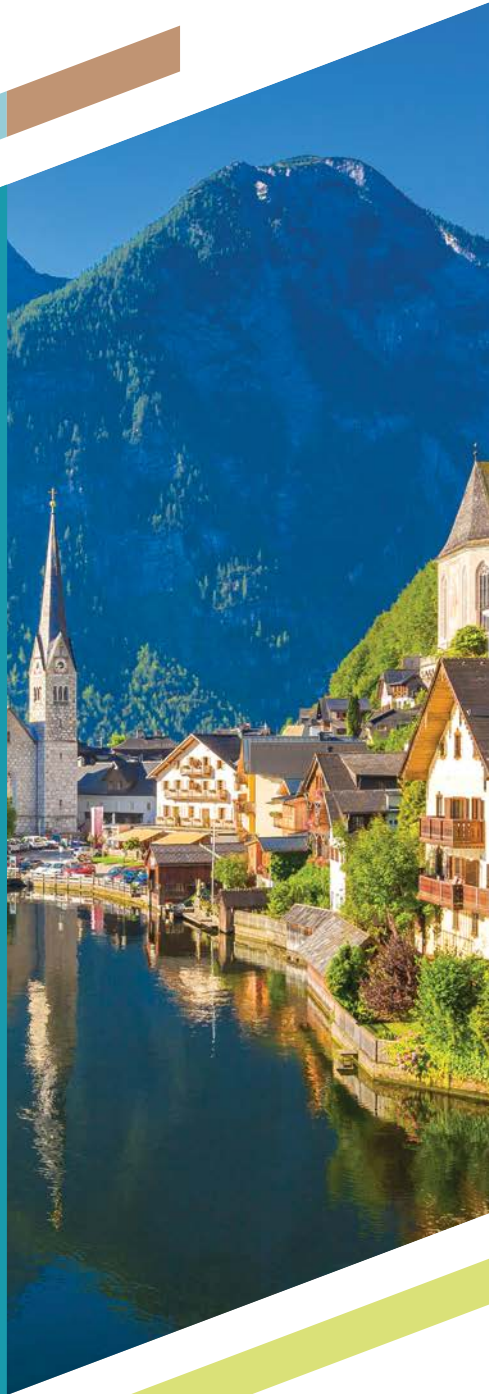




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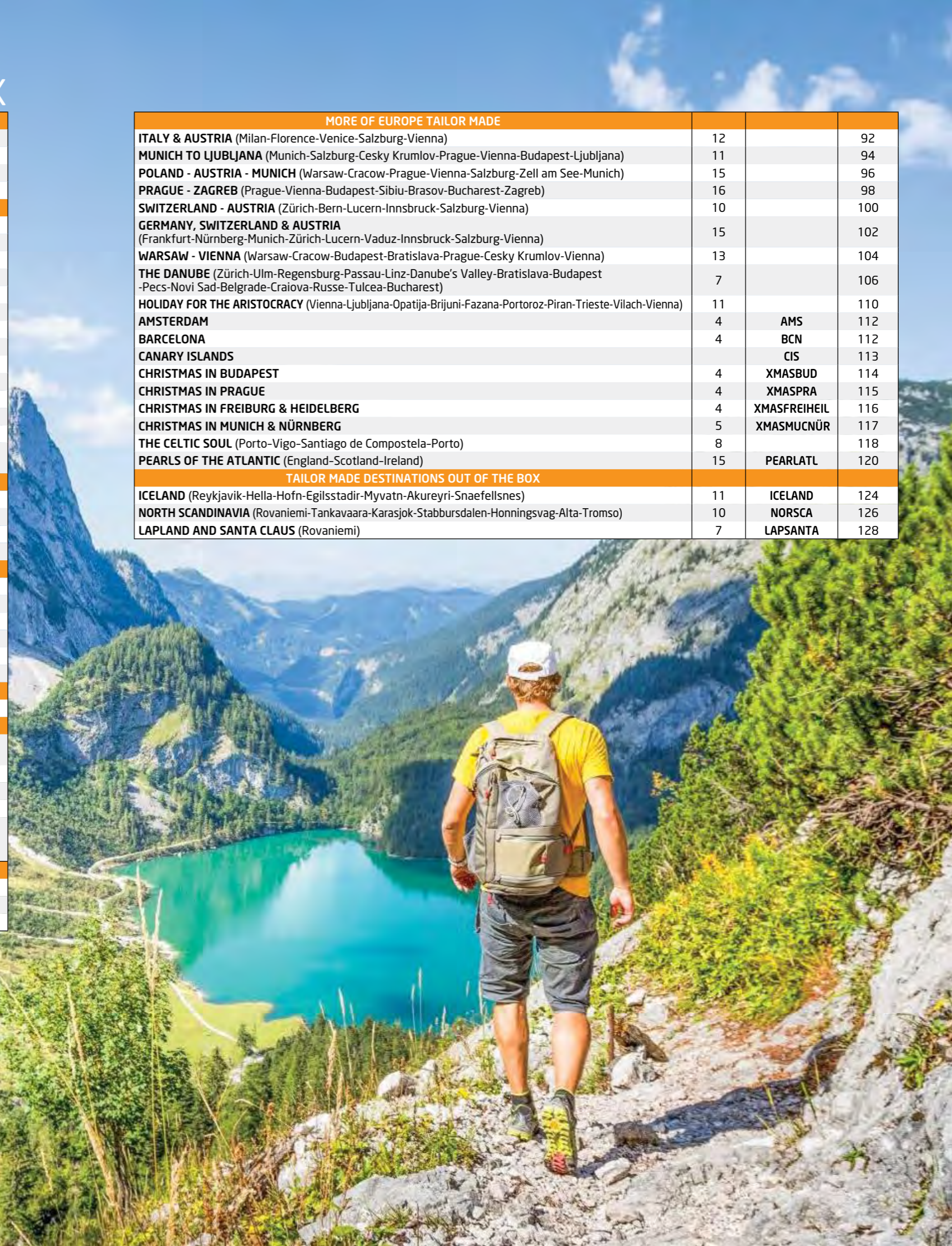
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## WHY AUSTRIA ?

Because its geographical location offers visitors a millenary history reflected in mythical cities such as Vienna, Salzburg or Innsbruck, its castles and palaces, abbeys and fortresses as well as **landscapes as diverse** as mountains and lakes, volcanic hills and majestic rivers.

Because Austria has an endless offer of **cultural activities**, with art museums and monumental architecture, music concerts and operas; **sports**, from skiing

and snowboarding to hiking and biking trails, climbing and swimming; **gastronomy**, with dishes of imperial heritage and international sweets, vineyards and apricots, coffee and unique fruit liqueurs; **family activities**, with slides and parks, stories and experiences for children; **relaxation**, with hotels and facilities that invite you to disconnect from everyday life.

Because it is a **small country within easy reach**, with great public transport

infrastructures, railway connections and an international airport; with a network of roads and highways in perfect condition and good rest facilities that take care of drivers.

Because it is the ideal destination to enjoy.

Because Austria means holidays.







AUSTRIA





## VIENNA

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival at the Airport or train station in Vienna and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 VIENNA

Enjoy Vienna at your leisure on a tour around the Ringstrasse along which you will see the city's most outstanding buildings, such as the Opera House, the Hofburg or Winter Palace, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Natural History, the Parliament, the City Hall or the Votive Church. Visit the Belvedere and Schönbrunn Palaces and discover the treasures of the historic center, from St. Stephen's Cathedral, the narrow streets of the Jewish quarter to the house where Mozart lived or the Danube Canal, an area of street artists.

We recommend ending the visit with a very Viennese activity: tasting the famous Sacher cake in one of its many traditional cafes.

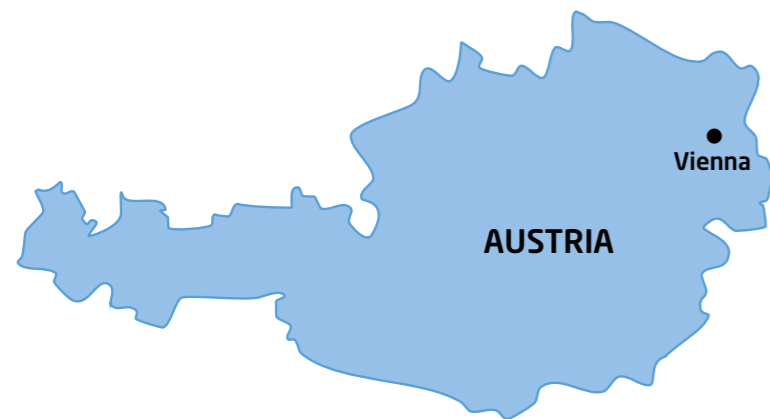
In the evening we suggest to be thrilled by the most famous musical compositions of the Strauss family and Mozart in a concert at the Hofburg.

### DAY 3 VIENNA

Free day to enjoy activities on your own or join an optional excursion to the Danube's Valley where you will enjoy a cruise tour on the river (April to October) and visit the main baroque abbey of the country, in Melk.

### DAY 4 VIENNA

After breakfast and at the appointed hour, transfer to the Airport or train station.



## GRAZ

### DAY 1 GRAZ

Arrival to the airport or train station in Graz and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 GRAZ

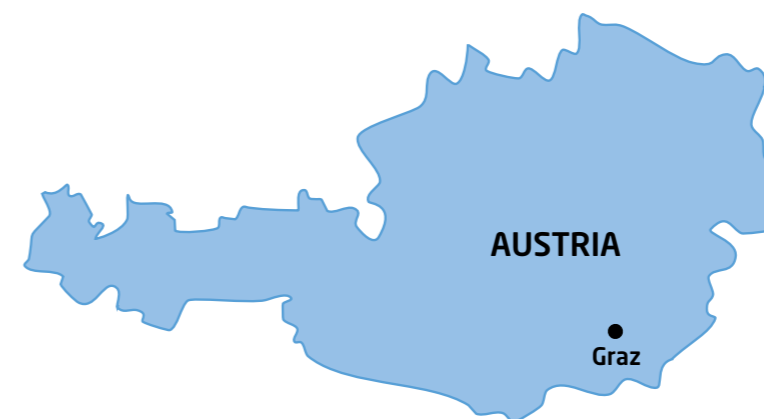
On our city tour we will discover the top 10 highlights of Graz, starting on a drive with the mountain railway to Schlossberg, from where we will enjoy the view over the old town as well as its main landmark, the Clock Tower. Coming down we will stroll around the cathedral of Graz or the Mausoleum nearby, the Landeszeughaus armoury and the Glockenspiel to the Mur Island, a futurist view platform on the river. Afternoon free to enjoy this pulsating city.

### DAY 3 GRAZ

Free day to enjoy personal activities or take an optional excursion to Piber, where the Lipizzan horses of the Spanish Riding School are bred, or to the Land of Volcanoes, land of vineyards and hot springs.

### DAY 4 GRAZ

After breakfast, transfer to the airport or train station in Graz at the appointed time.







## INNSBRUCK

### DAY 1 INNSBRUCK

Arrival to the Airport or train station in Innsbruck, pick up and transfer to the hotel.

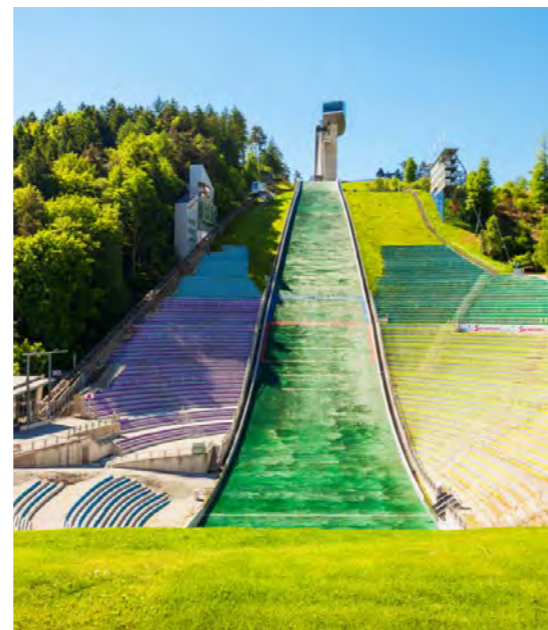
### DAY 2 INNSBRUCK

Discover Innsbruck aboard the sightseeing bus that will take you to the most interesting sites of the city, such as the Ambras Castle, the panorama mural or the Bergisel Olympic trampoline jump, as well as the main treasures of the historic center: St. James Cathedral, the Imperial Chapel and Palace and the Golden Roof, among others. In the afternoon we suggest taking the Nordkettenbahn funicular to the Seegrube or Hafelekar station to enjoy the wonderful views of the Tyrolean Alps.

### DAY 3 INNSBRUCK

Breakfast at the hotel and at the agreed time, transfer to the airport or train station.

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## SALZBURG

### DAY 1 SALZBURG

Arrival at the Airport or train station in Salzburg and transfer to the hotel.

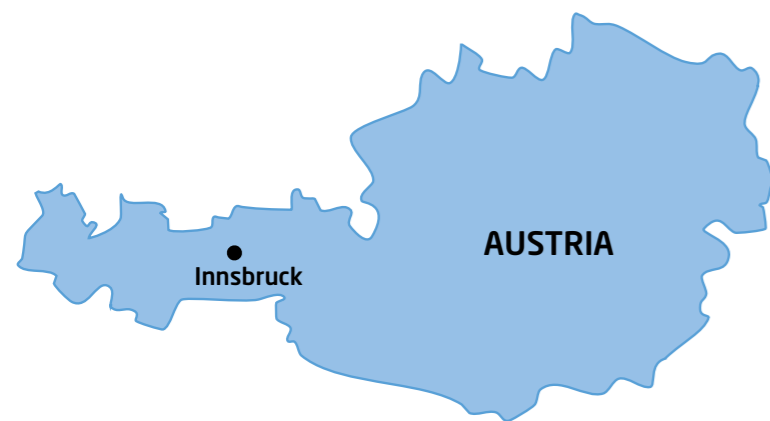
### DAY 2 SALZBURG

Be ready to discover the hometown of that music genius called Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, passing by Mirabell Palace, Mozarteum (Music University), the Marionette Theater, Mozart's Residence and the Holy Trinity Church, the Music Festival Theater, Getreidegasse and Hellbrunn Palace. Choose where to hop on and off the sightseeing bus and enjoy the city at your own pace. Afternoon at leisure and overnight. Possibility of optional excursion to the Salzkammergut, an area of lakes and mountains with visits to picturesque villages such as St Wolfgang, St Gilgen and Mondsee; or attend a concert in the Marble Hall of Mirabell Palace or in the Fortress.

### DAY 3 SALZBURG

Breakfast at the hotel and at the appointed time, transfer to the Airport or train station.

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## AUSTRIA & SISSI

(Vienna - Bad Ischl - Salzburg - Munich)

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival in Vienna and meeting with the guide. Transfer to the hotel and check in. In the evening, we will enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant in the city, "Wiener Rathauskeller" or similar, where we will enjoy a typical Viennese menu.

### DIA 2 VIENNA

In the morning we will discover the city on a panoramic tour around the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the State Opera, the twin museums of Fine Arts and History of Natural Sciences, the Parliament and the City Hall, the Votive Church, St. Charles Church, the Musikverein where the New Year's Concert is broadcast and the monument to Johann Strauss, father of the waltz. Then we will visit the Hofburg, the winter palace of the imperial family that also houses the Sissi Museum, which displays personal items of the empress.

On the way out we will visit the Augustinian Church, where the wedding took place.

We will finish the visit in a typical Viennese café enjoying a coffee and the famous Sacher Cake.

### DAY 3 VIENNA

Today we continue our visit following in the footsteps of Sissi in Vienna. It will take us to Schönbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the imperial family, and the Carriage Museum, where we can see the wedding carriage, among others. On the way back to the city we will visit the Capuchin Church, in whose crypt she is buried together with her husband, Emperor Franz Joseph and her son Rudolf.

Free afternoon.

In the evening, we will enjoy a Viennese evening at a concert with the most famous musical pieces by Mozart and Strauss, two of the city's bestknown residents.

### DAY 4 VIENNA – VIENNA WOODS – DANUBE'S VALLEY – BAD ISCHL

We start the tour heading to the Vienna Woods, where we will visit the

Heiligenkreuz Abbey, founded in 1133 by Leopold III for the Cistercian order and the second oldest in the world to be uninterruptedly occupied.

Sissi's life was portrayed in three films starring the Viennese actress Romy Schneider. One of the scenes was filmed at Heiligenkreuz Abbey, namely the meeting of Sissi with her mother Ludovica and her sister Nene with Archduchess Sofia.

Our next stop will be Mayerling, to visit the Carmelite convent, formerly the hunting lodge of the imperial family and where sadly Crown Prince Rudolf took his life with his mistress Mary Vetsera. Continue to Dürnstein, located on the banks of the Danube River and surrounded by vineyards and historical cultural monuments. We will have free time to stroll through the narrow streets of this charming town before continuing on to Melk, where we will visit the impressive Benedictine Abbey, the finest example of Baroque architecture in Austria. The landscape of the Danube Valley is also present in the life of the imperial family and Sissi, where they used to go in summer, as well as being the setting for the aforementioned films.

We will continue the journey to Bad Ischl, in the heart of the Lake and Mountain District, known under the name of Salzkammergut.

### DAY 5 BAD ISCHL – HALLSTATT/ SALZKAMMERGUT – SALZBURG

Today we will follow in the footsteps of the imperial family by visiting the Kaiservilla, the wedding gift of Archduchess Sophie to her son, Emperor Franz Joseph, at his wedding to Princess Elisabeth of Bavaria, better known as Empress Sissi.

It was in Bad Ischl that Franz Joseph



AUSTRIA and SISSI and Elisabeth met in 1853, at the future emperor's birthday party. Two days later, Archduchess Sophie sent Sissi's parents a wedding proposal, which they accepted. They were married a year later in Vienna. We continue to the most beautiful village in Austria, Hallstatt, a picturesque village situated between the lake and the mountains and offering spectacular views to the visitor.

We will then continue to St Wolfgang, on the shores of the lake of the same name, where we will enjoy a walking tour of this fairytale village and cross the lake on a boat ride to the other shore, disembarking in St Gilgen. From St. Gilgen we will resume our journey to Salzburg, with a stop in Fuschl, whose castle is part of the movie sets. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 6 SALZBURG

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and departure to discover Mozart's hometown, passing by the Mirabell Palace, the Mozarteum (University of Music), the Marionette Theater, Mozart's residence, the Holy Trinity Church,

Hellbrunn Palace, Nonnberg Abbey, the Music Festival Theaters, Getreidegasse and Mozart Square.

Free afternoon.

We suggest completing your stay in the city with a visit to the Hallein Salt Mines or the local Stiegl brewery.

### DAY 7 SALZBURG – STARNBERGER SEE – MUNICH

Today we go into Germany, where we will visit the scenes of Sissi's early life. Our first stop will be at Starnberger Lake, where Sissi's family had a country residence, Possenhofen Palace, and where she herself spent much of her childhood. Now converted into a private apartment complex, we will stroll through the surrounding park and visit the Empress Sissi Museum, where we will see personal belongings of her and her family and discover her life in the palace.

We continue our tour to Munich, capital of the state of Bavaria, in southern Germany and hometown of the Empress. Rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 8 MUNICH

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for a panoramic tour of the city. We will start our tour passing in front of the Herzog-Max Palace, where Sissi was born on Christmas Eve 1837.

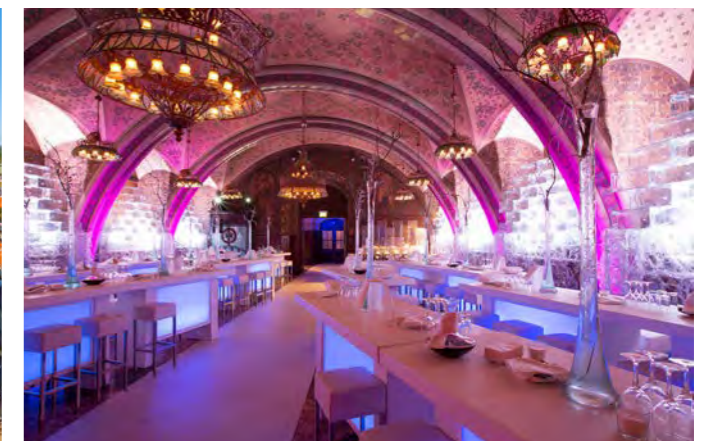
The present building belongs to the post-war period and houses the central administration of the federal bank in Bavaria. We will continue to the City Hall on Marienplatz, the Viktualien Market market, the Church of Our Lady, where Pope Benedict XVI was a cardinal, the famous Hofbräuhaus brewery, the Residence, the Old and New Pinakothek or St. Peter's Church, among other monuments.

We will finish our tour with a relaxing walk through the gardens of the Nymphenburg Palace.

In the evening we will say goodbye with a dinner in a typical brewery of the city, "Hofbräuhaus" or "Augustinerbräu" or similar.

### DAY 9 MUNICH

Breakfast at the hotel and at the appointed hour, transfer to Airport Munich.







## AUSTRIA JEWISH & HERITAGE

(Vienna - Hainburg - Kittsee - Eisenstadt - Graz-St. Pölten - Korneuburg - Vienna)

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival in Vienna and meeting with the guide. Transfer to the hotel and check in. In the evening, we will enjoy a welcome dinner at a local Jewish restaurant, such as "Alef Alef" or "Bahur Tov", where we can discover the secrets of this cuisine.

### DAY 2 JEWISH VIENNA

On today's tour we will discover the past, present and future of the established Jewish community in Vienna. Our walking tour starts in the historic center to visit the "Stadttempel" Synagogue, opened in 1826. At the time of its construction, only Catholic churches could be seen from the street, so this synagogue was included in a residential building, thus saving it from the burning of synagogues in November 1938.

Then we will go to the Judenplatz (Jewish Square), where we will see the monument to the Concentration Camps and the Jewish Museum, which explains Judaism in Vienna since the Middle Ages, until we reach the Old Town Hall, where we can see an exhibition on the Austrian

Resistance during World War II.

We will end the visit with a panoramic bus tour around the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing by St. Charles Church, the State Opera, the Hofburg, the twin museums of Fine Arts and History of Natural Sciences, the Parliament and the Town Hall and the Votive Church until we reach the Museum of Sigmund Freud, Jewish psychoanalyst who went into exile in London due to the spread of anti-Semitism in Austria. Visit of the museum. Free afternoon.

### DAY 3 VIENNA – HAINBURG an der DONAU – KITTSEE – EISENSTADT

We leave towards the east of Austria until we reach the town of Hainburg an der Donau, on the banks of the Danube River. In a guided walking tour we will see this medieval town, which still retains its walls and the medieval synagogue of the fourteenth century.

We continue our tour to Kittsee, one of the 7 municipalities of the province of Burgenland in which from 1670 the Jewish communities could settle under

the protection of the Esterhazy family. Still today you can visit the old Jewish cemetery, dating from the 18th century, where about 230 graves remain, and the synagogue from the 17th century. Our next stop will be Eisenstadt, capital of the province of Burgenland. Accommodation.

### DAY 4 EISENSTADT – 7 MUNICIPALITIES TOUR – EISENSTADT

We start the day with a visit to the city of Eisenstadt, stronghold of the Esterhazy family, one of the richest aristocratic families in Central Europe in past centuries, patrons of artists and protectors of the Jewish community. We will visit the Austrian Jewish Museum, founded in 1972 as the first Jewish museum in Austria after World War II. It is located in the 18th century Wertheimer House, whose head of the family was the chief rabbi of Hungary.

Inside was also built a private synagogue, a part of which can be seen integrated into the museum. We will also visit the Old and New Jewish Cemetery and finish the visit with a walk through the historic center to see other monuments such as the Esterhazy Palace, St. Martin's Cathedral, the Martin's Manor House or the Plague Column, among others.

Then we will visit the other municipalities in which Jewish communities could be established from 1670 onwards, such as Frauenkirchen, Deutschkreutz and Lackenbach, in which only the cemeteries have been preserved until today; Kobersdorf, where we will visit the old synagogue and the castle from 1528, bought by the Esterhazy family in 1704; and finally, Mattersburg, in which only the cemetery has been preserved. Return to Eisenstadt and rest of the day at leisure. DAY 5 EISENSTADT – GRAZ

We depart south to Graz, capital of the province of Styria. Upon arrival, we will visit the Jewish Center, where we will be informed about the old synagogue and the Jewish cemetery while we are accompanied on a guided tour of the city. Then we will take the funicular to the Schlossberg hill, where we can see the Clock Tower - symbol of Graz - and the best views over the historic center. Rest of the day at leisure to stroll around the Mur Island, the inner courtyard of the Landeszeughaus or the cathedral.

### DAY 6 GRAZ – MAUTHAUSEN – DANUBE'S VALLEY

Today we will go to the Mauthausen concentration camp, near Linz. In operation from August 1938 until its liberation by American troops in May 1945, it held about 200,000 prisoners. We continue to Linz, where we will enjoy free time for lunch and in the afternoon

we will arrive in the Danube Valley where we will stay overnight.

### DAY 7 DANUBE'S VALLEY – ST PÖLTEN – BADEN – KORNEUBURG – VIENNA

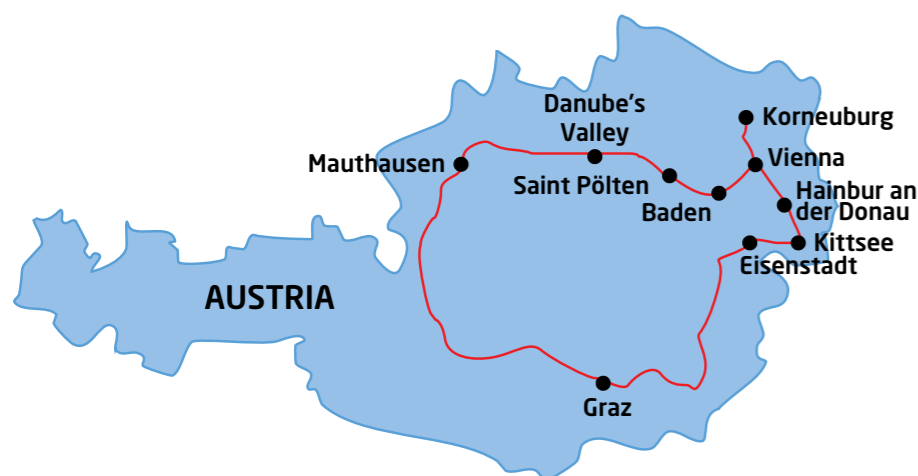
We continue our tour to St. Pölten, capital of the province of Lower Austria and one of the oldest cities in the country. On arrival we will visit the Old Synagogue, built with art nouveau style and it currently houses the Institute of Jewish History in Austria, and in which we will hear about the Jewish tradition and history in the country and specifically in the city. After a brief walk through the historic center, where we will see the baroque cathedral of the Ascension of Mary, the Franciscan church of rococo facade, the Town Hall or the Pharmacy "Zum Goldenen Löwe" (The Golden Lion), among other monuments, we will go to Baden bei Wien, which was the spa town of the aristocratic classes of Vienna in

the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. We will visit the synagogue, reopened in 2005 after its reconstruction, and the cemetery dating from 1873 and declared a monument.

Our last stop before returning to Vienna will be in Korneuburg, in the north of the city, where the ruins of the 14th century synagogue are preserved and for which there are projects to restore it since 1999. We will have free time to stroll around this beautiful town, whose treasures include the Church of the Augustinians, the City Tower or the Town Hall of 1805. Arrival in Vienna and accommodation. In the evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner in one of the trendy bars in Vienna's 2nd district, where the Jewish community is currently settled.

### DAY 8 VIENNA

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport at the appointed time.







## AUSTRIA LAKES & MOUNTAINS

(Vienna - Leoben - Bad Ischl - Zell am See - Innsbruck)

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival in Vienna and meet & greet with the guide. Transfer to the hotel and check in. In the evening, we will enjoy a get together dinner at one of the typical wine taverns in Neustift am Walde or Nussdorf or Grinzing, the wine-growing districts of Vienna.

### DAY 2 VIENNA – EISENSTADT – NEUSIEDLER SEE – LEOBEN

Today we start our tour departing to Eisenstadt, home of the Esterhazy family, once one of the richest aristocratic families in Central Europe and patrons of several artists, including Joseph Haydn, to whom the main hall of the palace is dedicated. We will visit the Esterhazy Palace and have free time to walk along the main street of the city.

We will continue our way to the Neusiedler See Lake, natural border between Austria and Hungary, being most of it in Austria. There we will meet a ranger who will take us on a route through the National Park of the lake, during which he will show us the landscapes of marshes and vineyards, with a unique fauna and flora. We

continue to Leoben, in the heart of Austria. Overnight stay.

### DAY 3 LEOBEN – HOHENTAUERN – LEOBEN

Today's excursion will take us to Hohentauern, where we will follow the traces of the Celtic culture, which developed a commercial passage through the mountains and lakes of Hohentauern. During this route we will enjoy an exceptional landscape, we will be able to drink water from natural springs and discover a new world of flora and fauna. On the way back to Leoben we will visit the Gösser brewery, one of the largest in Austria, which we will taste with dinner afterwards.

### DAY 4 LEOBEN – HALLSTATT – BAD ISCHL

We depart towards the lakes of Grundlsee and Bad Aussee until we reach the most beautiful village of Austria, Hallstatt, a picturesque village located between the lake and the mountain and offering spectacular views to the visitor. We will board the "Skywalk" platform and take a boat ride on the lake.

We will then drive to Bad Ischl, in the heart of the Lake and Mountain district, known under the name of Salzkammergut. There we will visit the Kaiservilla, the wedding gift of Archduchess Sophie to her son, Emperor Franz Joseph, on his marriage to Princess Elisabeth of Bavaria, better known as Empress Sissi. Rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 5 BAD ISCHL – ALZKAMMERGUT

Today we arrive in St Wolfgang, on the shores of the lake of the same name, where we will enjoy a walking tour of this fairytale village. We will climb the Schafberg mountain with the steam cog railway and then cross the lake on a boat ride to the other shore, disembarking in St. Gilgen. Overnight in the area.

### DAY 6 SALZKAMMERGUT – WERFEN – ZELL AM SEE

Today we will admire one of the most spectacular natural creations, the Werfen Ice Cave (May to October), on our way to Zell am See. After a cable car ride we will take a walk into the cave, crossing about 134 meters of altitude while admiring the beauty of the ice sculptures and the impressive dimensions of the cave.

We continue our tour to Zell am See, one of the main ski and mountain activity centers in Austria. Upon arrival we will head to the Kitzsteinhorn glacier, on whose "Top of Salzburg" platform we will be surrounded by a unique natural scenery, with peaks of more than 3,000 meters and eternal snow.

In the summer months (July & August) enjoy a slide sheets run, tobogganing, or sunbathing on the snow beach. DAY 7

### ZELL AM SEE – ACHENSEE – INNSBRUCK

We continue our journey to Tyrol visiting its largest lake, Achensee. Arriving in Jenbach we will take the oldest steam rack-train in the country to reach the alpine lake, which we will go around in a boat ride to the town of Pertisau, where we will enjoy a typical fish lunch. In the afternoon we will arrive in Innsbruck, capital of Tyrol. Rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 8 INNSBRUCK

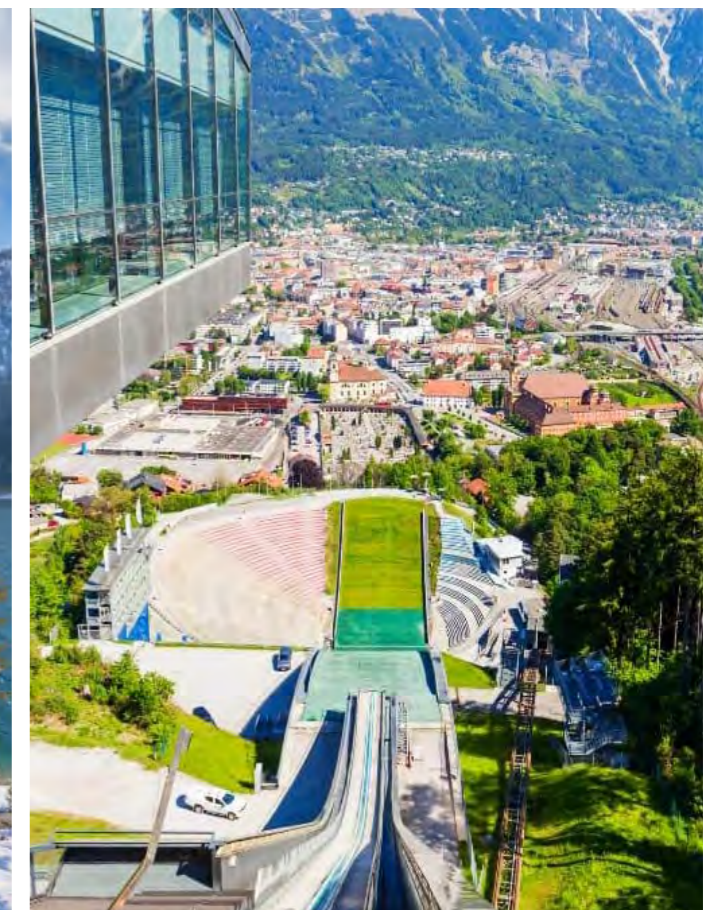
After breakfast we will go on a walking tour through the old town. The middle Ages meet the 21st century where charming little alleys meet the broad promenade of Maria-Theresien-Straße and The Golden Roof, the Hofkirche, traditional inns and the Imperial Palace bring history to life. We will continue to Bergisel, the Olympic ski jumping site which offers us breathtaking views over the city and the mountain

walls. Afternoon free at leisure. In the evening we will gather for the last time with a farewell dinner with folklore dances and typical Tyrolean menu.

### DAY 9 INNSBRUCK

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and transfer to the airport at the appointed hour.

*NOTE: please ask rates for departures from Munich Airport.*







## VIENNA PRAGUE BUDAPEST

(Vienna - Cesky Krumlov - Prague - Bratislava - Budapest)

### DAY 1 – VIENNA

Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic tour in the city, that begins with a drive along the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, the monument of Empress Maria Theresia located between the twin museums – Fine Art History Museum and Nature History Museum, Parliament, City Hall, Votiv Church, St Charles Church, Musikverein which houses the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the monument of Johann Strauss, father of the Waltz. Visit of the Gardens of Belvedere Palace. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 3 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and day free at leisure.

### DAY 4 – VIENNA – CESKY KRUMLOV – PRAGUE

After breakfast, and departure to Cesky Krumlov, located in the South Bohemian region of Czech Republic. Its historic center, around the Cesky Krumlov Castle, is a designated UNESCO World Heritage site since 1992 and was given this status along with the historic Prague castle district.

Most of the architecture of the old town and castle dates from the 14th to 17th centuries, showing structures mostly in gothic, renaissance and baroque styles. The core of the old town is within a horseshoe bend of the river, with the old

Latran neighborhood and castle, located on the other side of the river Vltava. Continue to Prague. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 5 – PRAGUE

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic city tour. Discover the castle district with main sightseeing as the Cathedral of St Vitus, the old royal palace or the Golden Lane, where the alchemists used to live while searching for the philosopher's stone. Follow the path down to the district of Mala Strana, the little Prague, and enjoy its narrow and beautiful streets which lead you to the Charles Bridge, one of the city's landmarks. This bridge brings you to the old town, where you will visit the Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quartier, Wenceslas Square, among other sightseeing. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 6 – PRAGUE

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and day free at leisure.

### DAY 7 – PRAGUE – BRATISLAVA – BUDAPEST

Breakfast buffet and departure to the capital of Slovakia, Bratislava. Explore the hallmarks and hidden gems of Bratislava's captivating old town. You will admire and be fascinated by its sights such as the Matthias Church, where the king's coronation took place; the National Theatre, St Michael Tor or the panoramic view from the castle, among other interesting places. Continue of the tour to Budapest. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 8 – BUDAPEST

Today we will visit Heroes' Square and the Statue Park, ST. Stephen's Basilica,

the Chain Bridge, the most famous bridge to cross the river, the Buda castle, the Great Market Hall, the Great Synagogue and the State Opera. Afternoon free at leisure.

We suggest you not to miss a boat ride on the Danube River to admire the illuminated sightseeing.

### DAY 9 – BUDAPEST

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and day free at leisure.

### DAY 10 – BUDAPEST

Breakfast buffet and transfer to the airport.







## AUSTRIA & CZECH REPUBLIC

(Vienna - Salzkammergut - Salzburg - Cesky Budejovice - Hutna Hora - Karlovy Vary- Prague)

### DAY 1 – VIENNA

Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic tour in the city, that begins with a drive along the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, the monument of Empress Maria Theresia located between the twin museums – Fine Art History Museum and Nature History Museum, Parliament, City Hall, Votiv Church, St Charles Church, Musikverein which houses the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the monument of Johann Strauss, father of the Waltz. Visit of the Gardens of Belvedere Palace. Continue to Palace of

Schönbrunn and guided visit inside. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 3 – VIENNA

Breakfast and free day at leisure

### DAY 4 – VIENNA – DANUBE'S VALLEY – SALZBURG

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and departure to Dürnstein, located on the banks of the Danube River, surrounded by historical vineyards and historical cultural monuments. Free time to walk around the cozy old town and boarding on a boat ride on the river.

The boat ride will take you to Melk, where you will have the opportunity to visit the Benedictine abbey, a gem of the

Austrian baroque architecture. Continue of the trip to Salzburg, arrival and accommodation

### DAY 5 – SALZBURG

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic city tour to discover Mozart's hometown, passing by Mirabell Palace, Mozarteum ( the music university ), Marionette Theater, Mozart's Residence, Trinity Church, Hellbrunn Palace ( only outside ), Nonnberg Abbey, Festival Halls, Horse Bath, Getreidegasse and Mozart Square. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 6 – SALZBURG – SALZKAMMERGUT – SALZBURG

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and full day excursion to the Lakes and Mountain area, known as Salzkammergut. Our first stop will be Hallstatt. The picturesque village on the lake with the same name owes its existence to the rich salt deposit of salt in the mountain of Hallstatt. Among the most beautiful places of interest are the oldest salt mine in the world and the ossuary in Hallstatt, a romantic boat ride on Lake Hallstatt, a trip to the breathtaking cave world in Obertraun and a visit to the Lake Gosau with the mighty Dachstein glacier. After its visit we head to Bad Ischl, former summer residence of the Imperial family, where you can visit the "Kaiservilla", wedding present from Archduchess Sophie to her son, the Emperor Franz Joseph once he got married to Sissi. Besides the Kaiservilla, Bad Ischl is also known to be the residence of composer Franz Léhar, the Konditorei Zauner

pastry shop, former imperial supplier established in 1832, and the small Lehartheater built in 1827. We finish the excursion in St Wolfgang. St Wolfgang erected the first church at the shore of the lake after he withdrew to the nearby Mondsee Abbey in 976. Have a walk through this picturesque town. Possibility to have a boat ride which will bring you to ST. Gilgen, on the opposite shore of the lake. Return to Salzburg and accommodation.

### DAY 7 – SALZBURG – CESKY KRUMLOV – CESKY BUDEJOVICE – BRNO

After breakfast, and departure to Cesky Krumlov, located in the South Bohemian region of Czech Republic. Its historic center, around the Cesky Krumlov Castle, is a designated UNESCO World Heritage site since 1992 and was given this status along with the historic Prague castle district. Most of the architecture of the old town and castle dates from the 14th to 17th centuries, showing structures mostly in gothic, renaissance and baroque styles. The core of the old town is within a horseshoe bend of the river, with the old Latran neighborhood and castle, located on the other side of the river Vltava. Continue to Cesky Budejovice, hometown of the popular beer Budweiser. Short time to have a walk around the most beautiful square in the country, built in baroque style. Continue to Brno, arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 8 – BRNO

Breakfast buffet and city tour through the 2nd largest city in the country. Its old town includes gems such as the Spilberk Castle – fortress and the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, located on Petrov Hill. The well preserved Veveri Castle, the functionalist Villa Tugendhat ( included in the UNESCO World Heritage list ) and the nearby located Moravian Karst are among the most important sightseeing of the city. Afternoon free at leisure. Accommodation.

### DAY 9 – BRNO – KUTNA HORA – PRAGUE

After breakfast, departure to Kutna Hora, medieval city seat of King Wenceslas II royal court. Its silver mines made this city the most important one in the country from 13th to 16th centuries, being a strong rival to Prague. On year 1996 the city became part of UNESCO World Heritage list due to its famous ossuary. Other main sightseeing are the churches in gothic style as St Barbara, St James and the Cathedral of our Lady; and the Italian Court, former royal residence. Free time to enjoy the city on your own and continue to Prague. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 10 – PRAGUE

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic city tour. Discover the castle district with main sightseeing as the Cathedral of St Vitus, the old royal palace or the Golden Lane, where the

alchemists used to live while searching for the philosopher's stone. Follow the path down to the district of Mala Strana, the little Prague, and enjoy its narrow and beautiful streets which lead you to the Charles Bridge, one of the city's landmarks. This bridge brings you to the old town, where you will visit the Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quartier, Wenceslas Square, among other sightseeing. Afternoon free at leisure. Accommodation in Prague

### DAY 11 – PRAGUE – KARLOVY VARY – PRAGUE

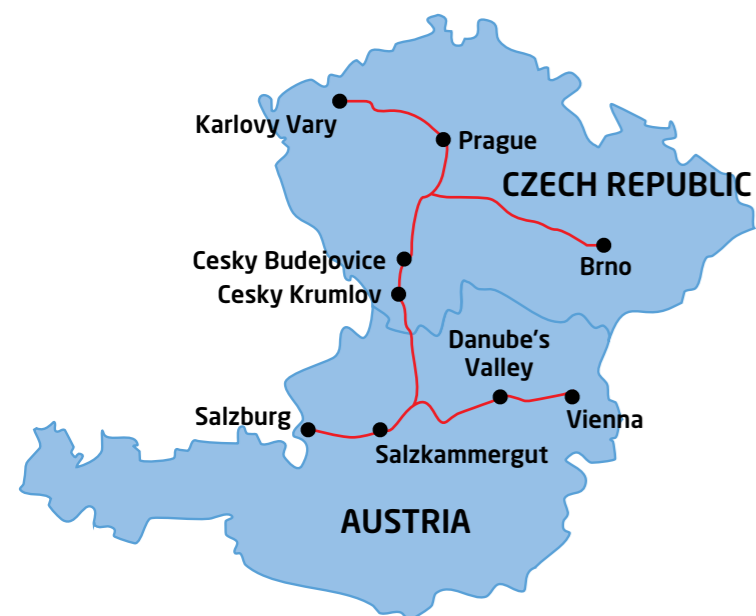
Full day excursion to Karlovy Vary: discover the former thermal bath resort of the European aristocracy in the 19th century. Founded on 1370 by the King Charles IV ( who gives name to the city ), Karlovy Vary is the site of numerous hot springs, about 13 main springs along more than 300 smaller springs as well as the warmwater Tepla River. Enjoy a stroll through the old town while you make a try of its mineral water springs. Return to Prague and accommodation.

### Day 12 – PRAGUE

Breakfast buffet and free day at leisure.

### DAY 13 – PRAGUE

Breakfast buffet and transfer to airport.







## MILAN - VENICE - AUSTRIA

(Milan - Verona - Venice - Vienna)

### DAY 1 – MILAN

Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 – MILAN

Breakfast buffet and city tour of the second most popular city after Rome. Astonish in front of the Duomo, its cathedral which took 6 centuries to be complete; the Vittorio-Emanuele Galleries, the Sforzesco Castle, the Della Scala Theater where the main operas are played. Afternoon free.

### DAY 3 – MILAN – BRESCIA – VERONA – VICENZA – MESTRE ( Venice )

Breakfast buffet and departure to Mestre on a journey which will discover us some jewels as Brescia, with its old town as a rectangular plan with streets intersecting at right angles, a heritage from Roman times. Various monuments ranging from ancient age to contemporary can be seen: the Monastic complex of San Salvatore – Santa Giulia; the monumental area of the Roman Forum with the republican sanctuary, the capitolium of

Brixia and the Roman theater; the Piazza della Loggia with the Old Cathedral and New Cathedral.

We follow to Sirmione, on the shores of Garda Lake, enjoy the breathtaking views from its old town located on the Sirmio peninsula, with main sights as the Scaligero Castle, Sant Anna della Rocca Church or the Santa Maria Maggiore Church until we get in Verona. Visit the balcony where Juliet waited for Romeo, as per the famous book of William Shakespeare, and go back to ancient Roman times with a visit to the amphitheater, heart of the old town. Our last stop before reaching Venice will be in Vicenza, also included in the UNESCO World Heritage list, the city offers up to 23 buildings designed by Palladio, once the most renowned architect for palaces. Arrival in Mestre and accommodation.

### DAY 4 – MESTRE – VENICE – MESTRE

Breakfast buffet and transfer to Venice to enjoy a city tour starting at St Marc Square, St Marc Basilica, its narrow streets and canals. Rest of the day free at leisure in Venice before returning back to Mestre. Accommodation.

### DAY 5 – MESTRE – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet and transfer to Vienna, in Austria. Arrival and accommodation.

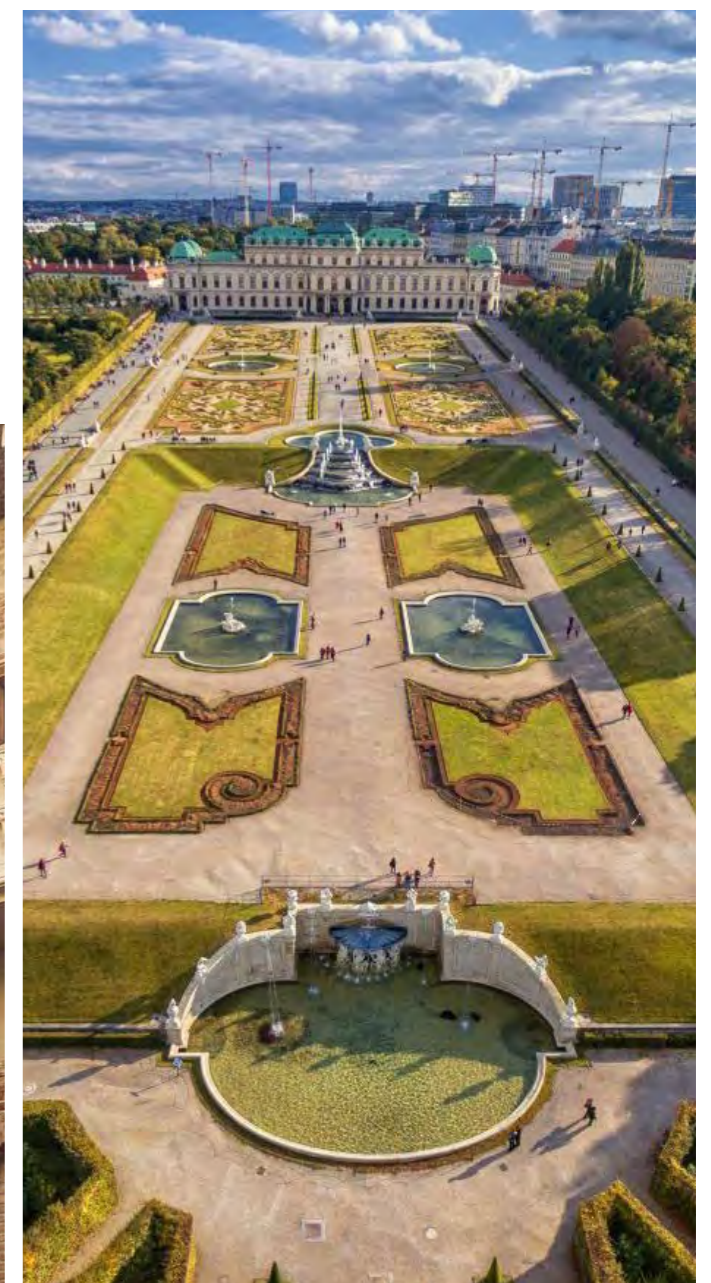
### DAY 6 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic tour in the city, that begins with a drive along the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, the monument of Empress Maria Theresia located between the twin museums –

Fine Art History Museum and Nature History Museum, Parliament, City Hall, Votiv Church, St Charles Church, Musikverein which houses the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the monument of Johann Strauss, father of the Waltz. Visit of the Gardens of Belvedere Palace. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 7 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet and transfer to Vienna Int. Airport.







## VIENNA - BUDAPEST / VIEBUD

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival at the airport or train station in Vienna and transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay.

### DAY 2 VIENNA

Enjoy Vienna at your leisure on a tour around the Ringstrasse where you will see the most outstanding buildings of the city, such as the Opera House, the Hofburg or Winter Palace, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Natural History, the Parliament, the Town Hall or the Votive Church. Visit the Belvedere and Schönbrunn Palaces and discover the treasures of the historic center, from St. Stephen's Cathedral, the narrow streets of the Jewish quarter to the house where Mozart lived or the Danube Canal, an area of street artists. End the visit with one of the most Viennese customs: a coffee with the famous Sacher cake. Afternoon at leisure and overnight in Vienna.

### DAY 3 VIENNA

Free day to enjoy personal activities or take an optional excursion to the Danube Valley, where you will enjoy a boat ride on the river (April to October) and a visit to the largest baroque abbey in Austria, Melk Abbey.

### DAY 4 VIENNA - BUDAPEST

After breakfast departure to Hungary. Arrival in Budapest and panoramic visit to discover the city divided by the Danube River. On the one hand, the city of Buda located on top of the hill, in whose old town are the castle and the Fishermen's Bastion, from which you can admire the panoramic view. Then we descend from the hill to discover the Pest part, the new town, passing by the Andrassy Boulevard, the Opera House, St. Stephen's Basilica, the Great Synagogue and the Heroes' Square. We finish the visit at the Great Market, where you can discover and taste typical specialties of the country. In the

evening, enjoy a boat ride on the river while admiring the illuminations of the city.

### DAY 5 BUDAPEST

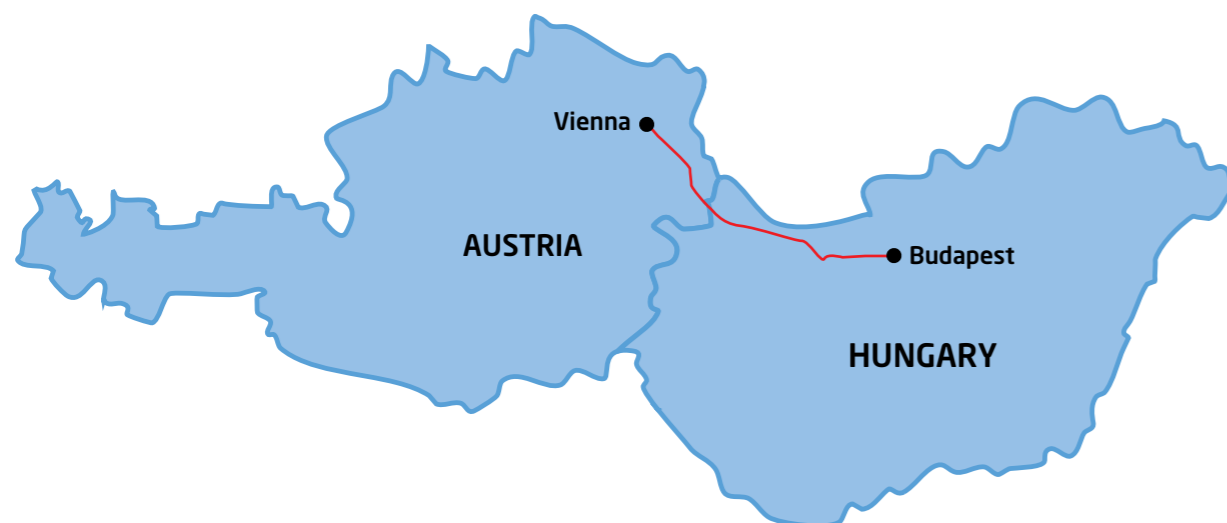
Discover some of the most beautiful spots along the Danube River on this excursion to its bend, which hides the jewels of St. Andrew, a village of craftsmen; Visegrad, the former capital and royal residence; and Esztergom, a Catholic center with its imposing cathedral.

### DAY 6 BUDAPEST

Free day to continue enjoying the city.

### DAY 7 BUDAPEST

Breakfast buffet and at the agreed time transfer to the airport.



## VIENNA - PRAGUE - CRACOW / VIEPRGCRA

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival at the airport or train station in Vienna and transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay.

### DAY 2 VIENNA

Enjoy Vienna at your leisure on a tour around the Ringstrasse where you will see the most outstanding buildings of the city, such as the Opera House, the Hofburg or Winter Palace, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Natural History, the Parliament, the Town Hall or the Votive Church. Visit the Belvedere and Schönbrunn Palaces and discover the treasures of the historic center, from St. Stephen's Cathedral, the narrow streets of the Jewish quarter to the house where Mozart lived or the Danube

Canal, an area of street artists.

End the visit with one of the most Viennese customs: a coffee with the famous Sacher cake. Afternoon at leisure and overnight in Vienna.

### DAY 3 VIENNA - PRAGUE

Departure after breakfast to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. In the afternoon, visit of the city starting in the castle district, located up on a hill. Highlights include St. Vitus Cathedral, the Royal Palace, St. George's Chapel and the Golden Street. Going down we will reach the Mala Strana district (small town in its translation), which stands out for the narrow streets and typical buildings of the area. This leads us to the Charles Bridge, from which you can

admire impressive views of the city while it takes us to the historic center, where we can visit the Astronomical Clock, the Jewish quarter, the Wenceslas Square, among other monuments. Lodging.

### DAY 4 PRAGUE

Free day for personal activities or take a beer tour (optional) or dare with a cooking course.

### DAY 5 PRAGUE - BRNO - OSTRAVA - CRACOW

Following the history of the Czech Republic, with stops in Brno and Ostrava, we will arrive in Cracow. Overnight in Krakow.

### DAY 6 CRACOW

Discover this dream city with a panoramic tour through the historic center, the Wawel Castle and the Rynek Glowny, the largest market square in Europe. Be thrilled in the Jewish Quarter, where up to 3 million people lived before World War II and where only 10,000 inhabitants returned after the war. Today the Jewish community has regained its cultural identity and life in the quarter again. Free afternoon. Optionally you can enjoy a visit to the salt mines of Wieliczka.

### DAY 7 CRACOW

Breakfast at the hotel and at the agreed time transfer to the airport.







## PRAGUE - VIENNA / PRGVIE

### DAY 1 PRAGUE

Arrival in Prague and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation

### DAY 2 PRAGUE

The visit of the city begins in the district of the castle, located up on a hill. It highlights the Cathedral of St. Vitus, the Royal Palace, the Chapel of St. George and the Golden Street. Going down we will reach the Mala Strana district (small town in its translation), which stands out for the narrow streets and typical buildings of the area. This leads us to the Charles Bridge, from which you can admire breathtaking views of the city while taking us to the historic center, where we can visit the Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quarter, Wenceslas Square, among other monuments. Rest of the day at leisure and overnight.

### DAY 3 PRAGUE

Free day for personal activities or take a beer tour (optional) or dare with a cooking course.

### DAY 4 PRAGUE - BRATISLAVA - VIENNA

Departure after breakfast to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, situated on the banks of the Danube River. After a brief stop at the castle to enjoy the view, free time to discover the small but interesting historical center of the city. Continuation of the journey to Vienna. Arrival and overnight.

### DAY 5 VIENNA

In the morning panoramic tour of Vienna. On a tour around the Ringstrasse you will see the most outstanding buildings of the city, such as the Opera House, the Hofburg or Winter Palace, the Museum of Fine Arts and its twin Museum of

Natural History, the Parliament, the Town Hall or the Votive Church, among others. Continue with a pleasant walking tour through the center that will take you to St. Stephen's Cathedral, the narrow streets of the Jewish quarter, the house where Mozart lived or the Danube Canal, an area of street artists. Finish the visit with one of the most Viennese customs: a coffee with the famous Sacher cake. Afternoon at leisure and overnight.

### DAY 6 VIENNA

Free day to enjoy personal activities or take an optional excursion to the Danube Valley, where you will enjoy a boat ride on the Danube and a visit to Melk, the largest baroque abbey in Austria.

### DAY 7 VIENNA

Breakfast and transfer to the airport at the agreed time.



## PRAGUE - BUDAPEST - VIENNA / PRGBUDVIE

### DAY 1 PRAGUE

Arrival in Prague and transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay.

### DAY 2 PRAGUE

The visit of the city begins in the castle district, located up on a hill. It highlights the Cathedral of St. Vitus, the Royal Palace, the Chapel of St. George and the Golden Street. Going down we will reach the Mala Strana district (small town in its translation), which stands out for the narrow streets and typical buildings of the area. This leads us to the Charles Bridge, from which you can admire breathtaking views of the city while taking us to the historic center, where we can visit the Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quarter, Wenceslas

Square, among other monuments. Rest of the day at leisure and overnight.

### DAY 3 PRAGUE - BRATISLAVA - BUDAPEST

Departure after breakfast to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, situated on the banks of the Danube River. After a brief stop at the castle to enjoy the view, free time to discover the small but interesting historical center of the city. Continuation of the trip to Budapest. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 4 BUDAPEST

Breakfast and panoramic tour to discover the city divided by the Danube River. On the one hand, the city of Buda located on top of the hill, in whose old

town are the castle and the Fishermen's Bastion, from which you can admire the panoramic view. Then we descend from the hill to discover the Pest part, the new town, passing by the Andrássy Boulevard, the Opera House, St. Stephen's Basilica, the Great Synagogue and the Heroes' Square. We end the visit at the Great Market, where you can discover and taste typical specialties of the country. In the evening, enjoy a boat ride on the river while admiring the illuminations of the city.

### DAY 5 BUDAPEST - VIENNA

After breakfast departure to Vienna, arrival and sightseeing tour of Vienna. On a tour around the Ringstrasse you will see the most outstanding buildings of the city, such as the Opera House, the Hofburg or Winter Palace, the Museum of Fine Arts and its twin Museum of Natural History, the Parliament, the Town Hall or the Votive Church, among others. Continue with a pleasant walking tour through the center that will take you to St. Stephen's Cathedral, the narrow streets of the Jewish quarter, the house where Mozart lived or the Danube Canal, an area of street artists. Finish the visit with one of the most Viennese customs: a cup of coffee and a piece of cake. Overnight in Vienna.

### DAY 6 VIENNA

Breakfast and free day to continue enjoying Vienna.

### DAY 7 VIENNA

Breakfast and transfer to the airport at the agreed time.







## MUNICH - INNSBRUCK - SALZBURG / MUCIBKSLB

### DAY 1 MUNICH

Arrival at Munich airport and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 MUNICH

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for a panoramic tour of the city, with the City Hall on Marienplatz, the Viktualien Markt market, the Church of Our Lady, where Pope Benedict XVI was a cardinal; the famous Hofbräuhaus brewery, the Residence, the Old and New Pinakothek or St. Peter's Church, among other monuments. Enjoy a relaxing stroll through the gardens of Nymphenburg Palace before continuing the tour to Olympia Park and BMW World. Afternoon at leisure and overnight.

### DAY 3 MUNICH - NEUSCHWANSTEIN - INNSBRUCK

Departure in the morning after breakfast to Füssen, where we will visit Neuschwanstein Palace, the most famous of the three palaces built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria, nicknamed "the Madman". Born from the imagination of the king, is a set of various architectural and decorative styles, purely aesthetic function, with continuous references to legends and medieval heroes. Continuation of the tour to Innsbruck, capital of the Alps and the Austrian Tyrol region. Arrival and walking tour of the city center, whose streets combine the Medieval Ages with the 21st century. The Maria-Theresia Avenue, with its

Triumphal Arch and St. Anne's Column, lead to the symbol of the city, the Golden Roof, the Imperial Church and the Imperial Palace. Overnight stay.

### DAY 4 INNSBRUCK - HERRENINSEL PALACE - SALZBURG

Departure in the morning after breakfast to the German town of Prien am Chiemsee. Located on the shores of Lake Chiemsee, in the center stands the island of Herreninsel, where King Ludwig II of Bavaria had his third and lesser known palace built. This was to be a smaller scale copy of the Palace of Versailles, which remained half-built after the king's untimely death. Only 7 rooms, together with the kitchen and the main

staircase were completed. Continuation of the journey to Salzburg. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 5 SALZBURG

Breakfast and departure for a visit to the birthplace of the musical genius Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, passing by the Mirabell Palace, the Mozarteum (the University of Music), the Marionette Theater, the Mozart residence and the Holy Trinity Church, the Music Festival Theaters, the Getreidegasse and

Hellbrunn Palace. Free afternoon and overnight.

### DAY 6 SALZBURG

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport at the agreed time.







## CHRISTMAS IN VIENNA / XMASVIE

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival in Vienna and transfer to the hotel. In the evening, departure to visit the **Spittelberg market**, located in this old quarter of baroque houses from the 17th century. The houses with various decorations and handicrafts are alternated with typical food and drinks, such as "Glühwein" (hot spiced wine) or "Punsch" (punch). Do not miss out on the chance to try them! Accommodation.

### DAY 2 VIENNA

Prepare yourself today to discover the true meaning of Christmas by visiting the markets set up in various parts of the city. We will start at Schönbrunn Palace, the **"Weihnachtmarkt Schloss Schoenbrunn"**. Installed in the entrance square, it is presided over by a large fir tree in the center of the square around which the decorative, craft and

gastronomic houses, among others, are distributed.

We return to the city center. The first stop will be at **Am Hof Square**, where one of the oldest Christmas markets in the city has been held since 1842. It is ideal for finding gingerbread, honey, wax or wool clothing specialties, wooden toys and various antiques. From this square we go to the parallel Freyung square to visit the **"Altwiener Christkindlmarkt"**, surrounded by several palaces and which offers Christmas decoration, wicker baskets and castles, ceramics, textiles, waxes and candles, soaps and cosmetics.

We continue to Karlsplatz, where the imposing Church of St. Charles stands. Here we can enjoy the most artistic market of the city, the **"Art Advent - Kunst & Handwerk am Karlsplatz"**. Daily concerts, and a wide range of

handcrafted products from local artists, from ornaments to soaps, from glass creations to natural cosmetics, from kitchen items to wooden toys are offered. It is the only market with certified organic gastronomy.

We will finish our tour at the most famous market, the **"Christkindlmarkt am Rathausplatz"**. With the imposing City Hall as a backdrop, it is the main meeting point for locals and visitors. The imposing Adventkranz with its four candles (one per Advent weekend) welcomes visitors. Throughout the park there are small houses where you can find all kinds of decoration, figures of Bethlehem, scarves and hats, music and various gifts, as well as an extensive range of cuisine, with soups in bread, sausages, baked potatoes, and sweets such as fruit in chocolate, baked apples, buns with cream, as well as hot spiced wine or punch. Accommodation.

### DAY 3 VIENNA

Free day at leisure to enjoy the city and more Christmas markets, like the **"Weihnachtdorf Maria Theresien Platz,"** between the Museums of Fine Arts and Natural History; the **"Adventmarkt Blumengärten Hirschtetten"**, located outside the center, in the Botanical Garden of Hirschtetten and in which every year the market is presented under a different theme, being decorated as such; or the **St. Stephen's Cathedral Market**, am Stephansplatz. Accommodation

### DAY 4 VIENNA

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Vienna Airport.



## CHRISTMAS IN SALZBURG & INNSBRUCK / XMASSLBGIBK

### DAY 1 MUNICH – SALZBURG

Arrival at Munich airport and transfer to the hotel in Salzburg. Then visit of the **Salzburger Christkindlmarkt** in the historic center. Do not forget to try the "Ofenkartoffeln", baked potatoes stuffed with ham and cheese and au gratin. Accommodation.

### DAY 2 SALZBURG

Breakfast and departure for a visit to the birthplace of the musical genius Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, passing through Mirabell Palace, the Mozarteum (the University of Music), the Puppet Theatre, Mozart's residence and the Church of the Holy Trinity, the Music Festival Theatres, the Getreidegasse and Hellbrunn Palace, where we can admire the magic of Christmas in its **"Hellbrunner Adventzauber"** market. We will then return to the city centre to discover the **"Weihnachtmarkt am Mirabellplatz"**, the Christmas market located around the Mirabell Palace. Accommodation.

### DAY 3 SALZBURG – INNSBRUCK

Departure in the morning for Innsbruck. Arrival and visit of its main market, **"Christkindlmarkt am Goldenen Dachl"**, located in the historical center at the foot of the famous Golden Roof. 70 small houses spread out along the medieval streets offering all kinds of tree decoration, handicrafts, wool products and souvenirs. In the parallel street Erzherzog-Friedrich-Strasse, figures from famous fairy tales greet the passers-by from the house gates and street corners. Tradition gives way to modernity in the **Maria - Theresien - Strasse market**, where glass balls of several meters

in diameter welcome 30 little houses where you can find all kinds of gifts and gastronomic offers. Accommodation.

### DAY 4 INNSBRUCK

After breakfast, we continue with the visit of the Innsbruck Christmas markets. Today we start the tour at the **Marktplatz Market Square**, built in the image of a Tyrolean village where you can find various games and attractions ideal for families and small children. Crossing the river Inn we will arrive at the best kept secret of the city: the **Christkindlmarkt St Nikolaus market**, the most peaceful and authentic market, which welcomes visitors with traditional Christmas music and cookies made with

grandma's best recipes. We can't leave Innsbruck without going up the mountain to visit our last Christmas market, the **"Adventstimmung auf der Hungerburg"**. The Nordkettenbahn funicular will take us to this refuge with a terrace from which we can admire the panoramic view of the city surrounded by mountains. Accommodation.

### DAY 5 INNSBRUCK – MUNICH

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Munich Airport.







## 4 ELEMENTS IN AUSTRIA / 4EL

(Earth, Water, Fire and Wind)

(Innsbruck - Jenbach - Achensee - Innsbruck - Grossglockner - Villach - Velden - Klagenfurt - Graz - Vienna)

### DAY 1 INNSBRUCK

Arrival in Innsbruck and transfer to the hotel. In the evening, we will have fun at Gundolf's with a tyrolean dinner with folklore show and music. Accommodation.

### DAY 2 INNSBRUCK – JENBACH / ACHENSEE – INNSBRUCK

**WATER:** excursion to Lake Achensee, Austria's highest alpine lake. We will enjoy a ride on the oldest steam rack railway in the country from Jenbach to the boat dock from where we will continue the excursion with a boat tour on the lake.

Lunch at a local restaurant such as "Gasthof Dorfwirt" or "Entners Wirtshaus am See".

On the way back to Jenbach, visit of the Tratzberg Castle, a Renaissance jewel of the 16th century. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, stroll through the historic center dominated by the Golden Roof, the Maria Theresia Arch and the Imperial Church. Overnight stay.

### DAY 3 INNSBRUCK – REUTTE – INNSBRUCK

**EARTH & WIND:** Following part of the historic Via Claudia Augusta, the Roman road that linked Germany to Italy, we will be surrounded by unique alpine scenery in Reutte, with majestic mountains that can be reached by cable car. On the way we will visit Seefeld in Tirol, a typical Tyrolean village and popular ski resort.

In Reutte we will challenge the air by crossing the Highline 179 suspension bridge, 114 meters high and linking the ruins of Ehrenberg with those of Fort Claudia. Possibility of paragliding, either alone or in tandem with the instructor. Return to Innsbruck and dinner with Tyrolean specialties in the restaurant "Gasthof Weisses Rössl" or "Stiftskeller". Overnight stay.

### DAY 4 INNSBRUCK – GROSSGLOCKNER – VILLACH

**EARTH:** We continue our journey to the

south of Austria following the highest alpine road in the country, which crosses the great mountain of the country, the Grossglockner. Crowned in 1800 in what was the second attempt to reach the summit, it was the beginning of its study, which could fix its height, water and air quality and glacier melt control. Along the way we will admire a unique landscape of glaciers, mountains and alpine vegetation. On the way we will enjoy a typical mountain lunch in one of its alpine restaurants. We will continue the route to Villach, in the province of Carinthia. Overnight stay.

### DAY 5 VILLACH – VELDEN – KLAGENFURT – GRAZ

**WATER:** We will start the day with a guided walk through the historic center of Villach, around the central square of the 12th century. From there, small streets lead to the old town hall, the "Gerbergasse" and "Lederergasse", where different craftsmen used to gather, and the late Gothic "Heger" house.

As a curiosity, we will look at the marks on the houses of the street "Lederergasse" indicating the floods suffered by the city, the last one in 1967.

Then we will go to Velden, one of the most popular resorts and meeting place of the Austrian jet-set, especially in summer, on the shores of Lake Wörthersee, the most beautiful lake in Austria.

Here we will have free time to enjoy the lake and its many options, whether bathing in it (its 27 degrees invite!), dare to water ski, ride on water skates or try stand-up paddle (stand up on a board similar to surfing and push yourself with a paddle). Finally we will take a boat to cross to the other shore, arriving in Klagenfurt. Free time to discover its historic center and continue the trip to Graz.

On arrival in Graz we will enjoy a dinner

with specialties of the province of Styria in the restaurant "Landhauskeller" or "Aiola im Schloss". Overnight stay.

### DAY 6 GRAZ – VOLCANO LAND – GRAZ

**FIRE:** In a hidden corner of Austria lies a volcanic area, which although now dormant, has left a fertile landscape for the cultivation of vineyards and thermal waters rich in magnesium.

In this excursion we will pass through the towns of Feldbach, Fehring, Hirzenriegl and Bad Gleichenberg, among others, which show us the still visible forms of the volcanoes. In Kapfenstein we will visit its castle with vineyards, where we can taste the volcanic wine and enjoy lunch. We will finish the excursion very close to the Slovenian border, specifically in Bad Radkersburg, famous for its thermal springs.

Return to Graz and accommodation.

### DAY 7 GRAZ – VIENNA

**WIND:** At dawn we will head to the starting point in the outskirts of Graz where a hot air balloon will be waiting for us to fly over the area of Graz and Styria, its province. Green landscapes, rivers and scattered cities, all from a bird's eye view.

Return to Graz and visit of the city. In

a short funicular ride up the hill of the "Schlossberg", where there is the Clock Tower, symbol of the city. On our way back to the historical center we will pass the Graz Cathedral, the Armory of the Regional House and the Mur Island with its futuristic bridge.

Lunch at a local restaurant "Zum Steirerstubn" and in the afternoon, transfer to Vienna and accommodation.

### DAY 8 VIENNA

**FIRE & WATER:** In the morning panoramic tour of Vienna. In a tour around the Ringstrasse we will contemplate the most outstanding buildings of the city, such as the Opera House, the Hofburg or Winter Palace, the Museum of Fine Arts and its twin Museum of Natural History, the Parliament, the City Hall or the Votive Church, among others.

We will visit the Museum of Fine Arts, which houses the magnificent paintings "Fire" and "Water" by the painter Giuseppe Arcimboldo, from the 16th century. These paintings are part of the series "The 4 Elements" in which 4 faces are represented in profile, each composed of different elements. In the case of the portrait "Fire", the face is composed of candles, flames, lamps and other objects related to this element. "Water" is

represented by marine animals, starfish, frogs, turtles and coral, among other elements.

The other two paintings belonging to this series are in two private collections: "Earth" in the Liechtenstein Palace, also in Vienna (not open to the public), and "Wind" in Switzerland.

We will continue with a pleasant walking tour through the center that will take us to St. Stephen's Cathedral, the narrow streets of the Jewish quarter, the house where Mozart lived or the Danube Canal, an area of street artists.

We will end the visit tasting one of the most Viennese customs: a coffee accompanied by the famous Sacher cake.

Free afternoon.

In the evening, farewell dinner in a typical wine tavern in the districts of Neusitft am Walde, Nußdorf or Grinzing. In these taverns, such as "Fuhrgasl Huber" or "Mayer am Pfarrplatz", we will taste the typical Austrian cuisine, based on bread spreads, breaded meats such as the famous "Wiener Schnitzel" and grilled meats, vegetable salads, potatoes and "sauerkraut" (fermented cabbage).

### DAY 9 VIENNA

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport at the appointed time.







# AUSTRIA MUSIC CULTURE & ACTIVITIES





## AUSTRIA & MUSIC

(Vienna - Leoben - Bad Ischl - Zell am See - Innsbruck)

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival in Vienna and meet & greet with the guide. Transfer to the hotel and check in. In the evening, we will enjoy a get together dinner at one of the typical wine taverns in Neustift am Walde or Nussdorf or Grinzing, the wine-growing districts of Vienna.

### DAY 2 VIENNA – EISENSTADT – NEUSIEDLER SEE – LEOBEN

Today we start our tour departing to Eisenstadt, home of the Esterhazy family, once one of the richest aristocratic families in Central Europe and patrons of several artists, including Joseph Haydn, to whom the main hall of the palace is dedicated. We will visit the Esterhazy Palace and have free time to walk along the main street of the city.

We will continue our way to the Neusiedler See Lake, natural border between Austria and Hungary, being most of it in Austria. There we will meet a ranger who will take us on a route through the National Park of the lake, during which he will show us the landscapes of marshes and vineyards, with a unique fauna and flora. We

continue to Leoben, in the heart of Austria. Overnight stay.

### DAY 3 LEOBEN – HOHENTAUERN – LEOBEN

Today's excursion will take us to Hohentauern, where we will follow the traces of the Celtic culture, which developed a commercial passage through the mountains and lakes of Hohentauern. During this route we will enjoy an exceptional landscape, we will be able to drink water from natural springs and discover a new world of flora and fauna. On the way back to Leoben we will visit the Gösser brewery, one of the largest in Austria, which we will taste with dinner afterwards.

### DAY 4 LEOBEN – HALLSTATT – BAD ISCHL

We depart towards the lakes of Grundlsee and Bad Aussee until we reach the most beautiful village of Austria, Hallstatt, a picturesque village located between the lake and the mountain and offering spectacular views to the visitor. We will board the "Skywalk" platform and take a boat ride on the lake.

We will then drive to Bad Ischl, in the heart of the Lake and Mountain district, known under the name of Salzkammergut. There we will visit the Kaiservilla, the wedding gift of Archduchess Sophie to her son, Emperor Franz Joseph, on his marriage to Princess Elisabeth of Bavaria, better known as Empress Sissi. Rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 5 BAD ISCHL – ALZKAMMERGUT

Today we arrive in St Wolfgang, on the shores of the lake of the same name, where we will enjoy a walking tour of this fairytale village. We will climb the Schafberg mountain with the steam cog railway and then cross the lake on a boat ride to the other shore, disembarking in St. Gilgen. Overnight in the area.

### DAY 6 SALZKAMMERGUT – WERFEN – ZELL AM SEE

Today we will admire one of the most spectacular natural creations, the Werfen Ice Cave (May to October), on our way to Zell am See. After a cable car ride we will take a walk into the cave, crossing about 134 meters of altitude while admiring the beauty of the ice sculptures and the impressive dimensions of the cave.

We continue our tour to Zell am See, one of the main ski and mountain activity centers in Austria. Upon arrival we will head to the Kitzsteinhorn glacier, on whose "Top of Salzburg" platform we will be surrounded by a unique natural scenery, with peaks of more than 3,000 meters and eternal snow.

In the summer months (July & August) enjoy a slide sheets run, tobogganing, or sunbathing on the snow beach. DAY 7



### ZELL AM SEE – ACHENSEE – INNSBRUCK

We continue our journey to Tyrol visiting its largest lake, Achensee. Arriving in Jenbach we will take the oldest steam rack-train in the country to reach the alpine lake, which we will go around in a boat ride to the town of Pertisau, where we will enjoy a typical fish lunch. In the afternoon we will arrive in Innsbruck, capital of Tyrol. Rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 8 INNSBRUCK

After breakfast we will go on a walking tour through the old town. The middle Ages meet the 21st century where charming little alleys meet the broad promenade of Maria-Theresien-Straße and The Golden Roof, the Hofkirche, traditional inns and the Imperial Palace bring history to life. We will continue to Bergisel, the Olympic ski jumping site which offers us breathtaking views over the city and the mountain

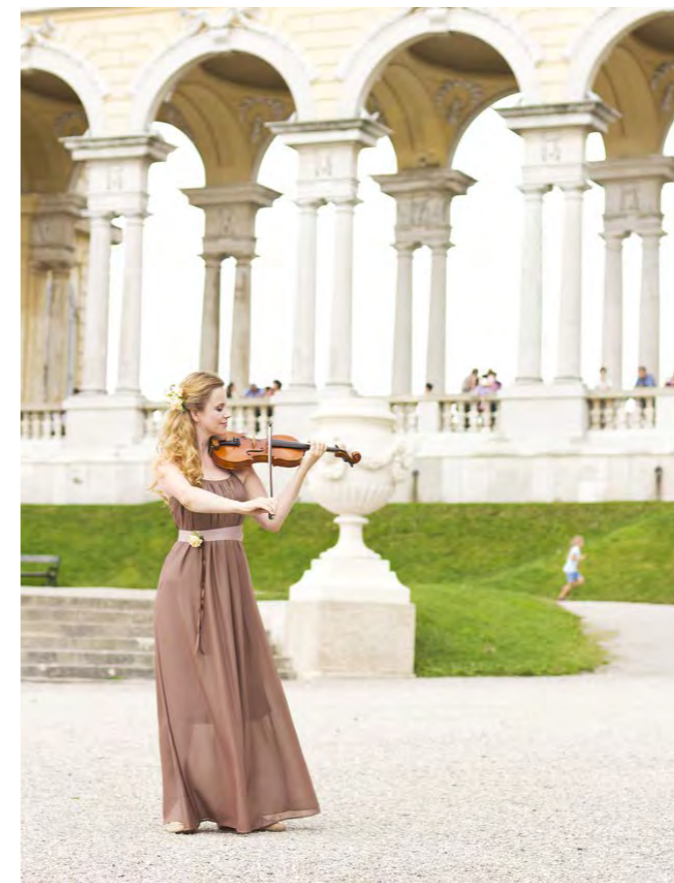
walls. Afternoon free at leisure.

In the evening we will gather for the last time with a farewell dinner with folklore dances and typical Tyrolean menu.

### DAY 9 INNSBRUCK

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and transfer to the airport at the appointed hour.

*NOTE: please ask rates for departures from Munich Airport.*







## DANCING THROUGH AUSTRIA

A traveller companion called Music (Vienna - Salzburg - Innsbruck)

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival in Vienna and transfer to the hotel. Afterwards, welcome dinner in one of the typical wine taverns in the districts of Neusitft am Walde, Nußdorf or Grinzing. In these taverns, such as “Fuhrgassl Huber” or “Mayer am Pfarrplatz”, two musicians accompanied by guitar and accordion will introduce us to Viennese music, which sings of love, nostalgia and Vienna. Return to the hotel and overnight.

### DAY 2 VIENNA

In the morning panoramic tour of Vienna. In a tour around the Ringstrasse we will contemplate the most outstanding buildings of the city, such as the Opera House, the Hofburg or Winter Palace, the Museum of Fine Arts and its twin Museum of Natural History, the Parliament, the City Hall or the Votive Church, among others. We will continue with a pleasant walking tour through the center that will take us to St. Stephen’s Cathedral, the narrow streets of the Jewish quarter, the house where Mozart lived or the Danube Canal, an area of street artists. We will end the visit tasting one of

the most Viennese customs: a coffee accompanied by the famous Sacher cake. Free afternoon. In the evening, we will enjoy a dinner at the Danube Tower, from which you can admire the panoramic view of the city.

### DAY 3 VIENNA

Today Music will be the main protagonist. She will take us on a tour of the homes of renowned musicians as Beethoven, Haydn, Schubert and Strauss, where we will discover anecdotes of their lives, details of sheet music and other secrets. We will continue the tour to the Vienna Central Cemetery, built in the south of the city and inaugurated in 1874. It is divided into several areas to accommodate different religious beliefs, so they have a part for Catholics and other for Jews, for Muslims and Evangelicals and a Peace Park for Buddhists. It impresses by the large number of personalities buried in it, highlighting music classics such as Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms and the Strauss family; Austrian singers of the twentieth century as Falco, singer of the famous “Rock me Amadeus” composed

in honor of Mozart; composers like Salieri (yes, Mozart’s archenemy) and the manufacturer of the magnificent Bösendorfer pianos. Of course, it cannot be missing a monument in honor of Mozart, whose burial place is not really known.

Afterwards, Music will test our talents in a waltz class and make us feel part of Imperial Vienna and its traditional dances. We will end our day with a waltz concert, where we will be able to demonstrate the dancers’ skills learned in the afternoon. We will finish the day with a dinner in a local restaurant, such as “Huth” or “Wiener Rathauskeller”, with a traditional Austrian menu.

### DAY 4 VIENNA – SALZBURG

Departure to Salzburg, birthplace of the genius composer Mozart. On the way we will visit the sets of the musical film “The Sound of Music”, with stops at St Wolfgang and St Gilgen (general views at the beginning of the film) and Mondsee, in whose church the wedding scene was filmed.

Arrival in Salzburg and guided walk through the historic center, in whose street “Getreidegasse” we will see Mozart’s birthplace, and other tourist attractions that take us to the Julie Andrews movie as the Fountain of the Horses in the Residence Square and Theaters of the Salzburg Summer Festival, where the family sings “Edelweiss” before escaping. Rest of the day at leisure. In the evening, we invite you to thrill to the best compositions of Schubert or Haydn or others in a concert held in the Salzburg Cathedral, followed by dinner in a local brewery, “Stieglkeller” or “Sternbräu”.



### DAY 5 SALZBURG

In the morning we will drive to the village of Oberndorf bei Salzburg, 20 minutes north of the city. This small town saw the birth of the famous Christmas carol “Silent Night” in 1818, which was first performed on Christmas Eve of that year and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2011.

It was composed by organist Franz Xaver Gruber and priest Joseph Mohr and has been continuously versioned throughout history. It currently has more than 140 translations and has been a symbol of peace since both sides in World War I sang it in German, French and English at the same time.

We will see the church where it was composed and visit the museum dedicated to this composition. Return to Salzburg and free afternoon. In the evening, dinner with concert at the oldest restaurant in town, Stift Skt Peterkeller. A 3-course menu based

on the culinary traditions of the 18th century accompanied by Mozart’s most outstanding pieces will put the finishing touch to our stay in Salzburg.

### DAY 6 SALZBURG – PALACE OF HERRENINSEL – INNSBRUCK

Departure in the morning to the German town of Prien am Chiemsee. Located on the shores of Lake Chiemsee, in the center stands the island of Herreninsel, where King Ludwig II of Bavaria had his third and lesser known palace built. It was intended to be a smaller scale copy of the Palace of Versailles, which remained half-built after the king’s untimely death. Only 7 rooms, along with the kitchen and the main staircase were completed. Lunch at a lakeside restaurant, e.g. “Luitpold am See” or “Zum Fischer am See”, with typical fish menu.

Continuation of the journey to Innsbruck. Arrival and overnight stay.

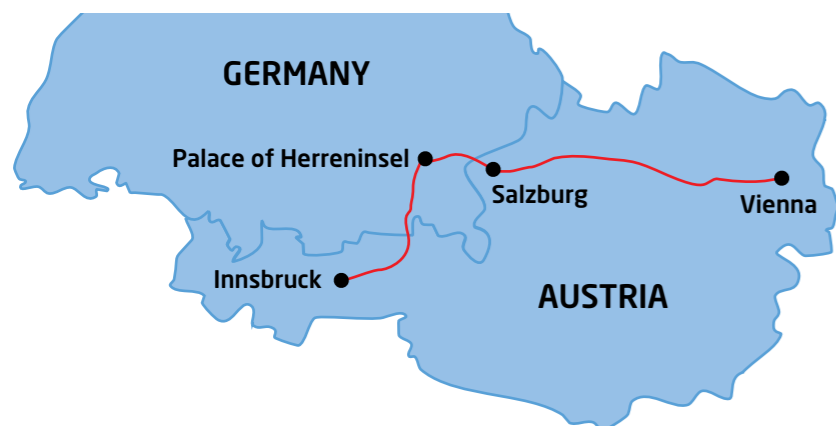
### DAY 7 INNSBRUCK

A walking tour of the city center, whose streets are a cross between the Middle Ages and the 21st century. The Maria-Theresia Avenue with its Triumphal Arch and St. Anne’s Column lead us to the symbol of the city, the Golden Roof, the Imperial Church and the Imperial Palace. Afterwards, we will test our dancing skills with a workshop of folk dances such as the “Schuhplattler”, the Tyrolean figure dance or the woodcutter’s dance. In the evening, we will enjoy a Tyrolean dinner with the Gundolf Family accompanied by a dance and music show, during which we will invite you to demonstrate your skills.

### DAY 8 INNSBRUCK

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport at the indicated time.

*NOTE: For departures from Munich airport, please consult prices.*







## VIENNESE WALTZ

Discover Vienna on ¾ Takt

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival in Vienna and meeting with the guide. Transfer to the hotel and check in. In the evening, we will enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant in the city, "Durchhaus" or "Huth", where we will enjoy a typical Viennese menu.

### DAY 2 VIENNESE BLOOD

Today's tour takes us to discover the city of Vienna in the footsteps of the Strauss family, the great composers of the waltz. We will start our tour with a visit to the family apartment of Johann Strauss, the waltz king, where we will be able to see several of his personal utensils and sheet music. Then we will go to the Stadtpark, where stands the statue dedicated to Johann Strauss, and the Musikverein building, where the New Year's Concert is broadcast.

We continue our visit at the Strauss Museum, where we will learn all about the life of this family and the history of the waltz in its historical context.

We will end the visit on a panoramic bus tour around the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the State Opera House, the Hofburg, the twin museums of Fine Arts and History of Natural Sciences, the Parliament and City Hall, the Votive Church and St. Charles Church. Free afternoon.

### DAY 3 WALTZER & QUADRILLES

After breakfast we will continue our discovering tour into the world of the Viennese activity par excellence - the waltz. In one of the many dance schools in the city we will take a waltz course and learn about the history of this dance, from its peasant origins in the Tyrol and Bavaria to the aristocratic dance we know today. Afterwards we will enjoy a short break in a coffee shop, with coffee and the famous Sacher cake, and then we will go to the Opera House to visit the stage of the ball of balls - The Opera Ball, in which the debutantes are presented every year in the society and marks the climax of the

ball season (January - February). In the evening, we will attend a concert with the most famous musical pieces of Mozart and Strauss, two of the most famous residents of the city. NOTE: during the dancing season, the concert will be replaced by attending one of the dances.

### DAY 4 THE BLUE DANUBE WALTZ

Today's visit takes us to see the protagonist landscape of the most famous waltz, "The Blue Danube", composed in autumn/winter 1866-1867 by Johann Strauss Jr. at the request of the Viennese Association of Male Choirs, who asked him to write a waltz for the choir. It was premiered on February 13, 1867, to lukewarm applause. It was its performance at the Paris Universal Exposition in the same year that brought it the success and popularity it enjoys today. Our excursion will take us to the Danube Valley, stopping at Dürnstein, where we will embark on a boat ride on the river to Melk to visit the imposing baroque abbey, which dominates the valley and the view over the river from the top of the hill. Return to Vienna and rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 5 THE EMPEROR WALTZ

Composed in 1889 by Johann Strauss Jr., it refers to the alliance between the German Empire under Emperor Wilhelm II and the Austro-Hungarian Empire under Emperor Franz Joseph I. Within the framework of this waltz we will visit the most outstanding palaces of Vienna - Hofburg, winter residence and Schönbrunn, summer palace. Afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 6 TALES OF VIENNA WOODS WALTZ

Following the most emblematic titles of waltzes, today we will visit the Vienna Woods. The waltz of the same name, composed in 1868, is one of the 6 waltzes by Johann Strauss Jr. that include the zither as the main musical instrument. Its title pays homage to the folk music of the villages located in the forests around Vienna.

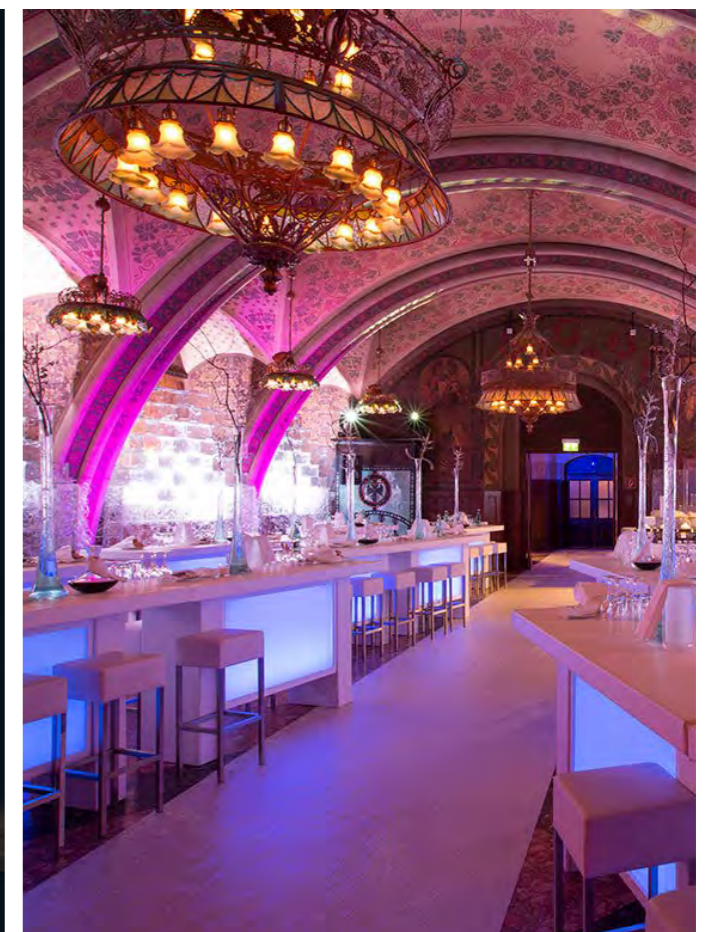
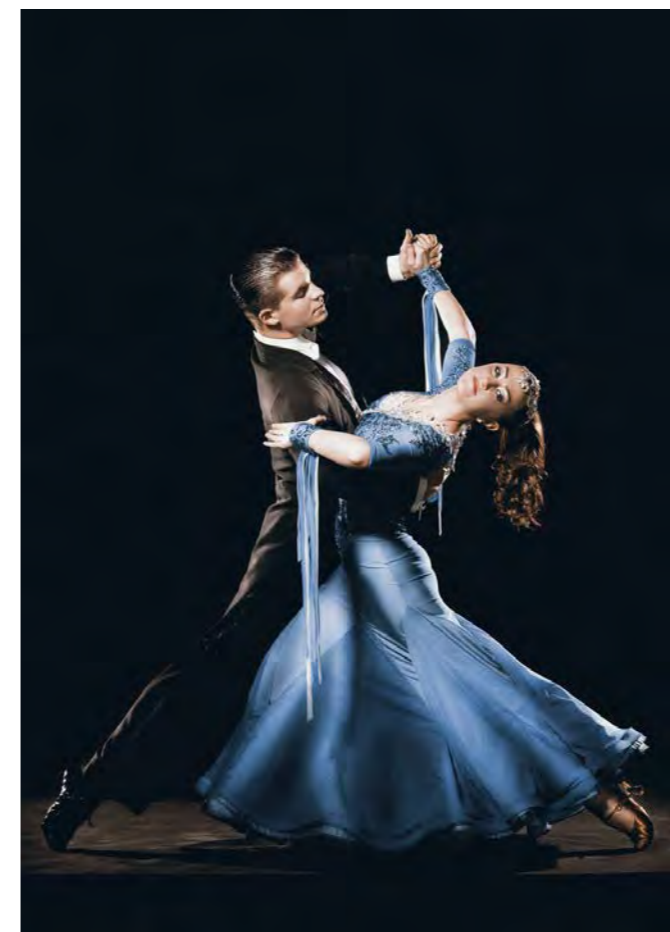
On this excursion we will head to Heiligenkreuz to visit its abbey, founded in 1133 by Leopold III for the Cistercian order, being the second oldest continuously occupied abbey in the world.

We will then drive to Baden bei Wien, the main town in the Forest, where we will have free time to stroll through its streets and gardens. We will continue to Weingut Thallern, a vineyard in the heart

of the woods. Visit of the winery with wine tasting and lunch at the winery. Return to Vienna and rest of the day at leisure. In the evening, farewell dinner at the Viennese restaurant "Wiener Rathauskeller".

### DAY 7 VIENNA

Breakfast buffet and at the appointed time, transfer to the airport.







## VIENNA - INNSBRUCK & SURROUNDINGS - SALZBURG SOCIETY DANCES (BALLS) - SNOW ACTIVITIES - FAMOUS MUSICIANS

Welcome to Vienna, the capital of Austria, and the beginning of our journey through the history of the country through its traditions, snow and music. A tour designed to enhance our five senses with which we will see, hear, dance, taste and enjoy with classic and more active activities.

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 VIENNA

In the morning we will visit Vienna. The Centre of the once great Austro-Hungarian Empire, which extended through Central Europe to the present Ukraine in the north and the Balkan area in the south, Vienna is now a modern city that does not hide its past, combining both legacies to make it the meeting point between East and West. In a tour around the Ringstrasse we will be able to contemplate the most outstanding buildings of the city, such as the Opera, the Hofburg or Winter

Palace, the Museum of Fine Arts and its twin Museum of Natural History, the Parliament, the City Hall or the Votive Church, among others. We will continue with a pleasant walking tour of the Centre that will take you to St. Stephen's Cathedral, the narrow streets of the Jewish quarter, the house where Mozart lived or the Danube Canal, an area of street artists. We will end the visit with one of the most Viennese customs: tasting a Viennese coffee accompanied by the famous Sacher cake. Free afternoon and accommodation in Vienna.

### DAY 3 VIENNA

We will dedicate this day to the most Viennese traditions, the best examples of the past adapted to the present. We will start the day by discovering the best kept secret of Austrian **gastronomy: the "Apfelstrudel"**. Of Arab origin, it came to stay after the Turkish invasions of the 16th and 17th centuries. In 1696 the first recipe written in a cookbook of the Austro-Hungarian Empire appears. It is from the 18th century when this sweet, from the hand of the Empress Maria Teresa, becomes the dessert par excellence in the salons and cafes of the city, reaching our days as the national cake of Austria. We prepare to tie our aprons in a kitchen workshop to learn how to handle the fine puff pastry, which is filled with apples and raisins, with touches of sugar and cinnamon, cooked in the oven. It is usually served with cream and hot vanilla-flavored cream or vanilla ice cream in summer. Afterwards we will change the stage and go to a **dance school where we will learn to waltz.** A dance of peasant origin in the areas of Tyrol and Bavaria, its name is derived from the German verb "Walzen", which means "to go round". The name "**Waltz**" appears for the first time in 1781 in the work "Eberhard der Greiner" by Friedrich Schiller. Successive variations popularize this dance among the people, but it is not

until the 19th century that it becomes the favorite dance of the aristocratic classes, helped above all by the Strauss family, who make the waltz their musical ensign. Works such as "**The Emperor's Waltz**", "**Viennese Blood**" or "**The Blue Danube**" have made this peasant dance the king of dances.

We will end the day by attending one of the popular **Viennese Balls** that are held during the winter season. Emerged as matchmaking scenarios where girls were presented to society, they have led to social events to publicize companies, associations and social groups and labor groups such as doctors, firefighters, police, lawyers or teachers (Bonbon Ball, Opera Ball, Officer's Ball ) among others. They are usually open to the public by paying an entrance fee, which they attend following the dress code (usually dark suit or tuxedo for them and long evening dress for them) and willing to spend a fun time dancing in the different musical scenarios offered, from disco to Latin music, reserving, of course, always a time to waltz.

### DAY 4 VIENNA - INNSBRUCK

Breakfast and departure to Innsbruck, capital of the Alps and the Austrian Tyrol region. Olympic city on three occasions (1964, 1973 and 2012, the latter being the first Youth Olympic Games), Innsbruck is the main starting point for winter sports. Upon arrival, we will take a walking tour of the city Centre, where the streets of Innsbruck date back to the Middle Ages and the 21st century. The Avenue of Maria-Theresa, with its Triumphal Arch and St. Anne's Column, leads you to the city's symbol, the Golden Roof, the Imperial Church and the Imperial Palace. Accommodation.

### DAY 5 INNSBRUCK

Today we will enjoy the Tyrolean Mountains. We will first climb the Bergisel, the Olympic ski jump built at the beginning of the 20th century and which became a symbol of the city following the 1964 Winter Olympics, the first of three held in the city. Its current appearance is due to the architect Zaha Hadid, who renovated it in 2001. From its summit we can admire the panoramic views of the city and the mountains that surround it. Afterwards we will have **fun with some of the many activities** offered by the area: alpine and/or cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, horse-sledding, sledding, ice-skating... For this we will go to the most famous snow areas such as Seefeld, Neustift am Stubaital, Ischgl or Kitzbühel. Finally we will recover our strength with a typical Tyrolean meal in a mountain hut. Accommodation

### DAY 6 INNSBRUCK - SALZBURG

After breakfast, we continue our journey to Salzburg. Although Vienna is known as the musical capital of Europe, Salzburg can boast of being the birthplace of the genius who changed music forever, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. On our arrival we will enter his world by visiting the houses where the genius of classical music was born and lived. We will continue to the Mirabell Palace, in whose Marble Hall he performed with his father and sister Nannerl. We will continue the tour of the city passing by the Mozarteum (University of Music), the Puppet Theatre, the Church of the Holy Trinity, the Summer Music Festival Theatres, the Getreidegasse and the fortress. Accommodation and rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 7 SALZBURG

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# AUSTRIA SPORTS AND WELLNESS







## VIENNA - INNSBRUCK & SURROUNDINGS - SALZBURG SOCIETY DANCES (BALLS) - SNOW ACTIVITIES - FAMOUS MUSICIANS

Welcome to Vienna, the capital of Austria, and the beginning of our journey through the history of the country through its traditions, snow and music. A tour designed to enhance our five senses with which we will see, hear, dance, taste and enjoy with classic and more active activities.

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 VIENNA

In the morning we will visit Vienna. The Centre of the once great Austro-Hungarian Empire, which extended through Central Europe to the present Ukraine in the north and the Balkan area in the south, Vienna is now a modern city that does not hide its past, combining both legacies to make it the meeting point between East and West. In a tour around the Ringstrasse we will be able to contemplate the most outstanding buildings of the city, such as the Opera, the Hofburg or Winter

Palace, the Museum of Fine Arts and its twin Museum of Natural History, the Parliament, the City Hall or the Votive Church, among others. We will continue with a pleasant walking tour of the Centre that will take you to St. Stephen's Cathedral, the narrow streets of the Jewish quarter, the house where Mozart lived or the Danube Canal, an area of street artists. We will end the visit with one of the most Viennese customs: tasting a Viennese coffee accompanied by the famous Sacher cake. Free afternoon and accommodation in Vienna.

### DAY 3 VIENNA

We will dedicate this day to the most Viennese traditions, the best examples of the past adapted to the present.

We will start the day by discovering the best kept secret of Austrian **gastronomy: the "Apfelstrudel"**. Of Arab origin, it came to stay after the Turkish invasions of the 16th and 17th centuries. In 1696 the first recipe written in a cookbook of the Austro-Hungarian Empire appears. It is from the 18th century when this sweet, from the hand of the Empress Maria Teresa, becomes the dessert par excellence in the salons and cafes of the city, reaching our days as the national cake of Austria. We prepare to tie our aprons in a kitchen workshop to learn how to handle the fine puff pastry, which is filled with apples and raisins, with touches of sugar and cinnamon, cooked in the oven. It is usually served with cream and hot vanilla-flavored cream or vanilla ice cream in summer.

Afterwards we will change the stage and go to a **dance school where we will learn to waltz.** A dance of peasant origin in the areas of Tyrol and Bavaria, its name is derived from the German verb "Walzen", which means "to go round". The name "**Waltz**" appears for the first time in 1781 in the work "Eberhard der Greiner" by Friedrich Schiller. Successive variations popularize this dance among the people, but it is not



until the 19th century that it becomes the favorite dance of the aristocratic classes, helped above all by the Strauss family, who make the waltz their musical ensign. Works such as "**The Emperor's Waltz**", "**Viennese Blood**" or "**The Blue Danube**" have made this peasant dance the king of dances.

We will end the day by attending one of the popular **Viennese Balls** that are held during the winter season. Emerged as matchmaking scenarios where girls were presented to society, they have led to social events to publicize companies, associations and social groups and labor groups such as doctors, firefighters, police, lawyers or teachers (Bonbon Ball, Opera Ball, Officer's Ball ) among others. They are usually open to the public by paying an entrance fee, which they attend following the dress code (usually dark suit or tuxedo for them and long evening dress for them) and willing to spend a fun time dancing in the different musical scenarios offered, from disco to Latin music, reserving, of course, always a time to waltz.

### DAY 4 VIENNA - INNSBRUCK

Breakfast and departure to Innsbruck, capital of the Alps and the Austrian Tyrol region. Olympic city on three occasions (1964, 1973 and 2012, the latter being the first Youth Olympic Games), Innsbruck is the main starting point for winter sports.

Upon arrival, we will take a walking tour of the city Centre, where the streets of Innsbruck date back to the Middle Ages and the 21st century. The Avenue of Maria-Theresa, with its Triumphal Arch and St. Anne's Column, leads you to the city's symbol, the Golden Roof, the Imperial Church and the Imperial Palace. Accommodation.

### DAY 5 INNSBRUCK

Today we will enjoy the Tyrolean Mountains. We will first climb the Bergisel, the Olympic ski jump built at the beginning of the 20th century and which became a symbol of the city following the 1964 Winter Olympics, the first of three held in the city. Its current appearance is due to the architect Zaha Hadid, who renovated it in 2001. From its summit we can admire the panoramic views of the city and the mountains that surround it.

Afterwards we will have **fun with some of the many activities** offered by the area: alpine and/or cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, horse-sledding, sledding, ice-skating...

For this we will go to the most famous snow areas such as Seefeld, Neustift am Stubaital, Ischgl or Kitzbühel. Finally we will recover our strength with a typical Tyrolean meal in a mountain hut.

Accommodation

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## BIKING IN THE DANUBE VALLEY

(Vienna - Linz - Grein - Emmersdorf - Krems - Vienna)

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival in Vienna and meeting with the guide. Transfer to the hotel and check in formalities. At night, we will enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant, like "Wiener Rathauskeller" or "Huth" or similar, where we will have a typical Viennese menu.

### DAY 2 VIENNA

In the morning we will discover the city on a panoramic tour around the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the State Opera, the twin museums of Fine Arts and History of Natural Sciences, the Parliament and City Hall, the Votive Church, St. Charles Church, the Musikverein where the New Year's Concert is broadcast and the monument to Johann Strauss, father of the waltz. During the tour we will also visit the Belvedere Palace gardens.

Afterwards we will take a guided walk through the historical center, which will take us to St. Stephen's Cathedral, Mozart's residence and the old Jewish quarter. We will finish the tour in a typical Viennese coffee shop enjoying a coffee and the famous Sacher Cake. Afternoon at leisure, where you will have the opportunity to visit Schönbrunn Palace or enjoy a Viennese evening at a concert with the most famous musical pieces by Mozart and Strauss, two of the city's most famous residents.

### DAY 3 VIENNA – LINZ

After breakfast we will depart to Linz, capital of the province of Upper Austria and industrial leader of the country. Upon arrival we will visit the city, with a guided walking tour through the historic center of this city located on the banks of the Danube River. We will visit the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; we will

see the Main Square, one of the largest rectangular squares in Europe, with its baroque style buildings; and more modern works such as the Music Theater, the Ars Electronica Center and the Lentos Kunstmuseum. We will finish the visit on the Pöstlingberg hill, from where we will enjoy unique panoramic views over the city. We will end the visit tasting the typical Linz Cake, with a lattice top and filled with currant jam. Free afternoon to enjoy the most modern city in Austria.

### DAY 4 LINZ - GREIN ( 1st biking stage, 61km, approx. 3 hrs )

Our first stop will be Steyregg Castle, which dates back to the 11th-12th centuries and is currently only available for rent for events. We will see it from the outside and take pictures before continuing our tour to Mauthausen. Founded by the Babenberg dynasty as a border crossing point to pay customs, it became infamous in World War II for housing the concentration camp. Possibility to visit the camp. Also in Mauthausen we find the Pragstein Castle, which currently houses the only Pharmaceutical Museum in Austria. Continue to Perg, in the heart of the Au an der Donau valley. Here we can stop for lunch and recharge your batteries in one of its cafes or restaurants and enjoy some free time before resuming the march. We continue to Grein passing through the Celtic village of Mitterkirchen and the 12th century Baumgartenberg Abbey, whose later reconstructions show the three main styles in one building - Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque. Arrival at the accommodation in Grein and rest.

### DAY 5 GREIN – EMMERSDORF ( 2nd biking stage, 45km, approx. 3 hrs )

After breakfast we will visit Greinburg Castle, belonging to the royal house of Sachsen-Coburg and Gotha, from which the main European royal houses descend today. We continue our cycling route to Emmersdorf passing the ruins of Werfenstein and Wörth Island to Persenbeug, where one of the most famous dams on the Danube is located. With a little more effort we will reach Maria Taferl, on top of the hill and from whose abbey we can enjoy breathtaking views over the Danube Valley. Here we can enjoy some free time for lunch before arriving and visiting one of the valley's historical attractions - Artstetten Castle, the former residence of Crown Prince Franz Ferdinand, who was assassinated in Sarajevo in 1914, sparking World War I. Continue to Emmersdorf an der Donau and overnight. Rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 6 EMMERSDORF – KREMS ( 3rd biking stage, 34km, approx. 2,5 hrs )

Today we have the most beautiful stage of the tour, passing through the best known points of the valley. We start the tour crossing the Danube Bridge to reach Melk, where we will visit its imposing abbey, the great example of Austrian baroque architecture. Still in operation, it includes a school and a spectacular library. Following the left bank of the river we will see why this area is declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for the harmonious ensemble achieved by its medieval villages, ruins of fortresses and wine terraces with fruit trees. Upon arrival

in Aggsbach we will see the ruins of its fortress and continue to Willendorf, known for the discovery of the prehistoric site where the famous statuette "Venus of Willendorf" was found, which represents a female figure, supposedly a goddess of fertility. It can now be seen in the Natural History Museum in Vienna. Spitz will welcome us with its 16th century houses and courtyards, the Hinterhaus ruins and the harbor to embark, if desired, on a boat ride to Dürnstein. Cycling along the river bank we will cross terraces of vineyards and wineries, being Weissenkirchen one of the best places to stop for a wine tasting. Undoubtedly, the stop in Dürnstein will be one of the highlights of the trip as the blue bell tower of its Benedictine church is one of the most famous images of the valley. Overnight in Krems, where we will enjoy free time for the rest of the day.

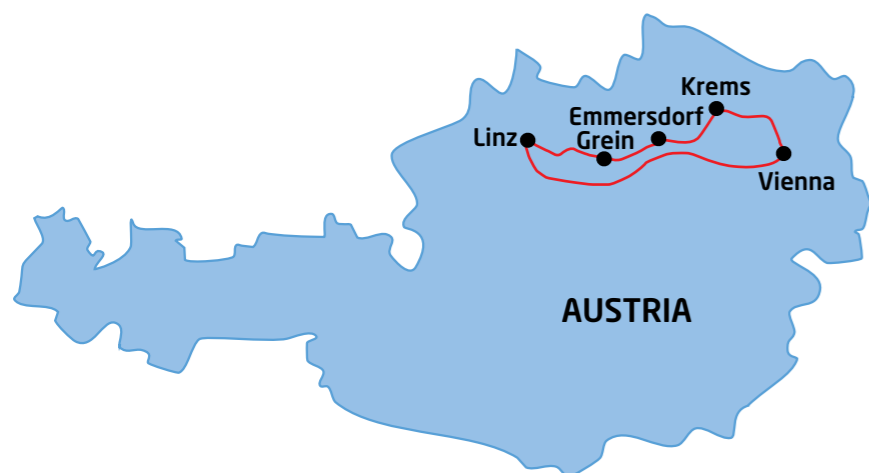
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Our bike tour has come to an end, but not our trip. In Krems we will take a short walk through the historic center where we will see the old city walls, the Und convent and the gothic houses of the "Gozzoburg" and "Göglhaus". Then we will visit some vineyards, where we will be informed about the types of grapes that are grown and enjoy a tasting. We will continue our cultural route to the Grafenegg Palace, one of the few examples of historical-romantic architecture in Austria. The current building is from the 19th century, in a remodeling that added neo-Gothic, Tudor and neo-Renaissance elements. Visit the palace and free time to stroll through its

impressive park. We will end the day with a visit to Göttweig Abbey. Founded in the 11th century by the Benedictine order, it was rebuilt in the 18th century after a fire, following the grill-shaped model of the Escorial Church in Madrid. Return to the hotel and rest of the day at leisure. In the evening, farewell dinner in a local restaurant.

### DAY 8 KREMS – VIENNA

After breakfast, transfer to Vienna Airport ( 94km, approx. 1,5 hrs )







## SKIING IN AUSTRIA

The presence of the Alps in the western part of the country makes Austria a paradise of snow and downhill peaks that delight skiing enthusiasts.

VAS DMC AUSTRIA presents below a selection of the best areas to enjoy skiing in winter.

### VORARLBERG ( Western Austria, frontier with Switzerland )

Austria's most unknown region is a paradise of nature and wooden houses, a pioneer of alpine skiing in the country with two thirds of the slopes located between 1,400 and 2,400 meters above sea level. Towns such as Lech am Arlberg or Montafon, as well as the areas of Brandertal, Klostertal or Bregenzerswald, among others, offer a wide range of ski slopes - with the possibility of practicing any type of skiing (alpine, cross-country, snowshoeing, etc.) - and spaces for other activities - from off-piste skiing to snow safaris.

### SKI RESORTS

**SKI ARLBERG** - considered the cradle of alpine skiing, is the largest ski resort in Austria. Founded in 1921, with the installation of the first ski school in the world, it has a total of 503 km of slopes

and 88 lifts, attracting thousands of skiers and snowboarders every year. Slopes for all levels, snow and fun parks, courses, toboggan runs and all kinds of activities await you. The most important ski resorts are Lech-Zürs, St Anton/St Christoph/Stuben and Warth/Schröcken.

**SILVRETTA MONTAFON** - the first address for freeriders, with 70 routes available, is a paradise for action lovers. It is one of the regular venues for the best winter sporting events, having hosted on more than one occasion the Ski Cross and Snowboard World Cup competitions. It also offers unique experiences such as skiing at sunrise or sleeping in an igloo at 2,300 meters or wine tasting in the highest tavern in Vorarlberg. **DAMÜLS-MELLAU-FASCHINA** - 110km of slopes, 27 lifts and 2 illuminated tunnels await you for skiing and snowboarding, freestyle and Nordic skiing, for fun for adults and children alike, with options for other activities such as sledging, snowshoeing or snow hiking.

**WALMENDINGERHORN - IFEN - HEUBERG ARENA** - on the German border are these slopes with 59km and 20 lifts, connected to each other by a bus network. While the Walmendingerhorn slopes are the place to be for those who like to ski in peace and quiet, Ifen is the



place for alpine skiers, with slopes for all levels. Heuberg is a paradise for families, with all kinds of activities and facilities to introduce children to skiing.

**WARTH-SCHRÖCKEN** - in the surroundings of Lech and Zürs, two of the most elite ski towns in Austria, are the slopes of Warth-Schröcken, with 62km and 15 lifts and guaranteed snow all season long. Easily accessible, they offer the necessary facilities for skiing and snowboarding, Nordic skiing and snow hiking trails, and an illuminated toboggan running until 22:00 hrs.

### TYROL ( King of Alps )

The quintessential image of skiing in Austria. Hotels and wooden houses covered with snow, classic towns such as Innsbruck, the capital and ski resort; Kitzbühel, home of the most famous ski race - the "Hahnenkamm" - and meeting point of the jet set; Seefeld, Olympic center; Neustift am Stubaital, Tux or Mayrhofen, land of glaciers or Sölden, scene of James Bond. All over the region there are slopes within easy reach of the towns, offering something for all tastes and sports, from classic alpine skiing to activities such as dog sledding, snowshoeing and driving snow mobiles.

### SKI RESORTS

**INNSBRUCKER NORDKETTENBAHN** - at the foot of the city of Innsbruck, with a funicular that takes you from the center to the cable car and the lifts to the slopes. Total of 11km of slopes spread between 860m and 2,200m altitude, suitable for all levels. Breathtaking views of the Alps at your fingertips and an igloo bar add a personal touch to these slopes.

**SÖLDEN** - with 144km of slopes for all levels and 31 lifts, Sölden has positioned itself as one of the preferred destinations within the Tyrol region. 2 skiable glaciers and a good gastronomic offer at the end of the activity are the main magnets to attract skiers from all over the planet,

organizers of sporting events and... Hollywood. The 24th film in the James Bond franchise, "Spectre", with its thrilling scenes in the snow, was filmed on the slopes of Sölden. A permanent exhibition of the filming, with photos and unpublished anecdotes, can now be visited at the top of the Gaislachkogel Mountain.

**BERGBAHN KITZBÜHEL** - Get ready to descend the most popular run of the Austrian ski circuit, the Hahnenkamm. Located in the resort of Kitzbühel, Tyrol's most elite town with multiple luxury stores, gourmet restaurants and bars, it offers a total of 179km of slopes and 56 lifts, plus amusement parks, snowboarders' slopes and a wide range of huts and dining resorts.

### SKIWELT WILDER KAISER -

**BRIXENTAL** - The 9 villages of Brixen im Thale, Ellmau, Going, Hopfgarten, Itter, Kelchsau, Scheffau, Söll and Westendorf are linked together by a network of 263 km of slopes and 90 lifts offering fun for all levels, the possibility of timed runs, night outings and areas for freestylers. It is a paradise for families because of its wide range of assistance and training space for the youngest.

**HINTERTUX GLACIER** - The only ski slope open all year round in Austria, 49km and 21 lifts at your disposal to enjoy the skiing experience in summer at an altitude of over 3,000 meters. In winter it is part of the ZILLERTAL 3000 slopes, with more than 200km and 60 lifts in total, which reach the towns of Finkenberg and Mayrhofen, offering a wide range of slopes of all levels and different styles, activities such as snowshoes, sledges and motorcycles, timed race tracks and space to train the little ones.

**SILVRETTA ARENA ISCHGL** - At the gates of one of the smallest villages in Tyrol, Ischgl, is this ski resort with over 150km of slopes and 45 lifts, opening the doors to a paradise of winter fun with slopes for beginners and professionals; snowboarders and freestyle enthusiasts; schools for beginners and advanced skiers; restaurants and all kinds of services necessary for an unforgettable snow vacation.

**SKI ARLBERG** - St Anton am Arlberg is, together with Kitzbühel, one of the most exclusive and elite ski resorts in Austria. 305km and 88 lifts are at your disposal to make the most of any sport that has to do with snow. Spectacular views surround the snowboard and ski racing lovers, who will be able to enjoy a well-deserved rest with a varied offer of restaurants and quality gastronomy.

**SKICIRCUS SAALBACH - HINTERGLEMM - LEOGANG - FIEBERBRUNN** - Spread between the regions of Tyrol and Salzburg is this resort, with 249km of slopes and 70 lifts, combining snowparks, slopes with

floodlights, snow trails and huts. These slopes host every year the competitions of the "Freeride World Tour", becoming the destination par excellence for freestylers.

### SALZBURG ( Something more than just music )

The city of Salzburg offers more than just the musical genius Mozart. It offers proximity to some of the best ski slopes in the country, such as those in Zell am See / Kaprun, Flachau, St Johann, Bad Gastein and Bad Hofgastein and Radstadt, where a wide range of equipment is available for all snow sports, first-class accommodations and a unique gastronomic and cultural offer.

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**KITZSTEINHORN KAPRUN** - the glacier of the Salzburg region. Open all year round, it welcomes all styles of skiing and snowboarding in winter, as well as hikers and snow fans in summer. Its views over 3,000 meters can be enjoyed at the Gipfelwelt 3000, a park with alpine attractions such as the Ice Palace, igloos and panoramic platforms. Directly connected by cable car to the town of Kaprun, Kaprun and Zell am See become the main points of accommodation.

**OBERTAUERN** - more than 100km of slopes and 26 lifts await you in this snow resort where you can ski and snowboard at all levels, enjoy the snow park and be amazed by torch light night skiing. A favorite destination for those who want to add fun to their stay, it has 25 cabins where you can relax and meet other skiers, have a good time with a beer and discover the good alpine gastronomy.

**SCHMITTEN ZELL AM SEE** - a classic destination in Austria, both in winter and summer to enjoy the mountains, is Zell am See, south of Salzburg. It is an ideal

starting point for cycling, hiking and skiing enthusiasts. The latter can be practiced on the slopes of Schmitten, with more than 70 km of slopes facing the sun in more than 80% of its surface, making it the sunniest slopes in the country. The offer is completed by extra activities such as snowshoe trails, a permanent exhibition on the beginnings of the slopes and a wide range of restaurants and huts.

**GASTEIN** - up to 4 resorts are located in the Gastein area - Schlossalm / Angertal / Stubnerkogel, Sportgastein, Am Graukogel and Dorfgastein-Grossarl - adding up to 200km of slopes for all levels and styles and state-of-the-art lifts and cable cars. Snowboarding and freestyle are welcome, as well as snow hiking, snowshoeing or enjoying a gourmet breakfast at the top of the mountain.

### STYRIA ( A secret among the experts )

Styria is especially popular in summer for its nature and national parks, hiking and biking trails, and its perfect combination of lakes and mountains. All makes it a real gem for skiing and other snow sports enthusiasts. From Schladming, one of the country's main ski resorts, to the lesser-known slopes of Turracher Höhe, Kreischberg, Grebenzen or Lachtal, a whole new world of winter activities opens up.

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**AUSSERLAND - SALZKAMMERGUT** - in the well-known lake and mountain region "Salzkammergut" are the ski resorts Loser and Tauplitz, with more than 200 km of slopes at all levels as well as winter hiking trails and freestyle skiing areas. The proximity of the Grimling thermal baths invites you to relax and unwind after an intense day of sport.

**MUR - MÜRZ TOP SKIPASS** - the pass for 12 ski resorts - Turracher Höhe, Kreischberg, Grebenzen, Lachtal, Gaal, Obdach, Kleinlobming, Salzstiegl, Präbichl, Brunnalm-Hohe Veitsch, Turnau-Schwabenbergarena and Stuhleck. Together they add up to 236km of slopes and 84 cable cars and lifts, attractive proposals for families, snowboard slopes, possibility of night skiing and proximity to thermal enclosures.





## HIKING IN TIROL

(Innsbruck - Kirchberg - Kitzbühl - St Johann - Fieberbrunn - Leogan - Salzburg)

### DAY 1 INNSBRUCK

Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel. In the evening we invite you to join a typical Tirolean dinner with a show of folklore dances and music at Gundolf's. Transfer back to the hotel and accommodation.

### DAY 2 INNSBRUCK – KIRCHBERG IN TIROL

In the morning, we will go for a guided tour around the city, combining a bus tour to Bergisel Ski Jump, built on 1920 and used for 2 Winter Olympic Games editions, in 1964 and 1976. The current form is due to a reconstruction on 2003, designed by the architect Zaha Hadid. We go back to the city center, where we will see its main sightseeing on a walking tour, such as the Maria-Theresia Arch; the Imperial Apartments; St James Cathedral and the Court Church with its impressive cenotaph dedicated to Emperor

Maximilian with 24 depicts showing his life; the colored houses along the river Inn and the famous Golden Roof. Free time to enjoy the city on our own and in the afternoon transfer to Kirchberg in Tirol. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 3 KIRCHBERG IN TIROL – KITZBÜHEL ( 1st hiking day, 15km, approx. 7 hrs )

Crossing along 8 countries, from France to Slovenia, the Alps are the largest and highest mountain range in Europe, with magnificent tops like Mont-Blanc, Matterhorn or Kreuzjoch, among other majestic mountains. Within the mountain range there are the so-called Kitzbühel Alps, which extend between Tirol and Salzburg, being the Tirolean part the largest one. Towns like Hopfgarten, Kitzbühel and Kirchberg, surrounded by mountains and parks as Wilder Kaiser, Hohe Tauern, Hohe

Salve or Pillersee Valley, offer the visitors a wide range of hiking and biking trails, ski slopes and swimming alternatives in winter and summer. Through forests and alpine meadows, we will hike to the world-famous ski slope "Hahnenkamm" ( Alternative: you can also take the cable car to the top, if you want an easier way ). From here we will get the best views over the Wilder Kaiser Mountain and the valleys. Afterwards we start the way down to the valley until we arrive in Kitzbühel, the glamorous alpine village. Accommodation. Lunch on the way with the prepared picnic lunch to take away from the hotel.

### DAY 4 KITZBÜHEL – ST JOHANN in TIROL ( 2nd hiking day, 18,5km, approx. 8 hrs )

Kitzbühel has turned to be the ski hotspot in Austria, so it is quite easy to meet famous faces around. This medieval town with colorful painted houses hosts the ski race at the Hahnenkamm, which joins the best skiers and personalities for the race and its after-ski parties. Through the beautiful landscape of Kitzbüheler Alps we will arrive in St Johann in Tirol, center of this alpine area. Accommodation. Lunch on the way with the prepared picnic lunch to take away from the hotel.

### DAY 5 ST JOHANN in TIROL – FIEBERBRUNN ( 3rd hiking day, 10km, approx. 5 hrs )

In the morning we will enjoy a walking tour around the town, which history goes back to the 8th century. With the discovery of copper and silver mines in the surroundings, the town experienced its larger increase of wealth and



population from 16th to 18th centuries, leaving gorgeous examples of baroque and rococo architecture like St Anthony's Chapel, the Decane residence and the houses in the old town. Afterwards we will continue our hiking trail to Fieberbrunn, being a part of the pilgrimage St James way. It goes along small villages and farms, which give us an idea about the alpine life in this area, as well as an impressive landscape with rivers and lakes, which we can enjoy with a bath, like at Lake Lauch. Arrival in Fieberbrunn and accommodation.

Lunch on the way with the prepared picnic lunch to take away from the hotel.

### DAY 6 FIEBERBRUNN – LEOGANG ( 4th hiking day, 18,5km, approx. 7 hrs )

Along the mountain range of Wildseeloder and Spielberghorn we go on our tour to Leogang, once the oldest mine village in the province of Salzburg and nowadays a popular ski and hiking resort.

Together with Fieberbrunn they offer a ski circus with a total of 270 ski slopes, interconnected with several cable cars. In summer, about 400 hiking trails bring the visitors to any village in the area, offering breath-taking views, best signalized ways and mountain cabins where to take a rest with a plate of cold meats and bread. Lunch on the way with the prepared picnic lunch to take away from the hotel. Arrival in Leogang and accommodation.

### DAY 7 LEOGANG

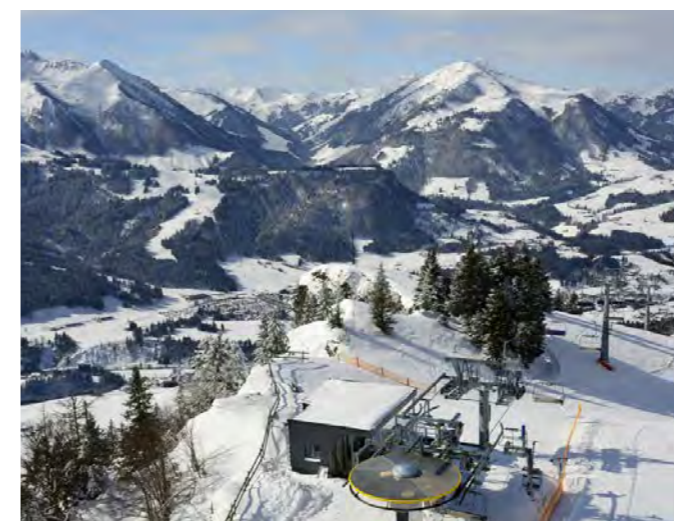
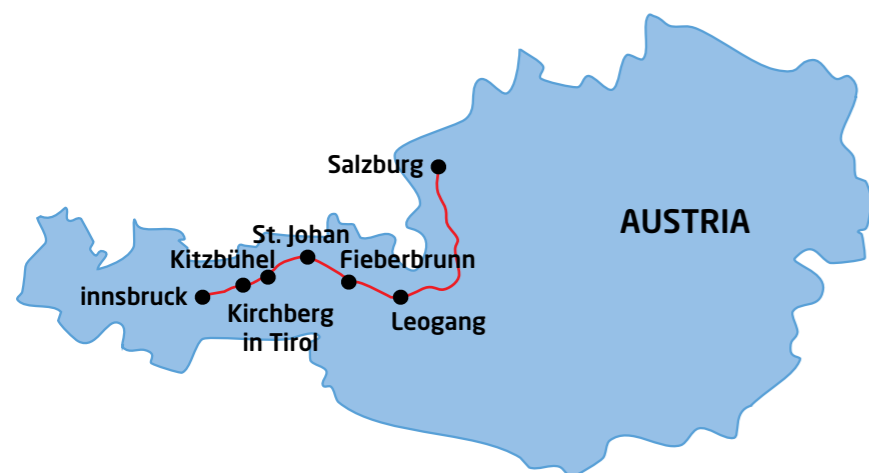
The area around Leogang is well-known by its farms and regional products. We will visit a bee-farm to discover the secrets of honey and an alpine dairy farm where we will taste its cheeses and coldmeats served in a typical alpine lunch. We will finish our gastronomic tour with a "Schnaps" tasting, the typical Austrian liquor made from different fruits. Back to Leogang, rest of the day free at leisure. Accommodation.

### DAY 8 LEOGANG – SALZBURG

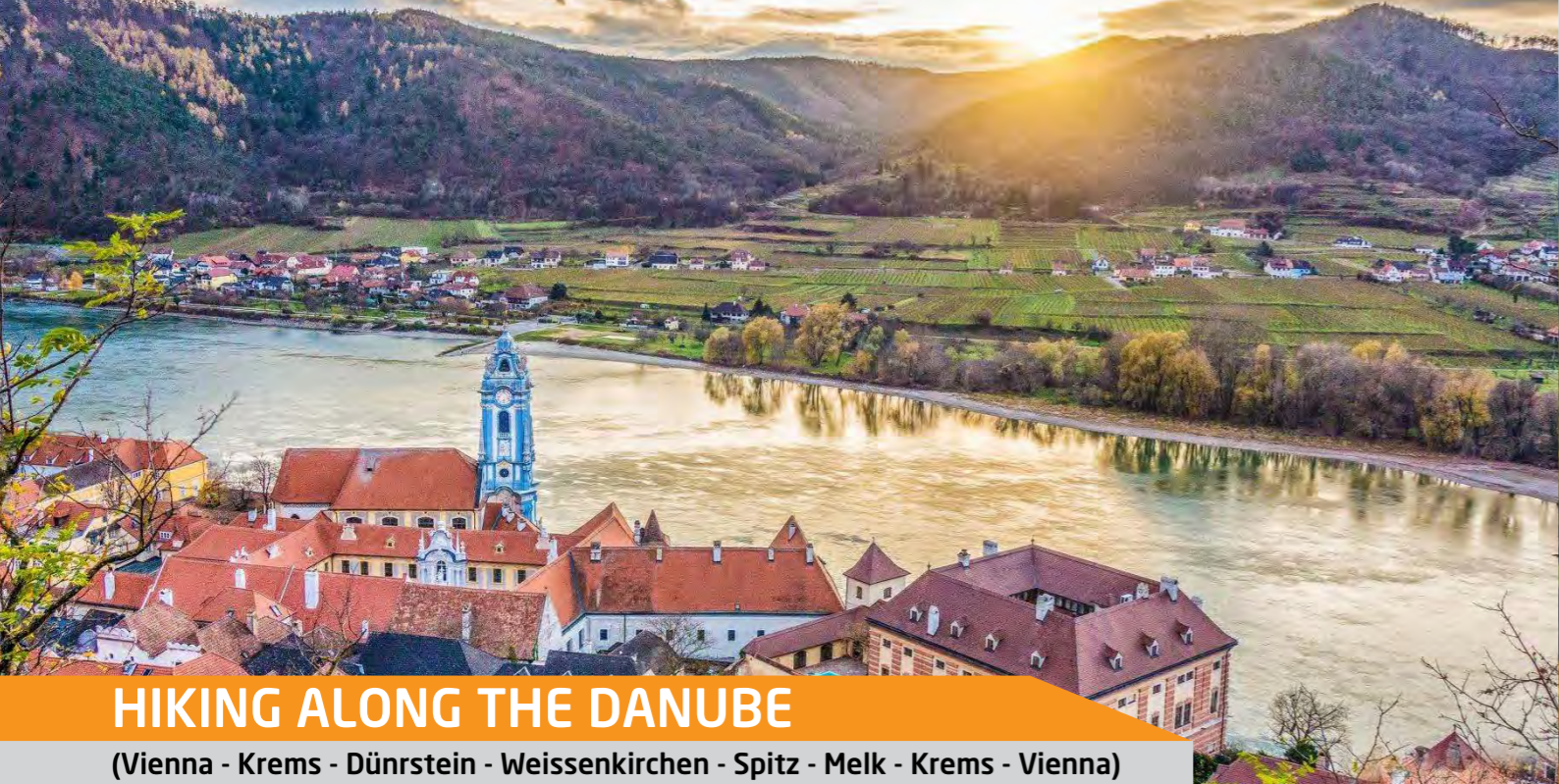
Today we depart to Salzburg. Upon arrival, the guide will lead us to a city tour around the city. On a walking tour through the old town's main street "Getreidegasse" we will see Mozart's Birthplace, opposite of the old city hall. The street leads us to the Marktplatz and Residenzplatz, where the Cathedral and the Bishop's Residenz are. After a short cable car ride, we will arrive to the top of the fortress, from we will enjoy a wonderful view over the city. Afternoon free at leisure. In the evening we invite you to a farewell dinner in the beer brewery Stiegl, the famous beer of the city. Return to the hotel and accommodation.

### DAY 9 SALZBURG

After breakfast and the appointed scheduled time, transfer to either the Salzburg Airport or Munich to board the flight back home.







## HIKING ALONG THE DANUBE

(Vienna - Krems - Dürnstein - Weissenkirchen - Spitz - Melk - Krems - Vienna)

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival in Vienna and meeting with the guide. Transfer to the hotel and check in formalities. At night, we will enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant, like "Wiener Rathauskeller" or "Huth" or similar, where we will have a typical Viennese menu.

### DAY 2 VIENNA

In the morning we will discover the city on a panoramic tour around the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the State Opera, the twin museums of Fine Arts and History of Natural Sciences, the Parliament and City Hall, the Votive Church, St. Charles Church, the Musikverein where the New Year's Concert is broadcast and the monument to Johann Strauss, father of the waltz. During the tour we will also visit the Belvedere Palace gardens. Afterwards we will take a guided walk

through the historical center, which will take us to St. Stephen's Cathedral, Mozart's residence and the old Jewish quarter. We will finish the tour in a typical Viennese coffee shop enjoying a coffee and the famous Sacher Cake. Afternoon at leisure, where you will have the opportunity to visit Schönbrunn Palace or enjoy a Viennese evening at a concert with the most famous musical pieces by Mozart and Strauss, two of the city's most famous residents.

### DAY 3 VIENNA – KREMS

After breakfast we will depart for the Danube Valley, our trekking area. Surrounded by vineyards and fruit trees - especially apricots - the valley offers endless activities for all tastes. Upon arrival we will visit Göttweig Abbey. Founded in the 11th century by the Benedictine order, it was rebuilt in the 18th century after a fire, following the

grill-shape model of the Escorial Church in Madrid. Continue to Krems, starting point for the trekking route. After a short walk through the historic center where we will see the old walls, the Und convent and the gothic houses of the "Gozzoburg" and "Göglhaus", we will visit some vineyards, where we will be informed about the types of grapes that are grown and enjoy a tasting. Rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 4 KREMS – DÜRNSTEIN (1st hiking day, approx. 13km and 4,5 hrs)

Today we will start our hiking route passing by a breathtaking scenery of fortresses ruins, small villages and picturesque wineries until we arrive in Dürnstein. Accommodation. The hotel will prepare us a packed picnic lunch to take away, which we will enjoy on the way to Dürnstein, in a stop in the middle of the landscape.

### DAY 5 DÜRNSTEIN – WEIßENKIRCHEN (2nd hiking day, approx. 17km and 6 hrs)

After breakfast at the hotel we will depart to visit Dürnstein on a walking tour, visiting the old church with its famous blue bell tower, the City Hall and the old walls. We will then head up to the hill to visit the ruins of the Dürnstein Fortress, where King Richard Lionking was made prisoner from December 1192 to February 1193. The Danube region is well known for its apricot trees and all the products they prepare with this fruit: from jam to juices to cakes to "Schnaps" (liqueur). We will enjoy the visit of an apricot farm and will have a tasting of its products. We follow the path up to the hill to the fortresses ruins of Starhemberg and



Fesselhütte, across more wineries and amazing views over the river Danube until we get in Weißenkirchen. Accommodation. On the way we will stop to enjoy the picnic lunch prepared by the hotel.

### DAY 6 WEIßENKIRCHEN – SPITZ (3rd hiking day, approx. 10km and 3,5 hrs)

Weißenkirchen is one of the most picturesque villages on the shores of the River Danube. Surrounded by wine terraces, we will start the day with a walking tour through its landmarks, as the Parish Church of the Ascension of Maria, from 14th century and built in Gothic style. Outside Weißenkirchen we will visit the Parish Church of St Michael, the oldest one in the Danube Valley area, from year 1000 approx. Also today the hotel will have ready for us a picnic lunch to take away, so we can relax while looking at the landscape. Upon arrival in Spitz we will admire the baroque main square of the town, as well as we will visit the castle and the interior

courtyard "Aggsteinerhof", from 1725 and decorated with late baroque frescoes. In the evening we will enjoy a typical dinner in a wine tavern.

### DAY 7 SPITZ – MELK (4th hiking day, approx. 18km and 5 hrs)

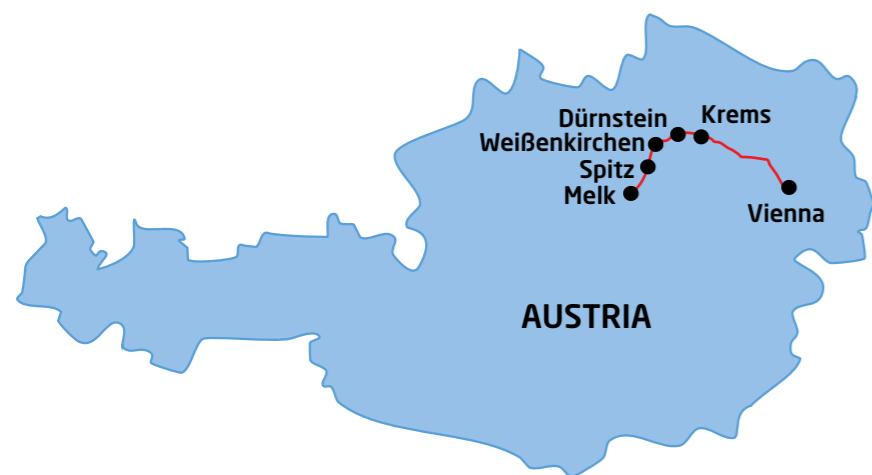
The first stop of our today's journey will bring us to the village of Willendorf, worldwide known to be the place where the famous "Venus of Willendorf", a 11cm tall figurine from the Paleolithic period, was found in year 1908. It is one of the most remarkable prehistoric figures, representing a naked woman, supposed to be a fertility goddess. The figure is now kept at the Natural History Museum in Vienna. Along the River Danube we will arrive to Melk, perhaps the most famous city of the valley due to its impressive baroque benedictine abbey, located on the top of a hill and overlooking all the valley. On the way we will look for the best spot to stop and have our picnic lunch. Arrival in Melk and accommodation.

### DAY 8 MELK – KREMS – VIENNA

Once the hiking route is finished, we will enjoy a more relaxing day. First we will visit the Melk Abbey, founded on year 1089 by the Benedictine Order. Later on a monastic school was added, while the library soon became famous due to its large manuscript collection. The actual building is from 18th century, being the most impressive baroque example in Austria. Afterwards we invite you to relax on board of a boat tour on the River Danube to Krems, with lunch on board. Upon arrival in Krems the bus will pick us up to bring us back to Vienna. In the evening we will gather for the last time in a farewell dinner in a high level restaurant, in the Danube Tower. Accommodation.

### DAY 9 VIENNA

Breakfast at the hotel and at the appointed time, transfer to the airport.







## WELLNESS IN AUSTRIA

Due to its geographical location, Austria offers its visitors different landscapes that invite you to relax, enjoy the tranquility and forget about everyday life. Whether alone, as a couple or with friends, in Austria you will find the perfect hotel and the perfect place to relax.

VAS DMC AUSTRIA presents below a selection of the best areas and hotels to relax after your travels.

### SOUTH & EAST AUSTRIA (Kärnten, Styria and Burgenland)

The southern and eastern part of Austria consists of the regions of Carinthia (the sunniest region), Styria (the green lung of the country) and Burgenland (bordering Hungary). These are the regions of lakes and lush forests, the Dachstein National Park and dormant volcanoes. All these factors unite to give the best conditions

of thermalism, since they are the zones in which there are more thermal sources, especially in Burgenland. Cities within easy reach - Klagenfurt, Graz, Eisenstadt -, regional cuisine and a varied landscape make this area a unique destination to disconnect.

### Spa and Wellness Centers

St Martin Therme Lodge - the first address in Burgenland, it is located in the National Park of Lake Neusiedler See - Seewinkel, completely away from cities. Pure relaxation, it offers outdoor activities such as safaris in the national park, bird watching, cycling and hiking trails; seasonal gastronomy and a private beach.

**Rogner Bad Blumau** - explore the volcanic region of Styria from this hotel designed by Austrian artist Friedensreich

Hundertwasser, whose maxim was "give back to the earth what is taken from it by building," hence all his projects blend into the surrounding landscape.

**Der Schwaigerhof** - in Schladming, at the foot of the Dachstein mountain, surrounded by a splendid landscape that offers a wide range of outdoor activities - both in summer and winter. Its wellness and spa offer a well-deserved rest.

**Mountain Resort Feuerberg** - a paradise for the whole family or to enjoy alone or as a couple. In the Gerlitzen Mountains, at the foot of the slopes in winter and starting point for hiking trails in summer; nature in its purest form with meadows, mountains and lakes; a unique culinary experience with regional products and all the comfort to recharge your batteries.

### NORTH OF AUSTRIA (Lower and Upper Austria)

Landscapes of vineyards, fruit trees and the magnetic presence of the Danube River and its tributaries offer rest while awakening the senses. A stay in this region invites you to stroll along the banks of the river or among the wine terraces or to discover its architectural gems among abbeys and historic castles.

Easy access from Vienna (international airport and good train connections) makes the region an easy destination.

### Spa and Wellness Centers

Therme Laa - in the town of Laa an der Thaya (70km north of Vienna, direct

trains from the city), offers a first-class ambience, a luxury gastronomic offer, all kinds of treatments and a silent spa.

**Therme Asia Linsberg** - just 1 hour by train from Vienna, this spa and wellness hotel transports you to faraway Asia. Let yourself be carried away by the Zen philosophy and relax amidst massages, whirlpool and Japanese garden.

**Loisium Wine & Spa Langenlois** - the healing and relaxing powers of wine at the service of your well-being.

**Molzbachhof** - a wooded paradise invites you to relax and enjoy regional and local cuisine in a forest and mountain landscape far away from civilization and stress.

### FROM BREGENZ TO SALZBURG (Vorarlberg, Tyrol and Salzburg)

The western part of Austria, comprising

the states of Vorarlberg (bordering Switzerland), Tyrol (the Alps in their splendor) and Salzburg (culture and landscape alike), offers a unique landscape of magnificent mountains, hidden lakes and rivers forming spectacular waterfalls; multiple options for more active tourism, whether in the form of skiing or hiking, adventure sports or cycling; and cultural visits to castles and fortresses.

### Spa and Wellness Centers

Edelweiss Resort - just 1 hour from Salzburg and in the heart of the ski resort "Ski Amadeus", this luxury resort invites you to disconnect from everyday life and pamper yourself. Suitable for families or couples, groups of friends or families, the resort separates family and adult-only areas to ensure the comfort of all its guests.

**Tauern Spa Zell am See / Kaprun** - in the heart of the Hohe Tauern National

Park, a wellness paradise awaits you with a wide range of treatments, infinity pool and first-class gastronomy. Enjoy your leisure time with hiking trails through the park or climbing Salzburg's highest peak, the Kitzsteinhorn.

**Aqua Dome** - Tirol Therme Längenfeld - near Innsbruck hides this wellness and spa resort in the heart of the Alps. The benefits of the alpine flora at your disposal to feel the best rest. GAMS zu zweit - the ideal resort for couples, located in Austria's most undiscovered region, Vorarlberg. Exceptional architecture at the service of an extensive treatment program, regional gastronomy and wellness facilities.

**Alpenresort Walsertal** - a wooden paradise among the majestic mountains of Vorarlberg, the perfect combination of tradition and design to offer the best of relaxation, regional cuisine and the best of every season.





# AUSTRIA & CHILDREN







## ON THE WAY IN AUSTRIA WITH CHILDREN

### VIENNA & Region of Lower Austria

#### PRATER

The famous Giant Ferris Wheel welcomes you to the Vienna Amusement Park, founded in 1766 as a hunting ground for the imperial family and later became a playground and entertainment area for Viennese society.

Today there are more than 30 rides and games, including bumper cars, bouncy castles, roller coasters, mirror maze, carousels, water slides and corridors of terror; the Chocolate Museum and Madame Tussaud's Museum; bicycle and rickshaw rentals or the Prater train, which will take you to every corner of the park.

A great gastronomic offer completes the offer for a great day out!

#### TIME TRAVEL

A magical journey through Vienna's history combining film, special effects, conversations with historical characters and multimedia shows.

Let yourself be taken on a journey through time, from Roman times to the Habsburg Empire; meet Mozart and Strauss and discover why Vienna is the capital of music.

#### SCHÖNBRUNN

Schönbrunn is more than a summer palace of the imperial family, it is a whole day of fun where you can visit the **oldest zoo in Europe**; the **Carriage Museum** with spectacular vehicles such as the wedding carriage; get lost in the **Labyrinth Garden**; dress up as the emperors and courtiers; attend a **puppet show or a concert** of music by Mozart and Strauss ....

Schönbrunn is also the setting for an authentically Austrian gastronomic offer.

**Café Residenz**, where you will be shown how to make "Apfelstrudel"; **Café Gloriette** where Empress Maria Theresia met for coffee with her courtesans; **Kutscher Gwölb Schlossbräu** with its own beer; **Cafe Restaurant Kaiserpavillion** to eat like emperors or the **Gasthaus Tirolergarten**, a piece of Tyrol in Vienna.

#### MUSEUMS

Vienna brings museums closer to children than anyone else. Interactive, with programs and tours tailored to the little ones and workshops for them to explore their creative side.

#### Musical visits:

**Museum HAUS DER MUSIK – House of Music**, a journey through time of sounds and noises, how music is made and how the ear works, with the possibility of conducting the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra itself!

**Houses of Musicians:** Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn, Schubert and Strauss... their homes with their personal belongings and scores, their secrets and their lives, everything is in Vienna ready to be discovered.

#### To learn while having fun:

**TECHNISCHES MUSEUM – Museum of Technique**, with multiple interactive objects that explain the most elementary principles of physics,

chemistry and aeronautics, among other applied sciences.

**ZOOM Kindermuseum – Children Museum ZOOM**, located in the Museum District, in the center of the city, 1,600m<sup>2</sup> are available for the little ones to ask, touch, discover, feel and play.

#### MUSEUM DER ILLUSIONEN

– **Museum of Illusions**, or how to play with perspective, images and believe what is not.

**NATURHISTORISCHES MUSEUM – Natural History Museum**, in the historic center, houses dinosaur skeletons, a planetarium and the largest and oldest collection of meteorite rocks, among other natural treasures.

**SCHOKOMUSEUM – Chocolate Museum**, in Vienna's 23rd district, introduces them to the world of this wonderful product, with the possibility of organizing tastings and creative workshops.

#### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES...

Do you want to discover Vienna while having fun at the same time? This is possible with a **RIDDLE RALLY!** Through the historical center or Schönbrunn or Prater or... How about a surprise? Search through street names, doorways, buildings and monuments for activities that lead you to the next clue until you reach your destination. Ideal for families and groups of friends, you can make your own competition and the first team to arrive has a prize!

**What about a day on the DANUBE ISLAND?** Possibility to organize your own barbecue, bike rides, climb the Danube Tower and swim in the river.

**KAHLENBERG and COBENZL:** high above the city, towards the vineyard area, hides a paradise for children. On the one hand, the **Kahlenberg Adventure Park**, with 14 courses spread over 1.8 km and 30,000m<sup>2</sup>, 135 balancing, climbing, ziplining, swinging and other exercises for the wildest fun (**NOTE: the exercises are adapted to the age and height of the participants**). In Cobenzl a farm with horses, pigs, goats and sheep, cows and rabbits awaits you, where you will learn about the life of farmers and breeders, as well as about smells and fruits, seeds and ants, bees and honey on the Natural Experience Trail (Naturerlebnispfad).

**LAINZER TIERGARTEN – Zoo Garden Lainzer**, or an alternative zoo. A park west of the city where deer, wild boar and roe deer roam freely, with paths for strolling and observing nature. Within this park is the **Hermesvilla**, a gift from Emperor Franz Joseph to his wife Sisi. Open to the public, it shows the history of the building and its inhabitants throughout history.

#### ...and IN THE REGION

**PALACE OF SCHLOSSHOF** – 58 km east of Vienna, on the border with Slovakia, is the former residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy, which years later passed into the hands of Empress

Maria Theresia. Enjoy a family day in this Baroque palace open to interaction with its visitors through baking workshops, crafts, dances or costumes, as well as playgrounds for children, sun loungers and a carriage simulator. A restaurant and a café complete the offer for an unforgettable day.

**DANUBE'S VALLEY** – the area along the Danube River from **Dürnstein to Melk** hides a wealth of activities for all ages.

**Boat rides;** a ride on the **century old vineyard train** between Krems and Emmersdorf and feeding wild animals; games of logic and tactics in the **ruins of Aggstein Castle** to free missing ghosts; **go bear (teddy bear) hunting at Artstetten Castle** or go **canoeing or stand up paddling** on the river ....

#### GRAZ & Region of Styria

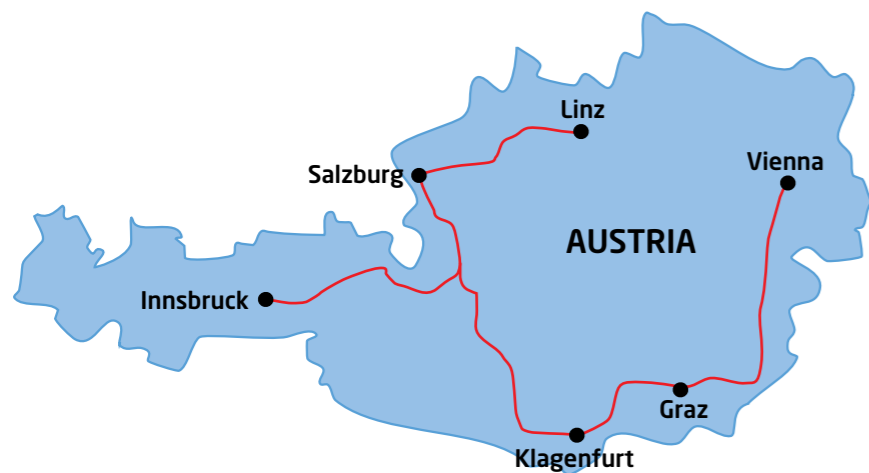
#### THE SLIDE

Do you dare to go on a subway adventure? 175m long and 40 seconds at 25km/h down the highest subway slide in the world. Suitable for people from 1.30m tall, the descent down this slide is done in the dark, on sliding mats with safety belts.

#### MUSEUMS

Museums especially oriented to the youngest members of the family expand the city's recreational offerings.

**FRIDA & FRED** – the museum for the little ones, with varied exhibitions according to the age of the visitors.







From 3 to 7 years old, they can learn what a city is, how time is managed and the jobs of its citizens.

From the age of 8, children can follow the track of time and discover how the timetable was established, how time is calculated, how it feels, as well as go on an adventure in space in a workshop on the universe (only available on weekends) where they will learn how to build a spaceship or a UFO or about gravity on different planets.

**CoSA – Scientific Activities Center**, 13 rooms equipped with technical and natural science themes, focused on the interaction of young visitors and highlighted with augmented reality.

**MÄRCHENBAHN – the Fairy Tale Train**, The old subway corridors of the city have become the museum of fairy tales. The visit takes place on a train ride, which leads through scenes such as the witch's house, the magic forest, the thieves' cave and many more. On the way, the protagonists of folk tales tell their stories and invite you to discover their secrets. In German and English, duration approx. 30 minutes.

#### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES...

**RETENBACHKLAMM – The nature park at the gates of Graz** offers trails suitable for the youngest visitors. Nature is available to everyone; in the vicinity of Lustbühel Palace there are playgrounds and a zoo where you can pet the animals and a star observatory. A botanical

garden rounds off the park's natural offerings.

**WIKI ADVENTURE PARK** – Adventure park with climbing stations, zip lines, jumps, and other games and exercises adapted to the age and height of the participants.

**PIBER** – Just outside Graz, approx. 40 km from Graz, is the village of Piber, where the breeding farm of the Lipizzaner horses is located. These horses will become the dancing horses of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna when they reach adulthood. Visit the Piber castle, the horse stables, learn how to drive horse-drawn carriages in the simulator, or practice saddling and grooming a horse.

#### ... & INDOOR ACTIVITIES

**FLIP LAB** – trampoline park. Austria's most modern trampoline park awaits you with a multitude of trampolines, ball pools, harnesses for learning acrobatic jumps and a team of trainers who will explain how to do it.

#### KLAGENFURT & Region of Carinthia

**TOWER "PYRAMIDENKOGEL"** Located 20km from Klagenfurt, this spectacular 100m high wooden tower offers spectacular views over Lake Wörther and the surrounding area. The tower has 3 observation decks at 3 different heights and a covered slide to descend.

#### MINIMUNDUS

The world at your feet! Stroll around the world's major monuments and have your picture taken next to them. The Vatican Church, the Indonesian temple Borobudur, the CN Tower in Toronto, the Golden Gate in San Francisco, the Eiffel Tower in Paris or the Vienna Ferris wheel are some of the monuments reproduced to scale and with the original materials.

The offer is extended with visits to the workshops and an interactive indoor museum with 4D cinema, a Mini Cooper car ride, balloons for young and old, the ISS space station and a station where you can create your own cartoon movie.

1 restaurant and a cafeteria complete the offer for a full day visit.

#### THE LAKES

Klagenfurt and the Carinthia region are characterized by the warmest water lakes and therefore most recommended for water activities.

A visit to the lakes *Millstätter, Wörther, Klopeiner, Faaker and Ossiacher, Nassfeld-Pressegger or Weissensee* offers a wide range of activities such as boat rides, rental of rowing boats, canoes or kayaks, water skates and slides, as well as being the starting point for hiking trails where you can discover and enjoy nature.

#### AFFENBERG

In the village of Landskron, near Villach and 36km from Klagenfurt is the so-called Monkey Mountain - Affenberg.

A sanctuary for makako monkeys in which to breed, grow and maintain this protected species. A 45-minute tour teaches visitors how these monkeys are cared for and protected.

#### ZOO ROSEGG

Halfway between Villach and Klagenfurt is the Rosegg Zoo, where up to 300 animals have their shelter, some of them even roam free on the grounds: horses, lamas, lynx, bison, fallow deer and deer, among other species, have their home in this zoo.

Peacocks, wild goats, mouflon and roe deer roam free in the forest part of the zoo.

A visit to the Rosegg Palace and the labyrinth garden, together with the restaurant and cafeteria, round off the offerings at Rosegg Zoo.

#### KÄRNTEN THERME

The Kärnten Therme offers fun and water all day long, until 10 pm. Slides, panoramic slide, indoor and outdoor pools with and without waves, children's pool, sun loungers and spa area with massages and beauty treatments, gastronomic offer... a full day for the whole family.

#### INNSBRUCK & Region of Tyrol

##### MINIGOLF

Discover this mini golf course in Innsbruck with 18 lanes and... 3D effects! Spectacular light effects and relief decorations accompany you throughout

the course, putting your imagination to the test.

In the towns of *Telf, Baggersee-Rossau, Birgitz and Zirl* (approx. 20 minutes from Innsbruck) you can also enjoy open-air mini golf courses.

##### ALPENZOO

The thematic zoo, in this case of alpine fauna, located at the highest altitude in Europe. Brown bears, otters, eagles and owls, fallow deer and marmots, wolves and lynx, among other typical mountain animals reside in this zoo, which is accessible by cable cars from the city center.

##### MARTINA'S HOF FARM

Just outside Innsbruck, in the village of Natters, you will find Martina's Hof farm, where you can visit endangered pets as well as typical farm animals such as pigs, chickens, donkeys, sheep, goats and other animals.

A children's playground, a games room with table soccer, pony riding and carriage rides are other activities to be enjoyed at the farm.

##### TOBOGGANS

Throughout the province of Tyrol you can find toboggan runs across mountains and meadows; with different distances - shorter, longer - they promise fun and adventure for the whole family. Children as young as 3 years old can go down accompanied by 1 adult; children from 8 years old can go down alone. We highlight the following:

At *Timoks Wilde Welt (Fieberbrunn, 104km from Innsbruck)* an adventure park awaits you where climbing and jumping, water games and the Timoks Alpine Coaster, the toboggan run down to 1160m into the valley.

In *Alpbachtal (52 km from Innsbruck)*, the "Lauser Sauser" toboggan run at 1,845 m, the highest in Austria, awaits you. With a distance of 1,420m it can reach speeds of 40km/h. .... dare to experience the wind?

In *Imst (62 km from Innsbruck)* we have the "Alpine Coaster", the longest toboggan run in the country with a 3.5 km long course. Speed through the forest, with curves and a 450 degree circle suspended 10m above the ground... do you dare?

*94 km from Innsbruck, in the town of Fiss*, you will find the *Funpark Fiss*, with the 2.2 km long "Fisser Flitzer" slide and the "Fisser Flieger" zip line, which can carry up to 4 people at a time and reach 80 km/h, as well as other attractions such as trampolines, baby carriages and trampolines, among others.

On the *outskirts of Innsbruck, in Mieders (17 km)*, you can enjoy a 2.8 km toboggan run with 40 curves along the way. The surrounding mountain scenery makes it even more spectacular.

##### CASTLES & FORTRESSES

The province of Tyrol is home to some of the country's most impressive castles and fortresses. All of them offer special





tours for children that include stories and adventures adapted to all ages, as well as treasure hunts to make the visits more enjoyable. Highlights:

**Castle Tratzberg (33km from Innsbruck)** where a real knight and a ghost explain to the children the history of the place. The visit ends with a game.

**At Ehrenberg Fortress in Reutte ( 96km from Innsbruck )**, A treasure hunt with the knight Rüdi awaits the children to reveal the secrets of the Middle Ages. At the end, they will be appointed knights or ladies of the court. In addition, the bravest can cross the **Highline Bridge 179**, the longest suspension bridge in Europe.

**In Landeck ( 77km from Innsbruck ) is the castle of the same name**, where the visit becomes the search for treasures and knights. In summer some children's afternoons are organized, where children can do crafts and play in a medieval setting.

In Innsbruck itself there are the **Imperial Apartments at the Hofburg** and the **Ambras Castle**, both of which offer tours tailored to young visitors.

#### **SALZBURG & Region of Salzburg**

#### **MUSEUMS**

**PALACE OF HELLBRUNN** – in the outskirts of the historic center, is home to one of the most unexpected attractions... Visit a fairytale garden... but watch out for the hidden fountains, they will get you wet

at the least expected moment!

**FORTALEZA DE SALZBURG** – Special visits for the little ones can be arranged privately for families.

**SPIELZEUGMUSEUM – Toy Museum**, in the center of the city, an ideal space for the little ones where they can touch, experiment, be surprised and of course... Play! Model trains, bobby-cars, a maze, a slide, stuffed animals and car races await visitors.

**HANGAR 7 FLUGZEUGMUSEUM – Hangar 7 Aviation Museum**, located at Salzburg Airport this fascinating museum introduces you to the exciting world of aviation, especially aerobatics. Admire the airplanes used to draw figures in the sky and the pilots' suits, as well as other technical marvels such as the Red Bull team's racing cars and motorcycles or the space capsule from which Felix Baumgartner achieved the first stratospheric jump.

**SALZBURGER FREILICHTMUSEUM – Open Air Salzburg Museum**, at the foot of the Untersberg mountain, on the outskirts of the city, this museum will tell you about peasant life and classic manual jobs, such as blacksmithing and milling. More than 100 buildings house the different jobs and ways of life. On special dates, interactive parties are organized for visitors.

Multimedia exhibits, gastronomic delights, playgrounds and tree houses, swings and a train that runs through the museum complete the recreational offer for families to enjoy the day.

**HAUS DER NATUR – Nature House**, in the historic center this museum is dedicated to nature and science, with interactive stations where young and old are invited to experiment. ...and IN THE REGION

**SALT MINES HALLEIN** – 17 km south of Salzburg, in the town of Hallein, are the Dürrenberg Salt Mines, in operation since Celtic times until 1989. A subway train ride and lake, crossing the border, two slides and a lookout are the attractions that await you along 13km underground.

**ICE CAVES WERFEN** – 45km south of the city you will find this spectacular ice cave... high up in the mountains! A 3 minute gondola ride will take you to the entrance of the cave, where you will start a 1,6km ride over a height of about 134m. The tour lasts approx. 70 minutes, during which you will see the ice formations and sculptures left by time. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Strong footwear (hiking boots) and warm clothing are required. Do not forget hat and gloves.

**LAKE ST WOLFGANG** – In the area of Lakes and Mountains (48km) is Lake St Wolfgang, on the shores of the village with the same name and the most appreciated for bathing and spending a day with the family. Among its attractions are the boats that go around the lake and the steam rack railway that goes up to the top of the Schafberg mountain.

**HALLSTATT** – Also in the area of Lakes and Mountains (73km) is Hallstatt, which

has been called the most beautiful village in Austria. Among its attractions, you can enjoy a boat trip on the lake or a visit to the oldest salt mines in the country.

**LOCKWELT FREILASSING** – Just 10 km from Salzburg, the locomotive museum awaits you, where you can discover how locomotives work, the older models and the new ones that are coming up. In a simulator you can learn how to drive them and in the "Kleinen Lokwelt" (small locomotive world) you can touch, listen and experience everything you want to know about the world of trains.

**FERDINAND PORSCHE ERLEBNISWELTEN** – In Mattsee, 15 km from Salzburg, a unique exhibition of Porsche cars awaits you, which are prepared to offer you as much interaction as possible.

The museum also offers the possibility to take rides in classic cars and to visit the exhibition of tractors, for which Ferdinand Porsche developed the engines in a 1938 prototype.

**FAMILIENPARK URZEITWALD – Jungle Family Park**, 73 km south of Salzburg, in Gosau, you can take a trip back in time to prehistoric times. In this park you will fly with dinosaurs, excavate archaeological treasures and surf in deep ravines, as well as enjoy various water games and information about prehistoric animals.

#### **LINZ & Region of Upper Austria**

#### **PÖSTLINGBERG**

At the Linz Main Square, the train will take you to the top of Pöstlingberg, where you

can enjoy a museum dedicated to this historic tramway and the Fairytale Cave (Grotterbahn), where witches, goblins and dragons will accompany you along the route. In Pöstlingberg you can also visit the Linz Zoo, with more than 600 animals, including native and exotic species.

#### **TRAIN & BOAT**

Hop on the yellow Linzer City Express train that runs through the city, which will take you to the main tourist attractions. Equipped with audio guides so you won't miss any detail of the journey. Then board the MS Linzerin at the Danube harbor and discover the most modern side of the city from the river. In 1.5 hours you will pass the Linz Culture Mile, the harbor and the oversized graffiti of the Mural Harbor.

#### **MUSEUMS**

**MUSEUM DER ZUKUNFT – Museum of the Future**, in the new Ars Electronica Center they will be able to make crafts, watch, play, make music, draw, program and experiment and thus enter the world of electronics.

**Museum LENTOS**, a new space in which to approach modern art and its different expressions, whether photography, architecture, painting or sculpture. With visits designed especially for children, at the end of the visit they can get the Take Away Atelier, a box to unleash their artistic side.

**VOESTALPINE STAHLMUSEUM – Ironsteel Museum Voestalpine**, where you can discover the surprising world of

steel. How it is extracted, produced and worked until the final result is achieved. A game of clues will take you through the different areas of the museum to find out all about this metal.

#### **...and IN THE REGION**

**OBRA KINDERLAND** – 86 km south of Linz lies this children's paradise. A knight's castle, a farm, a mine or a jungle with vines and swings are the settings for climbing towers, playhouses, interactive stations and various games for an adventurous day.

**DANUBE'S WORLD**, a large aquarium in Engelhartzell (65km north of Linz) where you can find out all about this great river and its fauna. The world of water, the Danube workshop, river games, boats, power plant and history are waiting for you to discover a new world.

**GASSEL TROPFSTEINHÖHLE – The stalactite caves of Gassel**, in the village of Ebensee, 86 km south of Linz. Discovered in 1984, these caves offer a unique spectacle of nature, with impressive stalactite and stalagmite formations. The part discovered to date reaches a distance of 6km, with a depth of 150m at its maximum point. The visit is concentrated in the front part of the caves, conditioned so that visitors of any age can enter.

The visit is only with a guide and it is recommended to be equipped with warm clothes and strong footwear, since the temperature inside is usually around 6.5 degrees.



# AUSTRIAN CUISINE, WINE & BEER







## WINERIES FROM AUSTRIA, SLOVENIA & HUNGARY

The new wine regions of Europe (Vienna - Danube Valley - Krems - Eisenstadt - Pöllauberg - Graz - Maribor - Balaton - Pecs - Eger - Tokaj - Budapest)

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival at the airport in Vienna (Austria) and transfer to the hotel. Then we will go out to celebrate the welcome dinner in one of the typical wine taverns in the districts of Neustift am Walde, Nußdorf or Grinzing, among others, on the outskirts of the city. These taverns are called "Heuriger" in German, which refers to the new wine of the season, the young wine produced with the last grape harvest and which can be sold until December 31 of the following year. The "Heuriger" may only serve wine produced in-house and typically Viennese food, such as bread spreads, sausages and breaded meats (including the famous "Wiener Schnitzel"), with potato salads, vegetables or legumes. The "Heuriger" hang a branch of a bush above their doors to indicate that the young wine of the year has arrived. During dinner two musicians will entertain us

with typical Viennese music, which sings of nostalgia, love, Vienna and is accompanied by a guitar and an accordion. Return to the hotel and overnight.

### DAY 2 VIENNA – DANUBE'S VALLEY – KREMS

Departure to the Danube Valley. Our first stop will be Dürnstein, a beautiful village with 1,000 years of history on the banks of the Danube River. Guarded by the ruins of the fortress Burg Dürnstein, where King Richard the Lionheart from England was taken prisoner for two months in the 12th century, it is surrounded by vineyards and its medieval walls. The symbol of the town is the blue steeple of the church of the former abbey of the Benedictine monks in the center.

In Dürnstein we will embark on a boat trip on the Danube River, which will take us to Melk,

where we will be welcomed by the imposing abbey, an example of Baroque architecture in Austria. Built in the years 1702 - 1746, it belongs to the UNESCO World Heritage List, together with the whole Danube Valley area. Lunch on board.

Then we will visit the vineyards of the area, mainly dedicated to the production of white wine, which we will be able to taste in the visit of some wine cellars. There is evidence of wine cultivation in the area since 3000 BC, but it was not until the Roman Empire that it spread and became one of the main agricultural activities throughout history. The typical grapes of the area are "Grüner Veltliner", "Welschriesling" and "Riesling". In smaller proportions are the "Gewürztraminer", "Gelber Muskateller" and "Gemischter Satz", among other specialties. Overnight in Krems.

### DAY 3 KREMS – EISENSTADT – JOIS – HALBTURN – PÖLLAUBERG

Today we will head for the province of Burgenland, unknown to the public but highly appreciated for the cultivation of wine, especially red wine.

Passing through Neusiedl am See, the largest lake east of Vienna, and the village of Rust, a natural shelter for storks, we will reach Jois and Halbtorn, where we can see the contrast between modern and traditional vineyards. Visit of two wineries with tasting. In the area to the north and east of Lake Neusiedl am See are most of the vineyards dedicated to the cultivation of the best grapes for red wine, being the predominant grapes of the "Zweigelt", "Blaufränkisch" and "St. Laurent" types.

Today we will stay in a hotel surrounded by vineyards. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.



### DAY 4 PÖLLAUBERG – GRAZ – MARIBOR

Departure to Graz, capital of the province of Styria. A short funicular ride takes us to the Schlossberg viewpoint, next to the Clock Tower and symbol of the city. We will then descend to the historic center, where we will pass by the cathedral, St. Andrew's Church, the Mur River Island with its futuristic bridge, the courtyard of the regional government and the Armory building.

Lunch in a local restaurant, type "Landhauskeller" and continuation of the circuit to Slovenia.

Arrival in Maribor, on the banks of the Drava River. Highlights include the 12th century Gothic cathedral and the Renaissance town hall. Maribor is also home to the oldest vineyard in the world, the specialty "Zametkova" (also known as "modra kavcina") with more than 400 years old. Overnight in Maribor.

### DAY 5 SLOVENIAN WINERIES TOUR

From Maribor we will make this excursion through the Slovenian wine-growing areas, recently incorporated in the world map of wine production.

With a majority production of white wine, the localities of Ptuj, Jeruzalem and Slovenske Konjice, in addition to Maribor, have been placed in the most outstanding positions of the country as well as in the international lists on wine-growing areas. In particular, Jeruzalem wines have been awarded several times.

The most cultivated grapes in this area are "Furmint" and "Welschriesling", as well as "Riesling", "Traminer", "Chardonnay", "Sauvignon Blanc" and "Pinot Gris". Visit of wineries with wine tasting and lunch with Slovenian specialties such as pickles and

artisan cheeses. Return to Maribor and overnight.

### DAY 6 MARIBOR – BALATON – PECS

We continue our trip to Hungary. The first stop will be at Lake Balaton, the largest lake in Central Europe and an important focus of tourism, fishing and viticulture in the country. A boat trip will take us to discover its landscape, the Tihany Church on the small historical peninsula of the same name and the surrounding vineyards. Thanks to its Mediterranean microclimate and the soil of volcanic rock, the viticulture has been present from the time of the Romans. In Balatonfüred we will have the opportunity to taste the wines of the region accompanied by a picnic lunch with cured meats and cheeses of own production. We continue to Pecs. Overnight stay.

### DAY 7 PECS – EGER

Today we visit Pecs, historical city of Hungary. The tour includes highlights as the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, from 11th century, the Archbishop's Palace, the mosque of Pasha Jakowali Hassan and is the best preserved building of Arab architecture in the country and the pre-Christian Cemetery with decorated chambers and belongs to the list of World Heritage of UNESCO.

Free time and departure to Eger. Dinner in a local restaurant, type "Macock Bistro and Wine Bar", where we will delve into the traditional Hungarian cuisine. Overnight stay.

### DAY 8 EGER – TOKAJ – EGER

Visit of Eger, thermal and wine center. In a guided walk through the historic center we will see the castle, from which you can

admire the panoramic views; the minaret of Arab art of the 17th century and the northernmost in Europe; the Turkish baths and Dobó Square, where the minority church of baroque style of the 18th century is located. Then departure to Tokaj, an area known for its wines, especially the sweet dessert wine. Route through the vineyards where the "Furmint", "Gelbe Muskateller" and "Hárslevelü" grapes are cultivated to obtain sweet, medium sweet, dry and medium dry wines ideal for dessert that we will have the opportunity to taste, followed by a typical Hungarian lunch. Return to Eger and overnight.

### DAY 9 EGER – BUDAPEST

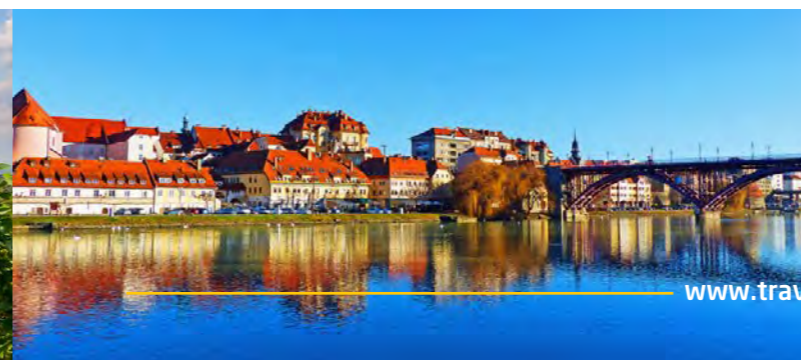
Departure to the capital of Hungary. Upon arrival, visit this vibrant city divided in two by the Danube River, its main protagonist. We will go up to the old town at the top of Buda Hill, from where we will admire the spectacular views from the Fisherman's Bastion, as the imposing Parliament or the historic Chain Bridge, and discover the history of Budapest and Hungary in Heroes' Square, in the Pest part, which we will reach through the Grand Boulevard, where the Opera House is located.

We will end the visit at the Central Market, where we will discover and taste typical Hungarian specialties.

In the evening, and as a farewell, we will celebrate a dinner in a typical Hungarian csarda, with dances and gypsy music, and a boat trip to see the illuminated monuments. Lodging.

### DAY 10 BUDAPEST

Breakfast at the hotel and at the appointed hour, transfer to the airport.







## IMPERIAL KITCHEN - AUSTRIA & ITS GASTRONOMY

Austria's membership in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, with borders from Poland to Croatia, from Austria to Ukraine, has left an infinite legacy of history, heritage and customs.

One of the least known or appreciated customs is its gastronomy.

Typical Austrian cuisine draws, in one way or another, on the specialties that were cooked in the different regions of the empire. The result is mostly meat dishes with strong flavors, a wide variety of breads and pastries, and endless sweet desserts.

We at VAS DMC AUSTRIA invite you to enjoy this heritage during your stay in Austria, indicating below what not to miss:

### MAIN DISHES

#### 1.- WIENER SCHNITZEL ( Viennese escalope )

Representative par excellence of Austrian cuisine and elevated to the title of "National Dish", the breaded veal fillet is a guaranteed success in any restaurant. Typical dinner in the "Heuriger" wine taverns, it is usually accompanied by a potato salad dressed with vinegar and onion or baked potatoes and half a lemon to garnish the steak.

#### 2.- WIENER WÜRSTEL ( Viennese sausage )

A classic of the country's street cuisine, it can be found in all the fast food stalls in the streets and markets, making for an informal meal with friends. Made from pork and beef, they are usually boiled briefly and served with a slice of bread, mustard and ketchup.

#### 3.- KNÖDEL ( Dumplings )

A souvenir of Bohemian Czech cuisine... dumplings made of bread or potato, alone or stuffed, sweet or savory, to accompany meat dishes or as a main course, served in soup or as a dessert, the "Knödel" do not leave indifferent those who try them. In the regions of Tyrol and Carinthia it is very typical to eat them as a main dish while in the Danube Valley area they are stuffed with apricots to be served in desserts.

#### 4.- TAFELSPITZ ( Beef stew )

One of the star dishes of Austrian gastronomy, in the shadow of the ubiquitous "Wiener Schnitzel". The beef fillet is boiled in broth and served with vegetables, creamed spinach, potatoes, horseradish and apple compote. Of humble origin, it eventually became a classic in

restaurants throughout the country.

#### 5.- TIROLER GRÖSTL ( Stir-fry of potatoes )

Dish par excellence of the Austrian Alps, it is served especially in the Tyrol region after a day of skiing or hiking. Ideal to regain strength, it is a stir-fry of potatoes and baked onions with pieces of boiled ham, bacon or chopped pork and topped with a fried egg.

#### 6.- KÄSESPÄTZLE ( Cheese dumplings )

Small dumplings of egg and flour dough, cooked with cheese and bacon bits and topped with a little fried onion ... a delicacy available throughout the country, especially in rural and mountain areas, such as Vorarlberg (region bordering Switzerland).

#### 7.- GULASCH ( Pork and potato stew )

The Hungarian heritage in Austrian cuisine. The typical stew of the neighboring country has a long representation and tradition in Austria, presented in the form of a soup with pieces of stewed pork and potatoes, accompanied by bread. A winter classic, eaten at Christmas markets, the bread being the container that holds the soup.

#### 8.- BRETTLJAUSE ( Cold meats and cheese platter )

Lunch par excellence for hikers and skiers, it is also the perfect dinner with a few glasses of young wine in the "Heuriger" taverns. An assortment of homemade sausages - ham, sausage, bacon, spreads - and assorted cheeses, breads and pickled gherkins for a lively and casual time.

#### 9.- MARTINIGANS ( Saint Martin Goose )

Typical dish of the feast of St. Martin, on November 11, and with Celtic origin. It is found on the menus of restaurants in the two weeks prior to the day of the saint, being one of the highlights of Austrian gastronomy. There are different fillings, the most common is toasted bread with apple, carrot, onion, herbs, butter and honey, all well mixed with egg and cream. Roasted in the oven, it is the perfect dish to bring the family together.

### THE SWEETS

#### 1.- SACHERTORTE ( Sacher cake )

A casual invention became the most famous cake of all times. Created at the Sacher Hotel (hence the name) it is a chocolate delight with apricot jam inside. Don't leave Vienna without enjoying the cake in one of the city's historic cafés.

#### 2.- APFELSTRUDEL ( Apple puff pastry )

Undoubtedly, the typical Austrian dessert. It is served from Bregenz in Vorarlberg to Vienna. A thin puff pastry dough filled with apple and cinnamon and sugar on top, accompanied by vanilla sauce in winter and vanilla ice cream in summer.

#### 3.- KAISERSCHMARRN ( Chopped crepe with plum compote )

The emperor's dessert is a thick crepe, chopped and sprinkled with sugar, accompanied by plum compote to contrast the sweetness of the crepe with the acidity of the fruit. The ultimate sweet to prove you've been to Austria.

#### 4.- SALZBURGER NOCKERL ( Salzburg dumpling )

Typical dessert of the city of Salzburg and its region, it is a delicacy of egg, sugar and vanilla that is served hot fresh from the oven. Alternatively it can be served with vanilla or raspberry sauce.

#### 5.- LINZERTORTE ( Linz cake )

With a latticed dough cover and filled with currant jam, it is considered one of the oldest cakes in the world, with references in ancient Egypt, in Italian Verona and even in the American city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Typical sweet

from Linz and its Upper Austrian region.

#### 6.- POWIDLTASCHERL ( Sachets of plum jam )

Very typical of Vienna, it is a dessert totally unknown to visitors to Austria. Of Czech origin, it is in the Austrian capital that it has found its stage. Made of potato dough filled with plum jam, it is sprinkled with sugar before serving.

#### 7.- BUCHELN ( Buns )

Also of Czech origin, "Buchteln" quickly spread to Austria, Hungary and the southern regions of Germany. They are buns made of yeast dough and filled with plum jam, baked in a baking dish. They can be tasted in cafés all over the country, the most famous being those of the Hawelka Cafe in Vienna, made from a family recipe.

#### 8.- PALATSCHINKEN ( Pancakes )

Very typical dessert of all the countries that are part of the empire, they are very thin pancakes similar to the French crepes, whose most popular version is filled with apricot jam, one of the most typical fruits of Austria. Other variations are filled with chocolate, banana or other fruits, quark cheese or with combinations of several ingredients.







## THE SWEET SIDE OF AUSTRIA

Coffees and cakes (Vienna-Riegersburg-Graz-Liezen-Hallstatt-Salzburg-Linz-Danube valley -Vienna)

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival in Vienna and meeting with the guide. Transfer to the hotel and check in. In the evening, we will enjoy a welcome dinner in a typical Viennese café, "Diglas im Shottenstift" or "Cafe Central" or similar, where we can enjoy a typical Viennese menu.

### DAY 2 VIENNA

In the morning we will discover the city on a panoramic tour around the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the State Opera, the twin museums of Fine Arts and History of Natural Sciences, the Parliament and the City Hall, the Votive Church, St. Charles Church, the Musikverein where the New Year's Concert is broadcast and the monument to Johann Strauss, father of the waltz. During the tour we will also visit the Belvedere Palace gardens.

Then we will take a guided walk through the historic center, which will bring us closer to the historic cafes of the city, such as "Landtmann", located in front of City Hall and where politicians met; "Café Central", meeting point of journalists and writers; "Cafe Frauenhuber", one of the oldest in the city and still maintains the atmosphere of past centuries; "Cafe Hawelka", authentic Viennese institution, epicenter of artistic and literary Vienna. Free time for lunch.

In the afternoon, a very sweet activity awaits us: a cake decorating course in one of Vienna's most traditional coffee shops, the "Café Demel" (or Café Central or similar). Afterwards we will enjoy a coffee and the typical Sacher Cake.

### DAY 3 VIENNA

In the morning we will visit Schoenbrunn

Palace, the summer residence of the imperial family, and then we will discover the secrets of "Apfelstrudel", the apple and puff pastry cake that has become Austria's national dessert.

On our return to the center, a coffee course awaits us, in which we will learn all about this highly appreciated beverage and its different types of preparation, such as the typical "Wiener Melange", the "Verlängerter" and the "Espresso", with a tasting to learn how to enjoy them.

Rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 4 VIENNA – RIEGERSBURG – GRAZ

We start our tour heading to Riegersburg, in the south of the country. There, a visit to the Austrian chocolate factory Zotter awaits us, where we will discover the secrets of this highly appreciated bean, how to work it and enjoy it.

A tasting will show us the different creations of Zotter, while giving us strength to have a good time in group in the Peasant Golf Tournament, with fun activities such as boot throwing, among other challenges!

Lunch at the factory and in the afternoon we continue the route to Graz.

### DAY 5 GRAZ

We will start our city tour with a ride on the funicular to Schlossberg, from where we can admire the views of the city as well as the symbol of Graz, the Clock Tower. We will descend to the historic center with a guided walk that will take us to the Cathedral and the mausoleum, the Landeszeughaus Armory and the carillon,

to the Mur River Island, a futuristic platform in the middle of the river. Free afternoon to enjoy this pulsating city.

### DAY 6 GRAZ – LIEZEN – HALLSTATT – SALZBURG

Today we leave for Salzburg. Our first stop will be at the Benedictine Abbey of Admont, near Liezen, the geographical heart of Austria. Founded in the 11th century by Archbishop Gebhard of Salzburg, it consisted of a school and a monastery for nuns. With a Neo-Gothic style due to the reconstruction in 1865 after a fire, its great jewel is the baroque library, considered the largest convent library in the world. Among its treasures we find the oldest recipe for Linzer cake, which we will be able to taste when we arrive in Linz.

Our next stop will be in Hallstatt, considered the most beautiful village in Austria. Free time to stroll through its narrow streets between the mountain and the lake, as well as climb to the viewpoint "Sky Walk" to enjoy its breathtaking views. Continuation to Salzburg. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 7 SALZBURG

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and departure to discover Mozart's birthplace, passing by Mirabell Palace, the Mozarteum (University of Music), the Marionette Theater, Mozart's residence, the Holy Trinity Church, Hellbrunn Palace, Nonnberg Abbey, the Music Festival Theaters, Getreidegasse and Mozart Square.

Then we will enjoy a pastry workshop where we will learn the secrets of the famous Mozart chocolates - marzipan balls covered with the finest dark chocolate. We will end the day resting in the Tomasselli Cafeteria, founded in 1700 by the Frenchman Johann Fontaine. After several owners, Carl Tomasselli bought the café in 1852, becoming the meeting point of the Salzburg society... and the reference point of the "Salzburger Nockerl", the typical dessert of the city. Of French origin, it is soft and fluffy. A coffee and a Salzburger Nockerl are waiting for us to round off this interesting day.

### DAY 8 SALZBURG – LINZ

We continue our tour to Linz, capital of the province of Upper Austria and industrial leader of the country. Upon arrival we will visit the city, with a guided walking tour through the historic center of this city located on the banks of the Danube River. We will visit the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; we will see the Main Square, one of the largest rectangular squares in Europe, with its baroque style buildings; and more modern works such as the Music Theater, the Ars Electronica Center and the Lentos Kunstmuseum. We will end the visit on the Pöstlingberg hill, from where we will enjoy a unique panoramic view over the city. Back in the historical center, we will discover one of the best secrets of the city, the "Linzer Torte" - Linzer Cake. With a latticed pastry lid and filled with currant jam, it is considered one of the oldest cakes in the world, with references in ancient Egypt,

in Italian Verona and even in the American city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The oldest demonstrable recipe was written by a countess of Verona and today it is in the library of the Abbey of Admont. At the Jindrak bakery we will have the opportunity to make our own Linzer Torte. We will end the day tasting the cake accompanied by a good cup of coffee.

### DAY 9 LINZ – DANUBE'S VALLEY – VIENNA

Back to the capital of Austria we will visit the famous Melk Abbey, the best and greatest example of Austrian baroque architecture and from which we can admire unique views over the Danube. Free time for lunch and then we will take a boat trip (May to October) to Dürnstein, a beautiful medieval town crowned by the blue bell tower of the Augustinian church. Free time to stroll through Dürnstein and taste in one of its cafés the "Wachauer Marillenknoedel" - the sweet apricot gnocchi, the star fruit of the Danube Valley.

Continuation of the tour to Vienna. In the evening, as a farewell, we will enjoy dinner in a local restaurant with Viennese specialties. The final touch to our tour will be the dessert "Kaiserschmarren". Created for Emperor Franz Joseph I, who liked to enjoy simple pastries, it is a type of thick, chopped crepe, accompanied by plum compote and sugar.

### DAY 10 VIENNA

After breakfast, and at the appointed time, transfer to Vienna Airport.







## FAMOUS COFFEE HOUSES IN AUSTRIA

Legend has it that during the liberation of Vienna from the Turkish siege in 1683, the Viennese found some sacks with black seeds that they mistook for camel food and wanted to burn them. The leader of the Polish troops, King Jan Sobieski III - who led the triumphant revolt against the siege - got hold of these sacks and gave them to his translator Georg Franz Kolschitzky. The latter realized what they were and opened the first cafeteria in the city with them.

Reality confirms that around that time, in 1685, Emperor Leopold I granted an Armenian citizen by the name of Johannes Theodat permission to prepare the "Turkish drink" (coffee and tea). With this permission he opened the first coffee shop in the city, a single room with wooden benches, thus laying the foundation stone for what would become the greatest gastronomic tradition of the city of Vienna, spreading to the rest of the country, until it was included in the list of Intangible Heritage of UNESCO.

Coffee has become history in Vienna and Austria. Especially in the capital, this beverage experienced its golden age at

the end of the 19th century - beginning of the 20th century, turning coffee shops into meeting places according to their cultural or political interests.

In VAS DMC AUSTRIA we propose you a tour through the most famous, typical, curious or unknown coffee shops so that you can experience the best Austrian activity: sitting in a coffee shop and let the hours go by accompanied by a good coffee and a newspaper or a book or the best company.

### VIENNA:

A visit to the Austrian capital cannot be complete without an afternoon in one of its cafés:

**LANDTMANN** - In front of City Hall since 1873, it was and still is a meeting point for politicians and economists. Its historic Thonet chairs, Art Deco decoration and a menu with Viennese coffee specialties, such as the "Melange" (coffee with cream), the "Brauner" (a small or large espresso, served with cream separately), Turkish coffee (made in a copper jug, sweetened or unsweetened, served with a lokum ) or a

"Maria Theresia" (mokka coffee in a glass, with orange liqueur, cream and orange shavings, named after the Empress Maria Theresia) are waiting for you to round off your stay in Vienna.

**CAFE CENTRAL** - perhaps the most famous of all, guidebooks and TV programs have made it a reference to visit. And no wonder. Its neo-Renaissance style, on the first floor of the Ferstel Palace, is home to a history of meetings of revolutionaries, psychoanalysts, architects and writers, since 1876. Today, an excellent menu of cakes and coffees, accompanied by live piano music, will make you spend an unforgettable time.

**CAFE SACHER** - in our list can not miss the origin of the most famous chocolate cake in the world, the Sacher Cake, created in the kitchens of the Hotel Sacher. Sit on their sofas and let yourself be carried away by the aristocratic and imperial atmosphere, while tasting the cake and a coffee.

**CAFE HAWELKA** - a true Viennese institution, you never know who will be sitting next to you. Center of the city's bohemian and cultural life for more than 80 years, don't miss a cup of coffee roasted on the premises.

**CAFE DEMEL** - another unmissable classic, located opposite the gates of the Imperial Palace. Cafeteria and pastry shop suppliers of the imperial house, its windows draw attention for its marzipan figures, as well as the workshop where you can see the master pastry chef and his team creating wonders from scratch. Enjoy some coffee and cake in the imperial salons.



**KAFFEE ALT WIEN** - founded in 1922, today it is still a family-run business that has managed to blend the atmosphere of a café with that of a tavern, serving iconic hot dishes such as goulash soup alongside classic coffees. A good place for a lunch break between visits.

**KLEINES KAFFEE** - Vienna's smallest coffee house is one of its best-kept secrets. With an interior that houses only 3-4 tables maximum, its strong point is in summer, when it puts the terrace on the quiet "Franziskanerplatz" (Franciscan Square, after the church of the same name) and invites you to enjoy time for yourself, alone or in the company of friends. Its location in the heart of the historical center but hidden from the masses makes it a paradise.

**CAFE SPERL** - founded in 1880 off Ring Avenue, it followed the style of the Ring cafés with Thonet-style chairs, parquet floors, marble tables, crystal chandeliers and billiard tables. It soon became a curious meeting place that brought together artists and military men. Today it is a listed building, awarded several prizes and repeatedly used as a backdrop for films and series.

### SALZBURG:

In Mozart's hometown you can also enjoy the world of coffee. Follow us to.....:

**TOMASELLI CAFE** - the oldest café in town and one of the first in Austria, where Mozart himself used to go to spend some time. In the historic city center, the famous dessert "Salzburger Nockerl" and the most varied coffees await you.

**CAFE FÜRST** - birthplace of the famous Mozart chocolates, those delicious

pistachio marzipan balls covered with dark chocolate and wrapped in the characteristic silver-blue foil.

**CAFE BAZAR** - history made place. Located on the banks of the Salzach river, it offers unforgettable views and a charm that is hard to beat. Meeting point of artists such as Marlene Dietrich, Hugo von Hoffmanstahl or Stefan Zweig, do not miss the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon with a coffee from its varied menu or to taste its cakes and homemade jams.

**CAFE GLOCKENSPIEL** - located on the busy Mozartplatz, it is the phoenix of coffee shops, rising from the ashes in 2015 to become the new meeting point for young and old, without forgetting the essence of past decades, with a new gastronomic offer of breakfasts and "Strudel" cakes of all kinds. ... and a 45-minute drive from Salzburg, in the heart of the Lakes and Mountains...

**ZAUNER** - since 1832, they were official suppliers to the Habsburg imperial family when they stayed at the "Kaiservilla", the summer residence in the village of Bad Ischl. A refuge that maintains its imperial splendor and in which to rest after a day visiting the lakes and mountains. Their pastry specialty is the "Zaunerstollen", wafer cakes dipped in dark chocolate.

### LINZ

The city on the banks of the Danube has a small but splendid coffee offer.

**JINDRAK** - the home of the famous Linz Cake, made of roasted dough and filled with currant jam, is a must-visit while

in Linz. Located on the beautiful Herrenstrasse, it is the perfect break after a day of sightseeing.

**CAFE TRAXLMAYR** - Viennese tradition in Linz since 1847 - small marble tables overlooking the Linzer Promenade invite you to take a break and even enjoy a jazz concert.

**CAFE MEIER** - an oasis in the city center, where cell phones and laptops are not welcome. Instead, conversation, book exchange and musical culture are facilitated, with piano concerts on Fridays and Saturdays. Freshly roasted coffee and homemade cakes round off a relaxing time.

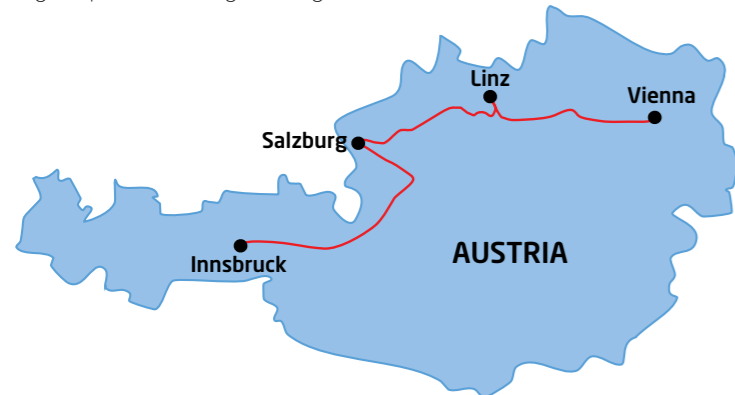
### INNSBRUCK

The alpine capital does not disappoint with its offer of small, homely cafés, to make you feel at home away from home.

**CAFE KONDITOREI ZIMT & ZUCKER** - the name says it all: "Cinnamon and sugar" welcomes you to this small café in the vicinity of the famous Golden Roof. A large coffee menu and an even more extensive cake menu will make you forget the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

**CAFE SACHER INNSBRUCK** - Vienna in the Alps. Located in the grounds of the Hofburg Imperial Apartments in Innsbruck, you have the opportunity to enjoy the famous Sacher Cake without the hustle and bustle of the capital.

**CAFE GALERIE** - a small oasis in the historic center, halfway between the Golden Roof and St. James Cathedral. A café with book service and sofas to make you feel at home.







## BREWERIES IN AUSTRIA, GERMANY & CZECH REPUBLIC

Behind the secrets of liquid bread  
(Prague-Tabor-Cesky Budejovice-Cesky Krumlov-Pilsen-Bayreuth-Bamberg-Nürnberg-Munich-Salzburg-Vienna)

### DAY 1 PRAGUE

Arrival at Prague airport and transfer to the hotel. Then we invite you to enjoy a typical dinner accompanied by folk dances and music. Accommodation.

### DAY 2 PRAGUE

The visit of the city begins in the castle district, located up on a hill. Built in the 9th century, it is considered the largest ancient castle in the world. Inside the complex are the Cathedral of St. Vitus, the Royal Palace, the Chapel of St. George and the Golden Street.

Going down we will reach the district of Mala Strana ( Small Town in its translation), which stands out for the narrow streets and typical buildings of the area. This leads

us to the Charles Bridge, from which you can admire breathtaking views of the city while taking us to the historic center, where we can visit the Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quarter, Wenceslas Square, among other monuments.

For lunch, we will have the opportunity to taste Czech specialties and beers during the city tour, with a visit to the Strahov Monastery Brewery. Their amber, black and Indian pale beers (the latter with high alcohol and hop content) are unfiltered and unpasteurized and can be consumed all year round. They currently produce up to 1,800 liters per year, most of which are consumed in the monastery restaurant. Rest of the day at leisure and accommodation.

### DAY 3 PRAGUE - TABOR - CESKY BUDEJOVICE

Departure to Tabor and guided walk through its beautiful historical center. Continuation to Cesky Budejovice. Arrival and visit of the Budweiser brewery, with tasting. Budweis beer was already consumed in the time of King Ferdinand I of Habsburg in the 16th century, but it was not until 1896 that it began to be produced for the population.

Its past as a royal drink allows it to use its emblem of "royal beer". Its brewing process follows the "Pilsen" method, using hops of the "saaz" class, which gives it a golden yellow color as well as a strong flavor and a bitter point. We will enjoy lunch at the brewery. Free afternoon to enjoy the biggest baroque square of the Czech Republic. Accommodation.

### DAY 4 CESKY BUDEJOVICE - CESKY KRUMLOV - PILSEN

In the morning, departure to Cesky Krumlov. Located at the bottom of a valley surrounded by a meander of the Vltava River and crowned by the castle built in the 13th century. The medieval architecture, with details of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque style, made it worthy of entering the UNESCO World Heritage List. Free time to enjoy walks on your own.

We continue to Pilsen, world famous for the beer of the company "Pilsner Urquell", which we will have the opportunity to visit and taste. The "Pilsner Urquell" beer was first brewed in 1842, although the city's brewing tradition dates back to the 13th century,

and its original name means "original source", being the first beer brewed with bottom fermentation. With a strong malty flavor, it has a light floral aroma and although it is more sour than other "Pilsner" type beers, its alcohol content is lower.

Today we will enjoy dinner in the restaurant of the same brewery, where we will be served traditional food washed down with the best beer.

### DAY 5 PILSEN - BAYREUTH - BAMBERG

Today we leave for Germany. The first stop will be in Bayreuth, where the great composer Richard Wagner lived. Through a short stroll we will see the main highlight of the city, such as the Opera House, included in the UNESCO World Heritage List, and the Richard Wagner Theaters, where opera festivals take place in summer.

Continuation to Bamberg, in the heart of the romantic route. We will stroll through its medieval streets; we will admire its main jewels such as the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. George, late Romanesque and French Gothic style; the Old Town Hall erected on an island in the middle of the Regnitz River and the Residences of the bishops.

Following the banks of the river we will reach the "little Venice", a group of small houses with half-timbered facades and flowered balconies. In the evening, we will enjoy a typical German dinner accompanied by the famous smoked beer "Schlenkerla", which is only produced in Bamberg.

### DAY 6 BAMBERG - NÜRNBERG - MUNICH

We continue our journey to Munich, Germany's brewing capital, passing through Nuremberg, whose historic center is surrounded by 14th century city walls. We will visit the city's system of underground corridors and cellars, of medieval origin, which were used for the production and preservation of the so-called "red beer". Lunch with red beer tasting in one of the city's breweries such as "Hausbrauerei Altstadt" or "Kellerlokal Schmelztiegel". Continuation to Munich and accommodation.

### DAY 7 MUNICH

Departure for a panoramic tour of the city, with the City Hall at Marienplatz, the Vitualien Markt market, the Church of Our Lady, where Pope Benedict XVI was a cardinal, the Residence, the Old and New Picture Gallery or the Church of St. Peter, among other monuments.

We continue the tour to the brewery "Weihenstephaner", the oldest in the area, where we will discover the secrets of their beers and enjoy a tasting. The history of this beer begins in the monastery of Weihenstephan, in 1146. It brews beers as different as "Pilsen", "Weißbier" (white beer, typical of Bavaria, made with wheat and barley, which gives it a whitish hue and vanilla flavor) and non-alcoholic beers, among others. In the evening, dinner in a typical brewery of the city, such as the famous "Hofbräuhaus" or the "Löwenbräukeller".

### DAY 8 MUNICH - SALZBURG

Breakfast and departure to Salzburg,

Austria. City tour on foot through the historic center, passing the "Getreidegasse", where we will see Mozart's birthplace, the cathedral, the residence of the prince-archbishops, the Mirabell gardens and the imposing fortress.

Afterwards, visit of the brewery "Stiegl", with tradition since 1492. Its name comes from a small staircase ( Stiegl is German for staircase ) located on one side of the brewery. With more than 10 specialties in its production, it is one of the largest breweries in Austria. Tour of the brewery with tasting and lunch in its restaurant. Rest of the day at leisure and accommodation.

### DAY 9 SALZBURG - VIENNA

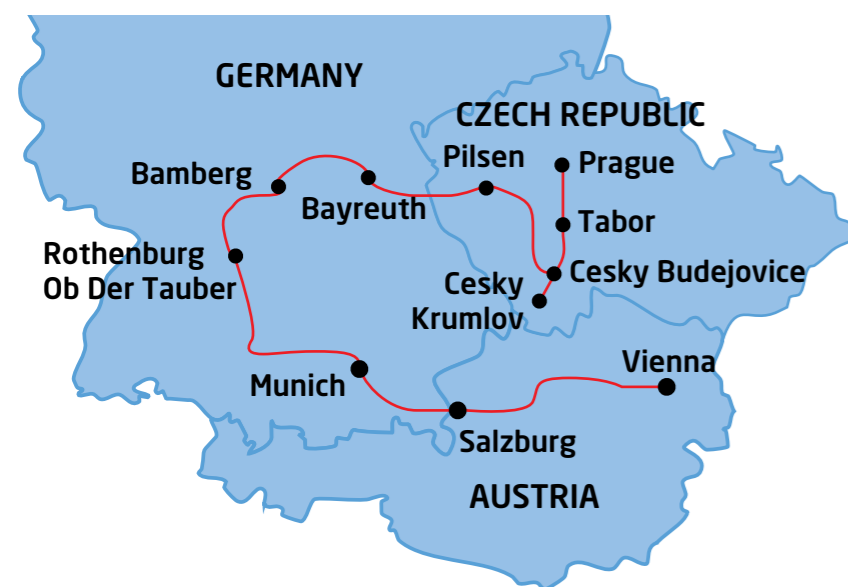
We continue to Vienna. Arrival and visit of the Ottakringer brewery, in the authentic Viennese district of the same name. Its history dates back to 1837 and today it combines the production of classic beers with more innovative formulas.

On the way to the hotel we will pass the famous Ring Avenue, where you can see the main tourist attractions of the city, such as the Opera House, the Imperial Palace, the Museums of Fine Arts and Natural Sciences, the Town Hall or the Votive Church.

Free afternoon. In the evening, farewell dinner in a typical beer restaurant, such as "Salmbräu" or "Stöckl am Park", where they produce their own beers. Overnight stay.

### DAY 10 VIENNA

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport at the appointed time.





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## IMPERIAL WEDDINGS / IMPWED

(Vienna)

### TEXT INTRODUCTION

The most important day in your lives. The most awaited. The most exciting. Celebrate it in a dream location, in a palace or in a modern loft, with your closest family and friends.

Then relax in a luxury spa while your family and friends embark on a tour of Austria, Central Europe or any other dream destination in Europe.

### PROPOSED ITINERARY:

#### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival at Vienna airport and transfer to the hotel. In the evening, welcome dinner in a typical Viennese wine tavern or local restaurant.

#### DAY 2 VIENNA

In the morning we will discover the

city on a panoramic tour around the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the State Opera House, the twin museums of Fine Arts and History of Natural Sciences, the Parliament and the City Hall, the Votive Church, St. Charles Church, the Musikverein where the New Year's Concert is broadcast and the monument to Johann Strauss, father of the waltz. During the tour we will also visit the Belvedere Palace gardens.

Afterwards we will take a guided walk through the historical center, which will take us to St. Stephen's Cathedral, Mozart's residence and the old Jewish quarter. We will finish the visit in a typical Viennese coffee shop enjoying a coffee and the famous Sacher Cake.

Afternoon free to prepare for the pre-wedding dinner with family and friends.

This will take place in such emblematic venues as the MQ Libelle, Thirty Five, K47 or Wolke 19 or 21, with spectacular views over the historic center or the Danube; the Schlumberger cellars or historic halls such as Sophiensäle or Ankerhalle; with typical Viennese ambience in the vineyards of Am Reisenberg; or in exquisite restaurants such as Vestibül or Clementine im Glashauss.

#### DAY 3 VIENNA - WEDDING DAY!

Free time to prepare for the big day. We provide you with all kinds of services such as hair and make-up, photographer, transfers, flower arrangements, etc. At the appointed time, transfer of the groom and guests to the location chosen for the big ceremony, whether it is a classic palace like the Ferstel, Daun-Kinsky, Schönburg or Belvedere, a museum like the Albertina or a more modern space like the Wertheim Palace or the K47 loft. Then transfer of the bride. Upon arrival, the ceremony begins. At the end of the ceremony, an aperitif will be served, followed by the celebration with lunch or dinner and the after party with musicians or DJ.

Back to the hotel we can arrange shuttle transfers or a fixed transfer.

#### DAY 4 VIENNA

Special brunch for the group at the hotel, free day to rest or discover the city on your own.

#### DAY 5 VIENNA

Breakfast at the hotel and at the indicated time, transfer to the airport or start of a trip.



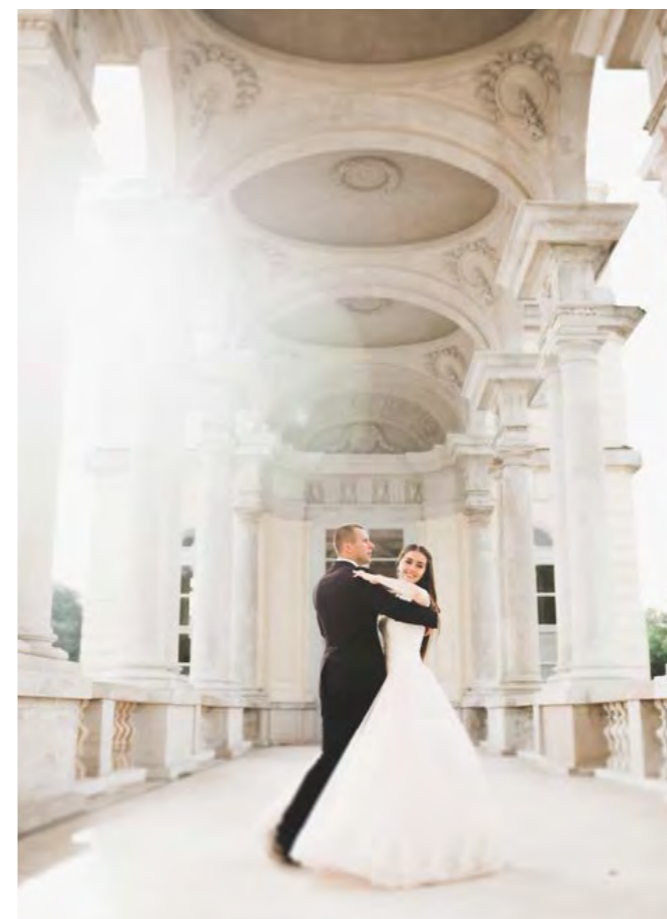
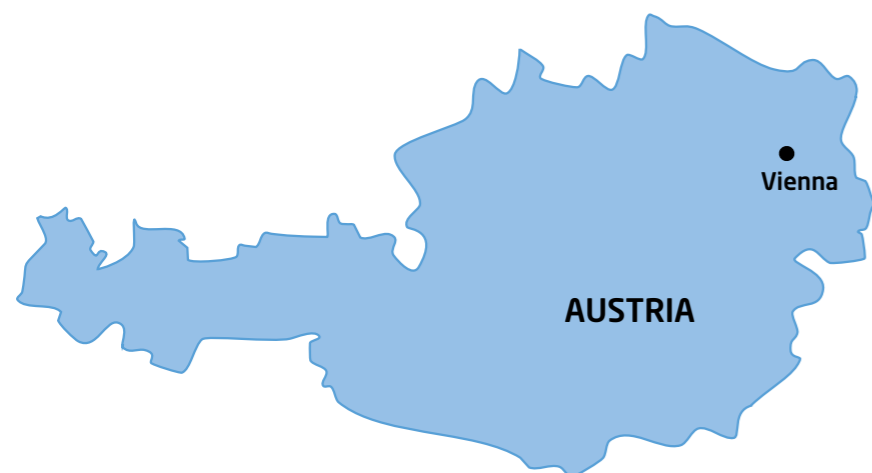
### ALTERNATIVES:

**SPECIAL BRIDE & GROOM:** hotel - spa getaway, 3-night stay with use of the spa and wellness area, with 1 treatment included ( choice of massage or facial treatment ) and a candlelight dinner.

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** a selection of the best trips organized by VAS DMC AUSTRIA to discover Europe:

- 10 days Austria in full
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- 10 days Poland and Baltic countries
- 10 days Germany
- 7 days Austria and Italy

All trips can be tailor-made according to the interests and days available to the clients.







## AUSTRIA DELUXE / ATLUXE

(Vienna - danube Valley - Salzburg - Tirol)

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival at Vienna airport and transfer to the 5 star hotel of your choice (Park Hyatt, Ritz-Carlton, Palais Hansen Kempinski, among others). In the evening, welcome dinner in a typical wine tavern, with private transfers.

### DAY 2 VIENNA

In the morning we will discover the city on a panoramic tour aboard a vintage streetcar around the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the State Opera House, the twin museums of Fine Arts and History of Natural Sciences, the Parliament and City Hall, the Votive Church, St. Charles Church, the Musikverein where the New Year's Concert is broadcast and the monument to Johann Strauss, father of the waltz. Then we will take a guided walk through the historic center, which will take us

to St. Stephen's Cathedral, Mozart's residence and the old Jewish quarter. We will finish the visit in a typical Viennese coffee shop enjoying a coffee and the famous Sacher Cake.

In the afternoon, private tour of Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the imperial family. This visit takes place exclusively outside opening hours. Return to the center. Free evening.

### DAY 3 VIENNA

Today we will discover a different Vienna, on a tour that will take us over the main rooftops of the city, such as the Vienna Cathedral and the Natural History Museum, from which we can admire the beauty of the historic center with its historic buildings and spectacular gardens; and through the back door of emblematic buildings such as the Opera House or the Imperial Theater, which will reveal secrets offstage.

Free afternoon. We suggest a private visit to one of the best art collections in the city. Discover some of the most interesting early 20th century works by artists such as Monet, Kandinsky, Matisse or Picasso at the Albertina Museum or the best collection of early 20th century Austrian art with works by Egon Schiele, Oskar Kokoschka and Gustav Klimt at the Leopold Museum. Free evening and overnight.

### DAY 4 VIENNA - DANUBE VALLEY - SALZBURG

Departure to Dürnstein, located on the banks of the Danube River and surrounded by vineyards and historical cultural monuments. We will visit some wine cellars and enjoy a wine tasting with snacks before embarking on a boat trip on the Danube River (from April to October). We will arrive in Melk, where we will visit the impressive Benedictine Abbey, Austria's finest example of Baroque architecture. Continuation of the trip to Salzburg. Arrival and accommodation at the 5 star hotel Sacher or Mönchsstein or similar, or in the lake area, Sheraton Fuschl hotel or similar.

### DAY 5 SALZBURG

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and departure to discover Mozart's hometown, passing by the Mirabell Palace, the Mozarteum (University of Music), the Marionette Theater, Mozart's residence, the Holy Trinity Church, the Nonnberg Abbey, the Music Festival Theaters, the Getreidegasse and the Mozart Square.

In the afternoon, private visit to the gardens of Hellbrunn Palace, where we can enjoy the Water Games devised by



Archbishop Markus Sittikus in the 17th century.

In the evening we will enjoy a concert with the best pieces of Mozart.

### DAY 6 SALZBURG - LAKES and MOUNTAINS - SALZBURG

In the morning we will go to Mattsee to visit the Ferdinand Porsche Museum, dedicated to the great car builder, a native of this small town on the shores of Lake Matt. In this museum a chauffeur-driven vintage car awaits us for a tour around the lake and the surrounding mountains. We will enjoy spectacular views from an out-of-class vehicle. A picnic in the countryside will round off the tour!

Return to Salzburg. Rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 7 SALZBURG - TYROL

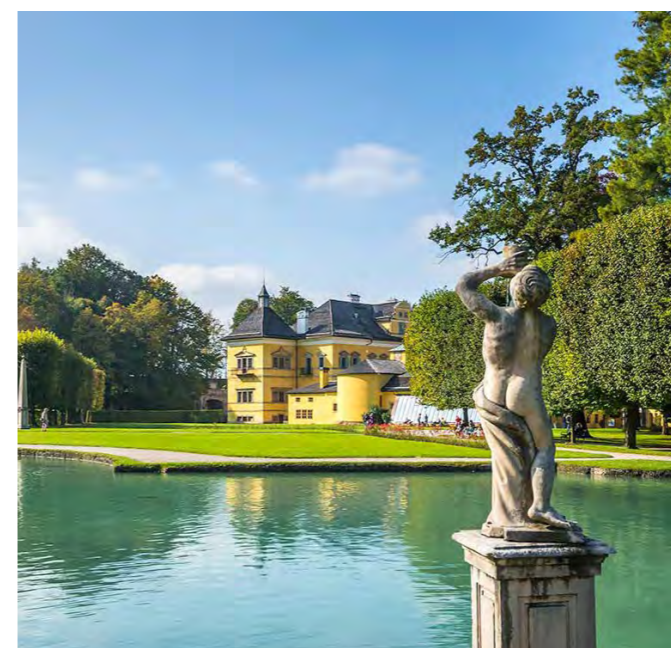
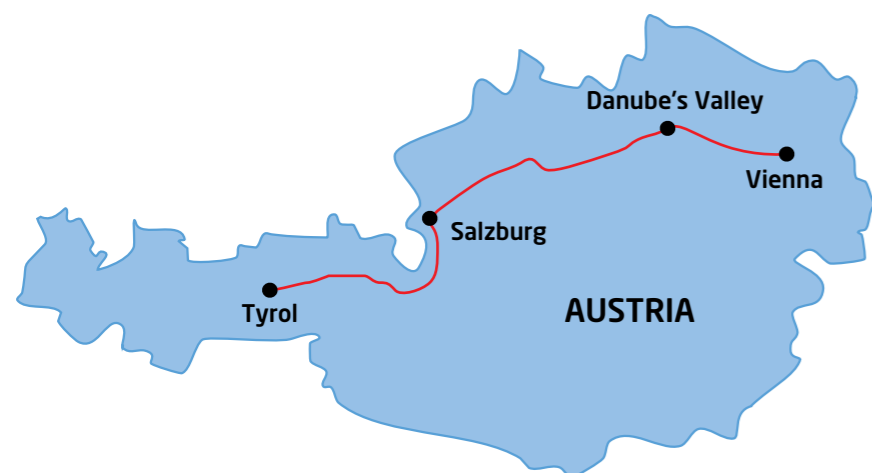
Departure after breakfast to Innsbruck, capital of the Tyrolean region. Upon arrival, we will take a guided walk through the historic center. The Middle Ages merge into the 21st century through charming alleys, the Maria-Theresia promenade crowned by its Triumphal Arch and the Golden Roof, the Imperial Church and Palace. We will continue our tour to the Bergisel, the Olympic diving platform, where the best views of the city and the surrounding mountains await us. In the afternoon, continuation of the journey to the 5-star hotel, located on the outskirts of the city, such as Interpalen Tyrol in Telfs-Buchen or Astoria in Seefeld or similar. Other possible accommodation areas include Kitzbühel, Jochberg or Neustift im Stubaital, among others.

### DAY 8 TYROL

We will start the day with a private flight (by light aircraft, helicopter or hot air balloon) over the highest peaks of the Tyrolean Alps, lined with lakes and glaciers. We will then move from the air to the water, sailing on the largest lake in the region, the Achensee, aboard a yacht while relaxing with a picnic on board. On request, activities such as scuba diving, surfing, canoeing and kayaking, rafting, etc. can also be arranged. ( in this case location can change, such as rivers and other lakes) Return to the hotel and rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 9 TYROL

Breakfast at the hotel and at the agreed time, transfer to Innsbruck or Munich airport.







## ALPINE SPLENDOR / ALPS

(Innsbruck - Seefeld - Ischgl - St.Moritz - Zermatt - Lucerne - Zürich)

### DAY 1 TYROL

Arrival at Innsbruck airport and transfer to the hotel in Seefeld in Tyrol, center of the Tyrolean Olympic region. Upon arrival, we will check in and then enjoy a welcome dinner in a local restaurant with a typical Tyrolean menu.

### DAY 2 SEEFELD - LAKE ACHENSEE - TYROLEAN VILLAGES - SEEFELD

In the morning we leave for the town of Jenbach, where we will visit the Tratzberg Castle, a curious jewel of the Renaissance in the Alps. Then we will take the steam rack railway, one of the oldest still in operation in the country, to go up to Lake Achensee, the highest alpine lake in the Tyrol. A boat ride around the lake will allow us to admire the spectacular views of the mountains. We continue the tour through the Tyrolean villages where we can discover real treasures. Our first stop will be

Rattenberg, known as the “city of glass” for the presence of several workshops that work the glass in a handmade way and where we will have free time to stroll through its medieval old town. We continue to Schwaz, where architectural wonders await us as the central nave of the parish church of the Ascension of St. Mary, from the 15th century and the largest in the Tyrolean region. We continue to Hall in Tirol, whose medieval historic center is the best preserved in the region. Its highlights are the Town Hall and the church of St. Nikolaus, Gothic style. Return to Seefeld and overnight.

### DAY 3 SEEFELD IN TIROL - INNSBRUCK - ISCHGL

Today we visit the alpine capital where the Middle Ages merge into the 21st century through charming narrow streets, the Maria-Theresia promenade crowned by its Triumphal Arch and the Golden

Roof, the Imperial Church and Palace. We will continue our tour to the Bergisel, the Olympic diving board where the best views of the city and the mountains that wait for us. Free time for lunch and then departure to Ischgl, one of the main alpine resorts in Austria. Accommodation in a wellness hotel.

### DAY 4 ISCHGL - ACTIVITY DAY

Today we propose you to enjoy the alpine landscape in an active way. In the morning we will take a 3 hours approx. hike from Ischgl to Idalp, crossing two suspension bridges over 100m long and 70m high over the river Fimbabach. On the way back we will take the cable car to Ischgl.

Free afternoon in Ischgl to enjoy the hotel's spa facilities.

### DAY 5 ISCHGL - DAVOS - ST MORITZ

After breakfast we continue our tour to Switzerland. Our first stop will be in the town of Davos, internationally known for hosting the Economic Forum. It is also a major destination for winter sports and spa tourism. Upon arrival we will learn about the history and musical tradition of the “Alphorn” (alpine horn), the famous Swiss instrument of almost 4 meters long. Free time to enjoy the city and in the afternoon we continue the tour to St Moritz, meeting point of the jet set. In the evening we will enjoy a typical Swiss dinner, with a cheese fondue. Lodging.

### DAY 6 ST MORITZ - ZERMATT

by train In the morning we will go to the train station of St Moritz, where we will board the Glacier Express train, which will take us through a dreamlike landscape

to Zermatt. On the way we will see the Solis and Landwasser aqueducts, the spiral tunnels, the Rhine Canyon and the Oberalp mountain pass.

Arrival in Zermatt and rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Zermatt.

**NOTE:** For this day, please bring hand luggage. All other luggage will be left in the luggage compartment of the coach. Zermatt is closed to vehicles, the coach has to stay in the parking lot of the station.

### DAY 7 ZERMATT - INTERLAKEN - LUCERNE

We leave Zermatt and continue to Interlaken, Switzerland's mountain resort par excellence. Upon arrival, we will climb the Jungfrauoch, known as the “Roof of Europe”. Among its attractions, in addition to breathtaking scenery, are the

highest railway station in Europe; the Ice Palace; the panoramic platforms and the snow amusement park.

Free time to enjoy the scenery and the mountain. In the afternoon, we will continue to Lucerne, the jewel of Switzerland. Overnight stay.

### DAY 8 LUCERNE

A guided walk will take us through this picturesque city in which stands out its symbol, the Chapel Bridge, made of wood in the 14th century. We will then head to Mount Titlis with its exciting rotating cable car (the Titlis Rotair), the world's 1st rotating cable car that takes us from the valley station to the top of the mountain, 3020m above sea level. Upon arrival, we will follow the path to the glacier cave through a subway tunnel and a transparent platform with views. Hold

your breath as you cross the suspension bridge! Return to Lucerne and overnight.

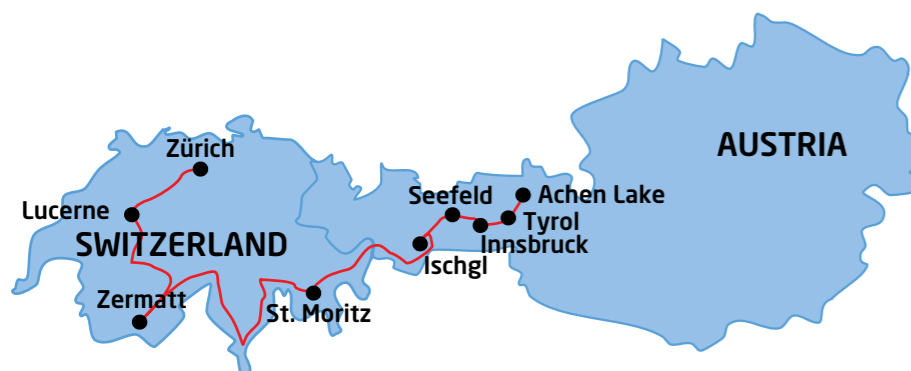
### DAY 9 LUCERNE - ZÜRICH

In the morning, after breakfast, we will enjoy a boat ride on Lake Lucerne, before continuing our journey to Zürich. Arrival mid-morning and panoramic tour of the city with a walking tour of the historic center admiring the Grossmünster Cathedral, the Le Corbusier Center, the Lindenhof and the Carolingian Imperial Palace.

We will then drive to Schaffhausen to see the magnificent waterfalls of the Rhine River. Return to Zürich and rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Zürich.

### DAY 10 ZÜRICH

Breakfast at the hotel and at the indicated time, transfer to the airport.





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## ITALY & AUSTRIA

(Milan - Florence - Venice - Salzburg - Vienna)

### DAY 1 – MILAN

Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 – MILAN

Breakfast buffet and city tour of the second most popular city after Rome. Astonish in front of the Duomo, its cathedral which took 6 centuries to be complete; the Vittorio-Emanuele Galleries, the Sforzesco Castle, the Della Scala Theater where the main operas are played. Afternoon free

### DAY 3 – MILAN – PISA – LUCCA – FLORENCE

Breakfast buffet and departure to Florence. On the way visit the famous inclined tower of Pisa and its baptistry and the town of Lucca, a medieval town of the Tuscany surrounded for its intact city wall from the Renaissance period (15th – 16th Centuries)

Arrival in Florence and accommodation

### DAY 4 – FLORENCE

In the morning, city tour through the

capital of the Tuscany region, once the center of the European trade and finance areas during the Middle Ages. Also known as the birthplace of the Renaissance, among its main treasures you will see the Uffizi Gallery, the Pitti Palace, the St. Maria dei Fiori Cathedral and the Piazza della Signoria. Afternoon free at leisure

### DAY 5 – FLORENCE – BOLOGNA – RAVENNA – VENICE MESTRE

After breakfast buffet, we depart towards Venice. On the way we will visit Bologna, home of the oldest university of the world, and Ravenna, with eight buildings included in the UNESCO World Heritage list due to its late Roman and Byzantine art. Arrival in Mestre and accommodation

### DAY 6 – MESTRE – VENICE – MESTRE

Breakfast buffet and transfer to Venice to enjoy a city tour starting at St. Mark Square, St. Mark's Basilica, its narrow streets and canals. Rest of the day free at leisure in Venice before returning back to Mestre. Accommodation.

### DAY 7 – MESTRE – INNSBRUCK

Breakfast buffet and transfer to Innsbruck, in Austria. Arrival and accommodation

### DAY 8 – INNSBRUCK – PRIEM AM CHIEMSEE – SALZBURG

Breakfast buffet and city tour of Innsbruck. The Middle Ages meet the 21st century and charming little alleys meet the broad promenade of Maria-Theresien-Straße. The Golden Roof, the Hofkirche, traditional inns and the

Imperial Palace bring history to life. After the tour, we will continue the tour to Salzburg. On the way, visit of the Palace of Herrenchinsel, the 3rd and last palace constructed by the "Mad King" Ludwig II of Bavaria, which remained unfinished. Transfer to Salzburg, arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 9 – SALZBURG

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic city tour to discover Mozart's hometown, passing by Mirabell Palace, Mozarteum (the music university), Marionette Theater, Mozart's Residence, Trinity Church, Hellbrunn Palace, Nonnberg Abbey, Festival Halls, Horse Bath, Getreidegasse and Mozart Square. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 10 – SALZBURG – LAKES AND MOUNTAIN AREA – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and transfer to the Lakes and Mountain area, known as Salzkammergut.

Our first stop will be Hallstatt. The picturesque village on the lake with the same name owes its existence to the rich salt deposit of salt in the mountain of Hallstatt.

After its visit we head to St. Wolfgang. Saint Wolfgang erected the first church at the shore of the Wolfgangsee after he withdrew to the nearby Mondsee Abbey in 976. According to legend he threw an axe down the mountain to find the site and even persuaded the Devil to contribute to the building by promising him the soul of the first living being ever to enter the church. However, Satan was disappointed as the first creature over the doorstep was a wolf.

Have a walk through this picturesque town. Possibility to have a boat ride which will bring you to St. Gilgen, on the opposite shore of the lake. Pick up in St. Gilgen and continue of the tour to Vienna. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 11 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic tour in the city, that begins with a drive along the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, the monument of Empress Maria Theresia located between the twin museums – Fine Art History Museum and Natural History Museum, Parliament, City Hall, Votiv Church, St. Charles Church, Musikverein which houses the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the monument of Johann Strauss, father of the Waltz. Visit of the Gardens of Belvedere Palace. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 12 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet and transfer to Vienna Int. Airport. End of the tour







## MUNICH TO LJUBLJANA

(Munich - Salzburg - Cesky Krumlov - Prague - Vienna - Budapest - Ljubljana)



### DAY 1 MUNICH – SALZBURG

Arrival in the morning at Munich International Airport. Transfer to the city center for a panoramic city tour to see the City Hall on Marienplatz, Viktualien Market, Frauenkirche and the gardens of the Nymphenburg Palace.

Continue to Salzburg. Upon arrival, check in formalities and accommodation.

### DAY 2 SALZBURG

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic city tour to discover Mozart's

hometown, passing by Mirabell Palace, Mozarteum ( the music university ), Marionette Theater, Mozart's Residence, Trinity Church, Hellbrunn Palace ( only outside ), Nonnberg Abbey, Festival Halls, Horse Bath, Getreidegasse and Mozart Square.

In the afternoon excursion to Hallstatt, a picturesque village on the lake with the same name owes its existence to the rich salt deposit of salt in the mountain of Hallstatt. Discover the town on your own with a stroll through its narrow streets,

beautiful square and on the shores of the lake. Return to Salzburg and accommodation.

### DAY 3 SALZBURG – CESKY KRUMLOV – PRAGUE

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and departure to Cesky Krumlov, located in the South Bohemian region of Czech Republic. Its historic center, around the Cesky Krumlov Castle, is a designated UNESCO World Heritage site since 1992 and was given this status along with the historic Prague castle district. Most of the architecture of the old town and castle dates from the 14th to 17th centuries, showing structures mostly in gothic, renaissance and baroque styles. The core of the old town is within a horseshoe bend of the river, with the old Latran neighborhood and castle, located on the other side of the river Vltava. Free time to explore to town on your own.

Continue of the tour to Prague, arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 4 PRAGUE

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic city tour. Discover the castle district with main sightseeing as the Cathedral of St Vitus, the old royal palace or the Golden Lane, where the alchemists

used to live while searching for the philosopher's stone.

Follow the path down to the district of Mala Strana, the little Prague, and enjoy its narrow and beautiful streets which lead you to the Charles Bridge, one of the city's landmarks.

This bridge brings you to the old town, where you will visit the Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quartier, Wenceslas Square, among other sightseeing.

Afternoon free at leisure. Accommodation in Prague.

### DAY 5 PRAGUE – VIENNA

Continue of the tour to Vienna. In the afternoon, panoramic tour in the city, that begins with a drive along the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, the monument of Empress Maria Theresia located between the twin museums – Fine Art History Museum and Nature History Museum, Parliament, City Hall, Votiv Church, St Charles Church, Musikverein which houses the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the monument of Johann Strauss, father of the Waltz. Visit of the Gardens of Belvedere Palace. Accommodation in Vienna.

### DAY 6 VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and transfer to Palace of Schönbrunn to enjoy an interior guided tour. Rest of the day free at leisure.

### DAY 7 VIENNA – BRATISLAVA – BUDAPEST

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and departure to the capital of Slovakia, Bratislava. Explore the hallmarks and hidden gems of Bratislava's captivating old town. You will admire and be fascinated by its sights such as the Matthias Church, where the king's coronation took place; the National Theatre, St Michael Tor or the panoramic view from the castle, among other interesting places.

Continue of the tour to Budapest. In the evening enjoy a boat tour on the Danube River while discovering the city under its illuminated buildings.

### DAY 8 BUDAPEST

Breakfast buffet and city tour. Visit Heroe's Square and the Statue Park, ST. Stephen's Basilica, the Chain Bridge, the most famous bridge to cross the river, the Buda castle, the Great Market Hall, the Great Synagogue and the State Opera.

Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 9 BUDAPEST – LJUBLJANA

After breakfast, continue of the tour to Ljubljana, in Slovenia. Arrival and walking tour through its old town. Visit the picturesque central open-air market, the Baroque Town Hall, the Three Bridge, Robba's Fountain and the Parliament. Rest of the day free at leisure. Accommodation.

### DAY 10 LJUBLJANA – BLED – LJUBLJANA

Full day excursion to Bled, the only one island of Slovenia, located in the middle of Lake Bled. Discover its castle with an interior guided tour and enjoy a boat tour to the island with its "pletna" boats. Return to Ljubljana and rest of the afternoon free at leisure. Accommodation

### DAY 11 LJUBLJANA

Breakfast buffet and transfer to the airport.







## POLAND - AUSTRIA - MUNICH

(Warsaw - Cracow - Prague - Vienna - Salzburg - Zell am See - Munich)

### DAY 1 – WARSAW

Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 – WARSAW

Breakfast buffet and walk around the old town – UNESCO listed site. Enjoy the view of the St John's Cathedral and discover the place where the last king of Poland was crowned and buried. Get astonished while having a look to the complete rebuilt old town just following pictures from before the II World War. Follow the city tour outside the old town with a visit of the Wilanow Palace, the royal residence and one of the most important buildings in Warsaw. Apart from history it features a museum of fine arts, a baroque garden and a landscaped park. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 3 – WARSAW– CZESTOCHOWA “JASNA GORA” – KRAKOW

Breakfast buffet and departure to Czestochowa, most important pilgrimage site of the country. Visit the Jasna Gora Monastery, including both the chapel and the basilica. See where the Blessed Virgin Mary was declared Queen of Poland in 1657. Witness the Black Madonna, one of Polish Catholicism's most sacred artifacts. Transfer to Krakow and accommodation.

### DAY 4 – CRACOW

After breakfast buffet, city tour in Cracow. Enjoy the main city highlights in a walking tour. Visit the old Town, Wawel Castle and Rynek Glowny, Europe's largest market square. Follow to the Jewish quarter, where almost 3 million people

lived there before the II World War and barely 10.000 people came back to live after the war.

Nowadays the Jews in Cracow have revived their cultural identity and the quartier is alive again. In the afternoon have a funny visit in the Wieliczka Salt Mines. Opened in the 13th Century, the mine produced table salt continuously until 2007, as one of the world's oldest salt mines in operation. Transfer back to Cracow and rest of the day free at leisure.

### DAY 5 – CRACOW - PRAGUE

Breakfast buffet and transfer to Prague, capital of Czech Republic. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 6 – PRAGUE

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic city tour. Discover the castle district with main sightseeing as the Cathedral of St Vitus, the old royal palace or the Golden Lane, where the alchemists used to live while searching for the philosopher's stone. Follow the path down to the district of Mala Strana, the little Prague, and enjoy its narrow and beautiful streets which lead you to the Charles Bridge, one of the city's landmarks. This bridge brings you to the old town, where you will visit the Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quarter, Wenceslas Square, among other sightseeing. Afternoon free at leisure. Accommodation in Prague.

### DAY 7 – PRAGUE – KARLOVY VARY – PRAGUE

Full day excursion to Karlovy Vary: discover the former thermal bath resort of the European aristocracy in the 19th century. Founded on 1370 by the King

Charles IV ( who gives name to the city ), Karlovy Vary is the site of numerous hot springs, about 13 main springs along more than 300 smaller springs as well as the warm-water Tepla River.

Enjoy a stroll through the old town while you make a try of its mineral water springs.

### DAY 8 – PRAGUE – CESKY KRUMLOV – VIENNA

After breakfast, and departure to Cesky Krumlov, located in the South Bohemian region of Czech Republic. Its historic center, around the Cesky Krumlov Castle, is a designated UNESCO World Heritage site since 1992 and was given this status along with the historic Prague castle district.

Most of the architecture of the old town and castle dates from the 14th to 17th centuries, showing structures mostly in gothic, renaissance and baroque styles. The core of the old town is within a horseshoe bend of the river, with the old Latran neighborhood and castle, located on the other side of the river Vltava. Continue to Vienna, capital city of Austria. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 9 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic tour in the city, that begins with a drive along the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, the monument of Empress Maria Theresia located between the twin museums – Fine Art History Museum and Nature History Museum, Parliament, City Hall, Votiv Church, St Charles Church, Musikverein which houses the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the monument of Johann Strauss, father

of the Waltz. Visit of the Gardens of Belvedere Palace. Continue to Palace of Schönbrunn and guided visit inside. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 10 – VIENNA – DANUBE'S VALLEY – SALZBURG

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and departure to Dürnstein, located on the banks of the Danube River, surrounded by historical vineyards and historical cultural monuments. Free time to walk around the cozy old town and boarding on a boat ride on the river. The boat ride will take you to Melk, where you will have the opportunity to visit the Benedictine abbey, a gem of the Austrian baroque architecture. Continue of the trip to Salzburg, arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 11 – SALZBURG

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic city tour to discover Mozart's hometown, passing by Mirabell Palace, Mozarteum ( the music university ), Marionette Theater, Mozart's Residence, Trinity Church, Hellbrunn Palace ( only outside ), Nonnberg Abbey, Festival Halls, Horse Bath, Getreidegasse and Mozart Square.

In the afternoon, enjoy an excursion in the Lakes and Mountain region called "Salzkammergut". Our first stop will be Hallstatt. The picturesque village on the lake with the same name owes its existence to the rich salt deposit of salt in the mountain of Hallstatt. Among the most beautiful places of interest are the oldest salt mine in the world and the ossuary in Hallstatt, a romantic boat ride on Lake Hallstatt, a trip to the breathtaking cave world in Obertraun and a visit to the Lake Gosau

with the mighty Dachstein glacier. Afterwards we go ahead to St Wolfgang. St Wolfgang erected the first church at the shore of the lake after he withdrew to the nearby Mondsee Abbey in 976. Have a walk through this picturesque town and enjoy a boat ride to St. Gilgen, on the opposite shore of the lake. On the way back to Salzburg, stop in Mondsee. Accommodation.

### DAY 12 – SALZBURG – BERCHTESGADEN – ZELL AM SEE

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Departure to Berchtesgaden, in the German region of Bavaria. Free time to discover the old town, with interesting sights such as the historic Rococo town center with its town houses, monastery church and royal palace. Stroll around leisurely, visit one of the cozy cafés and have fun browsing through the charming shops. Continue to Zell am See. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 13 – ZELL AM SEE

Breakfast and day free at leisure.

### DAY 14 – ZELL AM SEE – MUNICH

Breakfast and transfer to Munich, main city of the region Bavaria in the south of Germany. Arrival and city tour to show you the main sightseeing from the old town as the City Hall on Marienplatz, Viktualien Market, Frauenkirche, among others. Enjoy a relaxing visit to the gardens of the Nymphenburg Palace, following to Olympia Park or the BMW World. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 15 – MUNICH

Breakfast and transfer to the airport of Munich to board the plane back home.







## PRAGUE - ZAGREB

(Prague - Vienna - Budapest - Sibiu - Brasov - Bucharest - Zagreb)



### DAY 1 – PRAGUE

Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 – PRAGUE

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic city tour. Discover the castle district with main sightseeing as the Cathedral of St Vitus, the old royal palace or the Golden Lane, where the alchemists used to live while searching for the philosopher's stone. Follow the path down to the district of Mala Strana, the little Prague, and enjoy its narrow and beautiful streets which lead you to the Charles Bridge, one of the city's landmarks. This bridge brings

you to the old town, where you will visit the Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quarter, Wenceslas Square, among other sightseeing. Afternoon free at leisure. Accommodation in Prague

### DAY 3 – PRAGUE – VIENNA

After breakfast transfer to Prague train station, boarding on direct train to Vienna. Arrival in Vienna and transfer to the hotel. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 4 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic tour in the city, that begins

with a drive along the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, the monument of Empress Maria Theresia located between the twin museums – Fine Art History Museum and Nature History Museum, Parliament, City Hall, Votiv Church, St Charles Church, Musikverein which houses the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the monument of Johann Strauss, father of the Waltz. Visit of the Gardens of Belvedere Palace. We finish the tour with a visit of the Palace of Schönbrunn. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 5 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and day free at leisure.

### DAY 6 – VIENNA – BUDAPEST

Breakfast buffet and transfer to Vienna train station, boarding on direct train to Budapest. Arrival in Budapest and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, enjoy a city tour visiting Hero's Square and the Statue Park, ST. Stephen's Basilica, the Chain Bridge, the most famous bridge to cross the river, the Buda castle, the Great Market Hall, the Great Synagogue and the State Opera. In the evening, discover another Budapest from a boat tour on the Danube River.

### DAY 7 – BUDAPEST

Breakfast buffet and free day at leisure.

### DAY 8 – BUDAPEST – TIMISOARA – SIBIU

After breakfast departure to the Balkan area of Rumania. First stop will be in Timisoara, where you can follow the

steps of the old Austrian-Hungarian Empire, which can be seen in the old town, divided into 4 parts: Cetate, Iosefin, Elisabetin and Fabric. Discover its Orthodox Cathedral as well as their 3 synagogues or the St George's Cathedral; the Maria Theresia Bastion, the Hunyadi Castle and the National Opera, among other sightseeing. Continue of the tour to Sibiu, probably the most beautiful city of the country. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 9 – SIBIU – BRASOV

Breakfast buffet and walking tour through the old town of Sibiu. Divided into 2 parts, the Upper town used to be the wealthier and commercial site while the Lower town was the working area due to its manufactures. The Upper town spreads around 3 squares which are interconnected: Grand Square, city center from 15th century, hosts the Brukenthal Palace, one of the most important baroque buildings of the country; the Jesuit church and the Council's Tower, Sibiu's landmark. Lesser Square, a labyrinth of small and narrow streets, nowadays full of small shops, pubs and restaurants. Liar's Bridge, The House of Arts or the Luxembourg House are their main attractions. Huet Square, where the earliest fortifications of the city were built late 12th century – early 13th century. Mostly of its constructions are Gothic. After the tour departure to Brasov. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 10 – BRASOV

Breakfast buffet and city tour in Brasov to discover the historical capital of the Transylvanian region. Start the tour taking the cable car to the

top of the Tampa Mountain, from where you will enjoy the view over the city. Down again, have a walking tour in the old town to see the Black Church, gothic style from 15th century; the old city watch towers "Black" and "White"; Catherine's gate, the only original city gate remaining from medieval times; or the Rope street, the narrowest street in the country, among other sightseeing. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 11 – BRASOV

Breakfast at the hotel and excursion to visit the Bran Castle, which most famous resident, the Prince Vlad Tepes, inspired Bram Stoker to write the novel "Dracula". First built as a wooden fortress in 1212 by the Teutonic Order, was rebuilt between 14th and 15th centuries in stone use it as a military strategic point in the area. Beginning 20th century, the castle became royal residence within the Kingdom of Romania, becoming the favorite home of Queen Marie, whom it is mostly dedicated today. Return to Brasov and rest of the day free at leisure.

### DAY 12 – BRASOV – CASTLE OF PELES – BUCHAREST

Departure to Castle of Peles, close to the town of Sinaia. Built in the 19th century by the King Carol I of Romania as a royal hunting preserve and summer retreat. Its style refers to an alpine castle combining different European styles, mostly Italian and German renaissance lines. Continue the tour to Bucharest, capital city of Romania. Arrival in the hotel and check in. Afterwards, city tour which includes Palace of Parliament- the second largest administrative building in the world,

Cotroceni Palace, National Museum, and Romanian Athenaeum, Opera House, Arcul de Triumf- Then we walk through the open-air Village Museum. Later we visit Stavreolpolous Church.

### DAY 13 – BUCHAREST

Free day at leisure to discover the amazing capital of Rumania.

### DAY 14 – BUCHAREST – ZAGREB

After breakfast, and at the scheduled time, transfer to Bucharest International Airport. Boarding on the flight to Zagreb, capital city of Croatia. Arrival in Zagreb and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 15 – ZAGREB

After breakfast, discover capital city of Croatia. It grew up from 2 twin cities, Gradec and Kaptol. In the part of Gradec you will be able to see part of the city walls constructed to protect the city from the tartar attacks around 13th century as well as some of the most beautiful churches and gothic and baroque palaces. In Kaptol visit the Cathedral of St Mary's Assumption and the gothic church of St Mark. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 16 – ZAGREB

Breakfast and transfer to the airport to board the flight back home.







## SWITZERLAND - AUSTRIA

(Zürich - Bern - Lucerne - Innsbruck - Salzburg - Vienna)

### DAY 1 – ZÜRICH

Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 – ZÜRICH – SCHAFFHAUSEN – ZÜRICH

Breakfast buffet and panoramic city tour to show you the Grossmünster, the Center Le Corbusier, the Lindenhof and Carolingian Imperial Palace. Continue to Schaffhausen to visit the Rhine Waterfall. Return to Zürich and accommodation.

### DAY 3 – ZÜRICH – BERN

Departure to Bern, the capital of Switzerland. Arrival and free time to discover on their own this beautiful city. Its historic old town became a UNESCO World Heritage site. Walking tour along its medieval streets to see its most famous landmark, the “Zytglogge” – Time Bell -, the Bärengraben, the house of Albert Einstein and the Federal Palace which houses the national Parliament. Afternoon free.

### DAY 4 – BERN – INTERLAKEN – JUNGFRAUJOCH – INTERLAKEN

Breakfast buffet and transfer to Interlaken. Upon arrival, take the cable car up to the Top of Europe, the mountain of Jungfrauoch, to spend the day surrounded by the most breathtaking view. In the afternoon, return to Interlaken and accommodation.

### DAY 5 – INTERLAKEN – TITLIS – LUCERNE

Breakfast buffet and departure to one of the highest mountains of the country, the Titlis. Enjoy the ride up with the Titlis Rotair, the 1st revolving cable car of the world that transports you from the middle station up to top of the mountain, at 3.020 m above sea level. On arriving, follow the path to the glacier cave crossing an underground tunnel and a viewing platform. Hold your breath while crossing the suspension bridge! Continue to Lucerne. Arrival and panoramic city tour to discover its most

famous landmark, the Chapel Bridge, a wooden bridge constructed on the 14th Century. Accommodation.

### DAY 6 – LUCERNE – INNSBRUCK

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and departure to Innsbruck, alpine capital city in the region of Tyrol. Arrival in Innsbruck and short walking tour through the old town. The middle Ages meet the 21st century and charming little alleys meet the broad promenade of Maria-Theresien-Straße. The Golden Roof, the Hofkirche, traditional inns and the Imperial Palace bring history to life. Accommodation.

### DAY 7 – INNSBRUCK – SALZBURG

After breakfast, continue of the tour to Salzburg. Arrival and panoramic city tour to discover Mozart’s hometown, passing by Mirabell Palace, Mozarteum ( the music university ), Marionette Theater, Mozart’s Residence, Trinity Church, Hellbrunn Palace (only outside), Nonnberg Abbey, Festival Halls, Horse Bath, Getreidegasse and Mozart Square. Afternoon free at leisure and accommodation.

### DAY 8 – SALZBURG

– SALZKAMMERGUT – VIENNA  
Breakfast buffet at the hotel and full day excursion to the Lakes and Mountain area, known as Salzkammergut. Our first stop will be Hallstatt. The picturesque village on the lake with the same name owes its existence to the rich salt deposit of salt in the mountain of Hallstatt. Continue to St Wolfgang. St Wolfgang erected the first church at

the shore of the lake after he withdrew to the nearby Mondsee Abbey in 976. Have a walk through this picturesque town. Free time for lunch. In the afternoon, have a boat ride which will bring you to ST. Gilgen, on the opposite shore of the lake. Passing by Mondsee continue the journey to Vienna. Arrival and accommodation.

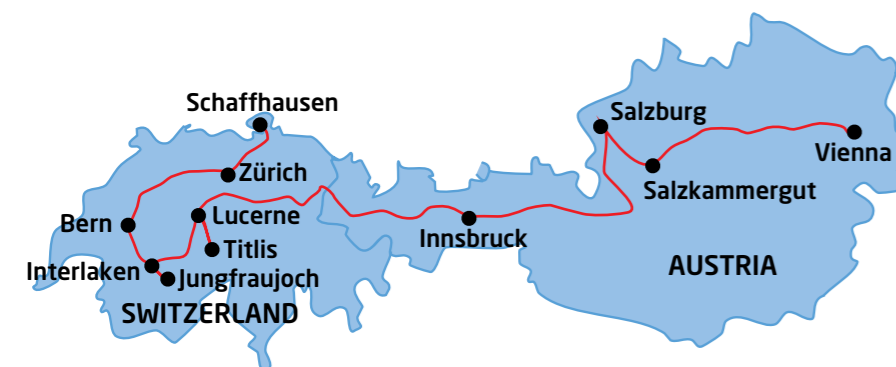
### DAY 9 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic tour in the city, that begins with a drive along the Ringstrasse, Vienna’s main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, the monument of Empress Maria Theresia located between the twin museums – Fine Art History Museum and Nature History Museum, Parliament, City Hall, Votiv Church, St Charles Church,

Musikverein which houses the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the monument of Johann Strauss, father of the Waltz. Visit of the Gardens of Belvedere Palace. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 10 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet and transfer to Vienna International Airport.







## GERMANY, SWITZERLAND & AUSTRIA

(Frankfurt - Nürnberg - Munich - Zürich - Lucern - Vaduz - Innsbruck - Salzburg - Vienna)

### DAY 1 – FRANKFURT

Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 – FRANKFURT

Breakfast buffet and panoramic city tour through the old town, home of many sightseeing and landmarks as the “Römer”, Emperor’s Cathedral, St Paul’s Church and the Museum Embankment with its magnificent views over the city skyline. Enjoy a stroll through the quarter’s laneways and experience the past and the present of the New Frankfurt Old Town.

Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 3 – FRANKFURT – WÜRZBURG – ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER – NÜRNBERG

Breakfast buffet and departure to the center of Germany following the famous „Romantic Road“. Discover Würzburg, with its wide range of buildings in all kind of styles as Romanesque ( Cathedral ), Gothic ( Maria Chapel ), Renaissance ( New Church ), Baroque ( Sift Haug Church ) and modern ( St Andreas ). Würzburg Residence was included in the UNESCO World Heritage

Site, its main highlights are the staircase with the world’s largest fresco, the Imperial church and the Emperor’s Hall. Follow the road to the next stop, Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the best wellpreserved medieval town of Germany. Stroll through its narrow lanes, taste its delicious “snowballs” ( short crust pastry traditionally decorated with confectioner’s sugar, but also made of chocolate and nuts or filled with marzipan ) and be enchanted by its Christmas decoration. Arrival in Nürnberg and accommodation.

### DAY 4 – NÜRNBERG

Breakfast buffet and visit of Nürnberg. The city was an early center of humanism, printing, science and mechanical invention. Admire the beautiful medieval walled city and learn how it was the center of the German Renaissance and why it was known as the treasure chest of the Holy Roman Empire. See Nürnberg Castle and its beautiful fountain while listening to information about the second largest city of Bavaria. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 5 – NÜRNBERG – REGENSBURG – MUNICH

Breakfast buffet and departure to Regensburg, on the confluence of Danube River. This situation makes the city an important center for trading and culture. Free time to discover the city at your leisure, do not miss the Cathedral, an example of pure German Gothic, founded in 1275 and finished in 1634; the “Stone Bridge”, build in the years 1135 – 1146, it is a highlight of medieval bridge construction; and the remains of the Roman fortress’s walls including the Porta Praetoria.

Early afternoon follow the tour to Munich, capital city of Bavaria, southern region of Germany. Accommodation.

### DAY 6 – MUNICH

Breakfast buffet and city tour in Munich to show you the main sightseeing from the old town as the City Hall on Marienplatz, Viktualien Market, Frauenkirche, among others. Enjoy a relaxing visit to the gardens of the Nymphenburg Palace, following to Olympia Park or the BMW World.

Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 7 – MUNICH – PALACE OF NEUSCHWANSTEIN – ZÜRICH

Breakfast buffet. Departure to the north to visit the most famous palace of the “Mad King” Ludwig II of Bavaria who made construct a “fairy-tale castle” in the middle of the mountains to withdraw from public life. Ludwig II was inspired by the medieval legends to decorate the castle, with representations of knights and kings, poets and lovers, love and guilt, among other leitmotifs.

Continue to Zürich, in Switzerland. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 8 – ZÜRICH

Breakfast buffet and city tour of Zürich. Largest city in Switzerland, it is an important hub of railway and air traffic,

being a leading global city and among the world’s largest financial centers. Enjoy a stroll through the city discovering its main sightseeing as the Dolder vantage point, the “Bahnhofstrasse”, the Opera House, the lake, the Kunsthaus and the Zürichberg, among other landmarks. In the afternoon, we suggest an excursion to Schaffhausen to visit the Rhine Water falls. Accommodation in Zürich.

### DAY 9 – ZÜRICH – LUCERNE – ZÜRICH

Breakfast buffet. Today we go on a full day excursion to Lucerne, located in Central Switzerland. Follow the guide on a walking tour through the city and visit the Chapel Bridge, built back on 14th Century, with its octagonal Water tower, the Jesuit Church and the Culture and Convention Centre Lucerne.

We will learn about its history and the day-by-day life of its citizens while discovering hidden streets, town squares plenty of activities and life and the crown of the city, the Musegg Wall. It is a part of the historical walls that protected Lucerne, crowned by 9 towers.

Free time for lunch, shopping or a boat ride on the Lucerne Lake before returning to Zürich.

### DAY 10 – ZÜRICH – VADUZ – INNSBRUCK

After breakfast, departure through the Swiss Alps to Liechtenstein, the small country bordering 2 states, Switzerland and Austria.

The most prominent landmark of Vaduz is its castle, the home of the reigning prince of Liechtenstein and the Liechtenstein princely family. The castle is visible from almost any location in Vaduz, being perched atop a steep hill in the middle of the city. The Cathedral of St. Florin, Government House and City Hall are also well-known landmarks, displaying the various styles and periods of architecture that the city is known for.

Continue of the tour entering Austria. Cross the main Alpine part of the country with towns as Bludenz and St Anton am Arlberg. Arrival in Innsbruck and accommodation.

### DAY 11 – INNSBRUCK – WATTENS – KITZBÜHEL – SALZBURG

Breakfast buffet and city tour of Innsbruck. The middle Ages meet the 21st century and charming little alleys meet the broad promenade of Maria-Theresien-Straße. The Golden Roof, the Hofkirche, traditional inns and the Imperial Palace bring history to life.

Afterwards departure to Wattens, to visit the Swarovski Crystal World – Opened in 1995 to mark the centennial anniversary of the company’s founding. In the Chambers of Wonder at Swarovski Crystal Worlds, internationally and nationally recognized artists, designers, and architects have interpreted crystal in their own unique ways. They create concepts of space and experience from the sparkling material.

Continue to one of the most famous towns in the region of Tyrol, Kitzbühel. The city’s heart beats loud and strong. Kitzbühel, the sports capital in the heart of the Alps, combines tradition and lifestyle as charming as any other city. The city is famous not only the unique charm, but also the energy of the city as well as the sporty top hotel industry and catering alike and makes Kitzbühel the celebrity hot spot in the Alps. Arrival in Salzburg and accommodation.

### DAY 12 – SALZBURG

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic city tour to discover Mozart’s hometown, passing by Mirabell Palace, Mozarteum ( the music university ), Marionette Theater, Mozart’s Residence, Trinity Church, Hellbrunn Palace (only outside), Nonnberg Abbey, Festival Halls, Horse Bath, Getreidegasse and Mozart Square.

Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 13 – SALZBURG – SALZKAMMERGUT – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and departure to the Lakes and Mountain area, known as Salzkammergut. Our first stop will be Hallstatt. The picturesque village on the lake with the same name owes its existence to the rich salt deposit of salt in the mountain of Hallstatt.

Among the most beautiful places of interest are the oldest salt mine in the world and the ossuary in Hallstatt, a romantic boat ride on Lake Hallstatt, a trip to the breathtaking cave world in Obertraun and a visit to the Lake Gosau with the mighty Dachstein glacier. After its visit we head to St Wolfgang. Enjoy a walk around this picturesque town where St Wolfgang erected the first church at the shore of the lake after he withdrew to the nearby Mondsee Abbey in 976.

Continue of the trip to Vienna. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 14 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic tour in the city, that begins with a drive along the Ringstrasse, Vienna’s main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, the monument of Empress Maria Theresia located between the twin museums – Fine Art History Museum and Nature History Museum, Parliament, City Hall, Votiv Church, St Charles Church, Musikverein which houses the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the monument of Johann Strauss, father of the Waltz. Visit of the Gardens of Belvedere Palace. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 15 – VIENNA

After breakfast transfer to the airport at the appointed time.







## WARSAW - VIENNA

(Warsaw - Cracow - Budapest - Bratislava - Prague - Cesky Krumlov - Vienna)

### DAY 1 – WARSAW

Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 – WARSAW

Breakfast buffet and walk around the old town – UNESCO listed site. Enjoy the view of the St John's Cathedral and discover the place where the last king of Poland was crowned and buried. Get astonished while having a look to the complete rebuilt old town just following pictures from before the II World War. Follow the city tour outside the old town

with a visit of the Wilanow Palace, the royal residence and one of the most important buildings in Warsaw. Apart from history it features a museum of fine arts, a baroque garden and a landscaped park that lead to the name "Polish Versailles" Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 3 – WARSAW – CZESTOCHOWA "JASNA GORA" – CRACOW

Breakfast buffet and departure to Czestochowa, most important pilgrimage

site of the country. Visit the Jasna Gora Monastery, including both the chapel and the basilica. See where the Blessed Virgin Mary was declared Queen of Poland in 1657. Witness the Black Madonna, one of Polish Catholicism's most sacred artifacts. Transfer to Krakow and accommodation.

### DAY 4 – CRACOW

After breakfast buffet, city tour in Cracow. Enjoy the main city highlights in a walking tour. Visit the old Town, Wawel Castle and Rynek Glowny, Europe's largest market square. Follow to the Jewish quarter, where almost 3 million people lived there before the II World War and barely 10.000 people came back to live after the war. Nowadays the Jews in Cracow have revived their cultural identity and the quarter is alive again. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 5 – CRACOW – BUDAPEST

Breakfast buffet and departure to Hungary across the Tatra mountains in Slovakia. Arrival in Budapest and accommodation.

### DAY 6 – BUDAPEST

Breakfast buffet and half day city tour discovering the Heroes Square, St. Stephen Basilica, the Jewish quarter, the Parliament and the Citadel. Do not miss the Hungarian specialties at the Great Market Hall. Afternoon free and accommodation.

### DAY 7 – BUDAPEST – BRATISLAVA – PRAGUE

After breakfast buffet, departure to Bratislava, capital city of Slovakia. Arrival and walking tour through the old town to

see ST Martin Cathedral, old City Hall, Primatial Palace, Michael Tor, among other sightseeing. A short bus tour will bring you up to the castle from where you will have amazing views over the Danube River. After lunch, continue of our tour to Prague, capital city of Czech Republic. Arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 8 – PRAGUE

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and panoramic city tour. Discover the castle district with main sightseeing as the Cathedral of St Vitus, the old royal palace or the Golden Lane, where the alchemists used to live while searching for the philosopher's stone. Follow the path down to the district of Mala Strana, the little Prague, and enjoy its narrow and beautiful streets which lead you to the Charles Bridge, one of the city's landmarks. This bridge brings you to the old town, where you will visit the Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quarter, Wenceslas Square, among other sightseeing. Afternoon free at leisure. Accommodation in Prague.

### DAY 9 – PRAGUE

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and free day at leisure. Accommodation in Prague.

### DAY 10 – PRAGUE – CESKY KRUMLOV – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet and departure to Cesky Krumlov, located in the South Bohemian region of Czech Republic. Its historic center, around the Cesky Krumlov Castle, is a designated UNESCO World Heritage site since 1992 and was given this status along with the historic Prague castle district. Most of the architecture of the old town and castle dates from the 14th to 17th centuries, showing structures mostly in gothic, renaissance and baroque styles. The core of the old town is within a horseshoe bend of the river, with the old Latran neighbourhood and castle, located on the other side of the river Vltava. Free time to explore to town on your own. Continue of the tour to Vienna, arrival and accommodation.

### DAY 11 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel and

panoramic tour in the city, that begins with a drive along the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, the monument of Empress Maria Theresia located between the twin museums – Fine Art History Museum and Nature History Museum, Parliament, City Hall, Votiv Church, St Charles Church, Musikverein which houses the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the monument of Johann Strauss, father of the Waltz. Visit of the Gardens of Belvedere Palace. Afternoon free at leisure.

### DAY 12 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Vienna by your own. As European cultural capital, Vienna offers stunning palaces, historical monuments, fascinating museums and a multicultural gastronomy, with reminiscences from the countries of the old Austrian-Hungarian Empire.

### DAY 13 – VIENNA

Breakfast buffet and transfer out to the airport.







## THE DANUBE

(Zürich - Ulm - Regensburg - Passau - Linz - Danube's Valley - Bratislava - Budapest - Pecs - Novi Sad - Belgrade - Craiova - Russe - Tulcea - Bucharest)

### DAY 1 ZÜRICH

Arrival in Zürich and meeting with the guide. Transfer to the hotel and check in.

### DAY 2 ZÜRICH - DONAUESCHINGEN - ULM

In the morning, after breakfast, we will enjoy a panoramic tour of the city with a walking tour of the historic center admiring the Grossmünster Cathedral, the Le Corbusier Center, the Lindenhof and the Carolingian Imperial Palace. We

will then drive to Schaffhausen to see the magnificent waterfalls of the Rhine River. We continue our tour to Donaueschingen, in Germany, where the Danube River, the protagonist of this circuit, is born at the confluence of the Brigach and Breg rivers. We will visit the Donaueschingen Palace, in whose gardens are the Danube Fountains, decorated with sculptures of Adolf Heer representing the Mother Baar (geographical area where the source of the river is located) showing the way to

her daughter Danube the way to follow (in German, the name of the river is feminine) and the Danube Temple. Free time to discover the city. In the afternoon we will travel to Ulm, the first great city on the banks of the Danube, to spend the night.

### DAY 3 ULM - AUGSBURG - REGENSBURG

After breakfast we will take a walking tour to discover the birthplace of the

scientific genius Albert Einstein, seeing the city theater of 1641, renovated in the twentieth century; the Gothic cathedral, whose construction began in the fourteenth century and was completed in 1890; the 15th century pre-Renaissance Town Hall, to which an astronomical clock was added in 1520; the "crooked house" from 1443; the fishermen's quarter, the city walls, the butcher's tower and the cloister of the Söflingen convent. We leave for Augsburg, one of the oldest cities in Germany and an important business and communications center of the country. Highlights include the "Fuggerei", the oldest social housing complex in the world founded by the Fugger family and continuously inhabited since 1523; the Cathedral and the basilicas of St. Ulrich and St. Afra, witnesses of medieval times; the Perlach Tower, the Town Hall and the Arsenal (Zeughaus), magnificent examples of Renaissance art; and the Synagogue or the old city pool, in Art Nouveau style. Free time to enjoy the city. In the afternoon we will arrive in Regensburg. Overnight in Regensburg.

### DAY 4 REGENSBURG

Called "Castrum Regina" under the Roman Empire, Regensburg is one of the main cities on the Danube River. Its historic center is listed in the UNESCO cultural heritage list highlighting the medieval Stone Bridge across the river; the Old Town Hall; the Porta Pretoria, witness of the Roman era; St. Peter's Cathedral, built over 700 years ago, seat of the bishopric and where Pope Benedict XVI served as professor of Dogma and History of Catholic dogma. We will then drive to Kelheim, 30min south of the city, where we will embark

on a river trip that will take us through the Danube Gorge, with 80m high walls, to the Weltenburg convent, where beer has been brewed for 1,000 years. We visit the convent and enjoy lunch with local beer on the premises. Return to Regensburg and rest of the day at leisure. We recommend strolling through the squares "Alter Kornmarkt", the Cathedral Square or Arnulf Square, and eat a German sausage in the historic kitchen "Wurstkuchl", active since the 12th century when it was installed next to the construction of the bridge to feed the workers. Overnight stay.

### DAY 5 REGENSBURG - PASSAU - LINZ

Departure to Passau, beautiful town located at the confluence of 3 rivers - Danube, Inn and Ilz - making it one of the main cruise ports on the Danube River. We will stroll through its medieval streets, among which stands out the Cathedral of St. Stephen, the Lamberg Palace and the Old Residence of the Bishops of Passau. Then we enter Austria following the course of the Danube, which will take us to Linz, the great river port of the country. In a guided walking tour of the historic center we will visit the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; we will see the Main Square, one of the largest rectangular squares in Europe, with its baroque buildings; and more modern works such as the Music Theater, the Ars Electronica Center and the Lentos Kunstmuseum. We will finish the visit on the Pöstlingberg hill, from where we will enjoy a unique panoramic view of the city. On the way back to the center we will taste the famous Linzer Torte, with a latticed pastry lid and filled with currant jam. Rest of the day at leisure and overnight.

### DAY 6 LINZ - DANUBE VALLEY

Today we leave for Melk, where stands the imposing Abbey, the best and greatest example of Austrian Baroque architecture and from which we can admire a unique view over the Danube.

Free time for lunch and then we will take a boat trip (May to October) to Dürnstein, a beautiful medieval town crowned by the blue bell tower of the Augustinian church. Free time to stroll around Dürnstein. The landscape of the Danube Valley is characterized by terraced vineyards and fruit trees, especially apricots. We will visit some wine cellars and enjoy a tasting of their best wines. Overnight in the valley area.

### DAY 7 DANUBE VALLEY - VIENNA - BRATISLAVA

After breakfast we will arrive in Vienna, capital of Austria. In a tour around the Ringstrasse we will contemplate the most outstanding buildings of the city, such as the Opera, the Hofburg or Winter Palace, the Museum of Fine Arts and its twin Museum of Natural History, the Parliament, the City Hall or the Votive Church, among others. We will continue with a pleasant walking tour through the center that will take us to St. Stephen's Cathedral, the narrow streets of the Jewish quarter, the house where Mozart lived or the Danube Canal, an area of street artists. We will end the visit with one of the most Viennese customs: tasting a coffee accompanied by the famous Sacher Cake. In the afternoon we will go to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. Overnight stay.







**DAY 8 BRATISLAVA - BEND OF THE DANUBE - BUDAPEST**

We will start the day going up to the Bratislava castle, from where we can appreciate the magnificent views over the city and the Danube. On the way back to the historical center we will take a guided walk to discover its jewels such as the Royal Road, the Cathedral of St. Matthias, the old town hall or the Grassalkovich Palace, among others. We leave for Hungary, where the Danube presents itself in all its splendor. Our first stop will be in Esztergom, the Catholic center of the country with its imposing cathedral; then we will arrive in Visegrad, former capital and royal residence and finally we will visit St. Andrew, a village of craftsmen. In St. Andrew we will embark on a boat trip to Budapest, arriving in this beautiful city by river. Transfer from the pier to the hotel and accommodation.

**DAY 9 BUDAPEST**

In the morning panoramic tour to discover the city divided by the Danube River. On the one hand, the city of Buda located on top of the hill, in whose old town are the castle and the Fishermen's Bastion, from which you can admire the panoramic view. Then we descend from the hill to discover the Pest side, the new town, passing by the Andrassy Boulevard, the Opera House, St. Stephen's Basilica, the Great Synagogue and the Heroes' Square. We finish the visit in the Great Market, where we can discover and taste typical specialties of the country. Free afternoon and overnight.

**DAY 10 BUDAPEST - PECS**

Following the course of the river we will

pass through picturesque villages such as Kalocsa, an agricultural town where the famous Hungarian "paprika" is grown. Free time to stroll through its streets. We continue to Pecs, historical city of Hungary. Highlights include the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, the eleventh century, the Archbishop's Palace, the mosque of Pasha Jakowali Hassan and is the best preserved building of Arab architecture in the country and the pre-Christian Cemetery with decorated chambers and belongs to the list of World Heritage of UNESCO. Rest of the day at leisure and overnight.

**DAY 11 PECS - DANUBE- DRAVA NATIONAL PARK - NOVI SAD**

Today we start a new stage of the journey, entering the Balkan part of the Danube. In the morning we will arrive in Mόhacs, on the border between Hungary and Croatia, to visit the Danube-Drava National Park, where we can enjoy a canoe tour on the rivers or a trekking route through the park.

Passing through Vukovar we will cross the 740m bridge over the Danube that connects the towns of Ilok in Croatia with Backa Palanka in Serbia. Arrival in Novi Sad, where we will spend the night.

**DAY 12 NOVI SAD - FRUSKA GORA NATIONAL PARK - BELGRADE**

In the morning we leave to visit the Petrovaradin Fortress, built on top of a hill and from which you can see the whole city and the Danube River. Built between 1692 and 1780, it was the most important fortress of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in Balkan lands. It highlights 5 entrance gates, the clock tower and a defensive

system of subway corridors that extend along 16km. On our way back to the center we can admire the Liberty Bridge, inaugurated in 2005; the Church of St. Mary; the Town Hall and the old synagogue, converted into a concert hall.

Then we will go to the National Park of Fruska Gora, also known as the "Holy Mountain", for the architectural complex of 16 medieval monasteries. These monasteries, of Orthodox origins and built during the 15th and 16th centuries, represent a unique cultural-historical ensemble of Serbian Baroque art and attract worshippers and tourists alike. Arrival in Belgrade and overnight.

**DAY 13 BELGRADE**

After breakfast we will visit the capital of the Serbian Republic. We will start at the Republic Square with the main buildings of the city, such as the National Theater, the National Museum, the Academy of Sciences or the Federal Parliament. We will also visit the Palace of Princess Ljubica and the Cathedral (Saborna crkva).

Through its ancient streets we will reach the fortress of Kalamegdan, surrounded by a spectacular park. During the panoramic tour we will see Dedinje, the House of Flowers, the Tomb of the former president of ex-Yugoslavia, Josip Broz Tito, the Marakana soccer stadium and the church of St. Sava. Afternoon free for personal activities and overnight.

**DAY 14 BELGRADE - CRAIOVA**

Today we will enter Romania following the course of the Danube. We will stop

in the cities of Pancevo and Smederevo, main industrial hubs of Serbia, where jewels are hidden as the Vojlovica convent (one of the oldest in the region) and the small fortress on the banks of the river Jezava flowing into the Danube.

We will arrive at Drobeta Turnu Severin, of Roman origin and whose traces can be seen in the remains of the Trajan Bridge. Other points of interest are the remains of the Cathedral of St. Severin, the Town Hall and the Water Tower of 1910. We continue to Craiova, where we will stay. Rest of the day at leisure to discover the pedestrianized historical center, where the highlights are the Bane House and the Church of St. Demetrius, both from the 17th century.

**DAY 15 CRAIOVA - RUSSE**

We continue our route towards the Danube, which acts as a natural border between Romania and Bulgaria. Upon arrival in Russe we will take a guided tour to discover the great river port of Bulgaria, of Roman origin and communications center from the Middle Ages. Highlights include the Church of the Holy Trinity, from the seventeenth century; the Catholic Cathedral of St. Paul of the Cross, which preserves the oldest organ in the country from 1907; the Theater and the House of the Eparchy. We will finish our visit with a boat ride to the Danube Bridge, which unites both countries. Lodging.

**DAY 16 RUSE - VELIKO TARNOVO - ARBANASSI - RUSSE**

Today we will spend the day exploring the former historical capital of Bulgaria, Veliko Tarnovo.

We will start the visit in the Tsarevets fortress, located on the hill of the same name, and seat of the royal and patriarchal palace. The complex is composed of 3.6m high walls and three gates, the Royal Palace, the Patriarchate, the Baldwin Tower and the Asenova Gate. Free time for lunch.

Then we will arrive in Arbanassi, a splendid city-museum, remarkable also for its magnificent church "The Birth of Jesus" from the 16th-17th centuries. Return to Russe and overnight.

**DAY 17 RUSSE - SILISTRA - BRAILA - TULCEA**

From today we face the last part of the journey, in which we will reach the Danube Delta. Our first stop on the way will be in Silistra, one of the oldest cities in Bulgaria, founded by the Romans under the name of Durostorum. A tomb and archaeological remains from that period are still preserved in the city's museum. It also highlights the Ottoman fortress built under the rule of Sultan Abdϋlmecid I, in the nineteenth century.

Entering Romania we will stop in Braila, where we will have free time to discover its historic center, under protection of national heritage, which include the Public Garden, on the banks of the river, the Cathedral of the Birth of the Lord, the Greek Church of 1865 and the Church of the Holy Archangels, used as a mosque during the Ottoman occupation. Arrival in Tulcea and overnight.

**DAY 18 DANUBE DELTA**

Declared a World Heritage Site in 1991 and later a UNESCO Biosphere

Reserve, the Danube Delta stretches over 2,733km<sup>2</sup> and is home to more than 3,400 species of animals and over 1,200 different species of vegetation. It is a region rich in marshes, reed beds and swamps and forests of willows, poplars, oaks, elms and ash trees. The river is navigable for the most part, which helps a great fishing activity carried out with typical wooden kayaks. Today we will go on an excursion to the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve, where we will take boat trips, observe its fauna and flora and enjoy a typical fisherman's lunch. Return to Tulcea and rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Tulcea.

**DAY 19 TULCEA - BUCHAREST**

Departure after breakfast to the capital of Romania. Upon arrival, panoramic visit during which we will admire the Parliament, the second largest building in the city with more than 1000 rooms and one of the best examples of communist architecture; the Patriarchate, seat of the head of the Orthodox Church; the Romanian Athenaeum, considered a symbol of Romanian culture; the National Museum of Art; the Arc de Triomphe, built in 1935 in the image and likeness of the Parisian Arc, among other monuments.

**DAY 20 BUCHAREST**

Breakfast at the hotel and at the indicated time, transfer to the airport for the return flight.





## HOLIDAY FOR THE ARISTOCRACY

(Vienna - Ljubljana - Opatija - Brijuni - Fazana - Portoroz - Piran - Trieste - Villach - Vienna)

### DAY 1 VIENNA

Arrival in Vienna and meeting with the guide. Transfer to the hotel and check in. In the evening, we will enjoy a welcome dinner in one of the typical taverns in the wine districts of Neustift am Walde or Nussdorf or Grinzing.

### DAY 2 VIENNA

In the morning we will discover the city on a panoramic tour around the Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, passing the Hofburg Palace, the State Opera House, the twin museums of Fine Arts and History of Natural Sciences, the Parliament and the City Hall, the Votive Church, St. Charles Church, the Musikverein where the New Year's Concert is broadcast and the monument to Johann Strauss, father of the waltz. During the tour we will also visit the

Belvedere Palace gardens.

Afterwards we will take a guided walk through the historical center, which will take us to St. Stephen's Cathedral, Mozart's residence and the old Jewish quarter. We will finish the tour in a typical Viennese coffee shop enjoying a coffee and the famous Sacher Cake.

Afternoon at leisure, where you will have the opportunity to visit Schönbrunn Palace or enjoy a Viennese evening at a concert with the most famous musical pieces by Mozart and Strauss, two of the city's most famous residents.

### DAY 3 VIENNA - GRAZ - LJUBLJANA

Today we start the tour in which we will discover the favorite vacation destinations of the Viennese aristocracy between the 19th and 20th centuries.

On the way to Ljubljana we will stop in

Graz, where we will take a ride on the funicular to Schlossberg, from where we can admire the views of the city as well as the symbol of Graz, the Clock Tower. We will descend to the historic center with a guided walk that will take us to the Cathedral and the mausoleum, the Landeszeughaus Armory and the carillon, to the Mur River Island, a futuristic platform in the middle of the river. Free time to enjoy the city and continuation of the tour to Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia. Overnight in Ljubljana.

### DAY 4 LJUBLJANA - POSTOJNA CAVES - OPATIJA

We start the day with a panoramic tour of the capital, during which we will see the old town, the Town Hall, the Robba Fountain, the Three Bridges, the University and the Cultural Center. Then we will go to the Postojna caves, where we will take a tour aboard a little train to reach the center of the cave and appreciate its ghostly formations of stalactites and stalagmites that show us a beautiful spectacle.

We continue our tour to Opatija, once a meeting point for the high society of the Austro-Hungarian Empire during their summer vacations. A walk along the promenade reveals an architectural ensemble similar to Vienna, with Art Nouveau buildings, with large balconies and decorated facades. Among its treasures are the Villa Angiolina, a 19th century manor house; the "Helios and Selena" fountain in St Jakob Park, made of Carrara marble and symbol of the city; the 15th century St Jakob Church; as well as its many beaches and bathing areas. Rest of the day free to enjoy the city and overnight.

### DAY 5 OPATIJA - PULA - BRIJUNI/FAZANA

After breakfast we will drive to Pula following the Croatian Riviera, which will leave us with breathtaking views of the Adriatic Sea. Upon arrival in Pula we will visit the Roman amphitheater, built under the orders of Emperor Augustus and enlarged by Emperor Vespasian. With a capacity of up to 23,000 people, it was one of the great amphitheatres of the Roman Empire. Other witnesses of this empire are the Arch of the Sergii, originally attached to the gate of the walls; the Temple of Augustus and the Archaeological Museum of Istria. We will stroll through the market square, with its varied cafes and stores selling local products, and see the Chapel of St. Mara Formosa and the Cathedral of the Ascension of Mary. Free time for lunch and individual walks and mid-afternoon we will go to Fazana, where we will take the ferry that will take us to Brijuni Island, all of it declared National Park. Overnight on the island or in Fazana.

### DAY 6 BRIJUNI NATIONAL PARK

Today we will dedicate the day to discover this unknown national park, which offers different tours according to the interests of visitors. For history lovers, there is the archaeological tour, in which we discover the remains of the Roman and Byzantine empires present on the island; a safari in the northern area presents the coexistence of native Istrian species with animals from Asia and Africa, as well as a sanctuary for the recovery of sea turtles. Afternoon free for personal activities, from a kajak tour to relax on the beaches, rent an electric car to discover the park

at your leisure or take diving lessons. Lodging.

### DAY 7 BRIJUNI/FAZANA - ROVINJ - POREC - PORTOROZ

We resume the circuit to go to Rovinj, one of the main ports of the Austrian Riviera under the rule of the imperial family of the Habsburgs. In a walking tour of its center we will discover its network of narrow streets, with treasures such as the Church of St. Euphemia, family workshops of handicrafts, the Town Clock and the Port. We continue our journey to Porec, with a history of more than 2,000 years, which has left a unique architectural and cultural heritage, such as the network of Roman-style streets; the entrance gates and defense walls; the round tower and the five-cornered tower; Gothic and Baroque palaces; or the pre-Christian cathedral of St. Euphrasian, among other treasures. In the late afternoon we will arrive in Portoroz, where we will stay for the next 2 nights.

### DAY 8 / PIRAN

After breakfast we depart for Piran, whose historical center recalls the fact that it belonged to Venice for more than 4 centuries until it became part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The Tartini Square with its Venetian houses, the Town Hall, the Clock Tower of St. Bernardin, the ancient walls and the Church-Convent of St. Francis of Assisi are its main attractions. Then we can enjoy two of the star products of the Istrian peninsula with visits to a wine cellar and an olive plantation, where we will taste their wines and oils. Return to Portoroz and rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Portoroz.

### DAY 9 PORTOROZ - TRIESTE - UDINE - VILLACH

Today we will return to Austria passing first through Trieste, the main port of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and whose historical center is developed around Square Unità d'Italia. Here you will find the Government Palace, the Town Hall, the Stratti House and the Pitteri and Lloyd Triestino Palaces, all in neoclassical style. We continue to Udine. Its old town stands out for the many palaces built in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, among which stand out the Patriarcale Palace and Palazzo Valvason Morpurgo. Other treasures of the city are the Cathedral of Santa Maria Annunziata, the Oratorio della Purità, the castle of Udine and the Town Hall. Late afternoon arrival in Villach and overnight.

### DAY 10 VILLACH - KLAGENFURT - VIENNA

We will start the day departing for Velden am Wörthersee, the Austrian Riviera and meeting point of the country's jet set. Here we will embark on a boat trip across Lake Wörther to Klagenfurt, on the opposite shore. Upon arrival we will take a guided tour that will take us through its Italian palaces and cultural treasures such as the Hall of the Coat of Arms, the Carinthia Museum of Modern Art, the city theater or the romantic Lendkanal. Free time for lunch and then departure to Vienna. Arrival mid-afternoon and rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay.

### DAY 11 VIENNA

Breakfast buffet and transfer to the airport.







## AMSTERDAM / AMS 3 nights / 4 days

### DAY 1 AMSTERDAM

Arrival in Amsterdam and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 AMSTERDAM

Breakfast buffet and panoramic tour of the city. Discover the oldest stock exchange in the world, the Royal Palace and Dam Square, the Vondelpark, the Anne Frank House and the Oude Kerk (Old Church). Continue the visit with a boat trip along the many canals that divide the city, from which you can admire the typical buildings of the city. Free afternoon, we suggest visits to some of the most outstanding museums:

Van Gogh Museum or Rijksmuseum or discover the secrets of Dutch beer visiting the Heineken brewery. Overnight stay.

### DAY 3 AMSTERDAM

Buffet breakfast at the hotel and free day for personal activities. We recommend an optional excursion to Volendam and Zaanse Schans; the tulip fields and Keukenhof Gardens (the latter open from 21.03.2020 to 10.05.2020) or The Hague, seat of the Dutch Parliament.

### DAY 4 AMSTERDAM

Breakfast and at the agreed time, transfer to the airport.



## BARCELONA / BCN 3 nights / 4 days

### DAY 1 BARCELONA

Arrival in Barcelona and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 BARCELONA

After breakfast we will start the guided tour with a walking tour of the historic center, also known as the Gothic Quarter due to the presence of multiple examples of this style. Highlights include the Palace of the Generalitat and the City Hall; the cathedral and Casa de la Pia Almoína, a charitable center of the eleventh century and restored in the fifteenth century; the Church of Santa Maria del Pi; the royal dockyards, an example of Gothic civil architecture; and of course, the Church of Santa Maria del Mar, considered the real cathedral by the locals, built by the

people in the mid-fourteenth century. We continue on a bus tour of the Ramblas, the port area and to climb Montjuic, scene of the 1992 Olympics and from where you get the best views over the city and the sea. Free afternoon and overnight.

### DAY 3 BARCELONA

Breakfast at the hotel and free day for personal activities or optional visits such as the Modernism Route to admire the main jewels of Catalan Modernism, like Casa Milà or Casa Batlló, the Hospital de Sant Pau or the Palau de la Música; to the Sanctuary of Montserrat, 60km from the city or to discover the secret of Catalan cava in an excursion to Sant Sadurn d'Anoia.

### DAY 4 BARCELONA

Breakfast at the hotel and at the agreed time, transfer to the airport.



## CANARY ISLANDS / CIS

Feel lucky in the Canary Islands! With a moderate warm climate all year round, these islands of volcanic origin offer spectacular landscapes, up to 4 national parks, several biosphere reserves and several areas included in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

**CANARY ISLANDS:** Tenerife, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote and La Graciosa, Fuerteventura, El Hierro, La Palma and La Gomera. Choose between a stay in one of them or in a combination of islands.

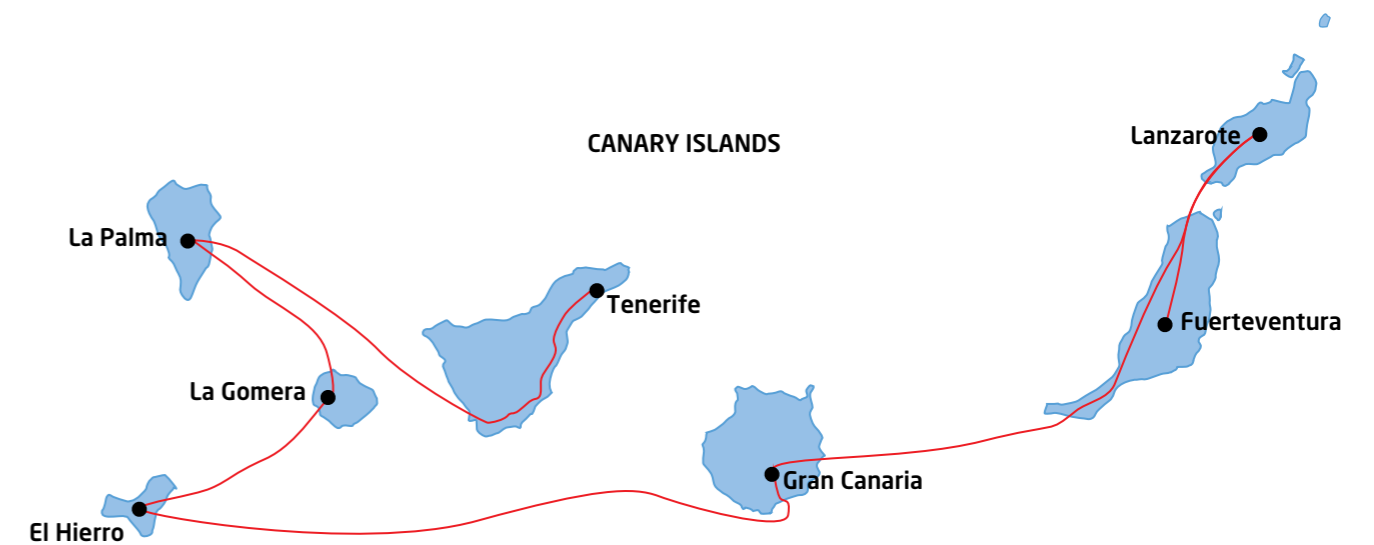
**TENERIFE** - the largest and most populated island of the Canary archipelago. Highlights include its capital, Santa Cruz de Tenerife; San Cristóbal de la Laguna, whose colonial-style historic center was declared a World Heritage Site; the Teide National Park and the Tenerife Carnival, one of the most famous in the world, held in February/March depending on the calendar.

**LA PALMA / LA GOMERA / EL HIERRO** - The smallest islands, all of them declared UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Very appreciated among lovers of tracking and adventure sports, the National Parks of Caldera de Taburiente (La Palma), Garajonay (La Gomera) and the Valley of El Golfo or the Integral Natural Reserve of Roques de Salmor (in El Hierro) stand out.

**GRAN CANARIA** - the second island in extension and population of the Canary archipelago. Highlights include the Carnival Festivities of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (February/March depending on the calendar); the Cultural Landscape of Risco Caído and the Sacred Mountain Spaces of Gran Canaria; the Casa de Colón Museum and the Cathedral of the Canary Islands. Its gastronomy, especially its cheeses and wines, are the best culmination of a visit to this island.

**LANZAROTE** and La Graciosa - named after the Genoese sailor Lanceloto Malocello, from the 14th century, Lanzarote is also a Biosphere Reserve in its entirety. The National Park of Timanfaya, whose volcanic origin offers a spectacular lunar scenery, stands out above all. From Lanzarote you can reach the island of La Graciosa, with only two inhabited villages.

**FUERTEVENTURA** - the oldest island of the Canary Islands, stands out for its natural parks of Jandia, Islote de Lobos and Corralejo; its capital Betancuria and the practice of nautical sports such as windsurfing or diving.







## CHRISTMAS IN BUDAPEST / XMASBUD

### DAY 1 BUDAPEST

Arrival in Budapest and transfer to the hotel. Your first contact with the city will be the visit of the **Christmas Market at Vorosmarty Square**, the main square of the historical center. Let yourself be fascinated by its lights and aromas while you taste one of the famous "Kurtoskalac" or chimney cake because of its spiral shape, made with light dough with yeast, cooked in a tube shape and seasoned with sugar, lemon, cinnamon or chocolate. Accommodation.

### DAY 2 BUDAPEST

Breakfast and panoramic city tour. You will discover the city, separated in two by the Danube River. First, the city of Buda situated on the top of the hill, in whose old town you can find the castle and the Fishermen's Bastion, from which you can admire a fascinating

panoramic view.

Then we discover the part of Pest, the new city, passing by the Boulevard Andrassy, the Opera, the Great Synagogue, Heroes Square and the Great Market, where you can discover and taste typical specialties of the country. We finish the tour after visiting the **market by the St Stephan Basilica**, where there is also an ice skating rink. Enjoy a wine tasting and Hungarian specialties. Accommodation.

### DAY 3 BUDAPEST

Free day to discover the city on your own, relaxing in one of its famous spas or having a rest at a "Ruin bar", bars installed in ruined pre-war buildings. Accommodation.

### DAY 4 BUDAPEST

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport.



● Budapest

HUNGARY

## CHRISTMAS IN PRAGUE / XMASPRA

### DAY 1 PRAGUE

Arrival in Prague and transfer to the hotel. Then departure to visit the **Christmas market located on the square in the historical centre "Staromestske namesti"**, where you will have the opportunity to taste local gastronomy and typical drinks, such as "Grog" ( hot drink mixed with liquor and aromatizer ) or "Medovina" ( hot honey liquor ). Accommodation.

### DAY 2 PRAGUE

After breakfast, visit of the castle quarter located on a hill. Here you can see the Cathedral of St. Vitus, the Royal Palace, the Chapel of St. George and the Golden Street. Then visit to the **castle's Christmas market**, with more than 70 little houses where you can taste hot spiced wine, ham specialties or typical Czech cinnamon cookies.

Following the other markets of the city, such as in the **Square of Wenceslas Václavské Náměstí**, in the **Square of the Republic Náměstí Republiky** and the **Square of the Peace** ( Náměstí Miru, located in the district of Vinohrady ) we will be able to find all type of decorations for the tree and gifts, as well as we will also go through the main points of the city like Mala Strana and the Charles Bridge. Accommodation.

### DAY 3 PRAGUE – KARLOVY VARY – PRAGUE

Today we will go on a full day trip to Karlovy Vary, a spa town and holiday destination of the European aristocracy

in the 18th-19th centuries. Enjoy a walk around the different hot springs, try out their therapeutic properties and mingle with the locals at the Christmas market.

Return to Prague and accommodation.

### DAY 4 PRAGUE

After breakfast, transfer to Prague Airport.



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## CHRISTMAS IN FREIBURG & HEIDELBERG / XMASFREIHEIL

### DAY 1 FRANKFURT – FREIBURG IM BREISGAU

Arrival at Frankfurt airport and transfer to Freiburg im Breisgau, in the heart of the Black Forest.

On arrival, visit of the **Freiburger Weihnachtsmarkt** in the historical center, where you will have the opportunity to meet Nikolaus, make your own candle at a candle workshop, discover local craftsmanship beyond cuckoo clocks and, of course, its gastronomy with roasted chestnuts and nuts, marzipan and chocolate sweets and the “Lange rote” (typical local sausages) with “Glühwein” (hot spiced wine). Accommodation.

### DAY 2 FREIBURG – COLMAR – FREIBURG

In the morning, visit of the city, whose historical center is divided by small water channels, popularly called “Bächle” (stream in German) and which highlights are the Gothic cathedral, the old town hall of the sixteenth century and the University.

Afterwards we will cross the border to visit Colmar, a Christmas paradise in France. On arrival we will take a tour through the **5 markets** that make it the first Christmas destination in France. The first stop will be at the **Place des Dominicains**, in the heart of the city and whose little houses offer all kinds of Christmas decorations; we continue to the **Place Jeanne d’Arc**, a replica of an Alsatian village awaits you with an abundant offer of local gastronomy such as foie grass, sausages, wines

and liqueurs; we follow to **Place de l’Ancienne Douane**, where traditional and modern creations come together; the fourth stop is the **Koifhus Inner Market**, where the creations of all kinds of craftsmen such as ceramists, potters, jewelers, cabinet makers, etc. are on display. The route ends at the **Petite Venice Market**, framed by the half-timbered houses and the canals that cross the city and a real magnet for children on the merry-go-round or the little houses with rabbits and sheep. Return to Freiburg and accommodation.

### DAY 3 FREIBURG – HEIDELBERG

Departure in the morning for Heidelberg. Arrival and walk through the **Heidelberger Weihnachtsmarkt**. There are 6 different stages, starting at **Bismarckplatz**, the entrance to the historic center, and continuing to **Anatomiegarten**, **University Square** with 70 houses and a carousel, **Marktplatz** with up to 140 houses where you can find all kinds of handicrafts, Christmas decorations and local cuisine, **Kornmarkt** with its winter forest decoration, and finally **Karlsplatz**, where you can test your sports skills skating on ice. Accommodation.

### DAY 4 HEIDELBERG – FRANKFURT

Breakfast and transfer to Frankfurt Airport.



## CHRISTMAS IN MUNICH & NÜRNBERG / XMASMUCNÜR

### DAY 1 MUNICH

Arrival at Munich airport and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, visit of the **Christmas market Christkindlmarkt** am Marienplatz framed by its beautiful town hall.

Christmas decorations of all kinds, lambskin jackets, antique postcards and the most varied Bavarian cuisine await you. Dare to drink fine herbal liqueurs and “Zwetschgenmandl”, figures made from dried fruits and nuts. Accommodation.

### DAY 2 MUNICH

Breakfast at the hotel and free day at leisure to discover other markets such as **Am Sendlinger Tor**, smaller and further away from the usual circuit but very much appreciated by the locals; **An der Peterskirche**, next to St. Peter’s Church and dedicated to the exhibition and sale of Nativity figures; in the **Chinese Tower of the English Gardens**, with live wind music every night or the **medieval market at Wittelsbacherplatz**, whose handicrafts and gastronomic offer take you back in time. Accommodation.

### DAY 3 MUNICH – NÜRNBERG

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to the Christmas market capital of Germany: Nürnberg. On the way, stop in Regensburg to get to know this beautiful city on the banks of the Danube River and whose historic center is on the UNESCO World Heritage list. With its Romanesque and Gothic architecture, the most outstanding features are St.

Peter’s Cathedral and the stone bridge over the river.

We continue to Nürnberg. Arrival and visit of the **Nürnberger Christkindlmarkt Christmas market** installed in the historical center, one of the oldest in Germany and recognized worldwide as one of the most beautiful. The wooden houses offer all kinds of handicrafts and gastronomic specialties ready to spoil you: figurines of “Lebkuchen” (gingerbread), “Spekulatius” cookies (made with butter and a mixture of spices and sugar, usually representing Christmas scenes) and, of course, the famous Nuremberg sausages, small roasted pork sausages with a slightly spicy taste. Accommodation.

### DAY 4 NÜRNBERG – ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER – NÜRNBERG

Excursion to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, in the heart of the Romantic Route. Scene of tales and legends, Rothenburg preserves its layout and buildings from the medieval era, most notably the Town Hall Square and the St. James Church. Free time to enjoy **Rothenburg’s Christmas market** where carol concerts are offered in the town’s churches and squares; the “Käthe Wohlfahrt” Christmas Museum and its Christmas decorations and to taste its “Snowballs” (a sweet, crunchy, sugary pastry in the shape of a ball. Other versions contain cinnamon or chocolate). Dare to make your own chocolate Santa Claus or a decoration for your tree in the different workshops of the market!

Return to Nuremberg and accommodation.

### DAY 5 NÜRNBERG – MUNICH

Breakfast and transfer to Munich Airport.







## THE CELTIC SOUL

(Porto - Vigo - Santiago de Compostela - Porto)

### DAY 1: PORTO

Arrival at Porto airport (Portugal) and transfer to the hotel. We will then enjoy a welcome dinner with a performance of Fado, Portugal's popular musical style that sings of destiny and life's experiences. It is usually sung by one person accompanied by Spanish guitar and Portuguese guitar.

### DAY 2: PORTO

In this full day visit we will discover this beautiful city with a historic center of extensive artistic heritage listed by UNESCO, which include the Palacio de la Bolsa, the cathedral of Romanesque origin, the church and Tower of Clérigos of baroque and rococo style, the latter being the symbol of the city, among others. A boat ride on the Douro River will show us the magnificent bridges that cross it.

Back on land we will continue our tour through the Portuguese gastronomy, with stops in cafes and markets, as well as in wineries where we will taste the famous Port wine. Born between the XVI and XVII centuries, its main characteristic is due to the mixture of brandy during fermentation, achieving a strong and stable wine that resisted the change of temperatures and humidity during commercial journeys.

### DAY 3: PORTO - BRAGA - VIANA DO CASTELO - VIGO (218km, 2,5 hrs)

Departure to Braga and Viana do Castelo, historical cities of the country. In Braga highlights the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte, surrounded by lakes and gardens; the cathedral and the Castle of Dona Chica. In Viana do Castelo, one of the main fishing ports of Portugal, we will enjoy

a lunch with cod, the typical dish of the country, whose cooking has thousands of variations. Continuation to Vigo and accommodation.

### DAY 4: VIGO - PONTEVEDRA - RIAS BAIXAS - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (130km, 2 hrs)

Visits of Vigo and Pontevedra until arriving to Rías Baixas, denomination of origin of the Albariño grape, used for the cultivation of white wines. Vigo, located on the banks of the Vigo estuary, offers the largest collection of Romanesque architecture in Galicia along with natural sites such as the beaches and the Natural Park of the Cíes Islands. Pontevedra, on the estuary of the same name, is home to a historic center declared a Historic-Artistic Site, with magnificent examples of Gothic architecture such as the Royal Basilica of Santa Maria la Mayor or the ruins of the convent of Santo Domingo.

On the way we will visit the vineyards and cellars of Pazo de Rubianes, a stately manor where we will discover the secrets of Albariño wine. Made with a grape of exclusively Galician origin, the wines obtained from it are fruity and slightly floral aromas. Arrival in Santiago and accommodation.

### DAY 5: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Visit of the Cathedral consecrated to the Apostle Santiago, pilgrimage destination for hosting, according to tradition, the sarcophagus of the apostle. It is the end of the Camino de Santiago, a route that connected Europe with the Iberian Peninsula following the trail of the Via Láctea. Built on the foundations of a first pre-Romanesque church, the present cathedral was begun in 1075 under the reign of King Alfonso VI, and finished in the

12th century when the Portico de la Gloria and the crypt were added. Free afternoon.

### DAY 6: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - RIBEIRO - VALDEORRAS - RIBEIRA SACRA - OURENSE (379km, 5,5 hrs)

Departure to the appellations of origin of Ribeiro, Valdeorras and Ribeira Sacra. We will visit wineries, where we will be explained their different wines and methods and we will be able to taste them. Ribeiro is the oldest denomination of origin in Galicia. The area is influenced by the Mediterranean and Atlantic climates, achieving a unique climate that favors a slower than usual ripening process. Valdeorras obtained its denomination of origin in 1945. Located on the banks of the Sil river, it offers slate soils at an average altitude of 500 meters above sea level. Its production is divided into white and red wines, the former being the predominant.

Ribeira Sacra is the youngest of these areas, having achieved recognition in 1997. Its microclimate, protected by the rivers Miño and Sil, together with its southern orientation, favors the necessary ripening of its grapes, in this case with a higher production of red wines than white wines. Arrival in Ourense and accommodation.

### DAY 7: OURENSE - MONTERREI - GUIMARAES - OPORTO (260km, 3 hrs)

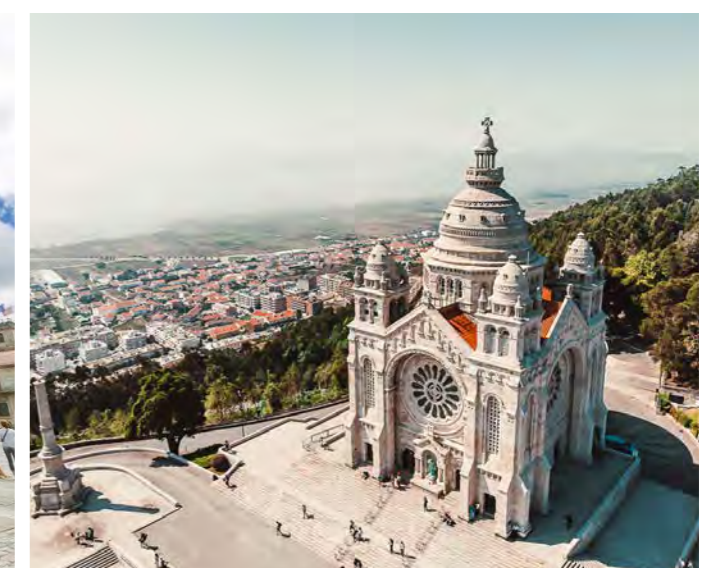
Visit Ourense, known for its thermal springs at 60 and 80 degrees and its monuments such as the 12th century cathedral, where the Pórtico de la Gloria stands out; the Puente Mayor across the Miño river or the Cloister of San Francisco. Departure to Monterrei. This denomination of origin dates back to Roman times, being in the Middle Ages when it lays the foundations of its cultivation. Grapes of

varieties such as godello, treixadura or dona blanca for the production of white wine and mencia, merenzao or aráuza grapes for red wine are grown in this area. We will visit some wineries and taste their wines.

Continuation to Guimaraes, historical city of Portugal recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site in 2001. Its historic center is a great witness of the passage from a medieval city to a modern city. Highlights include the 15th century Palace of the Dukes of Bragança and the 9th century Guimaraes Castle. Free time to enjoy the city. Arrival in Porto and accommodation.

### DAY 8: PORTO

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport.







## PEARLS OF THE ATLANTIC - PEARLATL

(England - Scotland - Ireland)

### DAY 1 LONDON

Arrival at the London airport and transfer to the hotel. In the evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner in a typical English pub.

### DAY 2 LONDON

After breakfast, panoramic tour of the city. On a driving tour discover Westminster Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park, and Parliament with the famous Big Ben clock and the Tower of London Bridge, among other points of interest. Afternoon at leisure and overnight.

### DAY 3 LONDON - CAMBRIDGE - YORK

We start the tour north, heading to Cambridge, home of the famous university. On a guided tour we will see the main colleges of this prestigious academic institution, authentic architectural and artistic treasures. Free time for individual sightseeing and continuation of the journey to York, one

of the oldest cities in England, already mentioned in Roman times. Upon arrival, the local guide will be waiting for us to show us the treasures of the city, such as the Cathedral begun in the 7th century and Clifford's Tower, symbol of royal power in medieval England, as well as hidden gems such as Fairfax House, a splendid example of a Georgian-style house or the Convent Bar, outside a school for girls and inside an illegal Catholic convent. Overnight in York.

### DAY 4 YORK - ALNWICK - EDINBURGH

Departure from York to Edinburgh. On the way we will stop in the coastal town of Alnwick, where we will visit its castle of the 14th century and continuously inhabited to this day by the founding family, the Percy. Today the castle is open to the general public, hosts American students and is a recurring backdrop for films and TV series, including the first 2 "Harry Potter" films and the "Downtown Abbey" series, which

chronicles the lives of an aristocratic family and their servants.

Continuation to Edinburgh, capital of Scotland. Upon arrival, panoramic tour following the Royal Route, consisting of the Canongate, High Street and Castlehill streets; the Highland Tolbooth Church and St Giles Cathedral; the House of John Knox and the Palace of Holyroodhouse; the Scottish Parliament and its popular narrow streets. Overnight stay.

### DAY 5 EDINBURGH - ABERDEEN - INVERNESS

Today we continue our tour discovering the Scottish soul. Our first stop will be Aberdeen, Scotland's port city and known as the "Silver City", for the construction of several buildings in granite, which gives it a silvery light when the sun rises. Medieval in style, its historic center is crowned by Castle Street and Union Street, the Town Hall, the 19th century Music Hall, the 12th century Cathedral of St. Machar, the Marischal College, the O'Balgownie and O'Dee bridges and the entire harbor area. We continue north, arriving in Inverness, home of Macbeth Castle and Loch Ness. Visit on the way to a whisky distillery, with tasting included. Accommodation in Inverness.

### DAY 6 INVERNESS - SPEYSIDE - GLASGOW

After breakfast, visit of Cawdor Castle, setting of the play "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare. We continue the tour with a visit to another whisky distillery area, in this case Speyside, in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park.

On the way to Glasgow we will pass through Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, with stops for photos and free time to stroll among its picturesque villages. Arrival in Glasgow and overnight.

### DAY 7 GLASGOW - LIVERPOOL

In the morning, panoramic tour of Glasgow, the largest city in Scotland and the third largest in the United Kingdom. During the visit we will see the 12th century St

Mungo's Cathedral, the 4 universities that make it an educational center in the country, the City Chamber in George Square, the Necropolis, the Green & People's Palace and the Pollock House. Free time for individual walks along Buchanan Street, Ennoch Square and the Byres Road.

Continuation to Liverpool, birthplace of 4 musical geniuses who revolutionized the music scene.

### DAY 8 LIVERPOOL

After breakfast, departure to visit the city of Liverpool. To the beat of The Beatles we will visit the Albert Dock and Pier Head, where the historic buildings of the shipping company Cunard, the Royal Liver Building and the Port of Liverpool Building are located; we will also see the Protestant cathedral of neo-Gothic style and the Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral, both built in the twentieth century, the Maritime Museum and the Museum of The Beatles. Free time to enjoy this modern city. In the evening, dinner in the restaurant of the famous pub "The Cave", where the 4 friends played before being discovered.

### DAY 9 LIVERPOOL - LLANDUDNO - CAERNARFON - HOLYHEAD - DUBLIN

Today we have an exciting day ahead of us! Leaving Liverpool we enter Wales, where we will stop in the picturesque village of Llandudno, a seaside resort known since the 19th century and where Lewis Carroll found the inspiration to write his most famous work "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland".

We continue to Caernarfon, home of the castle of the same name and linked to the title of Prince of Wales. We will visit the scene of the coronation of Prince Charles of England as such. Before continuing on to Holyhead we will stop at the village with the longest name in the world, Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllantysiliogogoch. Get your camera zoom ready to capture the whole name!

We arrive in Holyhead, where we will board the ferry that will take us to Dublin, capital of Ireland. After a 4-hour crossing, we will

disembark and arrive at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 10 DUBLIN

In the morning, city tour in which we will see its main jewels such as Dublin Castle, on top of Cork Hill; the Irish Government buildings; the 18th century Town Hall; the Sean O'Casey, Samuel Beckett and James Joyce bridges; the Anglican cathedrals of Saint Patrick and Christ; the Catholic pro-cathedral of St. Mary; the historic center with Georgian architecture and the famous Trinity College library.

Afterwards, we will enjoy a private visit to the Guinness Brewery, during which we will taste its famous dark beers as well as a dinner in its restaurant. Lodging.

### DAY 11 DUBLIN - GALWAY - LIMERICK

We continue our exciting tour of the Atlantic pearls. After enjoying the capital, we continue our route to Galway, a vibrant and colorful city, wrapped between its medieval walls and white sandy beaches. We will stroll through Eyre Square and the Latin Quarter with wonders such as the Spanish Arch, Quay Street and Kirwans Lane; we will admire the 1965 Cathedral of the Assumption of Mary and discover the flavors of Galway Market.

Then we will head to the coast to see the famous Cliffs of Moher, which give us breathtaking views over the Atlantic Ocean, with pearls such as the Aran Islands, Galway Bay or the Maam Turk Mountain Range. We also find the O'Briens Tower, one of the greatest monuments of Ireland. In the late afternoon we will arrive in Limerick, an ancient city on the banks of the River Shannon. Free time to enjoy its medieval center, which highlights the 12th century cathedral, the castles of King John and Bunratty, the Cahermoyle House and Glenstal Abbey, among other gems. Overnight stay.

### DAY 12 LIMERICK - CORK - WATERFORD

Departure to Cork, the second city of Ireland after Dublin. On arrival we will be met by the local guide who will accompany us during the visit to discover its main

attractions: the Blackrock Castle, from the 16th century and located on the shores of the harbor is now an observatory and scientific center; the Cork City Gaol, former prison of the city and now ethnographic museum to show life in Cork during the 19th - 20th centuries; the Shandon Bell Tower; St Fin Barre Cathedral; the Presbyterian Church of the Trinity and the Main Market.

Free time to discover Cork at your leisure before continuing the journey to Waterford, where we will have accommodation today.

### DAY 13 WATERFORD - ROSSLARE - FISHGUARD - CARDIFF

Today we will get up early to reach Rosslare, where we will board the first ferry of the day to Fishguard, on the Welsh coast, to return to the UK. On board the ferry we will enjoy a buffet breakfast. Arrival around 11:00 a.m. in Fishguard, on the south coast of Wales, and continuation of the tour to Cardiff, with a stop in Swansea, where we will visit the largest indoor market in Wales, where we will have the opportunity to taste typical Welsh specialties.

Arrival in Cardiff mid-afternoon. Guided tour of its main monuments such as the Town Hall, Roath Park, St Fagans Castle or the Pierhead building. Free time and accommodation.

### DAY 14 CARDIFF - BATH - LONDON

On the way back to London we will still enjoy several stops in Bath, a thermal paradise already known in Roman times and later converted into a destination for the English aristocracy, leaving a unique heritage of theaters, museums and galleries; Stonehenge, the magnificent Celtic monument composed of large rectangular stone blocks arranged in a circle; and Highclere Castle, where the series "Downtown Abbey" was filmed in its entirety. Arrival in London and overnight.

### DAY 15 LONDON

Breakfast at the hotel and at the agreed time, transfer to the airport.





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## ICELAND / ICELAND

(Reykjavik - Hella - Hofn - Egilsstadir - Myvatn - Akureyri - Snaefellsnes)

### DAY 1 REYKJAVIK

Arrival at Reykjavik airport and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 2 REYKJAVIK - BLUE LAGOON - GREAT GEYSIR/STROKKUR - HELLA

We start the day with a guided tour of Reykjavik during which we will see the most important buildings of the city, such as the Parliament and the Government House, built between the 18th – 19th centuries; the Library and the National Theatre; the National Museum and the Nordic House, the latter built by the prestigious Finnish architect Alvar Aalto; the old cathedral and the Hallgrims Church.

Then, after a short drive, we will enjoy a thermal bath at the famous Blue Lagoon, south of the capital.

In the afternoon we will continue the tour to the geysers of the Haukadalur Valley, the Great Geysir and Strokkur. While the Great Geysir has ceased its activity due to human action, the Strokkur geyser offers an exciting natural spectacle, spewing jets of water every 5-10 minutes, which can reach up to 20m high. At the end of the visit we will head to Hella, in the south of the country. Overnight in hotel or cabins or guesthouses.

### DAY 3 HELLA - EYJAFJALLAJÖKULL VOLCANO - HÖFN

Departing from Hella we will take a 4x4 jeep tour to the volcano that kept the whole Europe in suspense in 2010, the Eyjafjallajökull volcano.

The tour will take us through the volcano's foothills, waterfalls and volcanic sand

beaches. Continue to Höfn and overnight in hotel or cabins or guesthouses.

### DAY 4 HÖFN - VATNAJÖKULL NATIONAL PARK

Today we will dedicate the day to a trekking tour in Vatnajökull National Park, home to Iceland's largest glacier. During the tour we will be able to admire one of the best natural manifestations, the formation of glaciers, with their crevasses, ridges and ice walls.

We will pass through the interior of an ice cave while the guide explains the secrets of the glaciers. Return to Höfn and rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 5 HÖFN - HENGIFOSS TRACK - EGILSSTADIR

We leave early in the morning towards the Hengifoss waterfall. To get there we will take a short trekking route (approx. 8km), during which we will be able to admire the landscape formed by the canyon and 5 waterfalls. This day we will stay in a hotel in the town of Egilsstadir.

### DAY 6 EGILSSTADIR - DETTIFOSS WATERFALLS - MYVATN - AKUREYRI

After breakfast we will drive to the village of Dettifoss, home to the largest waterfall in Iceland and the second largest in Europe, behind the Rhine River waterfalls. Included in the Vatnajökull National Park on the north side, this waterfall offers spectacular natural views.

We will then arrive at Myvatn lagoon to enjoy another thermal bath in its geothermal waters with high sulfuric content along with other benign materials for the treatment of asthma and skin. Free time to enjoy the lagoon and its services, such as steam baths and cafeteria. In the afternoon, arrival to Akureyri,

where we will stay for the next 2 nights. Overnight in hotel.

### DAY 7 AKUREYRI

Free day for activities. Dare to go on a boat tour to see whales and dolphins in their natural habitat. Or, for the more adventurous, other activities can be arranged such as rafting, mountain biking, horseback riding or water diving, among many other options.

### DAY 8 AKUREYRI - SNAEFELLSNES

The last stage of the trip before returning to the capital of Iceland will be the Snaefellsnes National Park, which offers a unique natural spectacle on the island, from lava fields to glaciers, black beaches and white sandy beaches, all linked by a coastline with rugged cliffs. Transfer from Akureyri to Snaefellsnes following the coastline. Photo stops along

the way. Overnight in hotel in the national park area.

### DAY 9 SNAEFELLSNES - REYKJAVIK

In the morning we will be waiting for a "snowcat", a closed-cabin vehicle similar in size to a truck and equipped with chains to move through the snow, to go to the Snaefellsnjökull glacier, which rises to 1446m above sea level and main landscape of Jules Verne's novel "Journey to the center of the earth". During the tour we will enjoy magnificent views. Then we will arrive at Grundarfjörður, at the foot of the magnificent Kirkjufell Mountain. We will visit the Shark Museum, dedicated to these incredible marine animals and where we will taste the smoked shark meat. Do you dare? We will follow the coastline towards Berserkjahraun where we can admire the lava fields, witnesses of

Icelandic legends. Late afternoon arrival in Reykjavik and hotel accommodation.

### DAY 10 REYKJAVIK

A culinary day in the capital of Iceland awaits us today. In the morning we will visit the Icelandic chocolate factory, where they will explain the history of cocoa, and its tradition in Iceland. Then free time to enjoy the city at your leisure. In the evening we will have an Icelandic cooking class! Get your aprons on for a good time with your fellow travelers cooking the farewell dinner!

### DAY 11 REYKJAVIK

Breakfast at the hotel at the agreed time, transfer to the airport.







## NORTH SCANDINAVIA / NORSCA

(Rovaniemi - Tankavaara - Karasjok - Stabbursdalen - Honningsvag - Alta - Tromso)

### DAY 1 ROVANIEMI

Arrival at Rovaniemi airport and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 ROVANIEMI - Activity day

First day in Rovaniemi to enjoy one of the following activities, depending on the season:

SUMMER and AUTUMN (June to September).

Visit reindeer and husky dog farms - see first-hand two iconic animals of the area, reindeer and huskies. Learn about their breeding and domestication, and their lifestyles.

Canoeing in the midnight sun - ever wanted to know what it's like to have sunlight at 12:00 midnight? In Lapland's summer you can experience it and at the same time have a fun time canoeing on one of the many Finnish lakes.

Forest trekking tour - trekking tour in the Taiga forest around Rovaniemi where the

guide will explain about the fauna and flora of the area and teach you how to make a fire without matches!

WINTER and SPRING (October to April) Reindeer Safari - take a reindeer sleigh ride through the magnificent Lapland scenery.

Aurora Borealis - a snowmobile tour in pursuit of the spectacular Northern Lights with their brilliant colors.

**NOTE:** as this is a natural phenomenon, the sighting of the auroras is not guaranteed.

Ice fishing - learn the ancient Finnish techniques of how to fish on a frozen lake.

### DAY 3 ROVANIEMI - Activity Day

Second day of fun activities: SUMMER and AUTUMN (June to September).

Floating on ice - experience a unique

feeling of entering a frozen lake and

floating on it while the sun is still shining at night.

Rafting on the Arctic River - the instructor will brief you on rafting and lifesaving techniques before starting the river route from which you can enjoy the unique scenery.

WINTER and SPRING (October to April) Arctic sauna - relax in the snow in an Arctic sauna, one of the most appreciated meeting points of the Lappish society. Snowshoeing tour - a more relaxed but equally spectacular activity crossing snowy forests and frozen lakes. In the evening we will enjoy a typical dinner in the area. Lodging.

### DAY 4 ROVANIEMI - TANKAARA or surroundings

Departure to Tankavaara, village of gold prospectors. Upon arrival, we will learn about this exciting activity by visiting the Gold Museum, which explains the beginnings of this activity in Finland and the rest of the world. Afterwards, we will get ready to try our luck panning for gold (outdoor activity in summer, indoor in winter).

Afternoon at leisure to relax in the sauna or take a trekking tour in the Urho Kekkonen Nature Park. Follow the guide to discover the lush Lappish nature with forests, meadows and mountains. On the way a snack with sandwiches and coffee will be offered. Return to the center of the city and overnight (in winter there will be a snowshoeing tour).

Overnight in cabins in Tankavaara or in nearby Kakslauttanen or Saariselkä.

### DAY 5 TANKAARA - KARASJOK

Today we cross the border with Norway to reach Karasjok, capital of the Sami people, a civilization that extends from

Norway to around the Arctic Circle. We will learn about their customs, their reindeer farms and see a live presentation of their traditional way of life. Rest of the day at leisure and accommodation (in cabins or hotel).

### DAY 6 KARASJOK - STABBURSDALEN - HONNINGSVAG

After breakfast we will drive to Stabbursdalen National Park, whose main attraction is the northernmost pine forest in the world. Its almost 750 km<sup>2</sup> of reserve offers a landscape of arid mountains, open plateaus and narrow ravines, crossed by the Stabburselva River, which forms waterfalls and ponds of icy waters.

We will be able to admire this park with a trekking route that will take us to visit a small part of it. Continuation of the journey to Honningsvag, the northernmost populated town in Europe, located in the North Cape. (accommodation in hotel or cabins) In the evening we will enjoy a natural spectacle such as the midnight sun (in summer) or the aurora borealis (in winter). **NOTE:** as this is a natural phenomenon, the sighting of the auroras is not guaranteed.

In summer we will leave Honningsvag heading north towards the North Cape, where we will visit a Sami family with their reindeer farm; we will see historical exhibitions and we can walk along the cliffs where day and night come together. In winter we will enjoy a quad safari in pursuit of the Northern Lights. Learn how to drive the quad vehicles while following the trail of colors in the sky!

### DAY 7 HONNINGSVAG - ALTA

In the morning free time to rest from the excitement of the previous night. In the

early afternoon we will depart for Alta, on the shores of the fjord of the same name. In summer we will enjoy a motorboat ride on the Alta fjord. Spectacular scenery awaits us while admiring the local wildlife, with eagles and seals, among others.

In winter we will enjoy a sleigh ride pulled by Norwegian fjord horses, a special breed of the area, being their calmness and strength the main characteristics. From the farm where the horses are bred, we will start the sleigh ride through the forests and following the Alta River, until we arrive at a cabin, where we will be welcomed with a typical dinner of the area. During dinner we will be regaled with legends and stories of the north. Return to Alta after dinner.

Overnight in hotel or cabins. For the more adventurous and daring we propose a night in an igloo! (Overnight in hotel - igloo is possible from mid-December to early April).

### DAY 8 ALTA - TROMSO

Today we have a long drive, approx. 6 hours along the Norwegian coast with its impressive fjords and cliffs to reach Tromso, the largest city in the north of the country.

Upon arrival, a guided walking tour of the city center will allow us to see its main attractions, such as the "Skansen", a fortification of medieval origin; the Perspective Museum, whose building is one of the few examples of imperialist style in the north of the country; the old town hall and the Arctic Cathedral. In the evening, we recommend spending the evening in one of the bars of the town, where there are usually musical performances. Overnight in hotel.

### DAY 9 TROMSO

In winter (November to February), during

our stay in this city, we will enjoy a spectacular safari .... Early in the morning we will go to sea with a modern and comfortable boat to try to see the queens of the oceans, such as the humpback whales or orcas. The excursion lasts approx. 5-6 hours. Snacks and hot drinks will be served on board.

**NOTE:** as this is a natural phenomenon, the sighting of the animals is not guaranteed.

In summer, a luxury catamaran will take us along the coast of Tromso, admiring the scenery of cliffs, fjords and islands. On board the catamaran we will taste a typical local fisherman's soup, as well as snacks and chocolate.

To bid farewell to this spectacular trip, we will enjoy a typical Arctic dinner, such as fish soup with lobster or reindeer meat. Overnight.

### DAY 10 TROMSO

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport at the indicated time.

### EXTRA:

If you want more Nordic experiences, how about an extension to the Svalbard Islands archipelago? The island of Spitsbergen and its city Longyearbyen, named after the American industrialist John Munro Longyear, who came to the island in the early twentieth century to start the mining activity that would revolutionize the life and economy of the place.

In winter season it is one of the favorite destinations to observe the northern lights, while summer invites to water activities such as kayaking, boat cruises to admire the glaciers and... Why not? Explore them from the inside!

Ask us for more adventure!







## LAPLAND AND SANTA CLAUS / LAPSANTA

(Rovaniemi)

### DAY 1 ROVANIEMI

Arrival in the Airport of Rovaniemi and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 ROVANIEMI

Breakfast and visit of our Christmas friend's house. Have you been good? Have you already written your letter? It doesn't matter if it's still summer, here you can leave your letter to Santa Claus! Visit him in his office or greet his wife at home, who is waiting to help you create your personalized souvenir, with the help of the elves! Continue discovering Santa's village with a visit to his reindeer farm, the husky dog farm and complete your adventure by crossing the Arctic Circle, certificate included!

Transfer to the hotel and overnight.

### DAY 3 ROVANIEMI - Activity Day

First day in Rovaniemi to enjoy one of the following activities, depending on the season:

#### SUMMER and AUTUMN (June to September).

Visit reindeer and husky dog farms - get to know first hand two iconic animals of the area, reindeer and huskies. Learn about their breeding and domestication, and their lifestyles.

Canoeing under the midnight sun - ever wanted to know what it's like to have sunlight at 12:00 midnight? In Lapland's summer you can experience it and at the same time have a fun time canoeing on

one of the many Finnish lakes.

Forest trekking tour - trekking tour in the Taiga forest around Rovaniemi where the guide will explain about the fauna and flora of the area and teach how to make a fire without matches!

#### WINTER and SPRING (October to April)

Reindeer Safari - take a reindeer sleigh ride through the magnificent Lapland scenery.  
Aurora Borealis - a snowmobile tour in pursuit of the spectacular Northern Lights with their brilliant colors.  
NOTE: as this is a natural phenomenon, aurora sightings are not guaranteed.  
Ice fishing - learn the age-old Finnish techniques of how to fish on a frozen lake.

### DAY 4 ROVANIEMI - Excursion to Ranua Wildlife Zoo

Today we will spend the day visiting a different zoo..... A zoo for wild Nordic animals, such as Arctic wolves and foxes, polar and brown bears, snowy owls, lynxes and otters, reindeer and deer. We will leave Rovaniemi in the morning after breakfast and drive to the town of Ranua, approx. 1 hour south, to visit this exceptional zoo. In winter you can add a snowmobile safari or husky sled ride, while in summer you can enjoy a safari in the midnight sun, feeding the animals and roasting sausages on the fire.

### DAY 5 ROVANIEMI - Activity Day

Second day of fun activities:

#### SUMMER and AUTUMN (June to September).

Floating on ice - experience a unique feeling of entering a frozen lake and floating on it while the sun is still shining

at night.

Rafting on the Arctic River - the instructor will brief you on rafting and lifesaving techniques before starting the river route from which you can enjoy the unique scenery.

#### WINTER and SPRING (October to April)

Arctic sauna - relax in the snow in an Arctic sauna, one of the most appreciated meeting points of the Lappish society (adults only).  
Snowshoeing tour - a more relaxed but equally spectacular activity crossing snowy forests and frozen lakes.

### DAY 6 ROVANIEMI - Excursion to Lampivaara amethyst mine.

Located 1.5 hours northeast of Rovaniemi is the Lampivaara amethyst mine, of millenary formation and economic sustenance of the area for centuries. Upon arrival you will be welcomed with a glass of forest fruit juice. Then an instructor will introduce you to the world of mining and the history of these mines in particular, before giving you a pick and shovel so that you can extract your amethyst stone. If you find it, you can keep it! After a day of mining, regain your strength with a snack in the cafeteria before

returning to Rovaniemi. Rest of the day at leisure and overnight.

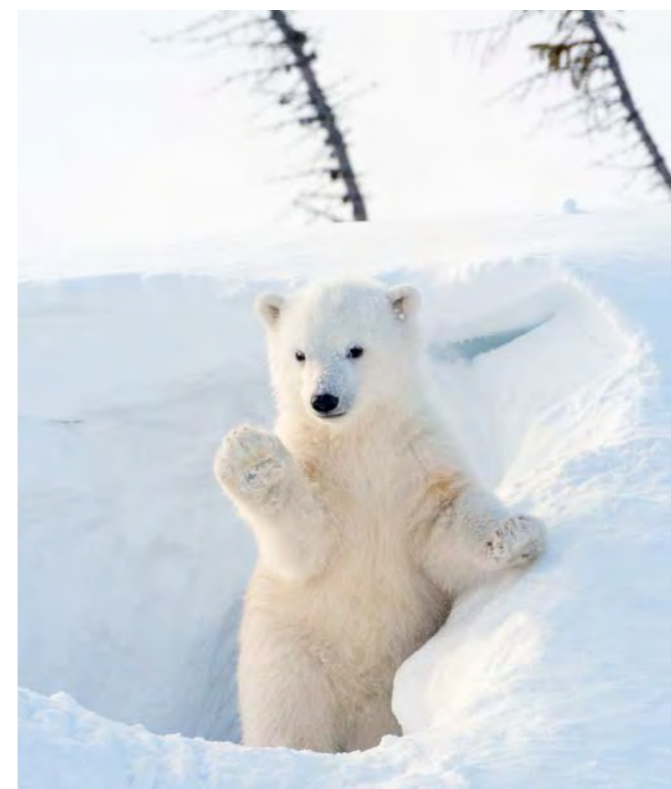
The last night we will bid farewell with a typical dinner of the area. Overnight.

### DAY 7 ROVANIEMI

Breakfast at the hotel and at the indicated time, transfer to the airport.

#### EXTRAS:

For the more adventurous... who dares to sleep one night in a hotel made of ice...?





# Terms & Conditions

## VAS DMC EUROPE

VAS DMC EUROPE, a legal entity, registered in Vienna, Austria, offers tourism services all year round and operates with highly qualified personnel with long experience in tourism.

VAS DMC offers accommodation in more than 200,000 hotels worldwide and all kinds of tourism services in Europe.

VAS DMC offers its services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The offices are open from Monday to Friday, from 09:00 to 17:00.

### 3. OBLIGATIONS OF VAS DMC

3.1. VAS DMC staff is available to explain all offers for which the client has expressed interest.

3.2. VAS DMC staff is available to explain the procedure to be followed for the tour to be carried out, according to the client's request. One of the procedures is also the preparation of the documents that the foreign agency must submit to the client.

3.3. VAS DMC is not responsible for the condition of the hotel rooms, if they are not in the condition in which they appear on the official website of the hotel or for the actions and behavior of the hotel staff at the destination chosen by the client.

VAS DMC is not responsible for the cancellation of a trip in case of force majeure, natural causes, popular protest or declaration of war in the destination chosen by the client or for any accident occurring as a result of these causes. A solution will be reached by agreement between VAS DMC, the agency and the client.

3.5. VAS DMC is not responsible for damage or loss of luggage or personal items on the plane, airport, port, ship or hotel.

### 4. RIGHTS OF VAS DMC

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4.2. VAS DMC reserves the right to receive, in the manner set forth in this agreement, all payments from the agency/client.

4.3. VAS DMC reserves the right to cancel a reservation if the agency/client does not settle all payments as established in this agreement.

### 5. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CLIENT/FOREIGN AGENCY

5.1. The client/agency is obliged to settle all payments.

5.2. The client must be present at the departure on the scheduled time and day.

5.3. The client or agency is obliged to find out if minors can participate in a tour. Minors traveling alone must present a power of attorney from both parents.

5.4. The client or agency is obliged to comply with all necessary requirements for entry into the countries to be visited. It is the sole responsibility of each traveler to have his/her travel documents (passports, valid visas) in order.

### 6. RIGHTS OF THE CLIENT/FOREIGN AGENCY

6.1. The client has the right to benefit from the offer made by the agency, according to the data provided by the staff.

6.2. The client has the right to request all the information of the tour. This must be done during the opening hours of the agency and in accordance with the terms set out in this agreement.

6.3. The client has the right to request a refund in case of cancellation of the tour, change of hotel or transportation or in case of breach of the agreement by the agency without just cause.

### 7. PAYMENTS

7.1. The deadline for full payment of a reservation is up to 14 days before the date established for the tour service. Prepayments and deposits will be fixed with each reservation.

7.2. By bank transfer. Bank account details will be provided in the reservation confirmation.

7.3. By Visa or MasterCard credit card, accompanied by an authorization form and the necessary card details, including the three-digit code.

From 1000.- euros card payments are subject to a surcharge of 1.6 - 1.8%.

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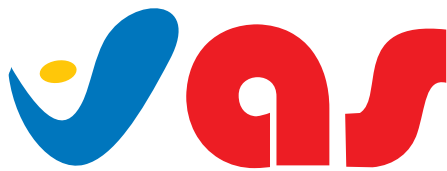
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