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YOCJ Austria Tour - Important November Update

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Dear families,

We are thrilled to have a robust registration of almost 120 people going on our Austria tour so far. There are nearly 70 students and the remaining is staff and family members.

****Firebird Fine Arts Tours is still accepting additional registrations at this time.****

Please read the important information below and let us know if you have any questions.

1. PASSPORT RENEWALS

Will your passport expire prior to **October 1, 2024**? You **MUST** renew it ASAP and provide me with a photocopy of your passport information page ASAP by early February at the latest. **Please don't delay in renewing. You may end up paying extra for the expedited processing.**

2. INSTRUMENT INSURANCE

All students who play small to midsize instruments will be bringing them on the plane as a carry-on item. Firebird recommends that you insure your instrument. Many homeowner policies can cover valuable instruments - please look into this well ahead of time.

3. TRIP INSURANCE

Trip Insurance is highly recommended. You are responsible for obtaining your own trip insurance/trip cancellation insurance. Review your options on sites such as www.insuremytrip.com

4. DEPOSIT #2 - DEC. 5th

The next \$1000 per person deposit is due on **Tuesday December 5** via check payable to YOCJ or Zelle. In either case, you must put your child's name in the memo line or section.

5. HOTELS & FLIGHTS

As information becomes available from Firebird Fine Arts Tours, it will be posted here:

<https://yocj.org/concerts-events/austria-2024-tour/>

Check out some of the new links on where we will be staying in Vienna! All flight information is posted.

6. EXTENDED PACKAGE

Participants with this package need to let us know your preferred return date of departure from the Munich Airport **ASAP or by December 15th at the latest**. Individual emails are going out

this week to anyone who has actually registered for the extended package, requesting this information.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
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