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7 Day Vienna Holiday New Year's Ball Program



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New Year's Package: Hotel DE FRANCE



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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.



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.

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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.



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

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- Safe
 - Hairdryer
 - Smoke Detectors
 - Key Card System
 - 24 hrs Room Service
 - Laundry
 - 220/230 Volt Voltage
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Detailed Sample Itinerary



Day 1 Arrival Vienna: – Vienna Airport arrival transfer

Arrival at Vienna Airport (Flights TBD).

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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

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

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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 you special interests.

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

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



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Daily at 08.15pm

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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 2 Vienna: – Vienna

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.

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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.



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.



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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.

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.

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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:



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 3 Vienna: – Vienna

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.

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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.

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

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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 Siczynski

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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 4 Vienna: – Vienna

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 – 3:0PM: 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.
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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 5 Vienna: – Vienna **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
- KHM: Art History Museum – Kunstkammer, Neue Burg, Treasury
- Albertina:

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- Leopold Museum:
- Museum of Fine Art:
- Museum of Applied Arts:

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

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Day 6 Vienna: – Vienna – US & Home **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.

End of Services.

Ready to plan your journey? Contact us today ! 678-500-9548

Schedule Your Creative Planning Session Now!