

SPRING IN VIENNA

A four night escorted tour of Vienna

17th to 21st April 2024

Join us for this wonderful, escorted tour to Austria's elegant capital Vienna. Whether you are discovering this fascinating city for the first time or rediscovering the city having previously visited, there are a wealth of attractions on offer for the discerning visitor including the magnificent Baroque architecture, the beautiful parks which will be at their springtime best during our visit, and a wide range of excellent museums and art galleries.

We will be based at the Hotel Bristol which is ideally located in the heart of historic Vienna and only a short stroll from the main sites. During our stay we will enjoy a guided tour around the famous Ringstrasse and the Old Quarter including St Stephen's Cathedral. There will also be an excursion to the Vienna Woods, with a visit to the beautiful monastery at Heiligenkreuz and the hunting lodge at Mayerling, and a morning tour to the splendid Hirschstetten Botanical Gardens.



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Opera Tickets

During our time in Vienna there will be two opera performances at the Vienna State Opera House, 'Carmen' on the evening of Day 2 and 'Don Giovanni' on Day 3. If you would like to attend the opera, we have a limited number of second category tickets available for each performance for £220 per person, subject to availability at the time of booking. Once tickets have been sold, further tickets can be requested and the price for those will be subject to availability at the time of booking.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Vienna, Austria. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the Hotel Bristol for a four-night stay. Settle into your room before meeting for dinner at the hotel this evening. (D)

Day 2 Vienna. A morning city tour of Austria's elegant capital will start with a panoramic tour enjoying the spectacular buildings of the world famous Ringstrasse. We will see the Opera House, Art History Museum, Parliament, City Hall, National Theatre and University, all built on what used to be the city walls. On the way back into town pass the beautiful Belvedere Palace and the Ferris Wheel, made famous in the film 'The Third Man' before arriving back at the hotel. From here we will start a walking tour of the old city of Vienna, taking in the winter residence of the Habsburg Dynasty, the Hofburg, and the splendid Hero's Square where we will see where Hitler made his speech in 1938. Continue along the Graben, the former moat which surrounded the Old City, and end with a visit to the Cathedral of St Stephen, the symbol of Vienna. Our walking tour will end with lunch in a local restaurant. The remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure to relax at the hotel or continue exploring the city independently. (B, L)

Day 3 Vienna. After breakfast we leave the city and drive south towards the beautiful forests known as the Vienna Woods. Visit the delightful Cistercian Monastery of Heiligenkreuz (Holy Cross) for a guided tour and then drive through the woods to Mayerling to see the hunting lodge where Crown Prince Rudolf committed suicide with his commoner lover, Maria Vetsera. Finally, we will drive through the lovely Helenental (Helen's Valley), which was the inspiration for Beethoven's 6th Symphony, before enjoying lunch in the charming market town of Mödling, made famous by Beethoven's Mödlinger Tänze. Return to Vienna in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4 Vienna. This morning after breakfast at the hotel we will visit the Hirschstetten Botanical Gardens. The gardens have 300,000 spring bloomers, 800,000 summer flowers and around one million tulip and narcissus bulbs: cultivated every year. Explore the gardens, stroll through the 'Garden of Five Continents', take a seat in the Indian garden and enjoy the spring blooms. Return to the hotel for a leisurely afternoon and if you wish to explore Vienna further, you can visit one of the many museums or art galleries, or perhaps spend the afternoon enjoying delicious cake in one of the famous Viennese coffee houses. We will meet again in the evening for our farewell dinner at the Palmenhaus Brasserie. (B, D)

Day 5 Vienna to London. After breakfast transfer to the airport for our return scheduled flight to London. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

	Twin/Double	Sole Occupancy
Classic Room:	£1995	£2795

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Four nights accommodation at the Hotel Bristol • Meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner) • Drinks with included lunches & dinners • Excursions as described with local guide • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, opera tickets.

Group Size: We are restricting the group size to just 20 participants.

HOTEL BRISTOL

The Hotel Bristol is located in the heart of Vienna adjacent to the Vienna State Opera. An Art Deco gem, the hotel offers discreet luxury and has been one of Vienna's prime addresses since its opening in 1892. The interiors have been sumptuously decorated to reflect its history and create a classically grand ambiance. One of the most luxurious restaurants in Vienna, the Bristol Lounge offers all-day dining and traditional Viennese flavours, delighting guests with its stylish elegance and tasteful décor. The list of famous guests at the Hotel Bristol and the oldest American bar in Vienna is as long and as legendary as its cocktails. The rooms are classically decorated and feature a mahogany writing desk, television, tea/coffee making facilities and an en-suite marble bathroom with bathrobes and toiletries.



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Our current booking conditions apply to all reservations and are available on request.

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