

**VIENNA – IMPERIAL CITY**  
**WHERE ANCIENT AND MODERN MEET**  
 Suggestion for a 4 nights stay in Vienna



Vienna's role, for centuries, as the seat of the Habsburg Empire can be seen in its fantastic Baroque architecture and in the city's artistic and musical heritage.

Many of the world's most important composers, including Ludwig van Beethoven, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Joseph Haydn, have lived and performed in the city.

This beautiful, romantic city is situated on the banks of the Danube. Austria's climate is generally moderate and mild making it one of the most popular destinations in Europe.

The majority of the tourist attractions lie on and within the Ringstrasse. The outer districts lie beyond the Gürtel and extend into the foothills of the Vienna Woods, where wine taverns and picturesque villages are dotted amongst the vineyards.

**DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN VIENNA – FIRST IMPRESSIONS**

Fly to Vienna where you will be met by your tour director and transferred to your hotel.



In the suburbs of Vienna, on beautiful garden terraces, you find the typical Viennese atmosphere of a genuine Heurigen. The wine, which is home-grown, the sumptuous food and the traditional Schrammel music invite you to a nice and cosy evening at the Heurigen. Neustift is a little village located in the north of Vienna is the main centre for people which enjoy Viennese atmosphere, local wine and home made specialities. Narrow lanes and small farmer houses create the famous romantic atmosphere of this village. Genuine „Heurige“ vocalists will sing songs to those who wish to listen to enticing Viennese tunes. Return to the hotel by coach.

**DAY 2 VIENNA - GET TO KNOW THE CITY**

After a good breakfast at the hotel, the guests will be picked up by coach for a grand city tour of Vienna which gives a general impression of the most significant sights of Vienna. Passing the Ringstrasse, with its magnificent buildings like the State Opera House, the Museum

of Fine Arts and Natural History, Parliament, City Hall, Burgtheater, University, Votiv Church etc.

The highlight of the tour is Schönbrunn Palace, where you will see how Empress Elisabeth and Emperor Franz Joseph lived during an interior visit of the Palace. Schönbrunn Palace, UNESCO World Cultural Heritage, together with its ancillary buildings and extensive park belongs by virtue of its long and colourful history to the most important cultural monuments in Austria.

**Lunch is served at Café Restaurant Residenz** which is located in the magnificent setting of the Palace of



Schönbrunn. The comfortable homelike rooms where the traditional Viennese restaurant and coffee house is situated are built in baroque style. Attentive waiters, Viennese coffee-specialities, exquisite traditional sweet dishes and traditional Viennese cooking. Close by there is a terrific terrace, opening a lovely view over the imperial gardens.

After lunch following options to be chosen:

**Applestrudel Show**

You have the chance to watch first hand an original professional sugar baker

making the world famous and delicious "Viennese Apple Strudel". Our staff in the bakery invites you to try a free sample of these cakes. On request we shall also provide you with insider information on Viennese Bakery tradition. In the bakery shop you'll have a broad selection of Viennese specialties, from Schönbrunner fruit jelly and cakes to noble selections of Viennese coffees.

**Old Vienna Schnapsmuseum**

A visit to the Old Vienna Schnaps-Museum does not only give insight in the tradition of distilling, but also brings you near the atmosphere of an old Viennese bourgeoisie family running the distillery since generations.

Entering the "Comptoir" (office) with its old furniture dating from the end of the last century and equipped with one of the first electric cash registers in Austria, the visitor seems to recall the good old times of Austrian Monarchy. After a little introduction to different proceedings in distillation the visitors are invited to pass from theory to practice. We offer an abundant tasting of these products. The atmosphere of the old patrician house delights all our visitors. The personal welcome by one of the members of the



Fischer family will leave a well rounded impression of Viennese hospitality.

### Dinner and concert at the Kursalon



The Kursalon, built in Renaissance style, is one of the most splendid buildings in Vienna. The Strauss brothers celebrated their greatest triumphs in this historical building, next to the famous golden Strauss statue. "Sound of Vienna" keeps the lovely tradition alive on a daily basis – with concerts of classical music of the highest standard.

In the elegant setting of the Johann Café Restaurant at the Kursalon, either before or after the concert, we serve a delicious gala dinner, which from the starter right through to the dessert promises unalloyed delight. An excellent dinner combined with a concert visit full of lilting waltz melodies, polkas, arias and duets as well as operetta and piano concerto music is for sure the highlight of every Vienna visit!

### DAY 3 THE ANCIENT HEART OF VIENNA – HISTOY AND FUN

#### Start your day with a guided visit of the Hofburg & Sisi Museum

The Imperial Palace was the residence of the Habsburg emperors until 1918. Originally a medieval castle, of which only the chapel has survived to this day, the residence of the court was expanded and made ever more lavish as the power of the Habsburgs grew and the territory of their dominions increased.



Empress Elisabeth of Austria, the famous Sisi, was one of the most beautiful, intelligent and self-willed women of her time. After her assassination Sisi became a myth, biographies were written, films were shot – and still – there are so many questions.

After having visited the impressive Sisi Museum the spokesman of the imperial family will guide the group through the imperial appartements

### Lunch at Café Central

The Café Central was a meeting-place for artists after 1900. Peter Altenberg still sits there today – now modelled in Papiermaché. Fashionable glamour, cosmopolitan flair and a touch of extravagance still remain too.

### Guided Foto Rallye

Walking through the old city, equipped with a one-way use camera and a



questionnaire you will discover Vienna's historical center in a funny way.

By listening to your guide's inputs and trying to catch the funniest and nicest motives strolling through the old town's streets, you will be best prepared to get your prize during dinner!

### Dinner at Marchfelderhof

In the very middle of the virtual Marchfeld plain - you find the "Marchfelderhof". The native country Inn has long since become a quiet tip for connoisseurs, attracting stars, kings, politicians, prima donnas



and moneyed people from all over the world Friendly, warm and natural hospitality will always be appreciated - so be welcome in the house and feel at home!

### DAY 4 MUSIC & MYSTIC

HAUS DER MUSIK is an interactive discovery museum located in the heart of Vienna's first district. Visitors are encouraged to join in an interactive game with music, experience un-expected sounds and get to know Haus der Musik as a centre for, academic, popular and creative encounters with music.



A host of interactive installations playfully communicate openness to new things, understanding and enthusiasm in approaching music. Conduct the Vienna Philharmonic from a virtual conductor's podium, and the musicians on the screen will tell you if you are up to par.

### Lunch at Restaurant Griechenbeisl

An ancient, bay windowed building with lots of small, vaulted rooms upstairs and downstairs – that's the Griechenbeisl, a little bit of ancient Vienna. A Tower with a steeply rising saddle roof is all that remains of the original city walls and is thus the oldest edifice in Vienna. It therefore comes as no surprise that the Griechenbeisl became a meeting place for many prominent artists, academics and politicians over the years.



### Prater - Kahlenberg - Klosterneuburg

Passing the romantic and well-known wine-growing villages you reach Kahlenberg where you have a panoramic view of the city. Via the Höhenstrasse you will be taken to the Augustinian Monastery of Klosterneuburg where you visit the Altar of Verdun. On the way back you will pass the impressive UNO-City and the Prater, the Viennese amusement park with its Giant Ferris Wheel, the landmark of Vienna. The "Wurstelprater" is a collection of booths, amusements, and restaurants.



### Dinner over the roofs of Vienna

Enjoy an exquisite meal while having an amazing view over the roofs of Vienna's downtown buildings and sitting just in front of the magnificent St. Stephen's Cathedral – Your restaurant in the sky !

### DAY 5 DEPARTURE

With a lot of beautiful memories of the stay in Vienna, say FAREWELL to Austria before being transferred to the airport for your flight back home.

**RATES : ON REQUEST**