

# Vratsa Symphonic Orchestra

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CONTRACT DETAILS

# THE ORCHESTRA

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1. The orchestra includes 35 players (and growing)
2. 10 international players (and growing) from UK, USA, Russia, Italy, Cyprus, Serbia, Turkey, Poland and more expected to arrive by the end of 2021
3. Regular guest conductors from Austria, Italy, Russia, UK, USA, and others
4. Rehearsals are conducted in both English and Bulgarian for better understanding
5. Orchestral repertoire includes:
  - A. Weekly classical concerts (mainly classical and romantic music) between October - May
  - B. Local touring with family friendly concert throughout most of the summer
  - C. Crossover concerts with popular Bulgarian performers in various genres (jazz, classical, pop)

# THE CONTRACT INCLUDES

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1. 1030 BGN (527 EUR) monthly salary pre-tax (above national average for orchestral players) and growing every year
2. Accommodation in a standard apartment, shared with another orchestral player is provided by the orchestra
3. Accommodation expenses are added to the salary upon signing the contract
4. Bonus payments and per-day payments for every concert outside of the city of Vratsa

# LIVING COSTS

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1. The city of Vratsa (population 50 000) is located 100 km north of the capital city of Sofia
2. Monthly basic utility bills (electricity, heating, water, garbage, internet) range in total between 50-140 BGN (25 to 70 EUR) per person
3. Living costs in Vratsa (international reviews): [Numbeo](#), [Expatistan](#)
4. Apartments for orchestral players are located 5 to 20 min. walking distance to the rehearsal hall (in the city center)
5. Rehearsal hall with two additional rehearsal spaces is available for players according to a shared schedule

# TRIAL PERIOD

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1. Duration: 2 – 6 weeks
2. Accommodation is provided in hotel rooms or standard apartments
3. Standard salary is provided
4. Transportation costs within Europe are partially covered

Benefits of longer duration (4-6 weeks) trial period include:

- A chance to meet the orchestra and better understand the schedule and workload
- Get detailed information on prices, salaries and costs of living
- Create a sustainable image of yourself as an orchestral player beyond the stress of an audition