NE427 Students,

please download and read the textbook: http://nec549362.engr.utk.edu/~o/VR1-Textbook-2014.pdf You will be quizzed on it.

Below are some basic steps you should complete well in advance of your departure. This is incomplete list of suggestions based on experience.

1) Scan passport page with your picture, healthcare insurance cards, list of vaccinations, credit card you are taking with you. Email the scans to yourself.

2) Make sure your phone and debit/credit cards work in Czech Republic and Austria. Contact your cell phone provider and switch on international calls. Contact your bank and tell them you will be using this card abroad. The cheapest way to get local money is from an ATM. Note down and email yourself the phone number to call to cancel the credit card if lost.

3) Install the International SOS phone application and make sure you know how to use it.

4) Put the emergency contact numbers into your phone.
My cell phone # is +1(203)444-7828
Please put your cell phone number into the Google Doc I shared with you.

5) Make sure you have international power plug converter:
http://www.amazon.com/Insten-Universal-Travel-Charger-Adapter/dp/B000YN01X4

Consider a small power strip if you have more than one appliance (say a laptop and a phone charger): http://www.amazon.com/Simran-SM-60-110V-250V-Universal-Protection/dp/B003UHYDYO

Computers and cell phone chargers do not need voltage converters. Other appliance may, check yourself. High current appliances such as hair dryers will not work even with voltage adapters. If you absolutely must have one with you, get an international version which works with 230V AC. Hair dryers are available at the hotel rooms in Prague.

6) Make a paper copy of your passport photo page to carry with you around Prague. Write the emergency contact numbers there.
IMPORTANT: for any OFFICIAL TOUR, including the Vienna trip, you need the actual passport. Consider getting a pouch for your passport.

7) Pack lightly, leave room for souvenirs. Consider packing a spare duffel bag if you want to bring back more souvenirs. Laundry service is available at the hotel in Prague.

8) Make sure your suitcase has your home address, email, and phone number, so it can be returned to you if lost. Ideas: write in large letters on the suitcase using permanent maker, put large sheets of paper with your information printed in large font inside your suitcase, add several name-tags, etc.
Unique looking suitcases will not be picked up by other confused travelers, so add your flair.

9) Never put anything you cannot afford to lose into your suitcase. Laptop, camera, cell phone, wallet, keys, etc. go with you in the check-in luggage (such as a backpack), always.

10) Be sure to bring sufficient prescription medication for the duration of the trip. Consider packing over the counter medication and personal hygiene items too - while this can be found abroad it is not always easy to get to the appropriate store. Grocery stores in Europe sell foodstuff, personal hygiene is in a different store, medicine is sold in yet another one. Note that some insurance requires advanced approval to get prescription medication early so do it well in advance.

11) It is against federal law to export any export-controlled or classified items. This applies most likely to export-controlled software you have, and may apply to research data you work on. Remove all export controlled or classified data from your laptops prior to departure. All software from RSICC needs to be removed, including copies of installation media. When in doubt about what to remove – ask.

12) Dress comfortably, no special attire is required other than closed heel and closed toe shoes for the reactor hall and some of the tours. Make sure you have shoes comfortable for longer walks.