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8 – 14 Day Austria - An Orchestral Journey Through Austria

Visit the Former Home of Joseph Haydn and Enjoy a Musical Performance by the Vienna Boys Choir



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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

- ❖ Be granted exclusive access to a behind-the-scenes tour of the Spanish Riding School, home of the famed Lipizzan stallion and the only institution in the world that continues to cultivate classic Renaissance equitation.

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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 eight day journey, be inspired by the distinctive artistic culture of this glorious and sophisticated European nation.

8 Day Itinerary: Vienna, Salzburg & Munich

Day 1: Vienna: Hofburg Palace, St. Stephan's Cathedral – Fiaker Carriage Tour



Private Meet and Greet Welcome at the airport upon arrival in Vienna.

- ❖ Meet your escort who will assist you with traversing customs and retrieving your luggage.
- ❖ Your escort will assist you in the airport and then escort you to your private English speaking driver.

Private Transfer to your hotel

Check into your hotel and relax until the appropriate time for your city tour.

Meet your Private English speaking guide at the lobby of your hotel to begin your overview tour of Vienna.

TOUR: Be welcomed to Vienna with a private guided walking tour of the city. This two-hour tour, adapted to your special interests, offers an initial overview of the imperial history and architecture of Vienna. Visit the Hofburg Palace Complex, the grand residence of the imperial Habsburgs for almost 650 years, along with the city's landmark St. Stephan's Cathedral with its iconic diamond roof and Pummerin Bell. (2Hrs.)

Continue your afternoon with a Private Fiaker Carriage Tour (1 Hr.)

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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.

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.

Wine & Dine Experience: Location: Palais Coburg: (4 Hrs.)

PRIVATE DINING BY SILVIO NICKOL

- ❖ Enjoy the creations from our Michelin star chef, Silvio Nickol. Exclusive menus are created at the "Coburg Private Dining" and will be served in the Bel Etage or on request in the Casemates. Highly individual, private and impressive!
- ❖ 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 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.

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- ❖ 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, 5-course menu at the wine bistro including matching wines, coffee and water

Day 2: Vienna - Half-Day City Tour, & Evening Cultural Performance



Breakfast in your hotel and relax on your own Meet your Private English speaking guide at the lobby of your hotel to begin your private tour of Vienna.

TOUR: Half Day City Tour (4 Hrs.)

By private car, be transported on a tour of the major historical sights along the Ringstrasse, including the State Opera House, the National Museums, The Imperial Palace, the Parliament, the City Hall, the Burghtheater and the University. Highlights include a guided tour through the majestic state rooms of Schönbrunn Palace, the opulent summer residence of the Habsburg Family

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

You may enjoy dinner before or after the evening performance.

In the evening, be introduced to the centuries-old Austrian tradition of an evening concert where chamber orchestras perform classic works by composers such as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Johann Strausse

Evening Options:

Enjoy a concert of your choosing

- ❖ The Vienna Residence Orchestra
- ❖ Schönbrunn Palace
- ❖ One of the Johann Strauss concerts at Kursalon
- ❖ Enjoy a performance from the legendary Vienna Boys Choir. In 1498, when Emperor Maximillian I decreed that there were to be six boys among his court musicians, he

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unwittingly laid the foundations for the Vienna Boys Choir. More than five hundred years later, they continue to sing Sunday services in the chapel and perform around the world. For their Vienna concerts, they sing a blend of old and new works of music by the likes of Haydn, Schubert and Mozart, alongside international folk songs and Strauss waltzes and polkas

- ❖ Enjoy a Classical Ball

Return to your hotel for the remainder of the evening

Day 3: Burgenland: Full-Day Burgenland Tour



Breakfast in your hotel and relax on your own Meet your Private English speaking guide at the lobby of your hotel to begin your private full day tour of the region of Burgenland.

- ❖ Beyond a princely yellow facade lies the baroque Esterházy Palace, once the residence of Hungarian Princes and the home of the composer Joseph Haydn.
- ❖ Be received in courtly tradition by the castle staff and tour through the palace, including its Haydntsaal, believed to be one of the most acoustically perfect concert halls in the world.
- ❖ After a short walk through the old town of Eisenstadt, drive through the Lake Neusiedl countryside, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ❖ 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.

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

Breakfast in your hotel and relax on your own until time for your tour.

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- ❖ 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.



Spanish Riding School:

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.



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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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 performances of the Vienna State Opera.

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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.

Day 5: Salzburg: Half-Day Salzburg City Tour, Mozart Dinner Concert



Breakfast in your hotel. After breakfast check out of your hotel.

❖ Meet your Private 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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)

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Evening Entertainment:

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

Day 6: Lake District



Breakfast in your hotel and relax on your own
Meet your Private English speaking guide at the lobby of your hotel to begin your private 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

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

OPTION TO EXTEND YOUR STAY IN SALZBURG WITH THESE OPTIONAL TOURS YOU MIGHT WANT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR JOURNEY

Salzburg - Half-Day Tour of Eagle's Nest

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Surrounded by the snowcapped peaks of the Bavarian Mountains in the Königsee River Valley stands Eagle's Nest.

- ❖ Built initially as a mountaintop hideaway for Hitler for his fiftieth birthday, after World War II, the Allies established it as part of the US Armed Forces, before returning the land to Germany in 1990. From the nearby village of Obersalzburg, board a specially-equipped bus and pass rock walls and gorges while ascending the steep mountain.
- ❖ At the top lies a stunning marble-lined tunnel and a brass elevator that takes guests 400 feet up to the top of mountain to the entrance of Eagle's Nest.
- ❖ Wander amongst the grounds and revel at the magnificent views of the scenery, before returning to Berchtesgaden for refreshments and shopping.

Salzburg - Sound of Music Tour



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

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Day 7: Neuschwanstein Castle – in-route to Munich



- ❖ Wake up early this morning for your transfer and tour experience.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Overnight in Munich

Day 8: 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.

End of Services.

OPTION TO EXTEND YOUR STAY IN MUNICH WITH THESE OPTIONAL TOURS YOU MIGHT WANT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR JOURNEY

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BAVARIAN BEER AND FOOD EVENING - Munich is the beer capital of the world, so what better place to visit legendary beer gardens, cellars and halls! Learn how beer is brewed and discover Germany's long history of brewing. You will get to sample different types of beer and experience what makes them different. You will also get to try some of Bavaria's hearty brewery fare. Tour the Beer and Oktoberfest Museum, which traces the history of beer from its origins in ancient Egypt. Then enjoy the famous Hofbrauhaus.

PRIVATE MUNICH SIGHTSEEING TOUR - 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. 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. You will end the tour with a drink at one of the beer gardens of the Englischer Garten.

ROYAL CASTLES OF NEUSCHWANSTEIN AND LINDERHOF - This excursion takes you inside two extraordinary castles, both testament to the visions of Bavaria's fairytale king. Built by King Ludwig II, both of these castles have inspired legend and fantasy. After a short shopping trip at Oberammergau, the home of the Passion Play, you will continue to Neuschwanstein Castle. The striking, white castle towers above the Bavarian countryside and was the inspiration for Disneyland's Sleeping Beauty's Castle. The king wanted a castle that was representative of the romantic interpretation of the Middle Ages as well as the musical mythology of his friend, Richard Wagner. Next you will visit Linderhof, the smallest of the three palaces built by the King. This castle resembles the Palace of Versailles, with its ornate Hall of Mirrors and famous dumb-waiter. These fairytale visits will leave you longing to move in and live like royalty.

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

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