# **EUROPE 2026**

#### We're so excited for the next IBA EUROPE TOUR!!

This is completely optional for dancers, but we hope you are considering joining the tour if that is feasible for you. We did the Zoom Info Meeting in June, unfortunately it wasn't recorded. The attached info page has all the details. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have!

DANCERS: currently in 9th - 12th grades. Family members are welcome and encouraged to come!

DATE: mid/late July - early Aug. The Prague Festival dats will not be posted until January, and then we will set the tour dates from that.

TOUR: Prague, Munich, Salzburg, Paris, Normandy, Preston, London. Please see attached page for details.

TEAM: We split the dancers into two teams, tbd by how many dancers and their ages.

TO SIGN UP:

- 1. REGISTRATION: Oct 15 Nov 15. Click Here: Europe Commitment & Deposit
- 2. Deposit payment: You can pay the deposit via
  - PayPal on the Commitment form
- Venmo: Until Oct 20: @IBA-1. After Nov 1: @Classic—Comps. This is when Christmas Classic registration will
  open.
  - · Check: payable to Idaho Ballroom Academy.

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<u>Dates:</u> Mid July – early August 2026. (July 15-Aug 5 ish) Three weeks. Festival dates posted in January 2026.

#### **Tentative Itinerary**

Day 1	Travel SLC – Prague
Day 2-4	Prague: Castle, Charles Bridge, Old Town, Astronomical Clock, Jewish Quarter
Day 4-7	Munich (bus), city tour, Dachau, Neuschwanstein, Saltzburg day trip, Salt Mine
Day 8-11	Paris (fly), city sites, Versailles, Disneyland performance? activity with Church youth
Day 12-13	Normandy area: Bayeux, D-Day Beaches and cemetery, Mont-Saint-Michelle
Day 14-16	England. Preston-Warwick-Stratford (bus). Church History, Temple.
Day 17-20	London. *City Highlights, Theatre.
Day 21	Travel London – SLC
*London	Buckingham Palace, Tower of London, British Museum, Trafalgar Square, National Gallery of Art, Churchill War Rooms, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, Hampton Court, Hyde Park, Royal Mews, St. Paul's Cathedral, Victoria & Albert Museum, Globe Theatre, Thames River cruise, West End Theatre

#### **Performances**

Prague: Festival Munich: Old Town

Paris: Disneyland, Church?

Preston: Church?

Registration: October 15 – November 15.

**Register Here: IBA EUROPE 2026** 

**Approximate Cost:** \$4500 - \$4800

*Includes*: airfare, lodging, breakfasts, festival entry fees, one London theatre ticket, entrance to all tourist sites, ground transportation, day excursions. Five evening meals.

Does not include: lunches and dinners, personal souvenirs, additional London theatre ticket

#### **Payment Schedule:**

\$ 500	Nov 15 Deposit. Not refundable after airfare deposit is paid.
\$1500	Jan 15
\$1500	Mar 15
\$1500*	May 15 (60 days out)

<sup>\*</sup> last payment will be more or less depending on air fare and exchange rate.

### FAQ

- 1. Who is eligible to go? Dancers  $9^{th} 12^{th}$  grades. Any dancer not traveling with a parent or family member will be assigned to an adult. We consider the adults who travel with us our assistant "shepherds" and they will have a few sheep, beside their own, assigned to them.
- 2. When do we have to decide? NOV 15. There will be a commitment form and deposit due.
- 3. Can Parents go? Yes, we usually have a large group of parents, grandparents, siblings, etc.
- 4. When is the trip? Late July/Early August. Exact dates tha by January 2026.
- 5. When are the practices for the dancers? The festival team/s will practice in May July. We haven't yet determined the schedule. It may be twice a week depending on the amount of material to be learned.
- 6. What do we do? See itinerary. This is a "sampler" trip, we visit the highlights in each city.
- 7. How much does it cost? Ballpark: \$4500 \$4800
  The final cost depends on airfare and currency exchange rates. The only cost in US Dollars is the airfare.
  Everything else is in Euros or British Pounds. Right now the exchange rate is favorable to the dollar, but it is impossible to predict if this will change.
- 8. What is included in the cost: Everything except lunch/dinner and souvenirs.

  Includes: airfare, ground travel, hotel w/ breakfast, all admissions as group, festival fees.
- Do we need a passport? YES. We'll send details of where/how to apply.
   Adult passports (age 16+) are \$165. Youth passports are \$135 (5-year expiry).
- 10. How much should we plan on for meals? Average \$25/day. There is fast food everywhere (McD, Subway), markets (bread, cheese, fruit), and local fare restaurants. We don't eat as a group, so everyone will be in control of their food budget.
- 11. Hotel rooming assignments: Each hotel has different room configurations. Some are small with just two beds, some are regular with two double beds, and some have beds for up to six. You will be able to let us know how you'd like to be assigned parents in a room, dancer with other dancers, or parents and dancer together in a room, mother-daughter with other mother-daughter pairs, etc. The only one that is not flexible is a father-daughter pair. We can't put anyone else in the room with them, so they will share a room in each hotel.