



AUSTRIA ITINERARY

2012

AUSTRIA ENERGY, CULTURE AND CHARM

SPEND A LONG WEEKEND, A WEEK OR MORE

As with many of the others on our site, this itinerary is simply a starting off point. It can be adjusted for couples, families or singles. It can be arranged for any time during the year. You can add optional activities, stay in each of the cities for extra nights or cut it shorter for a long weekend. The choice is yours. We will provide options for First Class and Deluxe hotels that will offer you Gluten Free options, as well as restaurants and markets where you can also find gluten free choices.



SAMPLE ONE WEEK ITINERARY



[Austria](#) has long captured the spirit of a bygone era. Ornate palaces, imperial grandeur and echoes of Mozart's music abound. Our first itinerary includes Vienna, (or Wein) the capital of Austria and Salzburg, one of the best-preserved city centers north of the Alps.

Day 1 - arrive in [Vienna](#) – Transfer to your hotel, check in and relax. Have a coffee and stroll through the local streets admiring the architecture in one of UNESCO's Heritage sites.

Day 2 - After a breakfast in your hotel, enjoy a historical tour of the city including the [Ringstrasse](#), the [Vienna State Opera House](#), the [Hofburg Palace](#), the [Museums of Fine Arts and Natural History](#), the [Parliament](#), the City Hall and the University. You will also visit the [Belvedere Palace](#) and the magnificent Imperial Rooms of the [Schonbrunn Palace](#).

Day 3 - After a breakfast in your hotel, spend the day at leisure or select optional activities for more enriched experience. Check out our list below.

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Day 4 - After your breakfast, transfer to the train station for First Class rail to Salzburg, renowned for baroque architecture and noted for it's Alpine setting. Transfer from the train station to your hotel and spend the rest of the day exploring on your own.

Day 5 - After breakfast in your hotel, you will enjoy a guided tour of the city featuring Mozart's birthplace, and other famous sights. Afternoon is at your leisure.

Day 6 - After breakfast, you can spend the day on your own or choose from one of the optional tours below.

Day 7 - After breakfast, depending upon the time of your departure you can take that last walk, purchase that item you were not sure about or simply relax. Then transfer to the airport for your flight back to the USA. Or transfer to the rail station to board the train once again to extend your trip to other cities such as [Graz](#), [Innsbruck](#), [Linz](#) or [Budapest](#).



Again the itinerary above is simply a starting off point. The optional activities below give you additional choices for your free time.

OPTIONAL TOURS/ EXCURSIONS

VIENNA

- [Schenbrunn Zoo](#) and Giant Ferris Wheel
- Danube River Cruise
- House of Music – admire history of the [Vienna Philharmonic](#)
- Day trip to Budapest
- [Leopold Museum](#) to see works of Egon – Schiele
- Mozart Concert Tickets
- Strauss Concert Tickets
- [Vienna Woods](#) and [Mayerling](#)
- [Wachau](#)



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SALZBURG

- [Fortress Hohenwerfen](#)
- Bavarian Alps tour
- [Eagles Nest](#) – see Hitler's view of the German and Austrian Alps. One for WWII buffs
- [Sound of Music](#) Tour – explore all of the places from the movie and real life of the Von Trapp family
- Salt Mines Tour
- Music concert tickets
- Ice Caves Tour

OPTIONAL CITIES TO ADD TO ITINERARY:

GRAZ: Second largest city in Austria. One of the best preserved city centers in Central Europe and in 1999 was added to UNESCO list of World Cultural Heritage sites The elegant palaces, town houses and museums of Graz's UNESCO-protected centre bear testimony to the city's Baroque heyday, while a spate of cutting-edge galleries – notably the [Kunsthau Graz](#) – point to the city's present-day role as one of central Europe's main venues for contemporary art. Also great for students as there are 6 universities.

INNSBRUCK: Sprawling beneath the Nordkette mountain ridge, INNSBRUCK is Austria's only major urban centre with high Alps on its doorstep. If you want to visit museums in the morning, walk up mountains in the afternoon and bar-hop into the early hours, you'd be hard pushed to find a more convenient place. Skiing is big news here – and hosting the winter Olympics in 1964 and 1976 provided the city with a wealth of sporting and tourist facilities. But for those who just want a taste of history, Innsbruck's compact centre of the Gothic and Baroque – invites aimless strolling. What a day - visit museums in the morning, walk up mountains in the afternoon and bar-hop into the early morning hours.



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LINZ: the Austrian city on the Danube, where there is so much to discover. Linz, European Capital of Culture in 2009, is both a brilliant cultural metropolis and an economic success story. Linz has become a popular stage for theatre and music of the finest quality, but also for contemporary art, history and science in its many museums. With attractive architecture – from sleek modern glass structures to historic stucco facade. There is much to please the eye and palate. The [Botanical Gardens](#), among the most beautiful in Europe, provide a 4.2 hectare oasis of greenery and glasshouses. Austria's largest universal museum, the [Linzer Schlossmuseum \(new window\)](#), presents its permanent exhibition “Nature in Austria” along with an interesting display on the development of the region's landscape and a spectacular, 9 metre long model shark.



BUDAPEST: The “pearl of the Danube”. Straddling the romantic [Danube River](#), with the [Buda Hills](#) to the west and the start of the Great Plain to the east, Budapest is the most beautiful city in central Europe. With a combination of baroque, neoclassical, [Eclectic](#) and art nouveau (or Secessionist) buildings there is much to excite anyone who loves architecture. There are parks filled with attractions, museums with amazing treasures, pleasure boats sailing up and down the scenic Danube and Turkish-era thermal baths to comfort you, the Hungarian capital is a delight both by day and by night. Budapest has recently become known as the party town of the region, especially in the warmer months when outdoor entertainment areas called kertek (literally ‘gardens’) comes alive.

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