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WACHAU HIGHLIGHTS

The Wachau is a valley on the UNESCO World Heritage List and holds so much in store for you: myriad artistic and cultural treasures plus scenic landscapes, awardwinning restaurants and world-famous wines. Enjoy the days you spend here with all your senses - eyes, palate and nose. The dual town of Krems-Stein is more than 1,000 years old and serves as the eastern gateway to the Wachau. The town center has a large number of fine historical buildings and was added to the UNESCO World Heritage list in the year 2000. The guided walking tour ends at the Caricature Museum Krems, Austria's only museum for caricature and satire. It features extensive works by the top Austrian caricaturist Manfred Deix plus special exhibitions.

On a boat ride on the Danube from Krems to Melk, you can see the Wachau from its loveliest side.

Next is the Schallaburg, one of the loveliest Renaissance castles north of the Alps featuring two-story arcades decorated with terracotta ornamentation. The Schallaburg is a place of encounter and home of annually changing exhibitions in the international context.

The medieval town of Dürnstein is the pearl of the Wachau. The abbey church with its famous blue tower is well worth seeing, as are the striking ruins towering high above the town.

The baroque Benedictine Abbey of Göttweig is often called Austria's Montecassino because of its fantastic location. The monumental imperial stairway and frescos by Paul Troger are impressive, as are the abbey church and the museum in the imperial wing.

The package includes:

- _ Two overnight stays with breakfast in ***hotel in Krems
- _ Guided walking tours of Krems and Dürnstein
- Admission to Caricature Museum
- _ Hot buffet at heuriger wine tavern in Krems
- _ Danube boat ride from Krems to Melk _ Admission to and tour of Schallaburg
- Cellar tour and wine tasting at the Winzer Krems
- _ Admission to and tour of Göttweig Abbey

Price on request



WORLD HERITAGE TRAIL AS A HIKER'S PARADISE

Hear that gravel crunching under your soles? Feel your muscles straining a bit on the ascent? You will have forgotten ascent, effort and every day cares at the latest on reaching one of the countless breathtaking lookout points on the World Heritage Trail.

Itinerary:

The 180 km World Heritage Trail takes you throughout this unique river landscape. The group bus transports you to the starting point and picks you up again at the end point of the daily leg. On request, you can book a hiking and wine guide to accompany you. You cover the Wachau, a UNESCO World Heritage landscape, in three legs between Dürnstein, Weisenkirchen, Spitz and Rossatz.

- The package includes:
- _ Three overnight stays with half board in a three-star hotel in Spitz
- _ Guided walking tour of Dürnstein _ Three bag lunches with regional prod-
- ucts prepared by lodging hosts
- _ Wine tasting at winery (three wines and one Wachauer (a famous local roll))
- _ Hiking packet with map and trail description

Price on request

Bookable: April to November



MELK ABBEY AND THE WACHAU VALLEY

Melk has been a spiritual and cultural center of the region for more than a millennium. This total work of art includes the abbey park with its baroque pavilion. The Paradise Garden was replanted as originally laid out by Walahfrid Strabo, a 9th century Benedictine abbot. Explore it on your own. The north bastion dating to 1736 at the entrance to Melk Abbey was completely transformed and now has a lookout terrace that affords wonderful views of the park, the abbey buildings and the surrounding area. Further highlights of this day trip are a boat ride on the Danube and a visit to a heuriger wine tavern. The package includes:

- _ Admission to/tour of Melk Abbey plus famous north bastion
- _ Exploration of abbey park on own _ Admission including guided tour of
- Dürnstein Abbey _ Danube boat ride from Melk to Dürnstein
- Hearty supper with regional specialties at heuriger

Price on request Bookable: April to October



WINE AND APRICOTS

On this guided walking tour of the historical center of Krems, you delve into the more than 1,000-year history of the town. Kunsthalle Krems presents international artworks while the Caricature Museum features fine and entertaining works from the realms of caricature and pictorial satire. On a Danube boat ride from Krems to Spitz you enjoy a two-course meal and experience the Wachau from its loveliest side. Mühldorf is home to Marillenhof-Destillerie Kausl. On a tour of this distillery, guests find out more about tasty treasures and the artwork in the apricot orchard. The outing ends at a heuriger wine tavern.

The package includes:

- _ Guided walking tour of Krems
- _ Admission to the Caricature Museum
- Danube boat ride from Krems to Spitz, includes two-course meal
- _ Tour of Marillenhof-Destillerie Kausl _ Supper of cold cuts, cheese and bread
- at heuriger in Spitz

Price on request

Bookable: April to September





WACHAU - ALSO A DREAM IN THE WINTER

From mid-November to Christmas, there are a number of romantic and lovely Advent markets held every weekend throughout the entire Danube region of Lower Austria. The settings include castles, monasteries and other historical buildings and ensure a special atmosphere. High quality handicrafts and evocative cultural readings and concerts round out the offerings.

Many Advent markets are held each year around December 8. Those at Grafenegg Castle and Göttweig Abbey are two examples. Enjoy the magical winter atmosphere in the Wachau at one of these special Advent markets.

To make your winter journey to the Wachau even more unforgettable, add a visit to Melk Abbey or to the cellars and wine shop of Loisium Wine Experience in Langenlois, or to Wein.Sinn, a wine experience for all the senses from the vintners of Krems. A boat ride on the Danube is also yours on request. The package includes:

- Two overnight stays with breakfast at a ***hotel in Krems or environs
- One dinner at hotel as part of the halfboard package
- One dinner at Heurigenrestaurant Schreiberhaus (hot buffet)
- Admission and guided tour of Melk Abbey, Loisium Wine Experience or Wein.Sinn

Price on request

Bookable: mid-November to 23 December

Our Danube Advent Partners:

- _ Artistic Handicrafts Christmas Market at Aggstein Ruins
- _ Advent at Benedictine Abbey of Göttweig
- _ Grafenegg Advent romantic Advent market in Renaissance castle
- _ Advent in manor farm at Hof Palace



THE EGON SCHIELE EXPERIENCE

Egon Schiele was a pivotal artist in Austrian Modernism. In the "Egon Schiele Experience" package, you explore many of the great Expressionist's favorite haunts in the town where he has grown up. His birthplace the train station master's apartment gives you authentic insights into Schiele's childhood. Explore Schiele's home town Tulln and find out many interesting things about it. Follow the footsteps of its most famous native son. The package includes:

- _ Guided Egon Schiele city tour with the Tulli-Express
- _ Admission to Egon Schiele's birthplace _ Three-course lunch (beverages not
 - included)

Price on request

Bookable: Tuesday to Sunday mid-April to mid-October



DAY DREAM IN THE GREAT GARDENS OF TULLN

Leave your everyday cares behind and prepare yourself for unforgettable day dream of nature and gardens. Enter GARTEN TULLN, Europe's first ecological garden show, and explore the more than 65 show gardens. Enjoy a wonderful view of the beautiful garden world from the 30 meters high threetop trail. After a tasty lunch take a canoe tour in the waterways of the Danube wetlands and experience the flora and fauna.

- The package includes:
- _ Guided tour of GARTEN TULLN _ Three-course lunch
- (beverages not included)
- _ Canoe tour through waterways

Price on request

Bookable: mid-April to September



FOLLOW THE ROMAN FOODSTEPS ALONG THE DANUBIAN LIMES

Take a ride in the time machine and explore the daily social and military live of the Romans on the Danubian Limes. Enjoy original roman cooking and wine at the former boarder of the Roman Empire. The package includes:

- _ Guided Tour at the Roman Museum in Tulln
- _ Roman Bread & Wine Tasting _ Four-course meal (beverages not
- included)
- _ Guided Tour of "ARRIANS AD DANUVIUM - The Roman Klosterneuburg"
- Winery Tour in the Klosterneuburg Monastery including Wine tasting (three different wines)

Price on request

Bookable: April to October



TULLN, A CITY OF ART AND GARDENS ON THE DANUBE

With the tourst attraction "Tulli" you can get around comfortably in the Art and Garden city Tulln and experience the great views of the Danube. Find out:

What is special about the Roman tower? What function had the Tulln charnel house? What ist the secret of the rat at the Monument of Nibelungs? The package includes:

- _ Guided city tour with the Tulli-Express _ Three-course lunch (beverage not
- included)

Price on request

Bookable: year-round



THE ROMANS AND THEIR WINE

Stroll through a Roman town reconstructed to original scale as an authentic encounter with the Ancient World. This is an experience to be had nowhere else. A small Ancient Roman vesper (snack) of mulsum mead (honey wine), olives, nuts and cheese awaits you. After lunch, proceed to Villa Vinum in Bruck an der Leitha for a memorable wine experience with Roman legionnaires and the legendary emperor Marcus Aurelius. Wine and a hearty meal at a cozy heuriger wine tavern in the Carnuntum wine region make for a perfect end to the day. The package includes:

- __ Roman vesper (snack)
- _ Tour of Roman City Quarter Petronell
- Carnuntum ticket (admission to Amphitheatre and Museum Carnuntinum)
- _ Three-course lunch
- "Good Old Days" tour at Villa Vinum
- (1.5 hours), samples of three wines
- 1 drink free and cold vintner's supper at heuriger wine tavern

Price on request

Bookable: May to October



CARNUNTUM WINE EXPERIENCE

Opulent, full-bodied wines have flourished in the mild Pannonian climate of the Carnuntum wine region since Celtic times. The cellar-lined road in Prellenkirchen with its quaint museum on viticulture and the educational wine trail in Höflein vividly span the arc from tradition to the present day. You find out fascinating facts about wine growing and can test your own knowledge in the wine tasting session that follows. The hot vintner's buffet (home-smoked meat, caraway-seed roast, marinated pot roast, bratwursts, blood sausage...) gives you the right base at midday as does the cold vintner's plate that afternoon in the cellar-lined road in Prellenkirchen.

The package includes:

- _ Walk on educational wine path with a winemaker
- _ Wine tasting in Höflein (five top wines) and hot vintner's buffet
- Visit to the viticulture museum in Prellenkirchen, wine tasting (five amples) and cold vintner's supper

Price on request

Bookable: year-round



DANUBE, FISH AND WINE

The Orth Castle National Park Center provides intriguing insights into the world of the Danube wetlands and the castle island with its unique underwater station is an inviting place to watch the inhabitants of these wetlands. We treat you at midday to fish specialties. Then it is time to explore this scenic area close-up in an adventuresome inflatable boat tour. An exciting guided hike reveals further amazing facts about the Danube wetlands. In the evening after your visit to the viticulture museum, you enjoy a delicious vintner's supper during a wine tasting session (five wines). The package includes:

- _ Tour of Orth Castle National Park Center
- _ Tour of castle island for insights into Danube wetlands (about 1.5 hours) _ Three-course meal featuring fish
- specialties
- _ Danube boat excursion and exciting guided hike (about three hours)
- Prellenkirchen wine adventure (viticulture museum, wine tasting and vintner's cold supper)

Price on request

Bookable: April to October



TIME TRAVEL TO MIDDLE AGES & BAROQUE ADVENTURE

You visit the prettiest spots in the medieval town of Hainburg accompanied by medieval mercenaries or noble ladies. Unique structures 700 years old await you plus fascinating tales and true stories from the eventful history of this venerable old town. At lunch you enjoy a three-course gourmet meal and then head onward to the magnificent Hof Palace and a magical world of Baroque exuberance. You can admire the private quarters of Maria Theresia and Emperor Joseph II, then proceed to the formal baroque gardens made up of seven terraces and afterwards visit the lovable farm animals on the idyllic manor farm.

The package includes:

- _ Medieval tour of Hainburg an der Donau (about 1.5 hours)
- _ Three-course lunch
- Admission to and tour of Hof Palace (one hour)

Price on request

Bookable: April to October



THE FASCINATING DANUBE WETLANDS

The Orth Castle National Park Center is a great introduction to the fascinating world of the Danube wetlands. The multimedia exhibition on Danubian habitats takes a fun and exciting approach to the national park and the history of the Danube. In a special tour through the adjoining outdoor space on the castle island you have a chance to observe turtles, fish, snakes and other animals from the Danube wetlands first-hand. After lunch, you hop on a tschaike, an historical Danube boat from around 1530, and enjoy a ride on the mighty Danube. A guide provides interest-

ing insights into Danube boatmen, their customs and superstitions.

The package includes:

- _ Tour of Orth Castle National Park Center and of castle island (three hours)
- _ Three-course lunch
- _ Round-trip ride on Danube on historical Danube boat (one hour)

Price on request

Bookable: April to October



IN SEARCH OF THE HABSBURGS

This package extends from the golden age of the Habsburg Empire to the end of the Danube Monarchy. You begin with a visit to magnificent Hof Palace and the private quarters of Maria Theresia and Joseph II, now authentically restored. You then proceed to the Baroque gardens extending over seven terraces and afterwards visit the lovable animals in the idyllic manor farm. For lunch, enjoy a delicious threecourse meal. In the afternoon, your journey takes you to where the Danube Monarchy ended, Eckartsau, the fateful royal hunting lodge for Austria's last imperial couple: Karl I and Zita. The more than 600 year rule of the Habsburgs in Austria ended there.

The package includes:

- _ Admission to and tour of Hof Palace (about one hour)
- _ Three-course lunch
- _ Admission to and tour of the Eckartsau royal hunting lodge (about one hour)

Price on request



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ON THE TRAILS OF THE GRAPE PHYLLOXERA

The Thermenregion in Lower Austria is named after the thermal springs found here. The region boasts elegant whites, fine dessert wines and velvety reds as well as country life with an urban flair, rustic heurige wine taverns and cozy local inns. From April onward, the new vintage can be sampled at myriad wine festivals! Entire roads turn into one big tavern that serves all the regional delicacies. The highlight is Weinherbst, Lower Austria's celebration of wine and autumn with something for everyone, from vineyard hikes to wine tasting with music and dancing.

Itinerary:

Day 1: You arrive and check into your hotel. You sample special wines during a commented wine-tasting session. "On the Trail of the grape Phylloxera" you hike through vineyards where many world famous wines originate while your winemaker guide fills you in on the domestic grape varieties and the history of viticulture. You enjoy a simple lunch with a glass of sturm (semi-fermented young wine) or fermented cider at hiartahittn, huts in the vineyards once manned by watchmen. The many regional wine festivals feature grand opening ceremonies with parades of vintners, wine queens and guests of honor plus various activities and often live music as well.

Day 2: The Vienna Woods has much more to

offer than just great wine, however. Wonderful hiking trails and cycling paths crisscross this hilly area. Fortresses and castles are perched high above small charming villages. Medieval churches and monasteries attract visitors from far and wide. Have your own personal set of adventures before heading home.

The package includes:

- One overnight stay with breakfast in medium category hotel in Vienna Woods Vintner hike with a local winemaker
- Wine tasting of three wines with commentary
- _ Lunch with glass of semi-fermented young wine or cider
- One admission to your choice of Heiligenkreuz or Klosterneuburg Abbey, Lake Grotto or the like

Price on request

Bookable: April to October

Highlights: THE GENUSSMEILE -The Longest Bar in the world, first and second weekend in September





GLITTERING LIGHTS AND FRAGRANT MULLED WINE

Visit the lovely Advent markets in an historical atmosphere. The many different Advent markets bid you welcome. They are yours to marvel at and enjoy.

Itinerary:

Day 1: We welcome you with a mug of mulled wine and cookies. After a torch-lit hike that evening, you enjoy a traditional Advent meal in the Vienna Woods. Day 2: You begin the day with a trip through the northern Vienna Woods, which dons its winter guise this time of year. Klosterneuburg Abbey has precious treasures from days long past. In the afternoon, you proceed to one of the romantic Advent markets. Then a short stroll through a wine town takes you to an old cellar with wooden barrels for wine tasting. A visit to a heuriger wine tavern puts the finishing touch on the day.

Day 3: You return home - or make another stop at an Advent market in the romantic towns around Baden. The package includes:

- Two overnight stays with breakfast in medium category hotel in the Vienna Woods
- _ Mulled wine and cookies as treats on your arrival
- _ Torch-lit hike with traditional Advent meal
- _ Guided half-day tour of the Vienna Woods
- _ Tour of Klosterneuburg Abbey
- _ Wine tasting
- _ Evening at a heuriger wine tavern with cold cuts, cheese, etc. served on a wooden plate, and 1/4 l of wine

Price on request

Bookable: End of November to 23 December





VIENNA - VIENNESE - VIENNA WOODS

Vienna and the Vienna Woods are inseparably interconnected. The Vienna Woods exude a zest for life at the gateway to Vienna and are a convenient base for you to visit one of the liveliest capitals in the world and its many attractions. Experience the flair of one the world's great cities while staying in scenic green countryside. The Vienna Woods surround the city and serve as its green lungs. The Vienna Woods are just a stone's throw away in terms of transport connections and therefore near enough for you to enjoy the nature, culture and culinary delights of this grand city on the Danube!

Itinerary:

Day 1: You arrive and check into your hotel in the Vienna Woods at the gateway to Vienna, one of the world's great cities. Initial exploratory stroll and cozy evening at a heuriger wine tavern with a typical heuriger platter and a glass of wine.

Day 2: Today is devoted to many of the finest sights in Vienna: the magnificent buildings lining the Ringstrasse such as the State Opera, the Art History Museum and Natural History Museum, the Parliament, the Burgtheater and the university. Of course, you have to make sure and also visit the Giant Ferris Wheel, Schönbrunn Palace, which we see as part of a tour, and also Steffl, as the Viennese lovingly call St. Stephen's Cathedral, the landmark of the city. Day 3: Today you enjoy a further attraction in Vienna: a training session of the Lipizzaner stallions at the Spanish Riding School (Tuesday through Saturday). Then you spend the afternoon strolling around the first district of Vienna, visiting the Albertina, taking a boat ride on the Danube or treating yourself to a delicious coffee break.

Day 4: Take a trip through the northern or southern Vienna Woods and visit one of the two wonderful abbeys in the region before heading for home.

The package includes:

- _ Three overnight stays with breakfast in medium category hotel in Vienna Woods
- _ Historical city walk _ Visit to a heuriger wine tavern for region-
- al delicacies and a glass of wine _ Full day tour of Vienna with a guide
- _____ Admission to Schönbrunn Palace
- _ Admission to morning training at the Spanish Riding School
- _ Admission to and tour of the abbey of your choice in the Vienna Woods

Price on request

Bookable: year-round



FINE LITTLE OUTING IN THE COUNTRY

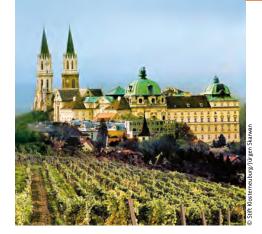
Laxenburg Palace and the Franzensburg are set in a 250 hectare park which you can explore on hikes or on the Bummelzug tourist train. As part of a tour, you visit the castle situated in the middle of a large pond. Then you proceed to a winery in the Thermenregion, where you sample delicious vintages from this wine region. Next is a hike through the vineyards before the day ends with a delicious meal at a local restaurant or a heuriger buffet at a local wine-maker.

The package includes:

- _ Admission, Laxenburg park
- Ride on the Bummelzug slow train Tour of Franzensburg
- Wine tasting session, samples of three wines
- Vinevard hike
- Three-course gourmet meal or heuriger buffet (beverages not included)

Price on request

Bookable: April to October



SO MUCH WINE - SO MUCH CULTURE - SO MUCH TO EXPERIENCE

This special tour of the largest and oldest vineyard estate in Austria illuminates the 900 year history of wine production at Klosterneuburg Abbey. It takes you into the labyrinth of Baroque cellars, supported by meter-thick brick walls and extending as far as 36 meters into the earth. You see where the famous abbey wines are produced and experience first-hand centuriesold viticulture traditions wed with modern wine-making techniques.

Package 1:

- _ Admission to/tour of Viticulture Trail Wine tasting featuring three wines,
- bread Package 2:
- _ Admission and tour of Viticulture Trail Wine tasting featuring three wines, bread
- Three-course meal

Prices on request

Bookable: year-round (except harvest time)



FASCINATING ABBEYS

Starting with Heiligenkreuz Abbey, you gain interesting insights into the mysticism of this place and into the monks' life past and present. At midday you are invited to join the monks in Divine Office. If you are hungry, you are welcome to have lunch at the abbey restaurant. Then you proceed to Klosterneuburg Abbey. Starting from the sala terrena, you can experience the abbey as a religious center with outstanding art treasures, an historical site of imperial ambitions but also as Austria's oldest vineyard estate. You end the afternoon enjoying coffee and cake at the abbey's own café.

The package includes:

- Admission to and tour of the Heiligenkreuz Abbey
- Admission to and tour of Klosterneuburg Abbey
- _ Coffee break with coffee and cake

Price on request

Bookable: year-round



EMPEROR, CAKE & CO.

Up until the final years of his life, Emperor Franz spent every summer in the health resort Baden bei Wien. In 1813 he acquired the house at Hauptplatz 17, which has now been restored to its previous luster as the Emperor's House. From 1813 on, Baden became a gathering place for the Monarchy. Badener Kipferl, Badener Zuckerl and many other culinary delights date from this period. This resort still has imperial flair. Start by taking a truly delicious stroll around town and experience the history of Baden from a different angle, namely a sweet angle!

Then take a look at Kaiserhaus!

The package includes:

- _ Guide for sweet town stroll
- _ Tasting of the "Kaiserschmarrn"
- _ Recipe booklet
- _ Admission to/tour of Kaiserhaus

Price on request

Bookable: April to November



HUMOROUS WINE HIKE

Enjoy the picturesque landscape and the views of the Thermenregion, a hot springs region in the southern Vienna Woods also famous for its fine wines. The emphasis is on sociable outdoor wine-tasting rather than athletically ambitious hiking so anyone can handle this event regardless of age. We start our vineyard tour at city hall accompanied by a winemaker who has a wealth of stories about wine. We stop for a rest at Rote Aussicht, where we sample a glass of local wine. Our final destination is a heuriger wine tavern, where the winemaker serves you a delicious cold supper along with a glass of wine from his own cellars.

The package includes:

- _ Wine hike with winemaker as guide
- _ A glass of wine and water
- _ Heuriger platter and a glass of wine

Price on request

Bookable: year-round



FROM THE SPRING INTO THE BOTTLE

Take a peek behind the scenes and find out more about the origins of Vöslauer mineral water, about its bottling and labeling as well as its warehousing. Where does this mineral water come from? From what depths is it drawn? How does it get in the bottle? In the summer, the next stop is the original spring in Thermalbad Bad Vöslau. The price includes a ticket to the baths so you are welcome to take a refreshing dip if you wish. The day ends on a sociable note at a friendly heuriger with tasty local dishes and wine. No guided tours: Sat, Sun, holidays or when repairs are being carried out All-inclusive package 1

- _ Tour of production plant
- Evening at a heuriger with cold supper platter and a small bottle of water
 Bookable: year-round

All-inclusive package 2

Just like all-inclusive package 1 plus
 Tour of Thermalbad Bad Vöslau (hot spring baths)

_ Swimming at outdoor baths Bookable: May to September

Prices on request



GREETINGS FROM THE ROSENKAVALIER

Enter a world full of blooming roses, gardens and delights. We guide you through Baden from the enchanting Rosarium to Gutenbrunnerpark and then to the Beethoven Temple, where you have a wonderful view of Baden and the Vienna Woods. Enjoy a unique stroll through Austria's largest rose garden, which boasts 30,000 rose bushes belonging to more than 860 different varieties most of which bear famous names and have beguiling fragrances. After your walk, we serve you culinary delicacies. Package 1:

- _ Gardens and roses stroll
- _ Coffee break with coffee and cake

Package 2:

- _ Gardens and roses stroll
- _ Lunch (beverages not included)

Prices on request

Bookable: May to October



FROM GLASS FORTRESS TO FRANZENSBURG

At the Glass Fortress you learn about the history and art of glassmaking. On a stroll through the world of glass, you pass through a desert and a forest, among other places, before finding out what glass feels like at 520°C. Glass-blowing or glass-painting demonstrations are given at special times. For fortification, we serve you coffee and homemade cake. Then we proceed to the knight's fortress known as Franzensburg, one of the most fascinating structures in Laxenburg park. You see works by well-known painters, furniture, sculptures and weapons plus glass paintings rendered using rare techniques.

The package includes:

- _ Admission to/tour of Glass Museum _ Coffee and cake
- _ Admission to Laxenburg Castle Park
- _ Ride on tourist train and pond ferry
- _ Guided tour of Franzensburg

Price on request



DIVINING WATER VEINS

Diviners allegedly have the gift of being able to feel the power of water. Subterranean rivers and streams crisscross the inside of the earth like blood vessels. Many diviners search for drinking water, others for fields of interference caused by water veins. Today starts with a short introduction and explanation of the subject of water veins in the castle park. Then you are given a hands-on lesson in the use of divining rods. After divining and locating water veins, you enjoy a glass of red wine. Then comes your reward: a hearty "Heurigen" lunch with delicious wine and spring water.

The package includes:

- _ Introduction to divining
- Hands-on lesson with divining rod One glass red wine
- "Heurigen" lunch snack with wine and water

Price on request

Bookable: year-round



WINE AND BALSAMICO - TASTES OF THE VIENNA WOODS

In the middle of the Vienna Woods, a tenor makes one of the finest and most precious "food enhancers" in the world in an elaborate production and maturation process: aceto balsamico. You find out interesting facts about the unique traditional Austrian method of producing balsamico from freshly pressed grape must and taste this sweet dark vinegar. Then you pay a visit to one of the most fascinating cellar complexes in Austria. You tour baroque cellars as deep as 36 meters under the earth's surface at one of the oldest vineyard estates in Austria. Barrique and fermentation cellars and the

press house are spread over three levels. Then you sample award-winning wines!

The package includes:

- _ Tour of balsamico production operations Balsamico tasting
- Wine cellar tour of Klosterneuburg Abbey _ Wine tasting, three wines

Price on request

Bookable: year-round



FIRE AND CHECKERS TREE

Charcoal burning is an ancient craft now practiced by only 15 people in Austria and has been part of Austria's UNESCO World Heritage since 2011. Visit one of the last charcoal making sites where charcoal is manufactured the traditional way from wood charred in round piles. Masterfully stacked, wrapped in brushwood and sod and watched round the clock, the fire smolders on for several weeks until the black gold is finished. You can peak over the shoulder of the charcoal burner (aka collier) and get a close-up look at charcoal making. Then you learn all about checkers

at a tasting session featuring this famous fruit from checker trees in the Vienna Woods that has a flavor like marzipan. You will be tasting checker spread, checker liqueur and checker cake. In a film, you can see how this special fruit is harvested and subsequently processed.

The package includes:

- _ Admission and tour of the charcoal making operation
- Checker tasting session with film Price on request

Bookable: year-round



IMPERIAL TOWN AND PARADISE FOR SHOPPERS

You start your excursion in the historical past with a visit to Baden, a city with 19th Biedermeier charm. On a walking tour you learn about this historical town that once served as a summer residence for the imperial family. Find out about the door known as the "Lumpentürl" and about the wine named for it. Beethoven was wont to take the waters in Baden, so you can visit the Beethoven House where the master composed parts of his Ninth Symphony. You can also admire the historical Emperor's House. Then unlimited shopping fun awaits you in Austria's largest shopping

center with more than 330 shops. After leisurely shopping and strolling, you can fortify yourself with a hearty bite to eat and a glass of wine at one of the many wineries in the region.

The package includes:

- _ Historical walking tour of Baden _ Admission to Beethoven House
- _ Cold cuts, cheese, etc. served on a wooden plate with 1/4 l of wine

Price on request

Bookable: year-round



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MARCHFELD COUNTRY ESTATES AND THEIR GARDENS

The Marchfeld region has a number of castles and country estates. Visit them on this wonderful three-day tour of the Marchfeld. Enjoy the great outdoors and the splendid baroque parks and gardens.

Itinerary

At Hof Palace, delight in one of the most beautiful baroque gardens of all, built on seven terraces by Prince Eugene of Savoy. Then head for the imperial hunting lodge in Eckartsau. A stroll through the romantic park is like being in a painting.

Next join a national park ranger to explore schlossORTH National Park Center and the castle island.

Every year around the end of March, 70 to 100 storks arrive in Marchegg to breed and raise their young. Around the middle of August the journey east and back to Africa begins. From the levee directly behind Schloss Marchegge, you enjoy an ideal panoramic view of Europe's lagest colony of tree-nesting white storks. The package includes:

- 2 overnight stays with half-board at 3or 4-star hotel
- _ Tour of palace and gardens at Hof Palace (about 2 hours)
- Tour of castle and park at Eckartsau (about 2 hours) including sparkling wine reception and imperial snack
- Admission to and tour of schlossORTH National Park Center and castle island (about 3 hours)
- _ Guided tour of Europe's largest colony or tree-nesting storks

Price on request





DREAM GARDENS - ANCIENT ROMAN TO EUROPEAN BAROQUE

The gardens in Carnuntum offer exciting insights into the art of gardening in Ancient Rome. These Roman gardens are precursors to later ones in the Renaissance and Baroque eras. To reconstruct them, experts went beyond archeological evidence to draw on written records, pictorial representations and research findings from comparable complexes. These gardens were characterized by a division into quadrangular planted areas with paths cutting through them at right angles, the planting of the quadrants at the corners of the beds with solitary bushes and the inclusion of berry-producing bushes to enhance the fruit orchard. You receive fortification, too: a vesper, an Ancient Roman snack.

At Hof Palace you immerse yourself in the splendid world of the Baroque era! Your tour takes you through the guestrooms of Prince Eugene of Savoy and the apartments of Maria Theresa and Joseph II. Afterwards you proceed to the terraced gardens. The Baroque gardens at Hof Palace are a kaleidoscope of plants of all shapes and colors. Visitors can stroll over the seven terraces, passing broderie beds, pergolas and magnificent fountains, all the while enchanted by the artistically designed beds. The mammoth revitalization project is nearly completed. Most recently, the fountain on the seventh terrace was restored as were the small cascade and exquisite wrought-iron gates. After several hundred years, the terraced garden of Hof Palace has now been returned to the original size and splendor it enjoyed in the days of Prince Eugene of Savoy. The final stop is Prince Eugene's orangery and the historical gardener's apartment.

- The package includes: _ One overnight stay with breakfast at a three or four star hotel
- _ Tour of open-air museum in Petronell (one hour)
- _ Cup of mulsum (honeyed wine), bread and moretum (Roman spread of sheep's cheese, garlic and olive oil)
- Carnuntum ticket (admission to Amphitheatre Bad Deutsch-Altenburg and Museum Carnuntinum)
- _ Three-course lunch
- Tour of palace and gardens at Hof Palace (2.5 hours)

Price on request

Bookable: April to October



THE GARDEN PARADISE ON THE DANUBE

Explore the GARTEN TULLN with its 65 show gardens and get inspired for your own garden at home. Enjoy a wonderful view of the Europe's first ecological garden show from the 30 meters high treetop trail.

Die Gärtnerei is a restaurant with a spacious pond-side terrace, making it an inviting spot for lunch.

Klosterneuburg Monastery: The park is open to visitors as part of a guided tour. Domestic and exotic plants are laid out in a classic English style. Starting from the unfinished garden hall of the Emperor Charles VI., the tour leads through the gardens of the centuries.

The package includes:

- _ Guided tour Behind the Scenes of GARTEN TULLN
- _ Free seed packet
- _ 3-course lunch (beverages not included)
- _ Guided garden tour of Klosterneuburg Monastery
- _ Coffee and cake

Price on request

Bookable: May to October



FROM VINEYARD TO CELLAR

Kittenberger Theme Gardens - an exquisite garden experience. The more than 40 show gardens on the five-hectare premises are inviting places to stroll and linger, enjoy and experience. Meet Hilde, the Herbal Witch. Immerse yourself in her world and see the biggest herbal spiral in the world.

Then you proceed to the LOISIUM for a fascinating tour of the labyrinth of ancient cellars up to 900 years old. Following the tour is a wine-tasting session, where you learn about the varietal diversity of local wine. The package includes:

- _ Admission to Kittenberger Theme Gardens
- _ Special welcome with a magic herbal elixir
- _ Special guided tour of gardens with a herbalist
- _ Admission to and tour of Loisium cellars in Langenlois
- _ Wine tasting session with three wines

Price on request





MOSTVIERTEL - GARDEN EXPERIENCES

The Mostviertel is named after "most", the Austrian name for the fermented pear cider made in the region. One old adage of the locals is this: "People thrive wherever pears thrive!" The "Wild, Mild Mostviertel" is a great tour for exploring the region and its people.

Itinerary:

Day 1: The tour begins at the Nix Cave. Dress warmly. It is 6°C (43°F) in the cave. After lunch, you proceed to the Hausstein Miners' Museum. Then a bite to eat and a glass of the famous local most. Finally, you go to the hotel. Check-in and overnight stay.

Day 2: You spend the morning touring Seitenstetten Abbey and its impressive garden. After lunch, you drive on to the MostBirnHaus, where you can test your palate in a most tasting session. The next stop is Schallaburg Castle and a tour of the current exhibition. Return to hotel and overnight stay.

Day 3: After breakfast, you admire the astounding diversity of the Steinschaler natural gardens, and the "World of Styx". Then you return home.

The package includes:

- _ Two overnight stays with breakfast _ Admission to and tour of Nix Cave
- _ Lunch (beverages not included)
- _ Visit to Hausstein Miners' Museum
- _ Cold cuts and bread with glass of most
- _ Admission to and tour of Seitenstetten Abbey and garden tour
- _ Most tasting session in MostBirnHaus with commentary
- _ Admission to and tour of Schallaburg
- _ Tour of Steinschaler gardens
- _ Tour of "World of Styx"

Price on request



CHARMING GARDENS

A Renaissance gem with arcades bearing impressive terracotta ornamentation awaits you! Schallaburg, one of the loveliest Renaissance castles north of the Alps, is about five kilometers from Melk Abbey and close to the Wachau, a valley on the UNESCO World Heritage List. You will want to explore the splendid courtyard arcades with their terracotta figures and stroll through the historic garden. You can look forward to a tour of the current exhibition "Islam." The package includes:

- _ Admission to Schallaburg with tour of gardens
- _ Three-course lunch
- _ Admission to and tour of Melk Abbey park

Price on request

Bookable: April to October



SEITENSTETTEN ABBEY AND STRUDENGAU TOUR

Morning tour of Seitenstetten Abbey. It forms a square like the square farmsteads typical of the region, hence its nickname "God's Square". You come to appreciate its role as religious fortress, center of learning and Baroque complex with a diverse collection. Then a tour of the historical court garden. Around noon you lunch at the Mostviertler Wirt. Next is a boat ride on the Donaunixe through the Strudengau, where you pass fortresses, Wörth Island and Grein. There are spectacular views of this unique natural countryside shaped by human hand.

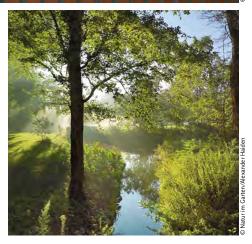
The package includes:

- _ Admission to and tour of Seitenstetten Abbey
- _ Tour of the abbey's historical court garden
- _ Three-course lunch at Moststrasse-Wirt (beverages not included)
- _ Boat ride through Strudengau

Price on request

Bookable: May to October Best time to visit: spring (when pear trees bloom)





GARDENS AND GREAT FOOD - RENDEZVOUS IN THE WALDVIERTEL

The loveliest Waldviertel gardens are waiting to enchant you. On this tour you enjoy culinary highlights of the region featuring poppy seeds, herbs from Sonnentor and award-winning Kamp Valley wines.

Itinerary:

Day 1: You begin at Sonnentor with a voyage of discovery for all your senses. The famous Waldviertel poppy-seed oil is produced at the Waldviertel Mohnhof. This farm began specializing in poppy seeds 20 years ago and set up the informative Poppy Seed Museum a few years ago. Waldviertel poppy seeds are part of the local cuisine, as you will notice and enjoy at dinnertime.

Day 2: "Rose Countess" Catherine Matuschka invites you to enter her realm. A paradise of roses awaits you. At midday you are treated to the garden grill specials at the Kittenberger Theme Gardens. Fortified, you next explore the art of gardening in more than 40 theme gardens. You are invited to linger and enjoy all these gardens, from the Garden of Fire and Grandma's Household Garden to the Japanese Garden.

Day 3: The vast landscaped park at Grafenegg Castle is an impressive ensemble combining botanical and historical elements with ultra-modern ones. Enjoy wine at its place of origin, in Langenlois, a town that produces more wine than any other in Austria. Tour the LOISIUM World of Wine and sample the award-winning vintages from the Kamp Valley.

The package includes:

- _ Two overnight stays with breakfast
- _ Four-course meal of poppy-seed dishes
- _ Admission to and tour of Sonnentor
- _ Sampling of tea and other delicacies at Sonnentor
- _ Admission to and tour of Poppy Seed Museum
- _ Sampling of poppy-seed specialties
- _ Small poppy-seed gift
- _ Admission to and tour of Marienschlössl Wiedendorf, visit to rose gardens
- _ Glass of sparkling rose hip wine
- _ Garden grill specials at the Kittenberger Theme Gardens
- _ Admission to and tour of Kittenberger Theme Gardens
- _ Tour of landscaped park at Grafenegg
- _ Admission to and tour of LOISIUM World of Wine
- One wine sample

Price on request

Bookable: May to October





TOUR FOR GARDEN AND OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS

Here you can experience nature, architecture and art in their totality. Gardens of all kinds, from park to cabbage patch, are oases of relaxation and recreation in our fast-paced world. They have always inspired the human imagination and sparked human creativity.

Itinerary:

Day 1: The day begins with a tour of the gardens at the Cistercian Abbey of Zwettl. The old gardens in the Cloister, Abbey and Linden Courtyards have all been revitalized. You can also view the historical herb terrace & herb gardens, which serve as show gardens, as well as the neo-baroque Prelate's Garden featuring two orangeries and Kaiserstöckl Café. At the Benedictine Abbey of Altenburg you can look forward to a tour of the Garden of the Religions, a compelling effort to explore the paths human beings take to God. This newly laid out garden is an invitation for visitors to think about God and the meaning of life. Paths lead to Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Day 2: Over 40 theme gardens are waiting for you on your tour of the Kittenberger Theme Gardens. You are invited to linger and enjoy all these gardens, from the Garden of Fire and Grandma's Household Garden to the Japanese Garden. "Rose Countess" Catherine Matuschka invites you to

GARDEN STIMULI

In Brunn am Wald you experience a special garden featuring sculptures and caricatures. Visitors get a chuckle out of the animal tree stand, celebrities as chess figures and the open-air gallery of the caricaturist Bruno Haberzettl. ARCHE NOAH (German for Noah's Arc) is dedicated to saving culinary treasures. Discover the wonderful world of plants including rare vegetables, herbs... A winemaker tells you how the year unfolds in the vineyards and lets you sample his special wines. enter her realm. Experience a rose paradise where historical rose plants ramble across walls and arcades and put their beauty on display in "garden rooms" that are constantly redesigned.

The package includes:

- _ One overnight stay with breakfast
- _ Admission to and tour of Zwettl Abbey gardens
- Admission to and tour of Garden of Religions at Altenburg Abbey
- _ Admission to and tour Kittenberger Theme Gardens
- _ Admission to and tour of Marienschlössl Wiedendorf rose gardens
- _ Glass of sparkling rose hip wine

Price on request

Bookable: May to October

The package includes:

- Admission to and tour of Caricature Garden
- Lunch
- _ Admission to and tour of Arche Noah show garden
- _ Commented wine tasting

Price on request Bookable: May to October



ADVENT, A MAGIC TIME IN THE WALDVIERTEL

This Waldviertel tour is sure to get you in an Advent mood. Enjoy a sensual herbal experience reveling in the scents of dried herbs and spices and sample delicious organic tea from SONNENTOR. At the orangery at Zwettl Abbey you can admire and purchase unique gingerbread houses and take a bit of Christmas fragrance and joy home with you. Discover the art of winter gardening at the illuminated Kittenberger Theme Gardens. Stroll through the gardens to the strains of lovely Advent music and let yourself be caught up in the spirit of the season.

The package includes:

- _ Admission to and tour of SONNENTOR
- _ Sampling of organic specialties
- _ Admission to gingerbread exhibition
- _ Stroll through the Kittenberger Theme Gardens in their winter splendor
- _ One glass of berry punch
- _ Lunch

Price on request

Bookable: November to December



TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFTS AND NATURE STORIES

Genuine handicrafts and pristine nature: From mother-of-pearl turning shop to wild cats in the national park.

- The package includes:
- _ Tour of the mother-of-pearl turning shop _ Three-course meal
- _____ Wild cat tour with feeding
- Admission to the exhibition at the
- National Park Center

Price on request

Bookable: April to October

AMETHYST AND LAVENDER

A day devoted to the color purple: From the deep purple gemstones to pale purple lavender.

- The package includes:
- _ Tour of Amethyst World
- _ Two-course meal
- _ Tour of Lavender Village

Price on request Bookable: April to October



FROM GARDENS TO WINE

A different take on vineyards: Explore gardens in village greens, followed by a visit to a winery. Then, head to Austria's biggest maze of wine cellars to deepen your understanding of wine. The package includes:

- _ Tour through Unterretzbach village green gardens
- _ Wine tasting and lunch at a winery _ Tour of Retz wine cellar system

Price on request Bookable: April to October



SHOWCASE GARDEN

This, Lower Austria's largest open-air museum, showcases the everyday life of a Weinviertel village back in the olden days. Old Weinviertel farms, craftsmen's houses, chapels, barns, an inn, a school and cellars built over the last two centuries were removed from their original locations and set up again in Niedersulz. In 2012 the building at the entrance and the newly laid-out gardens were added. For lunch, you have a nice three-course meal at the village inn. Then you proceed to Hof Palace. In this former residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy, you immerse yourself in the courtly life of the baroque era. The palace garden is especially impressive.

The package includes:

- _ Tour of Niedersulz Museum Village
- _ Three-course lunch
- _ Admission to/tour of Hof Palace, wine tasting

Price on request





A BED OF ROSES - BADEN ROSE DAYS

More than a thousand roses blossom in full glory year after year, enchanting visitors with their beguiling fragrance and incomparable colors. The Baden Rose Days will take place again this year in June, attracting hundreds of visitors a day to musical events in front of the orangery in the middle of the Rosarium in Dobelhoff Park. The official opening takes place on the Rose Fest on 2 June 2018. Another highlight is the magnificent cut-rose show with impressive rose floral arrangements.

Itinerary:

Day 1: You arrive in Baden and check into your hotel. We welcome you with a rosehip cocktail. Explore this lovely town in Biedermeier style on a walk and see the enchanting Rosarium, Gutenbrunner Park and the Beethoven Temple in Kurpark. The lovely view of the city on the edge of the Vienna Woods may inspire you to explore different aspects of its history and much more before heading for a local heuriger wine tavern for a pleasant end to the day. Day 2: You can look forward today to a memorable stroll through the historical rose garden in the former Weikersdorf Water Castle. It is the largest rose garden in Austria. On a guided walk, you pass 30,000 rose bushes belonging to more than 860 different varieties, most of which bear famous names. After an intoxicatingly fragrant walk, you enjoy a coffee break in this splendid setting. Another option is to attend a concert in the music pavilion in the wonderful Kurpark (weather permitting). In the evening we treat you to a delicious rose themed dinner. Day 3: You depart for home with a rose memento in your luggage.

The package includes:

- _ Two overnight stays with breakfast in medium category hotel in Vienna Woods
- _ Rose-hip cocktail on checking in
- _ Walking tour of parks
- _ Evening at heuriger wine tavern with cold supper and wine
- _ Guided walking tour of Rosarium
- _ Coffee and cake
- _ A rose themed dinner, memento

Price on request Bookable: June

Rose Highlights

We are glad to send you the times and dates of all events making up the Baden Rose Days!



ON HISTORICAL PATHS

Exhibition of a prehistoric grave, Baroque rectory and rose garden.

The package includes:

- Reception at the rectory where sparkling apple wine is served
- _ Historical trail
- $_$ Visit to Bucklige Welt Shop (Wed-Fri)
- _ Three-course lunch

Price on request Bookable: May to October



SCENT OF ROSES AND WILD HERBS

Roses as far as the eye can see in the fragrant rose garden with educational rose park in Kirchschlag in the Bucklige Welt hill country. The package includes:

- _ Tour of Kirchschlag rose garden in the Bucklige Welt (donations on site welcomed)
- _ Two course lunch
- Herbal hike with herb innkeeper and herb instructor Gerda Stocker

Price on request

Bookable: May to September



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SKI RACING, FUN AND APRÈS SKI AT HOCHKAR

At Hochkar, you can look forward to optimum conditions and a full range of services for company ski races, club races and training groups.

- The package includes:
- _ One-day ski pass
- _____"All you can eat" JoSki platter

Price on request Bookable: winter season We are happy to make you the following arrangements for you, too:

- _ A taste of freeriding including rental
- equipment
- _ Race camp
- $_$ Ski guide for four hours



FUN ON THE SLOPES AT THE FOOT OF ÖTSCHER

Steep ascents and gently sloping runs - the choise is yours. You are sure to have a blast skiing and aprés-skiing!

- The package includes:
- _ One-day ski pass
- _ Hearty Kasnocken (little dumplings with cheese) at Eibenhütte

Price on request Bookable: winter season

- We are happy to make the following arrangements for you, too:
- _ Snowshoeing
 - _ Torch-lit skiing
 - _ Mini-bob race





REDISCOVERING THE BLACK COUNT

Iron trade ushered in a flourishing period in the Mostviertel from the 14th century on. Iron from Erzberg, a mountain in Styria, was transported to the Danube via the valleys of the Mostviertel. Forges, hammer mills, and lumber driving operations sprung up throughout the alpine Mostviertel. Today visitors curious about the past can explore and find traces of this interesting era on the Iron Road. They can visit hammer mills, watch blacksmith's at work or stop at a lumber driving operation to see what kind of life the woodcutters once lived.

Itinerary:

Day 1: You arrive in Waidhofen and check into your hotel. After dinner, you join a night watchman on his nightly rounds of Waidhofen. Dressed in historical costume, he tells stories about the eventful life of a night watchman in the olden days. Day 2: After breakfast, you visit an exhibition called Ferrum, World of Iron. It covers the fascinating history of the Eisenwurzen region from prehistoric times to the present day. For lunch you head to the local inn "An der Eisenstrasse" for a meal of regional specialties. In the afternoon, you watch a blacksmith at work at the Fahrngruber Hammer Mill in Ybbsitz.

Day 3: The Mendling Valley Adventure Park in Göstling/Ybbs gives you a glimpse of what life was like as a woodcutter and

presents a history of lumber driving at the house for journeymen smiths. Then you have the opportunity to hike through the impressive rock ravine along the Mendlingbach over bridges and walkways following in the footsteps of the woodcutters to a snack bar in Hof. You can look forward to a lunch of delicious Mostviertel fare at an Iron Road restaurant. In the afternoon, you visit the Capuchin Monastery in Gaming. The mighty Gothic church with its ridge turret is situated on the edge of the Gaming hollow and has come to symbolize the entire Ötscher region. A tour of the demonstration brewery at Bruckner's World of Beer gives the crowning touch to your outing.

The package includes:

- _ Two overnight stays with half board _ Night watchman's tour
- _ Admission to Ferrum the World of Iron
- _ Two lunches at a local inn on the Iron Road
- _ Blacksmith's demonstration
- _ Admission to Mendling Valley Adventure Park
- _ Tour through Capuchin Monastery in Gaming
- Visit to Bruckner's World of Beer, beer tasting

Price on request

Bookable: May to October



MARIAZELL RAILROAD AND GEMEINDEALPE

The Mariazell Railroad has operated from St. Pölten to Mariazell for more than a century. This line is a pioneering feat of Austrian railroad engineering and features a spectacular mountain stretch, ascents, two hairpin turns and masterfully designed tunnels, bridges and viaducts. In the morning you ride on the Mariazell Railroad from St. Pölten to Mitterbach. Then two chair lifts take you to the top of the Gemeindealpe, where you enjoy a fantastic panoramic view. You are expected for lunch at the Terzerhaus on the summit. Then you descend the 4.6 kilometers down into the valley from the middle station on the newly built scooter road on your choice of cool monster scooters or mountain carts.

The package includes:

- _ Ride on the Mariazell Railroad from St. Pölten to Mitterbach/Erlaufsee
- Lunch at Terzerhaus
- _ One ascent on lift
- _ One ride on downhill scooter or mountain cart

Price on request

Bookable: Daily from July to September; Sat, Sun and holidays in May, June and Oct.



SCHALLABURG & BIKES ON RAILS

A Renaissance gem with arcades bearing impressive terracotta ornamentation awaits you at the Schallaburg! After enjoying a welcome drink, explore the splendid courtyard arcades with their terracotta figures and stroll through the historic garden. There are tracks where a narrow-gage railroad clattered along until just a few years ago. Now they are used for bikes on rails! This line is about 11 kilometers long. It starts in Wieselburg and ends in Ruprechtshofen. At the highest point along this line, you take a Mostviertel break with an extensive choice of food for lunch. The package includes:

- $_$ Admission to/tour of exhibition
- _ Ride on Mostviertel bikes-on-rails

Price on request

Three-course lunch at Schallaburg restaurant available





PEAR ORCHARDS IN FULL BLOOM

The Mostviertel blooms gloriously in the springtime. Over 300,000 fruit trees transform the gently rolling hill country south of the Danube into a fragrant sea of white blossoms. Innkeepers and heuriger wine and cider taverns along the Most Road throw open their doors to visitors. What a splendid occasion for merry celebrations!

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival via Ardagger and visit to MostBirnHaus, a uniquely enjoyable experience. There you find out all kinds of interesting things about the fermented pear cider called most in Austrian dialect and about the culinary delights of the Most Road. Next are your accommodations, dinner and a good night's sleep. Day 2: After breakfast, you tour Seitenstetten Abbey. It forms a square, just like the square farmsteads typical of the region, hence its nickname "God's Square". You see the abbey from new perspectives on this tour: as a religious fortress, as a center of learning and contemplation and as a baroque complex with a fine collection of sculptures and paintings by great masters.

In the afternoon you proceed to Mostelleriathe birthplace of the world's best vodka. This traditional cellar from 1874 is located in picturesque Öhling and produces something very special found nowhere else on earth. A unique treasure called MOSTELLO lies here, an incomparable one-of-a-kind composition of pear and dessert wine from the Farthofer Company.

Day 3: After breakfast, you check out and depart via Petzenkirchen, where you are invited to explore the wonderful world of baking. You see, feel, smell and enjoy this interactive baking world featuring a baker cinema, a baking arena with stone baking oven, a storeroom for organic ingredients and an experimental bakery plus free samples of breads and desserts. Then you head home.

The package includes:

- _ Two overnight stays with half board
- _ Admission to/tour of MostBirnHaus
- _ Visit to/tour of Seitenstetten Abbey _ Lunch at Most Road restaurant
- _ Admission to/tour of Mostelleria
- _ Admission to/tour of Haubiversum

Price on request

Bookable: May to October Best time to visit: spring (when pear trees are in bloom)



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SEMMERING RAILROAD - UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE STRUCTURE

The Semmering Railroad completed in 1854 is still considered a prime example of the harmonious interplay between rugged Alpine landscape and elegant engineering. This masterpiece of Austrian engineering takes travelers around picturesque cliffs, through stunning galleries and over bold viaducts. The magic of the railroad and the setting struck a chord with the UNESCO as well. It added the Semmering Railroad to its World Heritage list in 1998. The package includes:

- _ Train ride from Payerbach to Semmering
- _ UNESCO World Heritage info center at Semmering station
- _ Three-course lunch at a well-run local restaurant
- _ Guided bus tour (in own bus) along line-through Adlitzgräben, viaducts and to "20 Schilling Bill View"
- _ Visit to Vinodukt with wine tasting and multimedia presentation

Price on request

Bookable: May to October



FUN AND ACTION IN WECHSEL MOUNTAINS

Great fun for the whole group in the great outdoors! Whether you opt for mountain carting or downhill scooters - action is guaranteed. The package includes:

- 2 ascents (chairlift), 1 descent on scooters and 1 descent on mountain carts
- _ Three-course Lunch at a well-run local _ Three-course meal, beverage included
- Hike along the swing path,
- approx. 2,7 km

Price on request

Bookable: May to October

Price on request

Bookable: May to October



PARADISE FOR SCENIC VIEWS TRAIL

The Salamander is a comfortable way to ascend the 2,075 m high Schneeberg. Enjoy this paradise for scenic views with its incredible vistas.

The package includes:

- _ Ascent and descent on the Salamander Schneeberg rail line
- _ Two-course lunch
- _ Tip: The circular trail "Paradise for Scenic Views" takes about one hour to cover

Optional: Hiking guide on request

ON HERBS AND STORIES OF THE OLDEN DAYS

You will be treated to plenty of tips and culinary delicacies on an herbal hike. Then you proceed to the museum village in Krumbach to find out what life was once like in the Bucklige Welt hill country. The package includes:

- _ Herbal hike with herb innkeeper and herb instructor Gerda Stocker
- _ Herbal delicacies with schnapps
- _ Two-course lunch
- _ Tour and schnapps tasting at the museum village in Krumbach

Price on request Bookable: May to October



HIKING WITH LAMAS AND ALPACAS

You go through Hohe Wand Nature Park accompanied by laid-back animal escorts before reaching the incredible views into the Vienna Alps. The package includes:

- Visit to lime kiln and charcoal pile
 Low-key hike with the lamas and alpacas to deer feeding site
- _ View of Vienna Alps from the lookout tower and Skywalk

Price on request Bus toll on weekend Bookable: year-round



BACKCOUNTRY SNOWSHOEING

Enjoy snowshoeing through the countryside accompanied by a professional guide. A fascinating experience.

- The package includes:
- _ Guided snowshoe hike _ Professional guidance from a certified
- outdoor coach
- _ Rental snowshoes and poles

Price on request Bookable: winter season

WINTER BOOTS AND STAG ANTLERS

Enjoy the beautiful winter landscape and the crisp clean air during a winter hike in Hohe Wand Nature Park.

- The package includes:
- _ Guided winter hike
- _ Game feeding
- _ Three-course lunch

Price on request Bookable: winter season



SKIING FUN IN POWDER

The Mönichkirchen-Mariensee Interconnected Ski Area is a real inside tip. Along with ideal slope conditions, it is a welcoming resort that makes you feel right at home. The package includes:

- Schischaukel Mönichkirchen-Mariensee (Mönichkirchen Interconnected Ski Area) Three-course meal
- _ One après-ski beverage

Price on request Bookable: winter season



CULTURE AND NATURE IN THE SCHNEEBERG REGION

Try out the fruity juices and clear distillates at Mohr-Sederl Fruit World. There is not a dry eye in the museum after Frau Franzi gives her satirical guided tour. After a comfortable train ride up the Schneeberg on the Salamander, you can enjoy the "Paradise for Scenic Views", a circular trail with fantastic vistas.

The package includes:

- One overnight stay with half board at Zur Schubertlinde***
- _ Tasting session and tour of Mohr-Sederl Fruit World

- Three-course lunch
- _ Satirical museum tour with Frau Franzi as the guide
- _ Ascent and descent on Schneeberg Railroad
- Hike on Paradise of Scenic Views circular hiking trail (audio guides can be rented on site for a fee)

Price on request

Bookable: May to October



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GRÜNER VELTLINER AND RIESLING – FASCINATING SUBJECTS

Did you know that:

... the Kamp Valley has more area planted in vineyards than Styria and Vienna combined?

- ... Langenlois produces more wine than any other town in Austria?
- ... wine from Langenlois was served to celebrate Maria Theresia's birth in 1717? ... Retz has the largest historical wine cellar
- system in Europe?
- Take off on our discovery tour.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival; the owner of the hotel welcomes you with a glass of Grüner Veltliner from his own private wine cellar. Day 2: Discover the LOISIUM World of Wine. Here you can trace the transformation that grapes undergo to become wine. You take a glimpse of Karl Steininger's cellars for a first-hand look at this process. After acquiring a taste for wine, you are given a sample of one. The charming and knowledgeable winemaker guides you through his vineyards sharing fascinating information about viticulture. Day 3: You descend to the Retz wine cellars deep below the earth's surface and sample the wines. On the Maulavener cellar-lined road tour, your guide lets you in on the secrets of these "villages without chimneys". Day 4: Departure.

The package includes:

- _ One overnight stay with breakfast
- _ Two overnight stays with half board
- _ Wine welcome on arrival
- _ Admission to and tour of LOISIUM World of Wine
- _ One wine sample in Langenlois and in Retz
- _ Guided vineyard hike
- _ Wine tasting at winemaker's (three wines)
- _ Admission to and tour of Retz wine cellars
- _ Maulavener cellar-lined road tour with two wine samples and snack

Price on request

Bookable: year-round





VERDANT DREAMS - KAMP VALLEY GARDEN TOUR

Arche Noah is an institution in the Kamp Valley that cultivates more than 800 varieties of vegetables, herbs and fruit groves. Discover the Kittenberger Theme Gardens. Snack in the garden of temptation, delight in the fragrant rose garden and relax in a hammock. Countess Catherine Matuschka opens up her private rose garden featuring 300 varieties of roses.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Tour the Arche Noah baroque garden complex, lunch at the GlasHaus garden restaurant in the Kittenberger Theme Gardens, and take an enjoyable garden stroll.

Day 2: Explore the world's largest exposed vein of amethyst in Maissau and recharge yourself at the energy filling station in the park.

At the Marienschlössl there are roses as far as the eye can see, rose gardens, rambler roses and fragrant alpine roses. You see the results of a 300-year park history in the three hectare English park in Grafenegg.

Day 3: The charming and knowledgeable winemaker guides you through his vineyards sharing fascinating tidbits of information. Discover the LOISIUM World of Wine. Here you can trace the transformation that grapes undergo to become wine. After acquiring a taste for wine, you are given a sample. The baroque garden at Greillenstein Castle transports you to times past.

The package includes:

- Two overnight stays with breakfast in an inn/hotel in the Waldviertel
- _ Admission to and tour of Arche Noah show garden
- Admission to Kittenberger Theme Gardens and to Marienschlössl Lunch at GlasHaus
- _ Garden tour through Amethyst Park and Grafenegg Castle
- _ Admission to and tour of LOISIUM World of Wine
- _ One wine sample
- _ Guided vineyard hike
- _ Wine tasting at winemaker's, three wines
- _ Tour of Greillenstein castle park

Price on request

Bookable: May to October





NARROW-GAGE RAILROAD THROUGH WALDVIERTEL AND WEINVIERTEL

The Waldviertel railroad passes through woods and meadows, past ponds and pleasant stops. The steam and diesel engines have been huffing and puffing between Gmünd, Gross Gerungs and Litschau for over 100 years and make for a low-key trip through the Waldviertel. The 40-kilometer Reblaus Express line takes you from woods to wine. You travel down into the Weinviertel at a nice slow pace, or "pomali" as we say in Austrian dialect", and pass by the sunny vineyards around Retz.

Itinerary:

Day 1 (Friday): Arrival in the Wachau Valley. You start your tour with a boat ride that takes you past the famous wine towns of Spitz und Dürnstein.

Day 2 (Saturday): Train trip through the Waldviertel on a narrow-gage railroad. You may be lucky and score a ride in the locomotive cab!

Day 3 (Sunday): You travel from Thaya Valley to the Retz region aboard the Reblaus Express. One car serves as a heuriger wine tavern, where great wines of local vintners are served. A cellar tour in Retz is a perfect way to find out more about wine. Retz boasts Austria's largest labyrinth of underground historical wine cellars (21 kilometers long and as many as 25 meters deep). The locals have been "burying" their most valuable treasure, Retz wine, here since the town was founded in 1279. Day 4 (Monday): Departure.

The package includes:

- _ Two overnight stays with half board
- _ One overnight stay with breakfast
- _ Danube boat ride Spitz to Krems
- _ Ride on Waldviertel narrow-gauge railroad
- _ Ride on Reblaus Express
- Tour of Retz cellar system
- _ One wine sample
- __ Vintner's snack

Price on request

Bookable: May to October



SONNENTOR HERBS AND WALDVIERTEL WHISKY

Welcome to SONNENTOR, an expert on herbs and spices. Take a tour and find out what stages the dried organic products go through before being put in the final tea or spice packages. Relax in this warm and friendly atmosphere and have a look around the SONNENTOR shop. Afterwards see what makes whisky so fascinating at Austria's Number 1 whisky distillery. The term "whisky" is derived from a Gaelic word meaning "water of life." Learn about how it is made ("Whisky Movie Theater"), tour the distillery and barrel warehouse, and encounter the four elements going into whisky in the FireWater Garden. Celebrate the water of life in all its many aspects.

The package includes:

- _ Admission to and tour of SONNENTOR
- _ Sampling of organic snacks and tea
- _ Lunch
- _ Admission to and tour of whisky distillery
- _ Whisky movie theater
- _ Whisky tasting session

Price on request

Bookable: year-round



DOUBLE THE ENJOYMENT IN THE WALDVIERTEL

Under the motto "Passionate about Refined Tastes", the World of Cheesemakers in Heidenreichstein gives visitors insights into the realm of cheese-making in its own movie theater and open-view cheesery. Check out the pepper cheese and sweets plus fresh sheep, cow or goat cheese. At Zimmermann's Pasta Shop you can learn all about the regional ingredients and dough mixtures as well as how pasta is manufactured, dried and packaged. There are so many different flavors available: nettle, wild garlic, chili, apple/cinnamon...

The package includes:

- _ Admission to and tour of Cheesemakers' World
- _ Lunch
- _ Tour of Zimmermann's Pasta Shop
- _ Sampling of pasta
- _ 1 package of pasta for home

Price on request Bookable: year-round



MIDDLE AGES AND WINE - ENJOY

Rosenburg is a Renaissance castle where you can admire Count Ernst Hoyo's huge collection of medieval weapons and passion for the hunt on a tour. After soar with the eagles, the kings of the air, watching a flight demonstration. Explore the LOISIUM World of Wine and trace the transformation grapes undergo to become wine. Take a glimpse of Karl Steininger's cellars for a first-hand look at this process. After acquiring a taste for wine, you can sample some. The package includes:

- _ Admission to and tour of Rosenburg
- Flight demonstration featuring birds of prey at Rosenburg
- Admission to and tour of LOISIUM World of Wine
- _ 1 wine tasting session
- _ Vintner's snack

Price on request Bookable: May to October



FRAGRANT TIME TRAVELS

Take a fragrant journey on a tour of Waldlandhof. How are herbs dried and grains processed into oils? How are renewable raw materials transformed into thermal insulation? Which cures and medicinal plants come from the Waldviertel? You will find out about all this and more at Waldland. Afterwards you are off to Altenburg Abbey, a baroque gem of the Waldviertel. Admire the magnificent ceiling frescos and wall paintings by the painter Paul Troger, the imperial staircase, abbey church and the monastery under the monastery. The package includes:

- _ Admission to and tour of Waldlandhof _ Lunch
- _ Admission to and tour of Altenburg Abbey
- _ Visit to Garden of Religions (in the warmer months of the year)

Price on request

Bookable: year-round



OUTING FOR GARDENING ENTHUSIASTS

Discover the Kittenberger Theme Gardens. Snack in the Garden of Temptation, delight in the ambrosial Rose Garden and relax in a hammock in the Rainbow Garden. There are more than 40 special theme gardens just waiting for you to explore. Countess Catherine Matuschka invites you to visit her private rose garden featuring 300 varieties of roses. There are roses as far as the eye can see: rose gardens, rambler roses and fragrant alpine roses. Joining the roses are other glorious blooms such as foxgloves and larkspurs. The package includes:

- _ Admission to Kittenberger Theme Gardens Lunch
- _ Tour of Count Matuschka's rose paradise
- Sparkling rose wine
- _ Tips on how to buy and grow roses

Price on request

Bookable: May to October



FROM THAYA VALLEY TO THE RETZ REGION

The medieval town of Drosendorf sits high up on a spur of rock around which the Thaya River flows. Walk along the town wall and view the towers and historical buildings on the main square. Visit the wild cats Frieda and Carlo at the Thaya Valley National Park. With some luck, you can catch one of the feeding sessions there. Enjoy a taste of the great outdoors on a guided hike through the national park. No need to worry. The route runs along flat trails and is not strenuous. Admire the wonderful craftsmanship at the mother-of-pearl turning shop in Felling.

- The package includes:
- _ Town tour of Drosendorf
- Lunch
- _ Visit to the wild cats
- _ Guided hike in the national park (1 hour)
- _ Admission to and tour of a mother-ofpearl turning shop

Price on request Bookable: year-round



TOP WINTER FUN IN BÄRNKOPF

We are tops: Bärnkopf is at the highest elevation of any municipality in the Waldviertel, about 1000 meters above sea level, and is located in a large clearing in the woods (Weinsberger Wald). Enjoy tranquil winter activities on guided snowshoe or winter hikes. Savor the culinary delicacies of the Waldviertel in a friendly local inn: poppy seeds, carp, potato dumplings and beer. Learn all about the fascinating process of whisky-making with open-view distillery, malt mill, mash tanks and warehouse at the Roggenhof in the Waldviertel. Taste the hint of honey in pure rye malt.

The package includes:

- _ Guided winter or snowshoe hike
- _ Rental snowshoes
- _ Lunch
- _ Admission to and tour of whisky distillery
- _ Whisky samples

Price on request

Bookable: winter season



OF KNIGHTS, CARPS AND CHEESES

The tour takes you over the drawbridge and through the mighty walls of the moated castle in Heidenreichstein. You can see how closely castle and town were connected on a guided walking tour of Heidenreichstein. Enjoy delicious Waldviertel carp. Afterwards slip into the role of master cheesemaker. Don a cheesemaker's apron and hat and get a first-hand look at the production area at the Cheesemakers' World. See how semi-hard and soft cheeses are made and trace the transformation from milk to cheese at the snack stations. The package includes:

- _ Admission to and tour of the moated castle in Heidenreichstein
- _ Town Tour of Heidenreichstein
- Taste of choice Waldviertel carp and one glass of sparkling wine
- _ Town tour of Heidenreichstein
- _ Lunch
- Admission to and tour of Cheesemakers' World

Price on request

Bookable: May to October



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EXPLORING THE WEINVIERTEL

On your wine explorations, you may even catch winemakers in their fiata (blue work apron).

Itinerary:

Day 1: On the day you arrive, you start your outing into the world of wine with a tour of a cellar-lined road. There you find out everything worth knowing about this genuine landmark of the Weinviertel. After the tour, you sample wine on the cellar-lined road or one of the cellars. Following a walk, you stop at a Weinviertel heuriger wine tavern for a hearty supper.

Day 2: Today you explore the vineyards and cellar-lined roads in the wine town of Poysdorf on a trailer pulled by a vintage tractor. At midday, you stop at a Wine Route restaurant for a three-course meal. Then you head to Retz, where you enter the fascinating subterranean labyrinth of wine cellars underneath this famous wine town.

Day 3: As a final activity, you visit a winemaker and sample seven of his wines with him accompanied by local bread. Departure.

The package includes:

- _ Two overnight stays with breakfast
- _ Tour of cellar-lined road with wine tasting
- _ Snack at heuriger wine tavern, including beverages
- _ Tractor ride
- Three-course meal
- _ Wine tasting with bread at winemaker's
- _ Tour of Retz wine cellar system

Price on request Bookable: year-round



THREE SISTERS - THREE WINE TOWNS

One is sparkling, one is romantic and one is quirkly. They offer you excellent sparkling wine, a picturesque cellar-lined road and lots to laugh about.

The package includes:

- _ Tour of Schlumberg Sparkling Wine World
- _ Tour of cellar-lined road
- _ Admission to Nonseum
- _ Tractor shuttle between Herrnbaumgarten and Poysdorf
- _ Three-course lunch with wine tasting

Price on request

Bookable: April to October



ORIGIN HUMAN BEING

Discover the dangers that Stone Age people faced in life or check out delicacies from the Iron Age and treasures from the Middle Ages. At the Barbarian Feast, you gain insights into the warriors of long ago.

- The package includes:
- _ Tour of MAMUZ Asparn Castle
- _ Barbarian Feast
- _ Tour of MAMUZ Museum Mistelbach
- Active programm bow shooting or baking bread

Price on request Bookable: March to November



ANIMAL ARTS

Elegant horses in an imperial setting - experience the masterful horsemanship of the Spanish Riding School.

The package includes:

- Guided tour Falkenhof, visit Steinzeitdorf, Bird watching and Snack at heuriger wine tavern
- _ Two-course meal
- _ Tour of Lipizzaners at Heldenberg

Price on request Bookable: year-round



LET'S GO OUT FOR A DRINK!

Wine festival, wine culture, cellar-lined roads and warm hospitality - that is the Weinviertel to a T!

- The package includes:
- _ Tour of cellar-lined road
- _ Visit to a wine festival
- _ Wine sample at a wine shop

Price on request Bookable: April to October



WEINVIERTEL APRICOTS

Witness the glory of nature in more than 12.000 apricot trees plus traditional village life in the Weinviertel in Lower Austria's biggest open-air museum. The package includes:

- _ Tour of Niedersulz Museum Village
- _ Demonstration of crafts
 - _ Two-course meal
 - _ Tour of apricot orchards
 - _ Tour of jam manufactory
 - _ Sampling

Price on request Bookable: April to October



SWEET PEARLS

"Manner mag man eben!" That is the ageold slogan of Manner wafers ("People just love Manner!") You go from the sweet Neapolitan wafers to an historical delight: The biggest fossil pearls in the world.

- The package includes:
- _ Tour of the Manner factory in Wolkersdorf
- _ Three-course meal
- _ Weinviertel Fossil World
- _ Cold cuts, cheese, etc. served on a wooden plate, one beverage included

Price on request Bookable: April to October



ADVENT, ADVENT

In our Advent packages, you can experience the pre-Christmas spirit and the unique atmosphere of the cellar-lined roads with all your senses. Embrace the motto of the Weinviertel: Delightfully easygoing! The package includes:

- _ Wine tasting of three samples with commentary
- _ Vintner's snack
- _ One bottle Weinviertel DAC or grape juice as a souvenir
- _ Visit to Advent market

Price on request

Bookable: weekends in December