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Places to go and Excursion Ideas



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What to do in Vienna

Grand City Tour & Schönbrunn

This tour will give you an overall impression of the most significant historical sights of Vienna. The highlight of this tour will be a visit of the showrooms of Schönbrunn Palace, once the summer residence of the Habsburg family and home of Maria Theresia.

Imperial Vienna

On the footsteps of the Habsburg leadership you visit the Schönbrunn Palace, the Belvedere Palace, and the former Habsburg winter residence, the Hofburg. Walk along the Ringstraße with numerous magnificent buildings.

Art in Vienna

Experience the Viennese art. Guided tour: Viennese Art Nouveau, Museum of Fine Arts, MuseumsQuartier, Albertina, Liechtensteinmuseum.

Modern Vienna

The Harmony of Traditional Architecture and Design of tomorrow. Gasometer, MuseumsQuartier, Library of Vienna, Danube-City and UNO-City.

Vienna Woods - Mayerling - Seegrotte Hinterbrühl

A half-day excursion which shows you the most beautiful sights of the southern part of the Vienna Woods. Drive through the romantic valley Helenental to the former Mayerling hunting lodge, where Crown Prince Rudolph together with Baroness Vetsera died tragically in 1889. Visit of the Cistercian Abbey of Heiligenkreuz. Seegrotte Hinterbrühl: A boat ride on the largest subterranean lake in Europe.

Alt Wiener Schnappsmuseum

This old Viennese Factory was established in 1875 and is considered as the specialist in the making of brandies and liqueurs, the quality of which is determined by ancient recipes.

The factory has been running under the leadership of five generations of the Fischer family, and with this tour, one gets an insight into the tradition of the distillery craft. Schnapps and Viennese humor. Enjoy a good humored tour and extensive schnapps tasting.

Viennese Wine Tavern Serenade

A ride on the Giant Ferris Wheel (or in winter a drive up to the Cobenzl hill) will give you a marvellous view over the city. Then we drive through the wine tavern village of Grinzing to Neustift am Walde, where the artists of the 1st Viennese Heurigen show will entertain you with a selection of famous waltz melodies, polkas and romantic arias & duets from popular operettas! A good evening meal including 1/4 l liter of wine together with the unique atmosphere at the wine-tavern and you'll certainly need nothing more to set you back into the 19th century.

Austrian Dinner Show - Vienna City Hall

A musical journey from the mountains of Tirol, the charming lakes of the Salzkammergut, and from the romantic Danube Valley to imperial Vienna awaits the visitors of the Austrian Dinner Show - traditional folklore tunes and colourful dances, a spirited "Landler" from the Alps, romantic arias from Salzburg and famous Waltzes and Operettas from Vienna. Between the 3 show scenes regional specialities of the Austrian cuisine will be served.

Leopoldmuseum

One of the most important collections of modern Austrian art. It contains the largest Egon Schiele collection in the world, together with major works by Gustav Klimt, Oskar Kokoschka, Richard Gerstl and Albin Egger-Lienz, among other.

Vienna Residence Orchestra

Classical concerts in the wonderful hall of Palais Auersperg. Enjoy an unforgettable evening in Vienna's most beautiful palaces. One of the best orchestras of Vienna's music world will take you on a journey through time back to the days of Imperial Vienna.

Baroque Castles - Habsburg Palaces

Festschloss Hof & Castle Niederweiden

Austria's largest baroque palace was renovated in 2005 and is one of the most impressive Palaces of the Habsburg leadership. Places to visit: The Baroque Palace, the festival room, the Imperial Residence, the Baroque Manor Farm, the baroque gardens,

Castle Niederweiden: large castle restaurant, cafe and shop area

Imperial hunting lodge Eckartsau

The last residence of Emperor Karl I and Zita. Get an idea of over 600 years of Habsburg leadership in Austria. Places to visit: The showrooms of hunting lodge Eckartsau, the "Kaiserweg" in the 27-hectare castle park, shop area.

Schloss Orth - National Park Centre

The visitor centre at the Donau-Auen National Park in Orth on the Danube beckons as "Gateway to the Wetlands" - the starting place for getting to know the fascinating world of the Danube wetlands. Every visit is made more special by taking a national park guided tour. Only 15 km outside the Vienna city limits. Places to visit: Multimedia exhibit "DonAUräume", Schlossinsel area ("castle island") on the grounds including underwater observatory, lookout point and castle courtyard, National park shop and café, event centre of the town of Orth on the Danube

Stift Klosterneuburg

On several themed tours in Klosterneuburg Abbey opens in all its fascinating facets. The Sacred Path also talks about the spiritual tradition of meeting, the Imperial Way traces the ambitious project of the "Austrian Escorial" for information about the wine culture and way reveals the great history of the largest and oldest winery in Austria. Tours: The Sacred Path, The Imperial Way, The wine culture way.



What to do in Salzburg

Salzburg Fortress Concert & Dinner

Combine a Salzburg Fortress Concert with a 4-course-Candlelight-Dinner in the splendid Halls of the Castle above the city of Salzburg. "Salzburg Highlights" offer you a very special pairing of choice, quality food and classical music with our Dinner and Concert combinations.

Castle Hellbrunn

You never know what lies in store for you with the trick fountains. Only one thing is certain: it is a lot of fun. Water automats, grottos, fountains - Markus Sittikus had a system built that astonished, entertained and befuddled his guests. A status symbol and mannerist toy in one. Experience a unique cultural jewel, which is to found nowhere else in this form.

Mozart Lunch & Concert (or Mozart Dinner & Concert)

At Stiftskeller St. Peter in the Haydn room. The Mozart family were frequent visitors of St. Peters Restaurant. Musicians, a pianist and soprano in traditional costumes from Mozart's time, entertain between the courses of the luncheon. The luncheon's main-course is "Glazed Turkey Breast with a Vegetable Rice Pilaf and Parsley-Cream". Dessert is an original Salzburg specialty: "Salzburger Nockerl".

SALZBURG IN WINTER TIME

We will show you the most beautiful Christmas cribs of Salzburg, we will try hot Glühwein with roasted almonds and we will stroll through the atmospheric Christmas markets. Additionally a winter boat trip in the Lake District or even a ski safari to one of Salzburg's Ski Resorts can be arranged.

Discover the World of Beer

Stiegl's Brauwelt is a fascinating adventure world which is unique in Europe. You will be taken on a thrilling journey into the wide world of beer, where you will learn interesting facts and oddities about the topic of beer. Travel through half a millennium of Salzburg beer history.

The Night Watchmen

Venture after dark through an old quarter of Salzburg. Night Watchmen took care of the city during hundreds of years. Follow him as in by gone times on his former round through the backstreets of our city. An informative, amusing and mysterious walking tour.

Salzkammergut

This tour to the Lake District shows the scenic beauty surroundings of the city of Salzburg, taking you past the villages of Hof, Fuschl, St. Gilgen and St. Wolfgang. In St. Wolfgang you visit the church and admire its famous altar by Michael Pacher. Before you reach Mondsee, you are passing the small and mythic Krottensee. A short stop in Mondsee and here you have the possibility to visit the collegiate Benedictine church from the 12th century.

Salt Mines incl. Celtic Village

The white gold use to be very valuable in earlier times. You will be taken from Salzburg in direction Hallein. On the way you pass the pilgrimage church of Dürrnberg and Celtic village before you reach the salt mines. Before entering the salt mine you get some protective clothing and then you're off into the mountain with a small train. You're being accompanied through the tunnels by miners, but you're also being given interesting information to the extraction of the salt by the mountain guide and via video from a large screen. Using slides takes you further into the mountain and you're even enjoying a short trip on a boat across and underground lake.

Ice Caves (May-October)

Half day excursion to the largest Ice Cave in the world. A memorable experience awaits you with a journey back through time with a visit to the Ice Caves, a wonder of Mother Nature at her best. A labyrinth of caves with a total length of over 40 km.

What to do in Innsbruck

Innsbrucker Nordkettenbahnen - Cable Railways

In no other place in the world is the dividing line between an urban area and rugged mountain terrain so thin. The new Nordkettenbahnen will now transport visitors directly from the city center of Innsbruck to high mountain terrain in just twenty minutes.

Innsbruck Alpine Zoo

Europe's highest-lying Zoo (750 m) is located on the foot of the Nordkette, right above the capital city of Tyrol with an unique view over the surrounding mountains. Experience the animal world in the alps here with more than 2000 animals and 150 species. What's special about this "alpine zoo" is the way it presents alpine life forms from the past and present.

Swarovski Kristallwelten

A water-spouting Giant that magically lures visitors into its interior, where Chambers of Wonder ignite beacons of imagination, has managed to become a globally-recognised work of art, while attracting more than 10 million visitors to date.

Ambras Castle

Located above Innsbruck in Tirol, can be seen far and wide. Its cultural and historical significance is inseparably linked with the personality of Archduke Ferdinand II (1529–1595), a true “Renaissance prince” who was an enthusiastic patron of the arts and sciences and who founded the Ambras collections, a prototype of the present-day museum. The Lower Castle attempts to reconstruct the Archduke's museum: his Chamber of Art and Curiosities, the Chambers of Armour and the Antiquarium. The Upper Castle contains the exceptional Portrait Gallery of the Habsburgs with its over 200 paintings, including ones by artists such as Lukas Cranach, Titian, Van Dyck and Velázquez. On the ground floor of the Upper Castle is the Collection of Late Medieval Sculptures.

Bergisel Skijump

Towering at the south entrance of Innsbruck stands the Bergisel Skijump. A sport events location as well as a new visitors attraction. The funicular and the tower elevator comfortably take you up to the Bergisel Panorama Restaurant from where you will enjoy the view of the city and its mountains above.

Hofburg

The Hofburg Innsbruck is together with Hofburg Vienna and Schönbrunn Castle amongst the three culturally most important buildings of Austria. The museum encompasses 27 rooms of the former imperial residential and representational area.

