

# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## *Pre-Departure Itinerary*

## **Vienna & Venice**

**Saturday, March 26 - Sunday, April 3, 2011**

Vienna is a city of artistic expression-architecture that reflects 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 boasts one of the world's greatest art collections in the **Kunsthistorisches Museum**- but it is also synonymous with gourmet fare, decadent desserts, superb coffee and relaxing coffee houses to enjoy it in. 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. Enjoy two days on your own, then the next day depart for **Venice** by rail and are transferred to your fabulously located **Hotel All'angelo**, near the Doges Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Occupying 117 islands in the azure waters of the Adriatic, Venice is a watery labyrinth of canals, bridges and the world's most famous sandbar, the Lido. We've included a half day guided walking tour to acquaint you with this exotic lagoon city. The heart of Venice is **St. Mark's Square**, filled with beautiful, historical monuments and the famous **Basilica**. **The Grand Canal** is the most beautiful street in Venice, surrounded by opulent architecture, it illustrates her uniqueness. Yet there's more to Venice than her past glories-follow her narrow streets to tiny piazzas, stroll the quayside promenade lines with restaurants and cafes, then stop at **Gelateria Nico**, the perfect spot to indulge the twin Venetian passions for watching boats and eating ice cream.

### **Includes**

- Round-trip regularly scheduled Alitalia Airlines flights from Boston to Vienna and Venice to Boston via Rome
- Seven nights' four –star accommodations:
- Buffet breakfast daily
- First-class rail transportation from Vienna to Venice
- Half- day guided panoramic coach tour of Vienna
- Half –day walking tour of Venice
- Round-trip private airport/hotel/train transfers with assistance

### **Rates**

**\$1,629 per person double occupancy**

**\$2,039 for single reservations**

Triple accommodations maybe available on request Add \$415 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Passport required.

### **Trip Planner**

**Day 1** Overnight flight from Boston

**Days 2-5** Hotel Ananas, Vienna

**Days 6-8** Hotel All'Angelo, Venice

**Day 9** Return flight to Boston

## **DAILY ITINERARY**

### **Day 1: Saturday, March 26, 2011:Departure from Boston**

Depart from Boston on Alitalia overnight flight to Rome.

**Day 2: Sunday, March 27, 2011: Flight from Rome to Vienna**

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

**Day 3: Monday, March 28, 2011: 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: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 :Vienna-Day at leisure**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and the day is yours to explore Vienna on your own. **(B)**

**Day 5: Wednesday, March 30, 2011: Vienna-Day at leisure**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and the day is yours to continue exploring Vienna on your own. **(B)**

**Day 6: Thursday, March 31, 2011:Rail to Venice**

After breakfast you'll be transferred to the rail station for your departure to Venice. Upon arrival, transfer by private water taxi, to St. Mark's Square. Check in at the four- star Hotel All'Angelo. The remainder of the day and evening is at leisure. **(B)**

**Day 7: Friday, April 1, 2011:Venice.**

After breakfast a local guide will lead you on a walking tour of Venice. Walk through the Piazza San Marco, the lively heart of the "Serenissima," which is surrounded on three sides by historical buildings with arcaded facades. On the east side is the Basilica of St. Mark. The Clock Tower stands in one corner above the fine clock face of two bronze figures: "Mori" that strikes the hour in the timeless city. Enjoy a guided visit into the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is free to explore Venice on your own. Tonight you can take your pick of Venice's many restaurants as you enjoy dinner on your own. Overnight at the Hotel All Angelo. **(B)**

**Day 8: Saturday, April 2, 2011:Venice**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and the day is yours to explore Venice on your own. **(B)**

**Day 9: Sunday April 3, 2001: Return flight to Boston**

After breakfast, transfer by private water taxi to Venice airport for your flight back to Boston via Rome. **(B)**

**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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