, restaurant and sauna on premises. This hotel does not offer toiletries other than body soap/shampoo in showers and hand soap on sinks.

Sightseeing will include a walking tour of the old town followed by independent lunch and leisure time.
TALLINN-Pärnu-RIGA (LATVIA)—June 19

The group will travel by coach to the city of Riga (Latvia) making a stop for lunch and leisure time in the city of Pärnu, a coastal city also known as the “Summer capital of Estonia.”

A second stop will be made in Riga at the Open Air Ethnographic museum where the group will have dinner in the museum restaurant: http://brivdabasmuzejs.lv

Please note that due to time constrains and transportation logistics, a site visit was not made to Pärnu or the Ethnographic museum.
RIGA (Latvia)—June 19-21


- Home of the Latvia Symphony Orchestra. This 14th century building is located in the heart of the old town. The seating capacity of this venue is 900.


Sightseeing will include a walking tour of the old town followed by independent lunch and leisure time.
Dinner following the concert is scheduled at the Latvian National Library. A modern building with spectacular views and modern atmosphere.

Day excursion to Jurmala (Latvia)—June 21

After a day of leisure and relaxation, the group will bid farewell to Riga to embark on the overnight ferry that will take them to Stockholm (Sweden).

The overnight accommodations will include quadruple cabins for the students and double cabins for chaperones. Due to the limited space in the quadruple cabins, student’s luggage will be stored in a luggage locker that cannot be accessed until arrival in Stockholm. Please note that cabins does not offer toiletries other than body soap/shampoo in showers and hand soap on sinks. There is no iron or safe in the cabin and the wi-fi is limited to certain areas of the ship.
STOCKHOLM (Sweden)—June 22-24

Concert venue TBD:

Konserthuset Stockholm-- [https://www.konserthuset.se/en](https://www.konserthuset.se/en)
- Home of the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra. A 115-year-old concert hall. Located in the shopping district of Stockholm and surrounded by street markets. The Konserthuset is the home of the Nobel Prize awards. The seating capacity of this venue is 1,770.

Stockholm Stadhus-- [https://stadshuset.stockholm](https://stadshuset.stockholm)
- A major tourist attraction. City Hall is located on the eastern side of the city. “Blue Hall” in the City Hall is the venue of the Nobel Prize banquet. The seating capacity of this venue is 400.

Tourist Class hotel. Spacious lobby-clean and modern. Located in the entertainment district of Stockholm, next to a sports arena and shopping center. This hotel does not offer toiletries other than body soap/shampoo in showers and hand soap on sinks. This hotel is not easily accessible on foot.
Sightseeing will include:

- Walking tour of the old town of Gamla Stan, Stockholm Old Town
- Entrance to the Vasa Ship museum, known as the world’s best preserved 17th century ship. [Visit Vasa Museum](https://www.vasamuseet.se/en/visit)
- Free time in the Drottninggatan shopping district
- Entrance to Skansen

Gamla Stan-Old Town

Skansen-A Living History Danish Park [Map of Skansen](https://www.skansen.se/en/map-of-skansen)

Drottninggatan shopping district

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