

### **ITINERARY**

### Day 1

Arrival to Vienna airport

Transfer to the hotel by boat, check in

Overnight in Vienna

### Day 2

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning – pick up from your hotel for a half day tour of Vienna and visit of Schonbrunn palace.

Our sightseeing tour starts at the Operngasse 8 and takes you to the Ringstrasse boulevard, where you pass many popular tourist attractions.

First take a look at the impressive Vienna State Opera. It is home of the famous "Opera Ball" which takes place every year. Not far from the Opera, the grand Hofburg Palace is located, the former winter residence of the imperial family.

Next you will see the monumental buildings of the Museum of Art History and the Museum of Natural History. Further sights on our tour are the neoclassical Parliament, the acclaimed Burgtheater and the striking City Hall.

On arrival at Schönbrunn Palace our guided tour starts at once, no need to wait for Austria's most popular tourist attraction! The former imperial summer residence is a listed World Heritage Site and attracts millions of people from all over the world every year.

We visit the historic state-rooms and see how the imperial family once lived. You will also have time to take a stroll through the palace gardens or enjoy a cup of original Viennese coffee and a piece of delicious apple strudel.

Tour will end at Opera house Overnight in Vienna

## Day 3

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning — pick up from your hotel for a half day tour to Vienna woods and Mayerling On this bus tour you travel outside of Vienna to the southern part of the Vienna Woods, passing the former Roman spa town of Baden and driving through the romantic Helen's valley. Enjoy the ride in our comfortable coach while outside the beautiful landscape passes by on our way to Mayerling. Our first stop on this bus trip is the memorial chapel built on the site of the former imperial hunting lodge

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of Mayerling. In 1889 the tragedy of crown prince Rudolf and his mistress Baroness Vetsera took place at the lodge. Learn more about these fateful events during a tour through the memorial chapel and the adjoining showroom.

Afterwards we visit the Abbey Heiligenkreuz, which was founded in 1133 and still today, it is an active monastery. On the tour we show you the medieval cloister and the burial place of the former Babenberger rulers. This dynasty was the oldest in Austria and shaped its history throughout many centuries. This tour also includes café and cake at Klostergasthof Heiligenkreuz. Afterwards we take you to Baden where you get a quided walking tour through the town.

At the end of our half-day trip to the Vienna woods we take you back to Vienna by bus. Final stop is at the Vienna State Opera.

## Day 4

Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to the airport, departure

# The price includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation at the hotel with buffet breakfast
- Private return airport transfers by luxury can/ van
- Small group half day tour incl visit of Schonbrunn palace and pick up from the hotel
- Small group half day tour to Vienna woods incl visit of chapel Mayerling, Heiligenkreuz Abbey, coffee and cake
- All taxes