



## South Band Packing List

### Items you may want to pack in your carry-on include:

- digital camera
- foreign language dictionary, things to study on the plane
- airplane entertainment (book, iPod, etc)
- essential medications including prescriptions, Dramamine, Tylenol/Advil. Keep prescriptions in their original containers.
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- a change of clothes
- eyeglasses, contact case and solutions
- female sanitary supplies
- anything else you would not do without in the event that your suitcase is lost and catches up with you a day or two later

### Suggested Packing List:

- 3-4 changes of clothes (mix and match for variety)
- Bring layers of clothing as spring weather in Europe can be unpredictable varying from sunny and warm to cool, rainy and possibly snow.
- **Girls** need to bring black concert dress and dress shoes. You will be wearing your concert dress 3 times during the trip.
- **Boys** need to bring South Band tuxedo in the garment bag. Fold the garment bag in half and make it the last item you place in your luggage. We will be wearing the tuxedo 3 times during the trip. Also include:
  - black socks that go to mid-calf
  - black dress shoes
  - plain white undershirts
- Rain gear – coat, hat, umbrella and/or poncho
- Comfortable shoes (cobblestone streets and high heels don't mix too well)
- Underwear & socks
- Slippers or flip-flops
- Swimsuit – two of our hotels have pools. A cover-up is required to wear as you walk through the hotel to the pool.
- Toiletries (travel size soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- **Portable music stand – not sure yet if this will be needed.**
- **All hotels will provide a blow dryer and iron in each room**

## Other Handy Items

- Money belt or neck pouch for your money and passport.
- Small amounts of currency purchased in advance – Euros and Czech Crown
- Debit card to get currency in foreign countries
- Plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Band-Aids and Kleenex
- Travel alarm clock
- A copy of the 2 inside pages of your passport that show your picture, date and place of issue. (This information can be very helpful in the case of a lost or stolen passport).

## Voltage/Electrical Appliances:

Europe: The electric current in Europe is 220V and will quickly burn out any 110V appliance. Bring dual voltage appliances with adaptor plugs. Not sure what to buy? Check out

<http://travelstore.ricksteves.com/catalog/index.cfm?fuseaction=product&theParentId=126&id=24>

With the adapter, **most** of our modern devices such as ipods and cell phones automatically convert from our 110 voltage to the European 220. To check if your device automatically converts look for voltage usually printed right on the device.

## Before leaving for the airport:

- Wear your tour tee shirt and band jacket to the airport. This is required and is very helpful for us so we can keep track of students in the airport. Make sure you have your passport with you.
- Make sure you have your debit/credit card.
- Make sure to leave a copy of your final itinerary with your parents.
- Fill out your Tour luggage tags and securely fasten to your bags.

## Checked Luggage

- Travelers are allowed **one checked bag**; please attach the South Band luggage tag before arriving at the airport. Place a note with your name, home phone number and final destination *inside* your bag which may help in recovering your bag if the luggage tag is lost.
- Suitcases may be no larger than **62" linear** (linear size is the sum of the height, width and length). **Weight limit is 50 lbs.** Excessive weight or size may result in additional fees which must be paid at check-in.
- If the suitcase has a non-TSA lock, it must be *unlocked when you check-in*. The bag may be screened again during transit so your suitcase should remain unlocked until arrival in the foreign country unless using a TSA-approved lock. Do not pack anything valuable or irreplaceable in your checked luggage.
- **Cameras and film should NOT be packed in checked luggage.** The new x-ray security machines for checked luggage can harm film and cameras; these items should be packed in the carry-on. Digital cameras should not be packed in the checked luggage but rather in the carry-on.

## Carry-on Luggage

- Label the inside of your carry-on with your name / contact information before you arrive at the airport.
- You are allowed ONE carry-on and it MUST fit under the seat in front of you or in the overhead bin. A backpack is a better choice than a rolling carry-on because your hands will be free to handle your luggage; a backpack can also be used every day while traveling. (Size: **44"-46" linear**; weight limit is **22lbs** If your carry-on luggage exceeds the size limit you may be asked to send the bag as checked luggage.
- The TSA has a **rule for packing liquids** in your carry-on called "3-1-1": 3 oz. bottles or smaller; 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag; 1 bag per passenger ([www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov)). Larger quantities of liquids should be packed in your checked luggage. Please visit the TSA web-site for more details. **Remember brass players** – value oil, slide oil are considered liquids. If you carry-on your instrument, you may want to consider packing these in your luggage in a zip lock bag and not carry them on the plane.
- Your carry-on luggage will be screened by an x-ray machine. This will NOT harm your camera or film (including digital cameras), lap-top or iPod.
- Do NOT pack the following items in your carry-on: lighters; knives of any length or description; cutting instruments of any kind, including nail files, corkscrews, letter openers.
- Additional screening of carry-on luggage may take place in the gate area prior to boarding. Such screening is usually at random. If you are subject to this additional search, cooperate fully and follow instructions.
- If you must travel with needles for any medical reason (i.e. diabetes), *please carry medical documentation of your condition with your travel documents* and wear a medical alert bracelet or necklace. Please declare these items to a TSA official at the security checkpoint; official documentation will expedite this process.

## Instruments

- Make sure your instrument is in good working order prior to our departure. Please bring extra reeds. Use value and slide oil on your instrument in advance.

**All students will need to bring their luggage and instruments on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am in the band room. Your luggage and instrument will be weighed and checked by your chaperone.**