



THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

Springtime in Vienna

Sunday, April 11 - Saturday, April 17, 2010

Join us in romantic Vienna—a city of artistic expression—boasting architecture reflecting Roman, Medieval, Gothic, Baroque, Rococo and Art Deco influences; winter and summer palaces; impressive monuments; and boulevards standing side by side with fabulous gardens, fountains and wooded parkland. Sophisticated Vienna offers more classical music performances a year than any other city in the world. An inspiring city to visit, Vienna holds one of the world's greatest art collections in the Kunsthistorisches Museum yet it is also synonymous with gourmet fare, decadent desserts, superb coffee and relaxing coffee houses. An included panoramic tour introduces you to the city's most significant sights, including the Ringstrasse, the Belvedere Palace and the giant Ferris Wheel in the Prater. You'll also be treated to an excursion to the magical Vienna Woods with visits to the Mayerling hunting lodge and the Seegrötte, Europe's largest subterranean lake. A special treat will be the full-day excursion to nearby Bratislava, Slovakia highlighted by a walking tour to the extensive castle area with its mighty four-towered castle and the picturesque old town, a three-course lunch and free time.

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled Air France flights from Boston to Vienna via Paris
- Five nights' four star accommodations; Parkhotel Schonbrunn
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Half-day guided panoramic motorcoach tour
- Half-day guided excursion to the Vienna woods
- Full-day guided excursion to Bratislava with lunch
- Round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers with assistance

Rates

\$1,419 per person double occupancy
\$1,789 for single reservations
Triple accommodations may be available on request.
Add \$385 for current air taxes, fees charges and surcharges. Passport required.

Features...

Half-day guided tour of Vienna, Bratislava, Vienna Woods, Mayerling Castle, Seegrötte

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Departure from Boston

Depart from Boston on Air France overnight flight to Paris.

Day 2: Flight from Paris to Vienna

Arrive Paris and board your connecting flight to Vienna. Upon arrival in Vienna's you'll transfer, by private motorcoach, to the four-star centrally located **Parkhotel Schonbrunn**. The remainder of the day and evening is at leisure for you to get acquainted with your surroundings.

Day 3: Vienna

After breakfast you depart for a guided, half-day Vienna panoramic city tour by private motor coach. This extensive city tour gives you a general impression of the most significant sights of Vienna. Pass the Ringstrasse, with its magnificent buildings like the Vienna State Opera House, built between the years 1861 - 1869 in Early Renaissance style. You'll see the Museum of Fine Arts and Natural History, Parliament, City Hall, Burgtheater, Votiv Church, the Hofburg and the Belvedere Palace with its French Gardens. You'll also see the Prater with the Giant Ferris Wheel. This extensive tract of meadowland between the arms of the Danube is Vienna's most prized recreation area. The "Wurstelprater" is a

collection of booths, amusements and restaurants. The "Riesenrad", the Giant Ferris Wheel, was constructed in 1897 and soon became a landmark of this city. Afternoon and evening at leisure. **(B)**

Day 4: Vienna Woods

Today you will enjoy a half-day excursion highlighting the most beautiful sights of the southern part of the Vienna Woods. Passing the Roman City of Baden, famous for its thermal springs, you drive through the romantic valley Helenental to the former Mayerling hunting lodge, today a commemorative chapel, where Crown-Prince Rudolph together with Baronesse Vetsera died tragically in 1889. Visit the Cisterican Abbey of Heiligenkreuz (1133) with its medieval cloister and grave of the last Babenberger. Pass the Höldrichsmühle and arrive at the Seegrotte. After a boat ride on the largest subterranean lake in Europe you leave the Vienna Woods and return to Vienna finishing at the State Opera House. Afternoon and evening at leisure. **(B)**

Day 5: Bratislava

Enjoy breakfast and then depart for a full day excursion by motorcoach to Bratislava. Bratislava's is located on the banks of the River Danube and at the crossroads of ancient trading routes which predestined it to become a meeting point of various cultures: the Celts, the Romans and the Slavs. The rich mix of cultures not only left its mark in the language spoken here, but also in the customs, cuisine and lifestyle. Visitors say that the city has a relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere. **(B,L)**

Day 6: Vienna

Today is a leisure day to explore Vienna on your own. (B)

Day 7: Return flight to Boston

Depart this morning by motorcoach to the Vienna airport for your return flight to Boston via Paris. (B)

Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require valid Passport. Passports are the responsibility of each client.

PLEASE NOTE: This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.

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