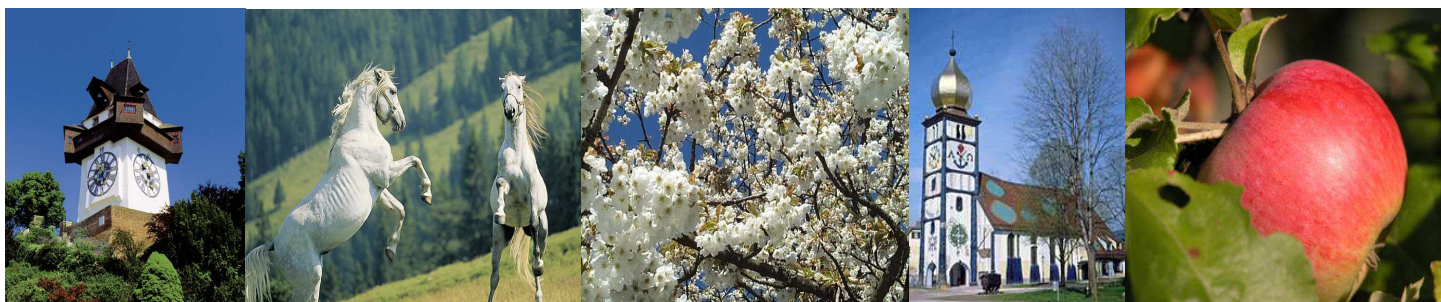


## GRAZ AND STYRIA – CULTURE AND NATURE IN PERFECT SYMBIOSE



### Graz & Styria – the green heart of Europe and home of the Lipizzaner horses!

#### DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN GRAZ

Arrival in Graz. Meet your local guide who will take you on a city tour. Graz turns its visitors into time travellers and whisks them away to long past centuries. You shake hands here with the Renaissance, Gothic and Baroque periods. You already know romantic lanes, Gothic churches and Baroque inner courtyards. Your guide will lead you through the architectural diversity between Palace of the 'Landesregierung', 'Herrengasse', 'Landhaushof' and the artificial island on the Mur river and the modern 'Kunsthau'. Up on the 'Schlossberg' you discover the "Uhrturm" (= clock tower), symbol of the city, from where you can enjoy a beautiful. Reserve the rest of the day for your own and engage yourself with this lively young city.

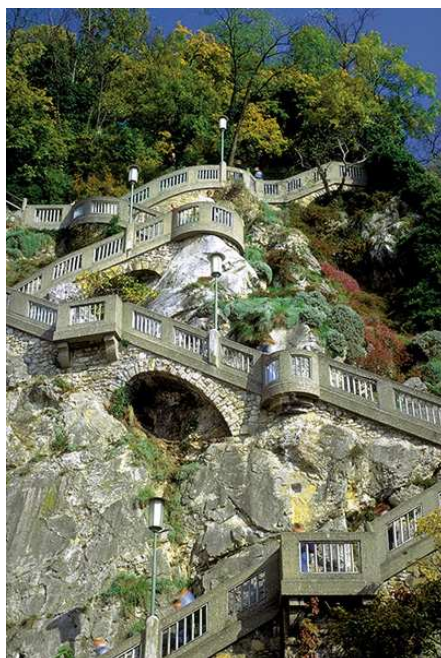
#### DAY 2 EXCURSION – ROAD OF APPLES

Today our trip heads to Eastern Styria - to the Styrian Apple Region. Fertile soil, mild climate and a lot of sunshine make the fruit thrive here, which lends the region its name. Time-honoured customs are lived here in their wide variety and brought home to you in a vivid way. Enjoy the undulating landscape with fruit orchards as far as the eye can see. Towards the end of April, when all flowers are in blossom or towards the half of September, when ripe fruit is collected you can view a great mixture of different colours. Time for leisure and visit of the Castle and the garden of Herberstein (excluded entrance fee), mysteriously hidden in a romantic and wild landscape. Afterwards we visit of a small farm where you have the possibility to taste the spirits of apples of their own production.

Enjoy the afternoon in the natural park around the castle and relax in this wonderful surrounding.

#### DAY 3 EXCURSION – PIBER

Our excursion will take us to the Styrian jewel of Piber, the home of the famous 'Lipizzaner' horses of the 'Spanish riding school'. On the federal stud farm, the well-known horses are borne and raised. Did you know that the Lipizzaner horses are black at birth? In the afternoon we continue to Bärnbach, which is only a few kilometres away. The Barbara Church, which was designed by the Austrian painter Friedensreich Hundertwasser, is one-of-a-kind. After a visit of a local glassworks we end today's excursion.



#### DAY 4 DEPARTURE

Say FAREWELL to STYRIA before your departure

#### ALL THIS IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation in good tourist class hotels (3 and 4 star)
- Porterage service at hotel
- Breakfasts (Buffet style)
- English speaking assistance
- Half day sightseeing tour with English speaking guides in Graz incl. Funicular
- Excursion to Road of Apples with English speaking guide, incl. Visit to an apple farm
- Excursion to Piber
- Modern and comfortable motor coach with air condition



#### RATES :

ON REQUEST