

Hungary, Austria, Czech Republic & Germany 2019-20

We want to immerse the students in European culture. Take a journey through the cobblestone streets and busy town squares of Central Europe. This sampling will take our students to see stunning mountain vistas, explore beautiful landscapes, famous cities, heritage sites and many interesting attractions. In Hungary, we will stay in Budapest, our students will bear witnesses to the evolution of capitalism which, has been advancing relentlessly since the change of political regimes and the after effects of the more than 40 years of communist rule. In Austria, we will embrace its cultural and intellectual history and visits ornate palaces. In Prague in the Czech Republic, they will enjoy the opulent culture & history, marvels of art & architecture, scenic beauty, captivating countryside and UNESCO world heritage sites. Finally, In Germany we will visit the Reichstag in Berlin touch the remains of the famous wall, Cecilienhof Palace in Potsdam and take a walk through Dresden.

Goals of the trip: Going on an international trip offers students an opportunity to gain worldly experience, learn about peoples and places and offers them a chance to grow emotionally. Although their learning is not limited to the subject-specific competencies of the classroom, considering the diversity of the places we will be visiting; English, French, Geography and History are the courses most implicated.

Proposed travel dates: April 3rd 2020 to April 15th 2020 (Use of Easter and a PED day to limit class time missed)

Itinerary

Day 1: Fly overnight to **Berlin**

Day 2: **Berlin** – Guided tour of Berlin: Brandenburg Gate; Kurfürstendamm; remains of the Berlin Wall. Photo stop at Checkpoint Charlie. Topography of Terror Museum. Guided Excursion to Potsdam (we will visit Sanssouci or Cecilienhof)

Day 3: **Berlin-Dresden-Prague**-walking tour of Dresden – Transfer to Prague; visit Petrin Hill and attend a Black Light Theatre performance.

Day 4: **Prague** – Guided sightseeing of Prague (St.Vitus Cathedral, Wallenstein Palace Gardens, Lennon Wall, Charles Bridge, Old Town Square) – Visit Prague Castle –Visit Golden Lane

Day 5: **Prague-Krakow** – Walking tour of Krakow (Market Square, the Cloth Hall, St.Mary's Basilica)

Day 6: **Krakow** – Guided sightseeing of Krakow (Wawel Hill, Glowny Square) –Visit Wawel Cathedral – Visit St. Mary's Church – Walking tour of Kazimierz.

Day 7: **Auschwitz - Krakow** – Tour Auschwitz and Birkenau – Visit the Wieliczka Salt Mines.

Day 8: **Krakow – Slovakia - Budapest** – Walking tour of Budapest (Fisherman's Bastion, Hungarian Parliament building)

Day 9: **Budapest**–Guided sightseeing of Budapest (Heroes Square, Castle Hill, Gellert Hill, Dohany Street Synagogue) – Matthias Church – Aquincum Museum and Ruin Garden – Danube River Cruise.

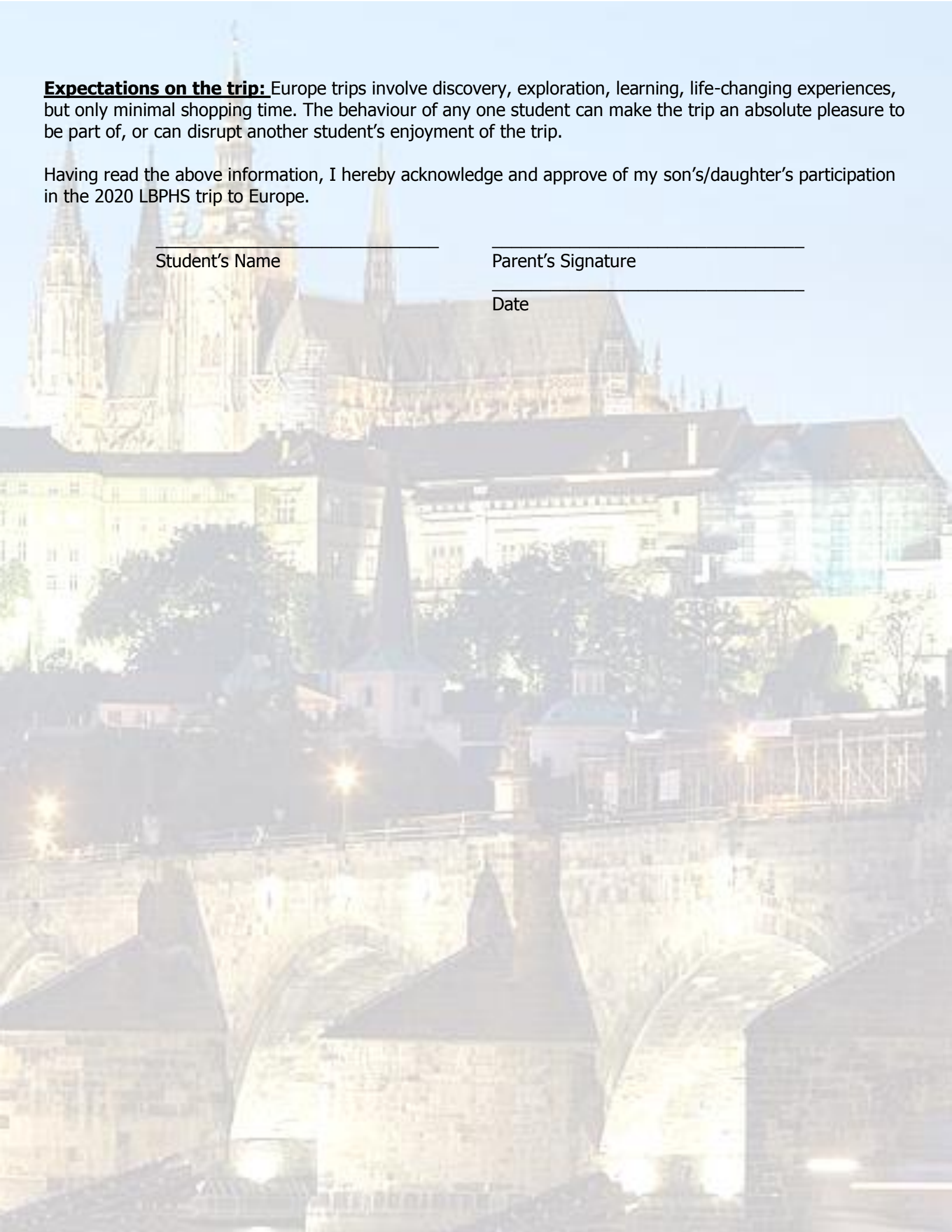
Day 10: **Budapest - Vienna** – Visit Stephansdom Cathedral

Day 11: **Vienna** – Guided sightseeing of Vienna (Ringstrasse, the Parliament building, Neues Rathaus, Hofburg Palace) – Schonbrunn Palace – Attend a Mozart Period Orchestra Concert.

Day 12: **Depart for home**

Inclusions: Round trip airfare, full time tour director, hotels with private baths, European breakfast and dinner daily, expert local guides and entrances to selected touristic sights.

Exclusions: Daily lunches, Beverages, Free time transportation, Tips for the tour director, bus driver and local guides, travel insurance and substitution costs.

The background of the document is a faded, artistic photograph of a European city. In the upper half, a large, ornate Gothic cathedral with multiple spires and a complex roofline is visible. Below the cathedral, there are several multi-story buildings with light-colored facades and many windows. In the foreground, a series of large, rounded stone arches, possibly part of a bridge or a defensive wall, are illuminated from below, creating a warm glow. The overall scene is captured in a slightly hazy, painterly style.

Expectations on the trip: Europe trips involve discovery, exploration, learning, life-changing experiences, but only minimal shopping time. The behaviour of any one student can make the trip an absolute pleasure to be part of, or can disrupt another student's enjoyment of the trip.

Having read the above information, I hereby acknowledge and approve of my son's/daughter's participation in the 2020 LBPHS trip to Europe.

Student's Name

Parent's Signature

Date