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14 Day Vienna Holiday Christmas & New Year's Ball Program



Vienna is undoubtedly one of Europe's most beautiful capital cities and a place where merrymaking and Christmas celebrations are taken seriously. Events taking place across the city range from quaint markets held in the shadow of dramatic Baroque architecture and classical concerts in some of the greatest venues in the world to art installations and ice rinks.

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Detailed Sample Itinerary

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Day 1 Arrival Vienna: – Vienna Airport arrival transfer

Dec 21st. Arrival at Vienna Airport (Flights TBD).

Recommended Hotels

Hotel Imperial

Hotel Sacher Wien

Palais Coburg Residenz

Palais Hansen Kempinski Vienna

VIP airport arrival services:

- **Personalised welcome** by an English speaking hostess at the gate of the arriving flight.
- Assistance and escort through passport control, collection of luggage and passing through customs to the reserved private car.
- **Porter service** (1x large luggage trolley) per assistance
- Welcome by your local driver in the main arrival hall, after collecting luggage and passing through customs. You will be escorted directly to your driver and private car.
- Direct transfer from the airport to your hotel in Vienna (Hotel De France). Estimated transfer time is approx. 35 minutes. Our limousine company provides spacious Mercedes S Class car with luggage space for 1 regular size piece of luggage and hand luggage per person.
 - One way transfer with private Minivan (Mercedes Viano) and English speaking driver.
 - *Note: For all services between 10pm and 6am a supplement of 25% on above rates apply.*
- Upon arrival to the hotel, check in and get settled into your hotel. Hotel Reservations for 5 nights (1) Suite.
 - If room is not ready upon arrival, storage of luggage is arranged so you may continue with your day at leisure until your room is ready for your occupancy.
- 2:00 PM: City Walk Overview Walking Tour

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Afternoon: Fiaker Carriage Tour & City Walk 2hrs



Since the 17th century, the horse-drawn carriages characterize Vienna's cityscape. Discover Vienna during a romantically horse-drawn carriage and let yourself be enchanted by the historical buildings, which provides the unique charm of Austria's capital.

You are able to get to know Vienna's picturesque scenery and its magnificent buildings in a comfortable traditional coach during a city tour. Let yourself

be abducted in earlier times and enjoy the unforgettable atmosphere of a horse-drawn carriage as it has been usual in empire-times.

Then stretch your legs and enjoy an up close tour on foot to see more of Vienna's favorite sites.

- This interesting city walk offers you an initial overview of the history and the structure of the city. It takes you through the most beautiful and most elegant streets to the most famous sights in Vienna.
- It focuses on the Hofburg, residence of the Habsburgs for nearly 650 years and St. Stephen's Cathedral, the landmark of Vienna.
- There will be no lack of tales about the Habsburgs – e.g. Sisi and Franz Joseph – the marriage and burial rites, or the stories concerning the Sachertorte and coffee houses.
- Our Guides are always flexible and will adapt the tour according to your special interests.

5:00 PM: Return to your hotel to relax and prepare for your evening.

Dinner is on your own this evening. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for Dining in Vienna.

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Breakfast in your hotel

After breakfast, You will meet your Private English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide for a fairytale Christmas Markets & Festive Seasons Tour. This tour will take you out of the city to see some festive markets and events, return to the city for special Christmas Markets and festivities within the city, too.



Spend the day seeing sights around Vienna and visiting the top Christmas Markets in the area. Experience first-hand the beauty of the season, the delights of the culture, the tastes and smells of the wonderful food and drinks that all come together to make the holiday season so very special in Austria.

Lunch is on your own today (you may opt just to sample all the tastes along the way and forego a formal lunch but whatever you desire today, your guide will assist in finding just the right places for you to enjoy delectable delights.

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Continue your tour throughout the day and evening. Stopping when you want, spending as much time as you want, and thoroughly enjoying the spirit of Christmas in Austria and its' capital.



WALK THROUGH THE RATHAUSPARK:

One of the Christmas markets along the Ring is the famous Christkindlmarkt on the Rathausplatz (the square in front of town hall). It's usually packed, but the small surrounding park is worth an evening walk, too.



See Belvedere At Night:

The Belvedere Palace Christmas Market runs all the way up to Christmas Eve and is one of the newest and least commercial markets held across the city.

This makes it a much more intimate affair than the bigger markets outside the Rathaus and the Schönbrunn Palace. Held in front of the magnificent Belvedere Palace—a wondrous baroque pile built at the start of the 18th century for Prince Eugene of Savoy as a

summer residence that is now in south-east central Vienna—the facade of the Palace is lit up and there are stalls selling traditional handicraft items, Austrian food and drinks, and Christmas decorations.

Shop – Eat – Sightsee and Explore – “Oh what Fun...”

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A fine idea for that steaming mug of something warm is Weihnachtspunsch (Christmas punch): it keeps the chill at bay on a cold winter's evening. The markets serve their punch in collectible mugs, and each market has a unique design. You pay a deposit when you order, so you can keep the mug and lose the deposit (which is perfectly fine).

VISIT A ROAST CHESTNUT STAND

Every market has one. And just about every street corner in winter, too: a “Maronistand” selling roasted potato snacks and roast chestnuts.



It's an experience shared with generations before you. You can imagine medieval children blowing on their fingers to keep them cool after picking open a hot chestnut. Now you can follow in their footsteps.



ENJOY A SAUSAGE

You can eat a sausage at one of Vienna's many sausage stands any time of year. But they come into their own in winter.

When the night chill is threatening to bite and you're tired from seeing the sights and gaping at the lights, then take yourself off to a sausage stand and fill up with

a tasty Käsekrainer or Bratwurst.

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VISIT THE NATIVITY SCENES IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Peterskirche (St. Peter's church) is a tumult of decorative Baroque opulence, with barely a brick that hasn't been touched by an artist's or sculptor's hand.

It's quite beautiful inside and even more atmospheric during Advent when it hosts an exhibition of nativity scenes.



LISTEN TO AN ADVENT CONCERT

And for even more advent atmosphere, take in a choir recital or advent concert. Top venues include Stephansdom (St. Stephen's cathedral), the Peterskirche, and the Minoritenkirche (an Italian church).

Return to the hotel at your leisure

Lunch & Dinner are on your own today.

After Dinner enjoy VIEW THE LIGHTS ON THE GRABEN AND KÄRNTNER STRASS

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Vienna's Christmas lights glitter without being glitzy, with thousands of crystals and giant chandeliers bringing an imperial ballroom atmosphere to the main pedestrianized areas in the center.

Take a walk in the evening, starting from the State Opera building, moving down Kärntner Straße to St. Stephen's Cathedral, then along the Graben and up Kohlmarkt to the Hofburg palace.

Day 3 Vienna: – Vienna

Dec 23rd.

Breakfast in your hotel

After breakfast, You are at leisure to relax in your hotel or continue self- exploration in Vienna. Perhaps think about a spa day, shopping day, or just hanging out around town enjoying the spirit of the season.

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Lunch is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Vienna.

This evening enjoy a very special Christmas Concert. Meet your Private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the Schönbrunn Palace for the annual **Schönbrunn Palace Orchestra Christmas and New Year Concert.**



The Schönbrunn Palace has been a venue for classical music since the days of the Habsburg rule and was where the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra's had their very first performance. The annual Christmas and New Year concert features a wonderfully Viennese repertoire, with music from Austrian home-grown favorites Mozart and Strauss, performed in the gloriously imperial setting of the Schönbrunn Orangery.

Your evening includes a "VIP" ticket, which includes a three-course dinner and glass of champagne during the intermission of the concert.

After the performance you will be returned to your hotel.

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Day 4 Vienna: – Vienna

Dec 24th

Breakfast in your hotel

After breakfast, You will meet your private English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for a morning of fun at the **Winter in the Museumsquartier.**



The Museumsquartier is one of the great marvels of Vienna—the [area](#) is packed with some of the leading art galleries and museums in the world. With a sizeable courtyard and numerous venues on the site, each

Christmas the Museumsquartier hosts an extravaganza of events. This year, the [“Winter im MQ”](#) event will include the erection of ice pavilions in the Museumsquartier, spectacular light shows and video projections broadcast onto the building sides, DJs and live music,

as well as the “winter race” held in the pond of the MuseumsQuartier—with remote-controlled cars. There are also copious amounts of specialty punch being served to keep visitors merry and warm.

Your program today will be crafted around your preferences and interests and promises to be an exciting time both in doors and out enjoying art, antiquities, and modern Christmas activities in the Museum Quarter.

Lunch is on your own today. Your guide will offer options in the area when you’re ready for a relaxing meal.

If you decide that you want to stay into the evening, you can be at leisure to enjoy the events happening throughout the remainder of the day and evening on your own. You have an option of a private driver returning to transfer you back to the hotel that night, or making your own way via walking or hailing a local taxi. (Arrangements can be made with the driver during the day.)

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Dinner is on your own this evening. Your Hotel may be hosting a special Christmas Eve celebration tonight so we will offer you options once the hotel selection is made and you know more about the options available for you on this day.

Day 5 Vienna: – Vienna

Dec 25th Christmas Day

Breakfast in your hotel

After breakfast, You are at leisure to enjoy the lavish Christmas Celebrations taking place in the your hotel. Depending on your choice of hotels, and the Holiday Festivities planned at particular hotels, your itinerary will vary. Details of today's events will be crafted into your itinerary at the time of trip planning.

Lunch is on your own today.

Dinner and evening program to be determined by hotel and their Holiday Event Schedules and offerings.

Day 6 Vienna: – Vienna

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Breakfast in your hotel

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your morning tour.



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This morning you will visit the Hofburg Imperial Palace and Silver Museum. The Hofburg is the former Imperial palace in the center of Vienna. It is a Baroque 18th century palace built in the 13th century and expanded in the centuries since.



At your leisure, you will continue on to the Kunsthistorisches Museum. This is a Fine arts museum in palatial building Imposing, 19th-century museum with lavish interiors housing Habsburgs art collections & antiquities.

You will stop for lunch at a local restaurant. Your guide will offer suggestions. Lunch is on your own (Payment at time of service)

At your leisure, you will continue on to the Belvedere Palace; a Baroque, 18th-century palaces housing art from Middle Ages to today, with notable Klimt collection.



You will be returned to your hotel in the afternoon, where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

This evening, you will meet your Private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for the evening dinner and entertainment.

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Wine Experience at Palais Coburg: 8:00 PM



Wine Evening with Cellar Tour

Included: Wine cellar tour, 1 glass of champagne as aperitif, 5-course menu served with wines, water and coffee

Transfer Hotel-Wine Evening & Celler Tour-Hotel

Transfer maximum 4hrs and maximum until midnight.

Day 7 Vienna: – Vienna

Dec 27th.

Breakfast in your hotel

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your morning tour.



Adjacent to the Imperial Hofburg Palace is the Stallburg, Vienna's most prominent Renaissance building, reserved for the magnificent Imperial horses. The traditions of this High School of

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Classical Horsemanship are continued to this day in the Baroque Winter Riding School built by Emperor Charles VI. Attend a Mornign Exercise and see the training of the celebrated Lipizzaner Stallions.



Spanish Riding School:

Riding school dating back to 1735 & training white Lipizzaner stallions, with regular tours & shows.

Classical riding school with shows, private behind the scenes tour with the stallions, Behind the scenes meet &

Greet with Vienna Boy's Choir, Special performances with the Lipizzaner Stallions and the Vienna Boys Choir, and other VIP experiences.

Specific program for today will be crafted around your personal interests.



Lunch is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommended dining in Vienna.

You will be returned to your hotel in the early afternoon. You will be at leisure to relax in the hotel or to continue exploration of Vienna on your own.

7:00PM: Meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to an evening Dinner Concert (Details TBD).



Johann Strauss Concerts at Wiener Kursalon

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Or



Mozart Dinner Concert

The candlelit Baroque Hall, glorious music performed by artists in period costume and a superb dinner inspired by 18th Century recipes - the authentic concerts are certain to take you back to the age of Mozart.

The 'Amadeus Consort' performs arias, duets and overtures from 'Don Giovanni', 'The Marriage of Figaro' and 'The Magic Flute', as well as a rendition of 'Eine Kleine Nachtmusik' performed at

Stiftskeller St. Peter

Time: 08:00 pm, admission from 07:15 pm

After the Orchestral performance, you will be returned to your hotel.

The remainder of the evening is at leisure to relax in your hotel or continue to enjoy your evening on your own.

Day 8 Vienna: – Vienna

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**Breakfast in your
hotel**

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your morning tour.

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Full-day Tour Burgenland (8 hrs) - (excluding entrances to be paid at time of service)

In Eisenstadt, we visit the Esterhazy Palace, once the residence of the Hungarian Princes, and many years the home of the composer Joseph Haydn. The castle's magnificent ambience invites you to a fascinating journey into the world of the Esterhazy Princes. The castle-staff slips into the role of the Grand Controller and receives visitors in courtly tradition.

(Original filming location of an Austrian TV series "The King of Winegrowers").

After a short walk through the old town, we drive through the countryside of Lake Neusiedl, an area on the UNESCO list of world heritage sights.

In Rust, the city of storks, you have the possibility for lunch accompanied by Gypsy Music.

Enjoy an impressive boat cruise on Lake Neusiedl, which is Europe's largest steppe lake and a unique paradise for birds on the Austrian-Hungarian border.

After the tour, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Dinner is on your own this evening. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for ideas on Dining in Vienna. (Reservations are recommended.)

Day 9 Vienna: – Vienna

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Breakfast in your hotel

After breakfast, You are at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore on your own this morning.

Lunch is on your own today.

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After lunch, you will meet your Private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the Hotel De France to begin the next phase of your Holiday Package.

New Year's Package: Hotel DE FRANCE



On Vienna's elegant Ringstraße boulevard, Hotel de France Wien features a restaurant, a bar with piano music, free 24-hour gym access, and free Wi-Fi in all areas. The Schottentor U-Bahn (subway) Station (line U2) is only 51 m away.

Traditional Viennese specialties are served in the restaurant No.3. In the summer, it features a sidewalk café. Japanese dishes can be sampled at the Daihachi Sushi Bar.

A large breakfast buffet, with smoked salmon and sparkling wine, is served on the restaurant's upper floor. The de France's stylish Atrium Bar features live piano music and offers views of the glass-covered atrium.

The bright rooms feature free wired internet access, satellite TV, a tea/coffee maker, and an elegant bathroom with bathrobes, slippers, and hairdryer. All public and private areas at Hotel de France are non-smoking.

There is an underground parking garage with valet parking and a souvenir shop at the Hotel de France, and a cinema showing English-language movies is in the same building. 01 Innere Stadt is a great choice for travellers interested in Live Music, Opera and Food.

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New Year Package:

Comprises:

1. 3-night accommodation in a Suite for 2, including buffet breakfast
2. VIP guest status, delicious Gerstner truffles to the room
3. 1 dinner for 2 (3-course menu+1 bottle of wine) in the hotel's restaurant
4. 2 GRAND tickets Category I in Festsaal or Zeremoniensaal included. Entrance ticket to the Ball & table reservation for the New Year's Eve Ball at the Imperial Palace with live orchestra and dancing on the main dance floor.
5. 1 Glass of sparkling wine Welcome drink upon arrival.
6. 1 Glass of champagne at Midnight at your table
7. 4 Course Gala Dinner with white and red wine and mineral water

New Year's Eve package with GRAND Tickets are only valid when booking the complete package with all 5 nights in a suite category room at the Hotel De France as indicated.

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The Suite b/bb:

The suites at the Hotel de France offer spacious living comfort between 60m² and 90m². The luxurious rooms offer our discerning guests closets, two bathrooms and of course air conditioning. The rooms, with a height of up to 15 feet, look very generous and give, the dignified elegance of the furnishings the true flair of a Viennese Ringstraße house.

Electronic laptop safe, satellite and Premiere TV, telephone with voicemail, minibar and trouser press, tea and coffee making facilities and free broadband are a matter of course in our suites.

- Non smoking rooms only *
- Air conditioner
- Free WiFi
- Mini-bar
- Making facilities for tea and coffee
- Satellite TV
- Safe
- Hairdryer
- Smoke Detectors
- Key Card System
- 24 hrs Room Service
- Laundry

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- 220/230 Volt Voltage
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Upon arrival to the hotel, check in and get settled into your hotel. Hotel Reservations for 5 nights (1) Suite.

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2:00 PM: Meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for a tour of Austrian Treasures.

Afternoon: Imperial Treasury of Vienna and the Kunst historisches Museum Vienna - Treasures of the Habsburgs 4hrs

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Over the centuries the art-loving members of the House of Habsburg collected and commissioned a wealth of magnificent artworks, amassing a rich – material and immaterial – heritage. The importance of this patrimony is reflected in the fact that it was housed in close vicinity to the Imperial Hofburg Palace.

This is where the Imperial Treasury Vienna is located. It houses unique objects of outstanding historical and religious importance such as the crown of the Holy Roman Empire or the crown of Emperor Rudolf II., later the Austrian Imperial crown.

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The most important treasury in the world is home to two imperial crowns as well as the



Burgundian treasure and the treasure of the Order of the Golden Fleece.

The Imperial Crown of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation is the highlight of the collection: Created in the second half of the 10th century, it was used to crown the empire's emperors. The octagonal crown was highly symbolic and is decorated with numerous biblical references.

The second important crown in the Imperial Treasury is the Austrian imperial crown. It was made in 1602 as a private crown for Emperor Rudolf II. (1552-1612). From 1804, it acted as the crown of the newly created Austrian Empire. However, it was never used to crown an Austrian emperor.



Unicorn and Holy Grail

Also on exhibit are the Burgundian treasure from the 15th century and the treasure of the Order of the Golden Fleece (the Habsburg dynastic order). One of the biggest emeralds in the world and many other richly decorated pieces of temporal and spiritual power can also be seen, such as two "inalienable heirlooms of the House of Austria": a giant narwhal tooth, which was believed to come from a unicorn, and a late antiquity agate bowl, which was considered to be the legendary Holy Grail.

The entrance to the Treasuries can be found in the Schweizerhof, whose name is reminiscent of the Swiss Guard that was once posted here.

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After the tour, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure until your evening events begin.

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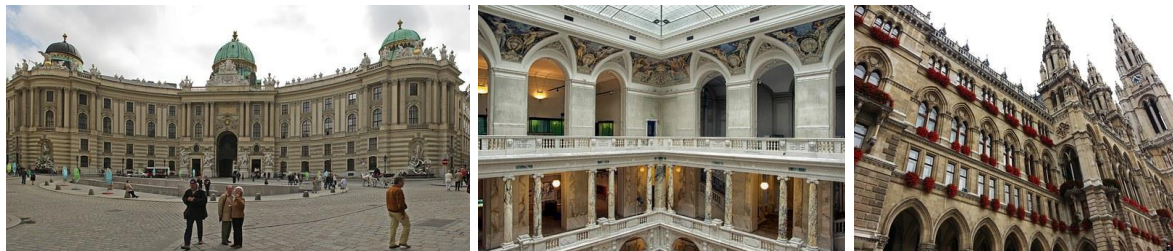
Breakfast in the hotel.

After Breakfast, meet your private English-speaking Driver & your Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for a half day Vienna Panoramic City Tour, Including an interior visit of the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace. – Vienna Panoramic City Tour with Schönbrunn Palace (max. 4hrs)



This tour will give you an overall impression of the most significant historical sights of Vienna.

Along the Ringstrasse we show you numerous magnificent buildings, such as the MAK, the State Opera House, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Natural History Museum, the cultural district the Museums Quartier, the Hofburg (the former Habsburg winter residence), the Parliament, the City Hall and the Burg theater.



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You will also drive by the Prater amusement park with the Giant Ferris Wheel to the banks of the Danube River to see Vienna's new skyline.

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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, and one of the most impressive Baroque buildings of Europe.



On the way back to the opera you'll pass by the Belvedere Palace, the former summer residence of Prince Eugen, which houses the largest and the most precious Gustav Klimt collection in the world. Visit of its gardens.

After the tour, you will be returned to your hotel.

Lunch is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for Vienna Dining Recommendations

3:00PM: Make your way to the Elmayer Dancing School, just a short walk from your hotel for your waltz lessons.

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Afternoon Waltz Lessons: Private Dancing Lesson Vienna Waltz at Dancing School Elmayer



The Dancing School Elmayer was founded by the former officer of the Austrian Imperial Army Willy Elmayer von Vestenbrugg in 1919. Ever since the dancing school Elmayer is situated in the rooms of the former horse stables in the Pallavicini Palace next to the stables of the Spanish Riding School – home of the famous white stallions – in the heart of Vienna.

Elmayer is combining tuition in manners and dancing based on the traditional Austrian imperial system that is carefully but continuously adapted to modern times. As such the Elmayer "Dancing School" is unique in the world today.

Fortunately we found an easy and very relaxed and entertaining way to enable everybody to acquire the know how to dance Viennese Waltz within the shortest period of time. And you can be sure to have cherished and lasting memories on this unique and most enjoyable experience.

This activity is totally independent of climatic circumstances – cool (air-conditioned) in summer and dry and warm in winter. Don't forget to take along clean shoes with smooth soles especially in case of bad weather outside.

After the dance lessons, you will be returned to your hotel to relax and prepare for your evening.

Dinner is on your own this evening. We recommend an early dinner before the evening entertainment. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for Vienna Dining Recommendations

7:00PM: Meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel to transfer to the Opera House for an evening Opera or Ballet Performance (Details TBD).

Vienna State Opera:

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Today, the Vienna State Opera is considered one of the most important opera houses in the world; in particular, it is the house with the largest repertoire. It has been under the direction of Dominique Meyer, along with musical director Franz Welser-Möst, since September 1, 2010.

More information on the specific performance to follow once the Schedules have been released and confirmed.

After the Opera performance, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure to relax or continue on your own with your evening.

Day 11 Vienna: – Vienna

Dec 31st.

Breakfast in the hotel.

After Breakfast, meet your private English-speaking Driver & your Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for a half day Vienna City Chocolate & Coffee House Tour (max. 4hrs)



You can find dozens of traditional cafés in Vienna's Old City. Here you will encounter Viennese coffee house culture in its most original form.

The Viennese Coffee House is famous throughout the world, renowned for its rich cultural history as a meeting place for writers, intellectuals and artists.

Hidden from the bustle of tourists are Viennese regulars, known as "Stammgäste", with customs and traditions as much of an institution as the beautiful cafes they drink coffee and read newspapers in. This unique tour will take you through the most beloved cafe near the city center to glimpse and experience the Coffee House as a true Viennese.

A coffee break in one of Vienna's renowned traditional cafés will be included, enjoy a cup of Viennese coffee or hot chocolate with a piece of delicious pastry, cake or Strudel.

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Find some of the most wonderful chocolate shops in Vienna on this tour. Make sure you send some home to enjoy once you are back in the US.

1:00PM: End of walking tour

Return to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the rest of the afternoon to prepare for your New Year's Eve Ball & Extravaganza.

- ❖ 5:30PM: Meet your Private English Speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the Imperial Palace to attend the New Year's Eve Ball.
- ❖ 6:30PM: Entrance into the Imperial Palace and Welcome Drink in the Foyer.
- ❖ 7:30PM: The Ball Begins



The New Year's Eve Ball Program: (Note this is from previous programs. Updates will follow for current Ball Programs once they have been announced and published.)

New Year's Eve Ball at Hofburg (Imperial Palace) Vienna 31 December



This year's programme brought top-class performers from the Vienna State Opera and Volksoper such as Anita Götz, Boris Eder, Juliette Mars und Paul Schweinester and Maya Hakvoort, big-name bands and orchestras, as well as catchy rhythms spanning a full range of genres from waltz to jazz to the former imperial winter residence.

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In addition to a spellbinding opening ceremony, you will be treated to an unforgettable midnight show featuring the ringing of the Pummerin bell at St. Stephen's Cathedral, the traditional Blue Danube Waltz, a spectacular firework display on Heldenplatz, and the popular public quadrille in the imperial staterooms of the world-famous Hofburg palace. In the disco, a live DJ provides hot sounds deep into the early hours of the morning.

Savour the culinary delights that await at the glamorous four-course gala dinner, the Viennese coffeehouse, the chill-out lounge and the various New Year's buffets and bars. Remember to pick your lucky four-leafed clover and pin your New Year's resolutions to the special tree. Celebrate a New Year's Eve brimming with fun and laughter, immerse yourself in Vienna's charming ball traditions and raise a champagne toast to the New Year with us.

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The Hofburg Silvester Ball is once again being held under the patronage of Austrian President Dr. Heinz Fischer this year.

Dress code:

Ladies: long evening gown

Gentlemen: tails, tuxedo, gala uniform (no tie).

The ball committee reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone not wearing appropriate ball attire.

Program

6.30pm: Admission of guests for gala dinner; Heldenplatz entrance

Cocktail reception: Hofburg Foyer

7:00pm: Opening of the Grand Staircase: Soloists from the Vienna State Opera Ballet

Association Wo man lacht und lebt, Eduard Strauss

8:00pm: Gala dinner

9.15pm: Admission of guests for grand ball opening: Entrance on Heldenplatz - Cocktail reception

10:00pm: Grand opening ceremony in the Zeremoniensaal

Elmayer dance school debutantes committee

Fan Polonaise, Carl Michael Ziehrer

Austrian national anthem:

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Mon cœur s'ouvre à ta voix - Samson et Dalila, Camille Saint-Saëns

Soloists from the Vienna State Opera Ballet Association: Masquerade Suite - Waltz, Aram Khachaturian

Elmayer dance school debutantes committee

Gruß an Wien, Johann Strauss

Gold und Silber, Franz Lehar

10.30pm: Grand opening ceremony in the Festsaal: Elmayer dance school debutantes committee

Fan Polonaise, Carl Michael Ziehrer

Austrian national anthem

Anthem of Europe

Bravourarie – Candide, Leonard Bernstein

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11.58pm: Midnight Countdown

12:00AM: Midnight - Happy New Year

Ringling of the Pummerin (at St. Stephen's Cathedral), the largest bell in Austria

Blue Danube Waltz, Johann Strauss

00.05am: Midnight show in the Festsaal

Series of arias of the 1920s and 1930s

performed by soloists from the Vienna State Opera and the Volksoper and Maya Hakvoort

Another Op'nin', Another Show - Kiss me Kate, Cole Porter

Puttin' on the Ritz - Puttin' on the Ritz, Irving Berlin

Die ganze Welt ist himmelblau - Im weissen Rößl, Robert Stolz

Original Charleston, Green Hill

Heute Nacht oder nie - Das Lied einer Nacht, Anatole Litvak

I can cook too - On the town, Leonard Bernstein

My Darling, My Darling - Die Zirkusprinzessin, Emmerich Kálmán

I got rhythm - Girl Crazy, George Gershwin

Wien, Wien nur du allein, Rudolf Sieczyński

Midnight show in the Zeremoniensaal

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Series of arias of the 1920s and 1930s
performed by soloists from the Vienna State Opera and the Volksoper

I could have danced all night - My Fair Lady, Frederick Loewe
Puttin' on the Ritz - Puttin' on the Ritz, Irving Berlin
La vie en Rose, Édith Piaf
Wien, Wien nur du allein, Rudolf Sieczyński

00.30am and 2.30am
Public quadrille in the Festsaal
with the Elmayer dance school

4am
Close

❖ 4:00AM: Transfer back to your hotel.

Day 12 Vienna: – Vienna

Jan 1st.

New Year's Brunch at Hotel Intercontinental (max. 5hrs)

- Breakfast in the hotel (if desired).
- After breakfast you are at leisure until it is time for your Brunch and Live Broadcast of the New Year's Concert.
- 10:45 AM: Meet your Private English Speaking Driver in your hotel lobby for your transfer to the Hotel Intercontinental where you will enjoy Brunch and a live broadcast of the New Year's Concert.
- 11:00AM – 3:00PM: New Year's Brunch/ Hotel Intercontinental
 - With live broadcast of the famous New Year's Concert) including champagne, non-alcoholic beverages, coffee or tea.
- 3:00PM: Meet your Private English Speaking Driver in the lobby of the hotel to transfer you back to your hotel after the afternoon program.
- 3:00 PM: Return to your hotel to relax and prepare for your evening.
- Dinner is on your own.
- 7:00PM: Meet your private driver in the lobby of your hotel for an evening Concert (Details TBD).

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Volksoper performance "Die Fledermaus".

The ultimate musical and theatrical experience can find it at the Volksoper

More than 150 singers, 95 orchestra musicians, 64 choir singers, more than 100 dancers, 218 technicians, 1.000 surprises, in only 1 theatre

The Volksoper Wien, located just ten minutes outside the city centre, stages operettas as well as 18th, 19th and 20th century operas ("The

Magic Flute", "Tosca", "La Traviata", etc.), classical musicals ("My Fair Lady") and ballet. The season, which runs from September to July, consists of some 300 performances divided among some 35 different productions and revivals from previous years.

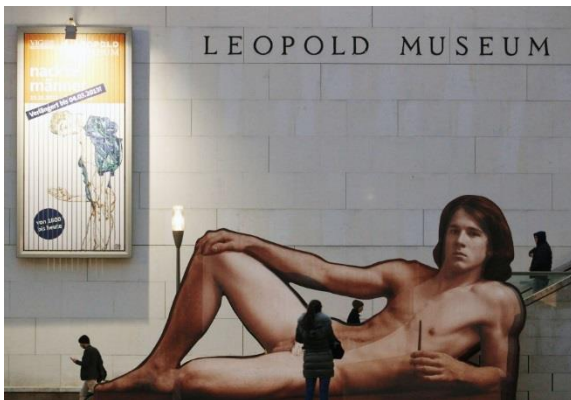
At 08.15pm: (Schedule TBD)

After the Opera performance, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure to relax or continue on your own with your evening.

Day 13 Vienna: – Vienna **Jan 2nd.**

Breakfast in the hotel.

9:00AM: After breakfast, meet your Private English Speaking Guide in the lobby of your hotel for a day of celebrating Art.



Morning Walking Tour – Exploring the Art Museums of Vienna:

Allow a minimum of 1.5 hrs. per museum to experience all that they have to interest you. You can select the museums you want to visit and coordinate with your guide to insure you visit the museums you are most interested in experiencing.

➤ Imperial Palace: Apartments, Sisi Museum, Silver Collection

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- KHM: Art History Museum – Kunstkammer, Neue Burg, Treasury
- Albertina:
- Leopold Museum:
- Museum of Fine Art:
- Museum of Applied Arts:

Lunch is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations in Vienna.

After lunch, continue with your inspections and experiences of the Vienna Art Museums

3:00 PM: Return to your hotel to relax and prepare for your evening.

7:00PM: Meet your private driver in the lobby of your hotel for an evening Dinner Concert (Details TBD).



Johann Strauss Concerts at Wiener Kursalon

In the very place where Johann Strauss himself used to direct his orchestra from the position of first violin, the absolute essence of Vienna's classical music can once again be heard daily.

The Salonorchester Alt Wien, one of the best-known interpreters of classical Viennese music, presents an evening full of Viennese charm with the lilting sound of waltzes, polkas, arias and duets, as well as operetta and piano concerto melodies.

Accompanied by excellent opera vocalists and enchanting ballet soloists, Vienna's classical music reveals itself as a living firework display for all the senses.

Daily at 08.15pm

Or



Mozart Dinner Concert

The candlelit Baroque Hall, glorious music performed by artists in period costume and a superb dinner inspired by 18th Century recipes - the authentic concerts are certain to take you back to the age of Mozart.

The 'Amadeus Consort' performs arias, duets and overtures from 'Don Giovanni', 'The Marriage of Figaro' and 'The Magic Flute', as well as a rendition of 'Eine Kleine Nachtmusik' performed at

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Time: 08:00 pm, admission from 07:15 pm

After the Orchestral performance, you will be returned to your hotel. The remainder of the evening is at leisure to relax in your hotel or continue to enjoy your evening on your own.

Day 14 Vienna: – Vienna – US & Home **Jan 3rd.**

Breakfast in the hotel.

9:00AM: After breakfast, meet your Private English Speaking Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your private transfer to the airport to meet your flight back to the US and Home.

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