



## AUSTRIA

# VIENNA IN STYLE (TOUR CODE: 13738)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Vienna

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Jan 24 - 20 Dec 24

### EXPERIENCE

Cultural  
City Stays

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Experience the grandeur of Vienna on a captivating city break. See the Schönbrunn Palace and explore the Vienna Woods and Danube Valley. Create unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime.

## Highlights

- Immerse yourself in the charm of Vienna by staying in *Innere Stadt*, the historic heart, where iconic landmarks such as **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, **Hofburg Palace**, and the **Vienna State Opera** await you.
- Explore **Schönbrunn Palace**, the opulent summer residence of the Habsburgs, now designated a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Experience a captivating journey through **Baden's thermal spa resort**, the historic **Mayerling Convent**, and the renowned **Cistercian Abbey of Heiligenkreuz**, famed for its exceptional Choir.
- Come and explore the breathtaking **Benedictine Abbey of Melk** in the Danube Valley renowned as one of the finest examples of Baroque architecture in all of Austria.

Embark on an enriching city stay in Vienna, where the initial phase beckons exploration of the historic center and the opulence of Schönbrunn Castle. Discover iconic landmarks along the *Ringstrasse*, then delve into the history of Vienna with a city walk, unveiling its hidden gems, from courtyards to *Pawlatsche* balconies.

In the second phase, immerse yourself in Vienna's scenic surroundings—unveiling the charm of Vienna Woods, Mayerling, Heiligenkreuz, and Baden. Elevate your journey by dedicating a full day to explore the captivating wonders of the Danube Valley, weaving a tapestry of unforgettable moments.

# INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights in Vienna at Hotel Ambassador- 4\* or similar
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Daily Buffet Breakfast
- Half-day panoramic sightseeing of the city and Schönbrunn Castle & gardens
- Half-day walking tour of the Old Town & Secret Courtyards
- Culinary walking tour (3 hours)
- Vienna woods private tour (4 hours)
- Full day Danube Valley tour (8 hours)

# ITINERARY

## Day 1 Vienna Airport Vienna

Arrive at Vienna Airport and you will be greeted in the Arrival Hall and provided transportation to your hotel.

The rest of the day is yours to relax and enjoy at your leisure.

Overnight stay in Vienna at **Hotel Ambassador** or similar.



## Day 2 Vienna

Enjoy a **panoramic sightseeing of the city with a guided tour of Schönbrunn Castle & gardens** (4 hours, combination of car and walking).

This tour will showcase the prominent historical landmarks situated along the **Ringstrasse**, such as the State Opera, the National Museums, the Imperial Palace, the Parliament, the City Hall, the Burgtheater, and the University.

Afterward, you will proceed to the stunning **Schönbrunn Palace**, which was once the summer retreat for the Habsburg family. The highlight of this tour will be a guided exploration of the magnificent rooms within the palace. Finally, you will return to either your hotel or the city center around 1pm.

At 02:30 pm, we'll be departing the hotel for an exciting sightseeing tour. This city walk is going to give you a great initial

overview of Vienna's history and structure. You'll get to explore Vienna's Old Town by discovering its hidden courts. Believe it or not, there are many beautiful hidden courtyards just behind the magnificent facades of the downtown houses and palaces. Additionally, Vienna is well-known for its "Pawlatsche" balconies, which provide access to different apartments from the inner courtyard. These buildings, found in the district near St. Stephen's Cathedral, are some of the oldest in the city. The tour will end at 5:30 pm, and we'll arrive back at the hotel.

The rest of the evening is yours to unwind and discover the city on your own.

Overnight stay in Vienna at **Hotel Ambassador** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

## Vienna

After breakfast, the morning is at leisure.

At 2:30 pm, there is a **culinary tour in Vienna** focused on the city's famous coffee culture. Vienna Cafés have been renowned internationally since the late 19th to early 20th century, serving as a gathering spot for writers, artists, and bohemians. During this experience, you will explore various Café-houses and learn intriguing stories about their famous patrons as you stroll through the historical city. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to savour a wide selection of coffee options.

The tour includes a coffee stop at the beginning, a walking tour of coffee houses, and concludes with a visit to a coffee house. The tour ends at 5:30 pm, and you will return to the hotel.

Overnight stay in Vienna at **Hotel Ambassador** or similar.

Breakfast



#### Day 4

### Vienna Mayerling Heiligenkreuz Baden Vienna

After breakfast, indulge in a **private tour of Vienna Woods, Mayerling, Heiligenkreuz, and Baden.**

Our Vienna Woods excursion offers a delightful opportunity to explore the picturesque surroundings of Vienna. This tour includes visits to notable landmarks such as the **thermal spa resort of Baden**, renowned for its magnificent Biedermeier architecture.

Additionally, you will have the opportunity to explore the **Helene Valley**, where a former hunting lodge at Mayerling (currently a Convent) holds historical significance as the location where Crown Prince Rudolf is believed to have tragically passed away alongside the Baroness Vetsera.

Lastly, our itinerary concludes with a visit to the esteemed **Cistercian Abbey of Heiligenkreuz**, famous for its renowned Choir. The tour will end at 01:00 pm, and the rest of the day will be yours to enjoy at your leisure.

Overnight stay in Vienna at **Hotel Ambassador** or similar.

*Please note that between 01 Jan - 31 March, Convent Mayerling can only be visited on Saturdays and Sundays.*

Breakfast



Day **5**

## Vienna Danube Valley Dürnstein Vienna

Embark on a captivating **full-day excursion through the Danube Valley** (*combination of driver-guide & walking tour, max. 8 hrs*), commencing at 09:00 am.

This tour will take you west of Vienna, to the beautiful part of the Danube Valley known as the Wachau. One of the highlights of this journey is a visit to the magnificent Benedictine Abbey of Melk, a prime example of Baroque architecture and often referred to as the "cradle of Austria". During the *summer season*\*\*, take in a delightful boat ride along the Danube, allowing you to admire romantic landscapes filled with vineyards, apricot orchards, and ancient castles.

Stop in the charming village of **Dürnstein**, renowned for its historical significance related to King Richard the Lionheart. Additionally, explore the quaint merchants' town of Krems. For lunch (own expenses), you have the freedom to choose a suitable dining establishment along the route. Your knowledgeable driver/guide will gladly provide recommendations. The tour concludes at 05:00 pm, with your driver/guide escorting you back to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Vienna at **Hotel Ambassador** or similar.

*\*\*Please note that in the months from November to March, instead of the boat ride, a wine tasting at a local winery will be arranged.*

Breakfast



Day **6**

## Vienna Vienna Airport

After breakfast, take a transfer from the hotel to Vienna Airport.

Breakfast

# ACCOMMODATION

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## Hotel Ambassador

### Vienna

The Hotel Ambassador is situated on the *Kärntner Straße* shopping street in the heart of Vienna, just 200 meters away from the Stephansplatz and Karlsplatz Underground Stations. It boasts a restaurant and complimentary WiFi access.

Having opened its doors in 1898, the Ambassador Hotel has welcomed renowned guests, including *Marlene Dietrich* and *Mark Twain*. It enjoys a convenient location within a short walking distance from key attractions such as St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Hofburg Imperial Palace, and the State Opera.

The rooms at Hotel Ambassador are spacious and tastefully decorated with carefully chosen antique pieces.



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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package