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### 7 -14 Day Vienna & Salzburg Artistry & Beauty



#### CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR DATES – FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS – 7-14 Day ITINERARY

Uncover the legendary culture of Austria, where a wealth of fine art, music and culture sweeps through this picturesque nation.

- ❖ Experience an unforgettable journey through magnificent royal palaces
- ❖ Illustrious art museums and acoustically perfect concert halls.
- ❖ From the opulent palaces of Vienna to the charming storybook city of Salzburg
- ❖ Explore the birthplace and home of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Johann Strauss
- ❖ Enjoy evening concerts of classical symphonies by these revered composers.
- ❖ Tour some of the most eminent fine art museums in the world, featuring masterpieces by Viennese Expressionist artists such as Gustav Klimt and Egon Schiele.

*Art is life, life is life, but to lead life artistically is the art of life.*

*Peter Altenberg, famous Viennese poet*

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- ❖ Travel to the verdant Lake District in the Austrian Alps, once the summer residence for Austrian Emperor Franz Josef and his family that offers some of the most breathtaking scenery in the world.
- ❖ Travel through the eastern country side and into Germany where you will tour and explore the famous Neuschwanstein Castle (the inspiration for Cinderella's Castle at Disneyland). Explore the grounds and an in-depth tour of the interior rooms of this iconic landmark.
- ❖ Spend a half day exploring the vibrant and classic city of Munich.

On this 7-14 day journey, be inspired by the distinctive artistic culture of this glorious and sophisticated European nation.

## 7-14 Day Itinerary: Vienna & Salzburg An Orchestral Journey



**1 Arrival - US - Vienna**

### 5 Star Accommodation Recommendations

- **Hotel Imperial**
- **Hotel Sacher Wien**

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- **Palais Coberg Residenz**
- **Palais Hansen Kempinski Vienna**

**Upon arrival in Vienna**, you will be met at the customs area by your VIP Private Assistant who will help you manage customs and forward to collect your luggage. Your escort will assist you with traversing the airport and hand you to your private English-speaking Driver waiting for you in the Baggage area. In baggage claim you will be met by your Private English-speaking Driver who will transfer you to your hotel.

- Individual Transfer from plane
- In the airport you will have exclusive use of a salon for 1 hour.
- VIP Support during your time in the airport
- Baggage handling for up to 10 pieces of luggage
- Check-in, Passport & Security Controls
- Stop at Courtyard in the VIP Terminal for duration of event

**Upon arrival at the hotel**, you will be assisted with a private VIP check-in, where you can relax and enjoy a welcome drink and some light snacks. You will be assisted to your accommodations and if you desire, your private butler will assist with unpacking and securing your luggage for the remainder of your stay. Receive Hotel Amenities if available at time of check-in.

- Early Check-in
- Late Check out
- Room upgrade
- Breakfast daily
- Dinner for 2 once during your stay
- Spa treatment for 2 once during your stay
- Complimentary wi-fi

**After check-in**, relax in the hotel and settle.

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

**In the afternoon** (approximately 2:00 pm), meet your private English-speaking Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

**Fiaker Carriage Tour (2 Hrs.)**

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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 was usual in empire-times.

**You will be returned to your hotel** after the tour where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

**Dinner Reservation: Hotel Sacher 8:00 pm.** Dinner is on your own (payment at time of service). You must try the infamous Sacher Torte.

**Meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel** for your transfer to the Hotel Sacher for dinner. (If you selected the Hotel Sacher as your hotel, you will proceed to the restaurant without escort.) After dinner meet your driver in the lobby of the hotel for your transfer back to your hotel.



## Day 2 Vienna - Vienna

### Breakfast in your hotel

**After breakfast,** meet your English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your morning tour. (4 Hrs.)

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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 18<sup>th</sup> century palace built in the 13<sup>th</sup> 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, 19<sup>th</sup>-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, 18<sup>th</sup>-century palaces housing art from Middle Ages to today, with notable Klimt collection.

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

**In the evening**, you will meet your Private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for the evening Wine Celler Tour, Dinner and Entertainment at the Palais Coburg. (If you have chosen the Palais Coburg as your hotel you will meet your Professional Local Guide in the lobby of the hotel.)

**TOUR: Private Wine Cellar Tour And Tasting:** Location: Palais Coburg: (1 Hr.)

- Palais Coburg has one of the best wine cellars in the world and was awarded with the Grand Award from the US magazine "Wine Spectator" in 2007. There are 6 differently themed wine cellars, relicts from the 16th century.
- It was possible to rescue the remains of a fortress from the 16th century during the revitalization of Palais Coburg and give this a new and worthy purpose as the stage for memorable events and as a safe place for the treasures of the Palais Coburg Wine Archive.
- Six wine cellars with perfect climates for the safekeeping of great rare wines have been established in different parts of this historic architecture; each cellar with its own unique characteristics and theme of dedication. The natural virtues of these cellars have been technically enhanced at the highest standards to ensure uninterrupted temperature and

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humidity stability which guarantee optimal conditions capable of protecting even the most fragile of wines.

- More than 60,000 bottles of special and unique wines spanning four centuries have been archived, sorted and meticulously documented in a data bank. With the creation of the Palais Coburg Wine Archive, a new and significant place has been created in the world for wine culture according to the highest standards.
- The Palais Coburg Wine Archive includes the following cellars for fine wine: the France Cellar, the Old World Cellar, the New World Cellar, the Rare Wine Cellar, the Yquem Cellar, and the Champagne Cellar.
- These cellars are complimented by several beautiful rooms specially designed for wine tasting or wine and culinary presentations
- Included: private wine cellar tour approx. 45min, 1 glass of champagne as aperitif.

## 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 & Cellar Tour-Hotel

Transfer maximum 4hrs and maximum until midnight.

## Day 3 Vienna - Vienna – Burgenland

### Breakfast in your hotel

**After breakfast**, meet your English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your full day tour. (8 Hrs.)

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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.



- Lunch in Rust, the City of Storks, where your meal will be accompanied by a spirited performance of gypsy music.
- Then board a boat and cruise down Lake Neusiedl, Europe's largest steppe lake and renowned as a bird paradise.

**You will be returned to your hotel** where you can relax or explore on your own for the rest of the evening.

**Dinner is on your own.** See Celebration Escapes Restaurant Collection for recommended Dining in Vienna.

### **Day 4 Vienna - Vienna - Spanish Riding School – the Ballet of the White Stallions and one of the world's most famous boys' choirs**

**Breakfast in your hotel**

**After breakfast,** meet your English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your full day tour. (8 Hrs.)

Meet your Private driver and English speaking guide at the lobby of your hotel to begin your private tour of the Spanish Riding School and a spectacular evening performance by the Ballet of White Stallions and the Vienna Boys Choir.

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For almost five hundred years, Vienna's Spanish Riding School has cultivated the Renaissance tradition of classical equitation to create unparalleled harmony between rider and horse.

Every day (except for Monday), the white Lipizzan stallions are put through their paces by their riders. The primary objective is to maintain the horses' athleticism and health, as well as to build up various muscle groups that are necessary for performing the exercises of the haute école.

Set in the baroque ambiance of Vienna's Imperial Palace, witness a morning exercise where horses gracefully pirouette and dance to music.

Lunch is on your own in the area.



After lunch, in the afternoon, be invited on an exclusive guided tour to the various locations inside the Riding School, including the Stallburg, with its glorious arcade courtyard and historical stables and **architectural tours of its historic premises.**

The Spanish Riding School in Vienna is the only institution in the world which has practiced for over 440 years and continues to cultivate classical equitation in the Renaissance tradition of the Haute Ecole. Its famous Lippizaner Stallions can usually be seen either during Morning Exercises or at weekend performances. Don't miss this special opportunity to see these two iconic cultural institutions side by side and let yourself be swept away on a journey back to the magnificent splendor of the Baroque era.

## ❖ GUIDED & ARCHITECTURE TOURS AT THE SPANISH RIDING SCHOOL

So far, the building that houses the Spanish Riding School has received little attention. Now for the first time, a guided architectural tour highlights the architectural gems such as the Baroque roof structure of the Winter Riding School. You will have to climb about 170 stairs, but the reward is well worth it! The technical and aesthetic achievements of this wooden structural system, built from 2,000 individual pieces, are impressive. Experience the unique atmosphere of the "attic" and enjoy a fantastic rooftop view of Vienna's first district.

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5:30 pm (approximately) Meet your Private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the evening entertainment.

### 6:00 pm A Tribute to Vienna



This evening, experience one of Austria's most treasured Events: The Baroque ambiance of the Winter Riding School in the Imperial Hofburg Palace is the perfect setting for this magical evening.

**Experience the High School of Classical Horsemanship and the wonderful choral arrangements of the Vienna Boys' Choir, two of Vienna's most cherished traditions.**

The Spanish Riding School - which now also offers architectural tours of its historic premises - and the Vienna Boys' Choir have teamed up to bring you an experience that combines the best of two renowned cultural institutions in Vienna. For a few evenings of the year, the Ballet of the White Stallions and one of the world's most famous boys' choirs enchant their audience with stellar performances.



Vienna Boys' Choir © Wiener Saengerknaben

The Vienna Boys' Choir was established by Maximilian I of Habsburg more than 500 years ago. Today's choir is the continuation of the boys' choir that performed at the Viennese Court. The Vienna Boys' Choir is an integral part of Vienna's cultural landscape, giving performances at the MUTH in the 2nd District, singing mass at the Imperial Chapel every Sunday, or participating in

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performances of the Vienna State Opera.

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Dinner is on your own.

## Day 5 Vienna - Vienna

### Breakfast in your hotel

**After breakfast**, meet your English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your half day tour. (4 Hrs.)



### Half-day City tour (4 hrs)

This tour will show you the major historical sights along the Ringstrasse, including the State-opera House, the National Museums, the Imperial Palace, the Parliament, the City Hall, the Burgtheater and the University before taking you to the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, summer residence of the Habsburg family.

The highlight of the tour will be a guided tour through the majestic stately rooms

before returning to the centre of the city.



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**You will be returned to your hotel after the tour.**



**Dinner is a special experience this evening. Candle Light Dinner at Vienna Ferris Wheel.**

**Meet your private English-speaking driver** in the lobby of your hotel for your private transfer to the Wheel. You will be treated to a very romantic candlelight dinner over the rooftops of Vienna. This is an incomparable experience. Enjoy a select three-course romantic dinner in a private wagon of the Vienna Giant Wheel.

After dinner you will be transferred back to your hotel, or you can choose to continue to explore this area on your own after dinner and return to the hotel via taxi on your own.

## Day 6 Vienna - Vienna - Salzburg

### **Breakfast in your hotel**

**After breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the train station where you will meet your train for your transfer to Salzburg. If you prefer you can have your private driver transfer you by luxury car to Salzburg.

Meet your transfer at the train station, or your private driver will settle you at your hotel in Salzburg.

Check into your hotel and settle in.

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At the appropriate time, your private driver and English speaking guide will meet you in the hotel lobby for your half day City Tour of this breathtaking “Festival City”.

TOUR: Nestled against the spectacular mountain ranges, Salzburg is often compared to a storybook village.

On the City Tour, visit destination highlights including Hohensalzburg Fortress, Europe's largest fortification, along with Mirabell Castle, Mozart's birthplace, Salzburg Cathedral, The Horse Fountain and St. Peter's Cathedral.



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You will be returned to your hotel where you can relax or explore on your own until time for your evening program.

At the appropriate time, meet your private English speaking driver at the hotel lobby for your private evening transfer. (Your transfer is available for you all evening but there is a 4 hr. minimum)

You may enjoy dinner before or after the evening performance.



Evening Entertainment:

- ❖ By evening, be transported to another time in the candlelit Baroque Hall for a Mozart Dinner concert. The Amadeus Consort performs arias, duets and overtures from "Don Giovanni," "The Marriage of Figaro" and "The Magic Flute" as well as "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik".

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You will be returned to your hotel where you can relax or explore on your own for the rest of the evening.

## Day 7 Salzburg - Salzburg - Lake District

### Breakfast in your hotel

**After breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your full day tour of the Lake District.



### Day-long tour of the Lake District

- ❖ With its natural beauty and exceptional landscape, Austria's verdant Lake District hosted the Austrian Emperor Franz Josef and his family for this summer vacations.
- ❖ On this day-long tour, experience the breathtaking beauty of one of Austria's most beautiful regions.
- ❖ Visit the most scenic and historical landmarks including the Fuschl Hunting Castle and the charming town of St. Wolfgang

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You will be returned to your hotel where you can relax or explore on your own for the rest of the evening.

**Dinner is on your own.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations in Salzburg.

## Day 8 Salzburg - Salzburg

### Breakfast in your hotel

**After breakfast,** meet your private English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your half day t

## Salzburg - Sound of Music Tour



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On this half-day tour around the Salzburg region

- ❖ Discover the historical and architectural highlights that were featured in the Oscar-winning film, “Sound of Music.” Begin in the 18th century Mirabell Gardens, where Maria and the children danced around the Pegasus statue and throughout the gardens as they sang, “Do-Re-Mi”.
- ❖ Travel to Leopoldskron Castle, which served as the façade for the Trapp family home, then visit the glass pavilion of Hellbrunn Castle, which served as the setting for songs such as “Sixteen Going on Seventeen” and “Something Good”.
- ❖ Continue with stops at Nonnberg Abbey, the oldest convent in the region, where Maria once lived and the scenic regions of St. Gilgen and Lake Wolfgang.
- ❖ Complete this exciting tour with a stop at Mondsee Cathedral, where Maria and the Baron were

You will be returned to your hotel where you can relax or explore on your own for the rest of the evening.

**Dinner is on your own.** See Celebration Escapes’ Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations in Salzburg.

## Day 9 Salzburg - Salzburg - Munich

### Breakfast in your hotel

**After breakfast,** meet your private English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your Tours & Transfer to Munich.



- Wake up early this morning for your transfer and tour experience.

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- After breakfast, check out of your hotel and meet your driver and guide at the hotel lobby.
- Transfer to Munich.
- In-route, enjoy a scenic travel day filled with spectacular views and invigorating conversation with your guide as you meander through the sites of Austria and Germany.
- Tour of the Neuschwanstein Castle. Explore the grounds and an in-depth tour of the interior rooms of this iconic landmark.
- Lunch
- Continue on, enjoying the many sites along the way to Munich.

You will be delivered to your hotel in Munich. Check into your hotel.

**Dinner is on your own.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations in Salzburg.

## Day 10 Munich- Salzburg -Munich

### Breakfast in your hotel

**After breakfast,** meet your private English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your half day City tour of Munich.



Discover the highlights of the capital city of Bavaria. This includes a walking tour of the Marienplatz and the Old Town, home to most of the city's historic landmarks, including the world famous Glockenspiel, Viktualienmarkt and Peterskirche, the oldest church in Munich.

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From there you will be brought to the Maximilianstrasse for lunch and shopping. Here you will have some free time.



Afterwards meet up with your guide for a museum visit. You will get to choose if you would like to visit the Alte Pinakothek, one of Europe's greatest art galleries, or the Deutsches Museum, a 13-acre museum that houses at least 16,000 artifacts of German science and technology.

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You will end the tour with a drink at one of the beer gardens of the Englischer Garten.

You will be delivered to your hotel in Munich. Check into your hotel.

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### Day 11: Munich & International Flight Home

- ❖ After Breakfast meet your private driver and English speaking guide for a private tour of Munich.
- ❖ Lunch
- ❖ Return to your hotel and check out of your hotel and meet your driver and guide at the hotel lobby.
- ❖ Transfer to Munich Airport for your flight home.

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