



THE VIENNA OF THE HABSBURGS

6 days / 5 nights

*Austria, a land where imperial grandeur meets vibrant culture, invites travelers to explore its rich history through the lens of the Habsburg dynasty. From the stately streets of **Vienna** to the serene landscapes of Upper Austria, this itinerary offers a journey through centuries of art, politics, and tradition. **Vienna**, once the heart of the vast Austro-Hungarian Empire, is a city where every palace, cathedral, and museum whispers stories of emperors, artists, and visionaries. You will experience the imperial elegance of the **Hofburg** and **Schönbrunn Palaces**, the artistic treasures amassed by the Habsburgs, and the majestic architecture that shaped European culture. Beyond **Vienna**, a day trip to **Budapest** reveals the shared history of the empire, where grand boulevards, castles, and churches echo Austria's historical influence. Reflecting on more recent history, the visit to **Mauthausen** provides a poignant reminder of resilience and remembrance. Along the way, travelers will savor traditional Viennese cafés, classical music performances, and the welcoming atmosphere of Austrian hospitality. This journey is designed not only for sightseeing but for connecting with the stories, emotions, and legacies that define **Austria**. It is an invitation to walk in the footsteps of emperors, artists, and citizens alike, immersing oneself in the cultural heartbeat of Central Europe. Every day combines history, art, and reflection, offering an enriching experience that illuminates both the grandeur and the depth of Austria's past.*

DAY 1 VIENNA Introduction to Habsburg Vienna

Upon arrival to the Vienna International Airport, our driver will be waiting for you to welcome you in Vienna with a warm "Grüss Gott!! und Willkommen in Österreich". Transfer to your hotel and time to rejuvenate from the long flight from home. Begin your journey with a gentle introduction to Vienna by exploring St. Stephen's Cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece and the symbolic heart of the city. Wander through its soaring nave and intricate chapels, imagining the centuries of history witnessed here. Enjoy lunch at a traditional Viennese café, soaking in the ambiance that once inspired emperors and writers. In the afternoon, visit the Hofburg Palace, the former imperial residence of the Habsburgs, exploring the Imperial Apartments, Sisi Museum, and the Silver Collection, each reflecting the opulence and political power of the dynasty. Conclude your day with a leisurely stroll through Heldenplatz and the Burggarten, where statues and gardens evoke Vienna's imperial past. Optionally, attend a classical concert at the Vienna State Opera, completing your introduction to the city's cultural richness. Overnight at the selected hotel.

DAY 2 VIENNA Schönbrunn Palace and Art

Breakfast at the hotel. Today is dedicated to exploring the artistic, architectural, and cultural legacy of the Habsburgs. Begin at Schönbrunn Palace, the magnificent summer residence of the imperial family, featuring 1,441 rooms that reflect baroque grandeur and the tastes of emperors and empresses. Discover the Imperial Apartments, adorned with frescoes, chandeliers, and period furniture, and learn about the fascinating life of Empress Elisabeth (Sisi) and other Habsburg figures. Wander through the ceremonial rooms, which hosted official receptions, state meetings, and imperial celebrations. Step outside into the Schönbrunn Gardens, where meticulously designed flowerbeds, fountains, and statues lead to the Gloriette, offering panoramic views of Vienna. Explore the Neptune Fountain, the Orangery, and the Palmenhaus (Palm House), which display exotic plants and demonstrate the Habsburgs' interest in global trade and botany. After a leisurely lunch nearby, continue to the Kunsthistorisches Museum, home to masterpieces by Bruegel, Titian, Rubens, and Caravaggio, reflecting the Habsburgs' role as art patrons. Spend the evening wandering Vienna's historic streets, including Graben and Kohlmarkt, where imperial architecture meets modern life. Overnight at the selected hotel. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

3*** Hotel	EUR 1.440.-
4**** Hotel	EUR 1.650.-
5***** Hotel	EUR 2.345.-

Surplus single room from EUR 980.-

2025 – 2026 DAILY DEPARTURES APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER

Upon request, you can start the tour any day of the week. Please send us an E-mail or call us to check your dates for availability. And if you have a group, we will be very happy to send you a special offer with bus or rental cars.

INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights accommodation in carefully selected hotel including breakfast (B).
- Private transfers airport/hotel/airport.
- Private excursion to Mauthausen and Linz
- Day trip to Budapest
- Entry tickets to Kunsthistorisches Museum, Belvedere Palace, and Spanish Riding School.
- Half day guided tour to Schönbrunn Palace
- 24/7 local assistance hotline.

NOT INCLUDED

- ❖ International flights to/from Vienna.
- ❖ Local city tourist taxes (to be paid directly at hotel, approx. EUR 2–4 per person/night).
- ❖ Optional evening activities i.e. Vienna opera
- ❖ Porterage at hotels or train stations.
- ❖ Travel insurances
- ❖ Personal expenses
- ❖ Tips for drivers and guides.
- ❖ Meals and drinks not mentioned here.





DAY 3 VIENNA Day trip to Budapest

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart early for Budapest, a city shaped by centuries of shared history with Vienna under the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Begin at Buda Castle, a historic royal palace overlooking the Danube, followed by Matthias Church, a Gothic-Baroque masterpiece where Hungarian kings were crowned. Stroll along the terraces of the Fisherman's Bastion for panoramic views of the city, and admire the architectural splendor of the Hungarian Parliament, a symbol of national pride and imperial influence. Enjoy a traditional Hungarian lunch (not included in the price), tasting goulash or lángos, then continue to Heroes' Square, a monumental site commemorating Hungary's leaders and historical milestones. The day highlights the cultural and political connections between Vienna and Budapest, offering insight into the broader context of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Return to Vienna in the evening. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B)**

DAY 4 VIENNA Mauthausen & Upper Austria

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart early for Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial, one of the largest Nazi camps in Austria. You will explore the site at your own pace, walking among the preserved barracks, memorials, and exhibits. This visit is designed for quiet reflection, offering a space to understand the scale of atrocities committed during World War II and to contemplate the lessons for humanity today. Travelers are encouraged to take time to assimilate the history, pause at the monuments, and engage with the memorials thoughtfully, fostering personal insight and reflection on the importance of remembrance and tolerance. After this profound experience, enjoy lunch in the nearby town of Mauthausen (not included) before continuing to Linz, the capital of Upper Austria. Linz combines baroque architecture with modern culture and was an important administrative center during the Habsburg period. A guided walk through the historic center highlights landmarks such as Hauptplatz (main square), the Old Cathedral, and Linz Castle, which houses the Upper Austrian Museum. These sites illustrate Habsburg influence in governance, civic planning, and regional culture, offering a complementary perspective to Vienna's imperial grandeur. You can appreciate the contrast between the profound reflection at Mauthausen and the cultural vibrancy of Linz. Return to Vienna in the evening. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B)**

DAY 5 VIENNA Cultural Depth

Breakfast at the hotel. Begin the day with a visit to Belvedere Palace, a Baroque masterpiece and former residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy. Explore the Upper and Lower Belvedere and its gardens, discovering the Habsburg art collections and masterpieces, including Gustav Klimt's The Kiss. Afterward, enjoy some free time in Vienna. You may choose to stroll through the elegant streets of the city center for shopping, or immerse yourself in Viennese culinary culture with a visit to the Hotel Sacher Café. Here, you can savor a cup of coffee accompanied by the original Sacher Torte, a chocolate cake icon of Vienna, while soaking in the café's historic ambiance. This moment allows for relaxation and appreciation of Vienna's café culture, which has been central to social and intellectual life since the Habsburg era. In the evening, you will be invited to the Spanish Riding School, where the classical dressage tradition and Lipizzaner horses showcase centuries of imperial equestrian culture. Witness the elegant movements of these majestic horses and the skill of the riders, a living tradition maintained since the 16th century under Habsburg patronage. This evening experience provides a perfect balance of history, culture, and artistry, leaving a lasting impression of Vienna's imperial elegance. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B)**

DAY 6 VIENNA Farewell Habsburg Dynasty

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a leisurely morning, packing and taking final walks around Vienna if time allows. Private transfer to Vienna International Airport for departure, marking the end of a rich journey through imperial Austria and its surrounding historical landscapes. End of our services. **(B)**

(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner

